

Bearbull Private Banking Indices Kuwait USD

June 2026

A setback after a strong start

	June	Year-to-Date
Bearbull Kuwait Pension Strategy « Low Risk »	-0.88%	+2.84%
Bearbull Kuwait Pension Strategy « Moderate Risk »	-1.40%	+3.75%
Bearbull Kuwait Pension Strategy « Dynamic Risk »	-1.91%	+4.65%

Monthly Comments (performances in AED)

The Bearbull Private Banking Kuwait indices ended the month in negative territory. The low-risk index fell by -0.88%, while the moderate-risk strategy also declined, falling by -1.40%, as did the dynamic-risk approach (-1.91%). Since the beginning of the year, cumulative performances have remained favorable (+2.84%, +3.75%, and +4.65%, respectively). The divergence was also evident in the bond markets in June. The domestic segment advanced by +0.42%, while international bonds declined by -0.71%. Nevertheless, in cumulative terms, both asset classes posted contrasting performances (+0.39% and -0.21% respectively). The equity markets ended the month in negative territory. The Kuwaiti market declined by -2.87%, followed by the international segment, which recorded a more modest -0.72% decrease. Since January, domestic and international equities have posted diverging cumulative performances (-3.43% and +9.69% respectively). The domestic real estate segment declined in June (-0.97%), while the international segment posted a solid performance of +0.46%. Since the beginning of the year, international real estate has continued to outperform the Kuwaiti segment, posting a cumulative gain of +8.82% against +0.57%. Commodities ended June down sharply (-9.86%), while maintaining a remarkable cumulative performance of +24.09%, supported by the strong performance of gold. Private equity recorded the weakest performance of the month (-5.37%), with a negative annual performance (-18.14%).

Financial market developments (performances in AED)

The passage into the month of June confirms the entrenchment of a global stagflation dynamic that is profoundly altering investors' perception of risk. While the memorandum of understanding in the Middle East had raised hopes of an immediate positive impact on inflationary risks, economic data and central bank actions raising concerns about risks have reawakened volatility. Market sentiment, until recently immunized by a form of indifference toward geopolitical risks, has shifted into a phase of doubt. The supply shock affecting energy and agricultural commodities is finally beginning to visibly impact corporate profit margins and household purchasing power. Central banks, confronted with consumer price indices that refuse to converge toward their 2% targets, are hardening their tone, forcing a recalibration of asset allocations. The past resilience of equity indices, largely driven by the speculative waves in technology and artificial intelligence, is now being severely tested by the general and mechanical rise in risk premia demanded by investors. The current financial environment is also characterized by a marked deterioration in quantitative risk indicators. While May still showed residual complacency, June marks an inflection point where macroeconomic reality asserts itself. The performance of global equity indices is losing momentum in the face of rising interest rates and the new restrictive positioning of central banks, while international real estate shows highly divergent trajectories depending on the geo-graphic region, reflecting increased stress in the credit segment. Bond markets are now capturing the persistence of inflationary pressures much more adequately, definitively eliminating hopes of a short-term rate cut and readjusting yields upward (the performance of international bonds adjusting to -0.71% in June versus +0.34% in May). Our global risk scores for the equity segment have crossed critical thresholds, validating the need to adopt a defensive wealth management strategy with a high degree of selectivity.

**PERFORMANCES
BY ASSET CLASS**
June

+ 0.63%	Hedge Funds
+ 0.46%	International Real Estate
+ 0.42%	Kuwaiti Sukuk
- 0.71%	International Bonds
- 0.72%	International Equities
- 0.97%	Kuwaiti Real Estate
- 2.87%	Kuwaiti Equities
- 5.37%	Private Equity
- 9.86%	Commodities

Year-to-Date

+ 24.09%	Commodities
+ 9.69%	International Equities
+ 8.82%	International Real Estate
+ 4.80%	Hedge Funds
+ 0.57%	Kuwaiti Real Estate
+ 0.39%	Kuwaiti Sukuk
- 0.21%	International Bonds
- 3.43%	Kuwaiti Equities
- 18.14%	Private Equity

How you can use our Benchmarks to monitor the quality of your performances?

In the opaque world of global wealth management, a lack of clear performance transparency remains a major challenge for affluent investors. To bridge this clarity gap, BearBull publishes its own proprietary reference benchmarks. Designed as independent diagnostic tools, our indices empower you to measure—on a monthly basis—the returns of theoretical balanced portfolios which perfectly aligns with Industry Mandates. The architecture of the BearBull Strategy Benchmarks directly mirrors the traditional risk frameworks—Low, Medium, and Dynamic—that leading global private banks and wealth managers use to classify client mandates. Whether your current portfolio is managed under a Conservative, Balanced, or Aggressive growth mandate, our benchmarks offer a seamless, apples-to-apples comparison against standard industry parameters.

Private Banking Benchmarks exclusively designed for Kuwait

Here in the UAE we have decided to pursue our commitment to greater transparency and most importantly to providing performance measurement tools accessible to all by leading the way once again and providing Middle East investors with the unique family of Kuwait performance comparison benchmarks for multi-asset strategies in wealth/asset management. In fact, our constant quest for client satisfaction and our interactions with our clients in the Middle East have made it clear that there is an increasing and pressing need for comparison tools that would enable our clients and partners to evaluate the performance and the quality of services provided by bankers.

