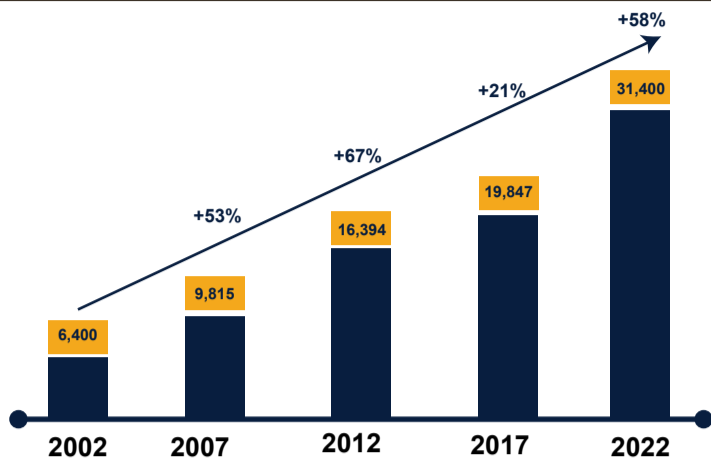


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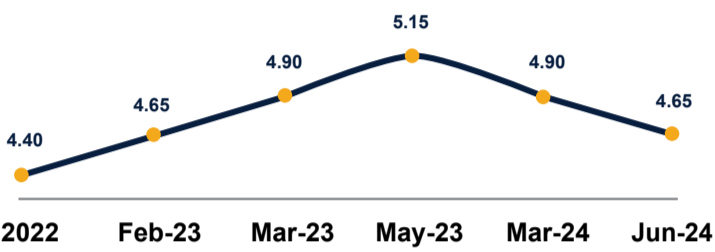
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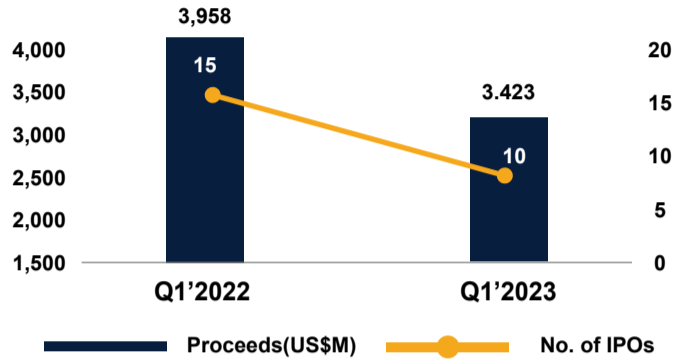
- The US debt ceiling crisis appears to be resolved with an agreement between the US president and Chairman of House of representatives. The debt ceiling was first imposed in 1917 by the Second Liberty Bond Act. The debt ceiling has been raised or revised 78 times since 1960.
- The in-principle agreement was reached and will see the debt limit of USD 31.4tn will be suspended as per the agreement until January 2025. The government can continue borrowing money to finance itself till then. In exchange, the White House has promised to limit discretionary non-defense expenditure in 2024 to levels from 2023 and to increase it by 1% in the following year.

CBUAE Interest Rate – Forecast 2022-2024



Source: Emirates NBD Research

MENA IPO ACTIVITY



Source: EY MENA IPO Eye report

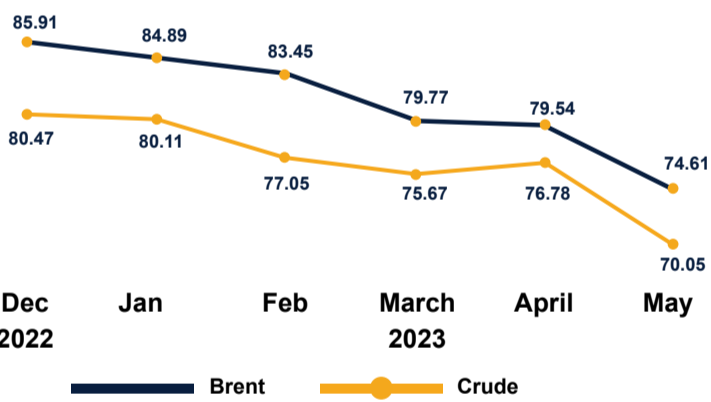
Capital Market Trends

Financial Markets	31 Dec 2022	31 May 2023	% Change
ADX (UAE)	10,211	9,620	-5.79%
DFM (UAE)	3,330	3,544	+6.41%
Tadawul (KSA)	11,014	11,221	+1.88%

