

News Updates

Egypt's Senate approves in principle Sovereign Sukuk Act – The Senate, during its plenary session on Monday headed by Counselor Abdel Wahab Abdel Razek, approved in principle the bill submitted by the government to issue the Sovereign Sukuk Law. Senators praised the bill, stressing that it brings unconventional investments, complies with Islamic law, and preserves the state's right to ownership of assets and the rights of investors. Senator Youssef Ali said that the project guarantees the right of ownership to the state and that its affairs are proceeding according to Islamic law, setting a period for the instrument, encouraging investment protected by the state, enabling the state to achieve development projects and maximizing the national economy. (Source: Egypt Today)

Sudan's \$60 Billion Debt in Focus at Paris Conference – Sudan's leaders are in Paris to drum up international investment as they try to slash the country's \$60 billion of debt, a vital step in turning around a ravaged economy. France is offering a \$1.5 billion bridge loan that will help clear Sudan's arrears with the International Monetary Fund, Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire told a business forum Monday. President Emmanuel Macron later in the day opened a conference to support Sudan attended by its Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok and dozens of other Sudanese officials. Securing relief for Sudan's debts to the IMF and other members of the Paris Club is the priority of the events, Finance Minister Gebreil Ibrahim, who gave the \$60 billion figure for Sudan's total debt, told state TV before traveling to France. Sudanese ministries are also presenting proposals to attract investment in sectors including infrastructure, industry, oil, electricity and agriculture, he said. (Source: Bloomberg)

U.S. will grant Tunisia \$500 million in aid - Tunisian minister – The United States will grant Tunisia \$500 million in aid to finance infrastructure and other projects and talks are also advanced on a loan guarantee, Tunisian finance minister Ali Kooli told Reuters on Monday. "Our visit to Washington was important and fruitful with International Monetary Fund, World Bank and American officials", said Kooli, who was in Washington to start discussions about a new loan program with the IMF. Tunisia, which has seen its debt burden rise and economy shrink by 8.8% last year in real terms, has started talks with the IMF to seek a financial assistance package. Kooli said the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), a U.S. government foreign assistance agency, will finance projects in the transport and water sector and to support rural women. Kooli did not give further details. In January he told Reuters in interview that Tunisia was seeking a U.S. loan guarantee worth \$1 billion to issue bonds. (Source: Reuters)

GCC Sovereign Yields

Sovereigns	Maturity	Yield %	Price Δ (YTD %)	Sovereigns	Maturity	Yield %	Price Δ (YTD %)
Abu Dhabi	2025	0.88	-0.93	KSA	2025	1.26	-0.92
Abu Dhabi	2030	2.00	-3.62	KSA	2030	2.42	-3.41
Abu Dhabi	2050	3.21	-8.26	KSA	2050	3.70	-7.17
Bahrain	2026	3.38	-1.37	Oman	2025	3.29	2.69
Bahrain	2030	5.55	-5.61	Oman	2029	4.91	3.14
Bahrain	2047	6.98	-10.31	Oman	2048	6.75	-0.15
Dubai	2029	2.59	-1.17	Qatar	2025	0.98	-1.21
Kuwait	2022	0.27	-0.97	Qatar	2030	2.12	-4.31
Kuwait	2027	1.53	-2.95	Qatar	2050	3.34	-8.77

Bonds and Sukuk Indices

Index Name	Yield %	Duration (yrs)	1D Δ (%)	YTD Δ (%)
Bloomberg GCC FI Index	2.68	8.08	0.14	-1.20
S&P MENA Bond and Sukuk Index	2.31	NA	0.16	-2.01
Bloomberg Emerging Markets USD Index	3.87	6.80	0.05	-1.79
Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index	1.16	7.42	0.02	-3.07

Interbank Rates (%)

	3 Months		6 Months		12 Months	
	18/5/2021	31/12/2020	18/5/2021	31/12/2020	18/5/2021	31/12/2020
KIBOR	1.5000	1.4375	1.7500	1.6875	2.0000	1.9375
SAIBOR	0.7914	0.8175	0.8414	0.8700	0.9143	0.9413
BHIBOR	1.4333	2.2500	1.5367	2.5333	1.6833	2.6833
QATAR	1.1750	1.1206	1.2375	1.1960	1.3625	1.3636
AEIBOR	0.3689	0.5125	0.4163	0.4908	0.4946	0.6538
EURIBOR	-0.5490	-0.5450	-0.5130	-0.5260	-0.4780	-0.4990
LIBOR	0.1551	0.2384	0.1876	0.2576	0.2659	0.3419

USD Swap Rates

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	Yield %	1D Δ (bps)	YTD Δ (%)		USD	1D Δ (bps)	YTD Δ (%)		USD	YTD Δ (%)
1-Year	0.1745	-0.01	-9.4	KWD	0.3010	0.1495	0.76	Gold	1,868.20	-1.82
2-Year	0.2532	-0.08	28.0	SAR	3.7505	-0.0027	0.03	Silver	28.60	7.77
5-Year	0.9103	-0.29	111.7	BHD	0.3770	0.0000	0.00	Copper	475.95	34.96
7-Year	1.2727	-0.29	94.4	QAR	3.6420	0.0000	0.01	Nat. Gas	3.13	19.95
10-Year	1.6038	-0.34	73.3	OMR	0.3850	0.0000	0.00	Aluminum	2,483.45	24.84
30-Year	2.0388	-0.26	45.4	AED	3.6730	0.0000	0.00	Crude Oil	69.66	35.29

US Treasuries

	Yield %	1D Δ (%)	Yield %	1D Δ (%)	Yield %	1D Δ (%)
2-Year	0.15	0.00	0.07	-0.01	-0.67	0.00
5-Year	0.83	0.02	0.38	-0.02	-0.63	-0.02
10-Year	1.65	0.05	0.86	-0.10	-0.25	-0.12
30-Year	2.36	0.09	1.40	-0.09	0.44	-0.34

UK Gilts

	Yield %	1D Δ (%)	Yield %	1D Δ (%)	Yield %	1D Δ (%)
2-Year	0.15	0.00	0.07	-0.01	-0.67	0.00
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German Bunds

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Sovereign Ratings

	Moody's	S&P	Fitch
Kuwait	A1	AA-	AA
KSA	A1	A-u	A
UAE	Aa2	NR	AA-
Abu Dhabi	Aa2	AA	AA
Qatar	Aa3	AA-	AA-
Bahrain	B2	B+	B+
Oman	Ba3	B+	BB-
Egypt	B2	B	B+
Lebanon	C	SD	RD
Jordan	B1	B+	BB-
Turkey	B2	B+u	BB-
Tunisia	B3	NR	B
Morocco	Ba1	BB+	BB+
US	Aaa	AA+u	AAA
UK	Aa3	AAu	AA-
China	A1	A+	A+
USD 5Yr CDS	18-May 2021	31-Dec 2020	
Kuwait	46.26	40.69	
KSA	61.81	63.77	
Abu Dhabi	42.14	36.03	
Dubai	89.31	104.06	
Qatar	42.81	36.70	
Bahrain	188.69	233.58	
Oman	249.12	353.60	
Iraq	536.37	542.74	
Egypt	323.69	330.47	
Morocco	85.44	102.56	
Turkey	396.89	299.47	
US	7.35	11.52	
UK	9.80	15.13	
China	36.96	26.70	
Japan	15.83	14.74	
Germany	9.74	9.09	
France	23.23	14.42	