The highest inflation rate in the region for the fourth quarter of 2016 was recorded by Sudan and reached around 9%, mainly attributed to price increases in ‘Food and Beverages’ and ‘Transport’.

Egypt experienced the second highest inflation rate of almost 8% during the fourth quarter of 2016, compared to a 4% in the third quarter. This could be explained by the Central Bank’s decision to float the currency, causing all prices to increase, including educational prices that increased by almost 13% during the last quarter of 2016, compared to no inflation during the previous 3 quarters.

Three other GCC countries followed Bahrain and recorded deflationary rates in the fourth quarter of 2016. These rates are mostly attributed to a sharp price decrease in ‘Food and Beverages’.
### Quarterly Inflation by Group – Q4 2016

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<th>Bahrain</th>
<th>Egypt</th>
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<td>1. Food &amp; Beverages</td>
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**Annual Inflation – Q4**

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* Only October and November are included

**Special Feature: ‘Clothing and Footwear’**

- **Recreation & Culture**:
  - Bahrain: -4%
  - Egypt: 0%
  - Iraq: 2%
  - Jordan: 4%
  - Kuwait: 6%
  - Lebanon: 8%
  - Oman: 10%
  - Morocco: 12%
  - Palestine: 14%
  - Qatar: 16%
  - KSA: 18%
  - Sudan: 20%
  - Syria: 22%
  - Tunisia: 24%
  - UAE: 26%
  - Yemen: 28%

- **Health Care Services**:
  - Bahrain: -2%
  - Egypt: 0%
  - Iraq: 2%
  - Jordan: 4%
  - Kuwait: 6%
  - Lebanon: 8%
  - Oman: 10%
  - Morocco: 12%
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  - UAE: 26%
  - Yemen: 28%

- **Education**:
  - Bahrain: -31%
  - Egypt: -26%
  - Iraq: -21%
  - Jordan: -16%
  - Kuwait: -11%
  - Lebanon: -6%
  - Oman: -1%
  - Morocco: 4%
  - Palestine: 9%
  - Qatar: 14%
  - KSA: 19%
  - Sudan: 24%
  - Syria: 29%
  - Tunisia: 34%
  - UAE: 39%
  - Yemen: 44%

- **Restaurants & Hotels**:
  - Bahrain: -10%
  - Egypt: 10%
  - Iraq: 30%
  - Jordan: 50%
  - Kuwait: 70%
  - Lebanon: 90%
  - Oman: 110%
  - Morocco: 130%
  - Palestine: 150%
  - Qatar: 170%
  - KSA: 190%
  - Sudan: 210%
  - Syria: 230%
  - Tunisia: 250%
  - UAE: 270%
  - Yemen: 290%

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