COMMENTS BY ASSET CLASS

Bonds

June was marked by a significant adjustment in bond yields. Unlike the wait-and-see approach in May, investors initially reacted to the reduction in tensions in the Middle East. Hopes for lower-than-expected inflation initially supported bond performance before it ultimately fell by -0.71%. Restrictive monetary policies also maintained pressure on the US curve, where yields remain at elevated levels, with investors demanding higher risk premia. In Europe, the trend in consumer price indices continues to guide bond yields, which now offer more attractive real entry points over the medium term. However, we note a significant increase in risk on Swiss bonds (score of 7.2), linked to the onset of weakness in the franc. We recommend maintaining reduced duration strategies to protect portfolios against further waves of upward interest rate revisions.

Stocks

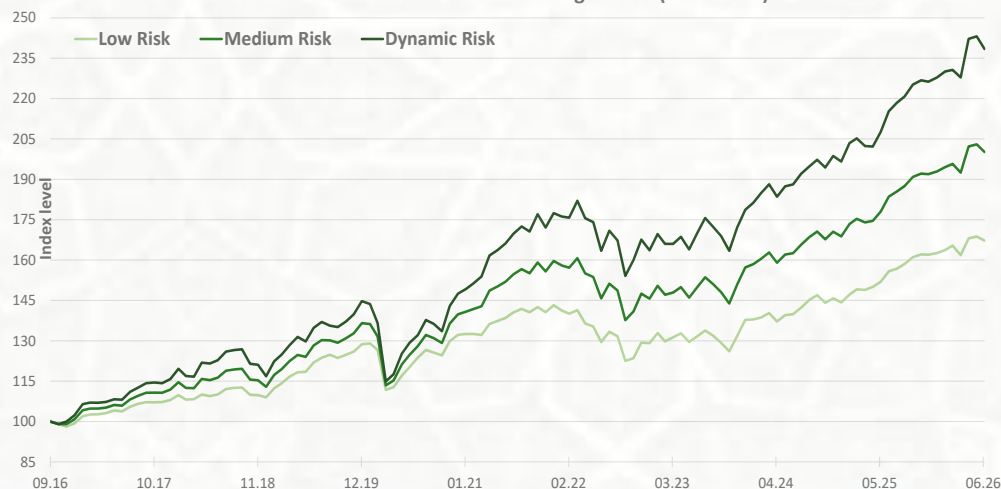
The widespread increase in risk scores (international equities at 9.2, US equities at 9.3) suggests that markets have entered a zone of vulnerability. The decoupling between historically elevated equity valuations, supported almost exclusively by the technology segment, and the deterioration in real economic indicators is becoming untenable. The Japanese market is returning to an elevated risk level, its overall score reaching 9.0 under the combined effect of the Bank of Japan's tightening and concerns over the economic outlook. Rising financing costs and the continued erosion of corporate operating margins will weigh on earnings releases as summer approaches. The yields offered by the bond segment constitute a competitive investment alternative, likely to trigger arbitrage flows. Caution still appears warranted in a highly uncertain environment.

Commodities

Gold, supported by an environment marked by acute geopolitical tension and shifting rate expectations, tested its role as a strategic asset in the first half of 2026. After reaching a record high above US\$5,500/oz in January, the yellow metal gave back its gains, posting a performance of close to -7% since the beginning of the year, as easing tensions in the Middle East reversed the earlier flight to safety. Despite a sharp spike in volatility during the conflict, prices have since eased back toward more normal levels, reflecting a relatively orderly correction and reinforcing gold's appeal as a tool for portfolio diversification and stabilization. The oil market came under pressure in June, as prices fell sharply on mounting hopes for a US-Iran peace deal. North Sea Brent crude traded at around USD 81/bbl, well below its early-April peak, despite persistently tight global inventories and a still-tense geopolitical backdrop.

Bearbull Kuwaiti Private Banking Indices - Performances in USD										
	3 last months			YTD	Current year				Annualized Perf.	
	April 2026	May 2026	June 2026	current year	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	2025	2016 to this day
Bearbull Kuwaiti PB "low risk" (65% fixed income)	3,86%	0,38%	-0,88%	2,84%	-0,47%	3,33%			12,72%	5,56%
Bearbull Kuwaiti PB "medium risk" (45% fixed income)	5,12%	0,41%	-1,40%	3,78%	-0,29%	4,08%			14,31%	7,58%
Bearbull Kuwaiti PB "dynamic risk" (25% fixed income)	6,39%	0,43%	-1,91%	4,71%	-0,10%	4,81%			15,91%	9,58%
Sub-indices										
Kuwaiti Sukuk	1,70%	0,26%	0,42%	0,39%	-1,96%	2,39%			8,52%	2,20%
International Bonds	1,25%	0,34%	-0,71%	-0,21%	-1,07%	0,87%			8,17%	0,31%
Kuwaiti Equities	5,27%	-0,96%	-2,87%	-3,43%	-4,64%	1,28%			22,94%	13,29%
International Equities	9,59%	4,55%	-0,72%	9,69%	-3,57%	13,76%			21,09%	13,31%
Kuwaiti Real Estate	14,21%	0,11%	-0,97%	0,57%	-11,17%	13,21%			52,26%	17,44%
International Real Estate	8,49%	-0,75%	0,46%	8,82%	0,60%	8,16%			9,96%	3,12%
Commodities	6,42%	-7,61%	-9,86%	24,09%	40,02%	-11,38%			7,12%	8,26%
Hedge Funds	2,98%	1,71%	0,63%	4,80%	-0,57%	5,40%			5,96%	3,56%
Private Equity	9,59%	-1,18%	-5,37%	-18,14%	-20,12%	2,48%			1,11%	10,94%

Bearbull Kuwaiti Private Banking Indices (2016-2026)



Sources: BearBull Global Investments Group Limited, Bloomberg

The diversified systematic strategies of the Bearbull Kuwait Private Banking Investment Strategies have produced returns of +5.56% to +9.58% annualized since 2016 to date.

The composition of our indices is available on request.

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