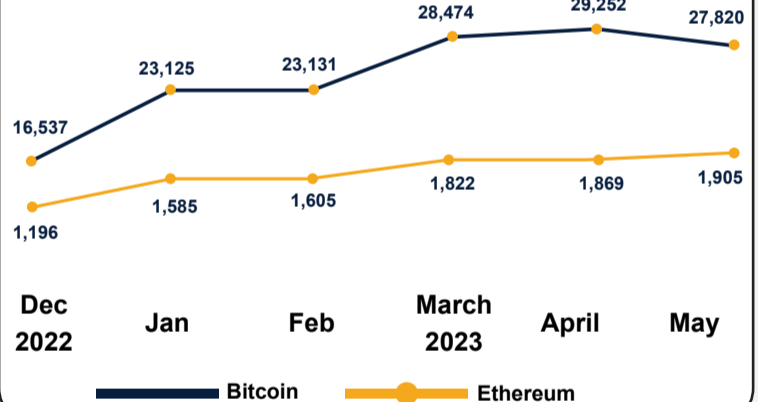
Start ups – May 2023

Name of the Company	Country	Amount	Funding Stage
Tabby (Fintech)	UAE	\$350M	Debt Funding
Tarabut gateway (Fintech)	Bahrain	\$32M	Series A
Squatwolf (E-commerce Sports wear)	UAE	\$30M	Undisclosed
Snoonu (E-Commerce)	Qatar	\$12M	Series B
Reef (Defi Blockchain)	UAE	\$10M	Series B

Commodity Price Trend – Brent & Crude Oil



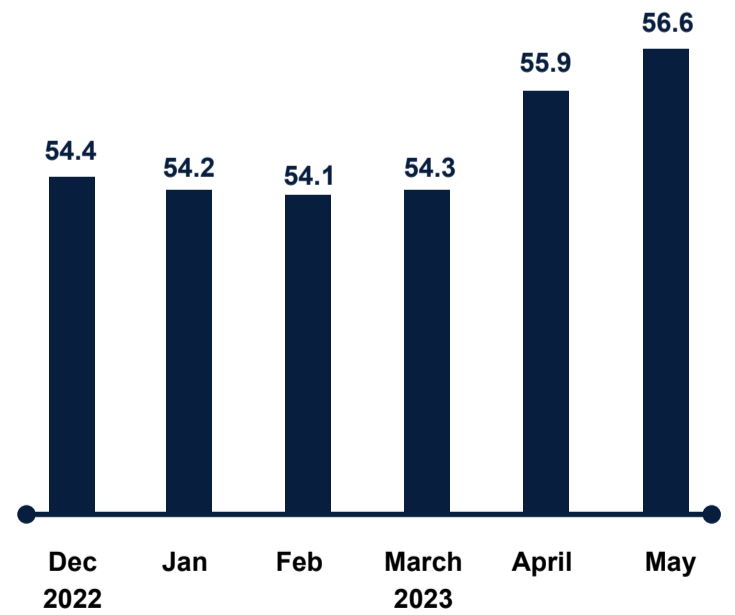
Crypto Trend - Bitcoin & Ethereum



AI Development In UAE

- The UAE government first launched its Artificial Intelligence Strategy in 2017, which marked its government's reliance on various future services, sectors, and infrastructure projects utilizing AI. With this initiative, UAE aims to be the world leader in AI by 2031 and expand the use of AI across sectors including education, energy, transportation, space, and technology.
- AI in finance to inject \$28bn into UAE's GDP by 2035 as the Arab world's most future-ready nation aims to boost the contribution to 14 per cent of the country's GDP. According to financial experts, wealth management will rely heavily on robo-advisors in the future.
- **Falcon 40B** is a large language model (LLM) developed by the **Technology Innovation Institute (TII)** in **Abu Dhabi**. It has 40 billion parameters and was trained on one trillion tokens. This makes it one of the largest and most powerful LLMs in the world. it has already been used to create a number of impressive applications, including:
 - A chatbot that can hold conversations with humans
 - A tool that can translate between languages
 - A system that can answer questions in a comprehensive and informative way
 - A tool that can generate creative text formats, such as code, scripts, email, etc.

UAE S&P Global Composite PMI



Source : Crowe Research, World Bank, IMF, CBUAE. Arabian Business, Investing.com

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