

News Updates

Moody's affirms Emirates NBD's long-term deposit ratings, changes outlook to stable – Moody's Investors Service ("Moody's") has affirmed the A3 long-term foreign and local currency deposit ratings and A3 senior unsecured rating of Emirates NBD PJSC (ENBD), and (P)A3 backed senior unsecured MTN programme foreign currency rating assigned to the funding vehicle EIB Sukuk Company Ltd. Moody's has also affirmed the ENBD's Baseline Credit Assessment (BCA) and Adjusted BCA at ba1. At the same time, the rating agency also changed the outlook on long-term bank deposit and senior unsecured ratings of ENBD to stable from negative. (Source: Moody's)

Oil jumps 5% after 7 days of losses, boosted by weaker dollar – Oil prices rose more than 5% on Monday, as a weaker dollar and strong global equities markets boosted crude futures after seven sessions of declines. Brent crude climbed \$3.57, or 5.5%, to end the session at \$68.75 a barrel after touching its lowest since May 21 at \$64.60 during the session. U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude for October delivery rose \$3.50, or 5.6%, to settle at \$65.64. Both benchmarks marked their biggest week of losses in more than nine months last week, with Brent sliding about 8% and WTI about 9%. But a drop in the U.S. dollar provided a boost on Monday, making crude less expensive for holders of other currencies. (Source: Reuters)

U.S. Treasury yields drift lower, Fed's Powell this week's focus – U.S. Treasury yields ended marginally lower on Monday in light trading volumes as investors waited on comments from Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell on Friday for any new clues on when the U.S. central bank may begin paring bond purchases. Powell is due to speak at the Fed's annual economic symposium at Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Minutes from the Fed's July meeting released on Wednesday showed that the bulk of the U.S. central bank's policy-setting committee was coalescing around a plan that would see the Fed start trimming its bond-buying program later this year, though policymakers remained somewhat at odds over how fast to taper the asset purchases. An uptick in Delta variant COVID-19 cases, however, has raised concerns that the economic recovery may take longer than previously expected, and could push back the timeline on normalizing monetary policy. Benchmark 10-year yields fell less than a basis point on the day to 1.253%. The yields are in the middle of their recent range after falling from a one-month high of 1.379% on Aug. 12, while holding above a six-month low of 1.127% reached earlier this month. (Source: Reuters)

GCC Sovereign Yields

Sovereigns	Maturity	Yield %	Price Δ (YTD %)	Sovereigns	Maturity	Yield %	Price Δ (YTD %)
Abu Dhabi	2025	0.69	-0.66	KSA	2025	1.06	-0.52
Abu Dhabi	2030	1.83	-2.37	KSA	2030	2.13	-1.38
Abu Dhabi	2050	3.00	-4.00	KSA	2050	3.42	-2.87
Bahrain	2026	3.93	-4.16	Oman	2025	3.32	2.29
Bahrain	2030	5.67	-7.12	Oman	2029	5.02	2.34
Bahrain	2047	7.09	-11.36	Oman	2048	6.68	0.83
Dubai	2029	2.46	-0.57	Qatar	2025	0.91	-1.53
Kuwait	2022	0.13	-1.50	Qatar	2030	1.92	-3.12
Kuwait	2027	1.23	-1.89	Qatar	2050	3.09	-4.79

Bonds and Sukuk Indices

Index Name	Yield %	Duration (yrs)	1D Δ (%)	YTD Δ (%)
Bloomberg GCC FI Index	2.57	8.08	0.06	0.83
S&P MENA Bond and Sukuk Index	2.15	NA	0.07	0.51
Bloomberg Emerging Markets USD Index	3.89	6.80	0.11	0.10
Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index	1.00	7.42	0.23	-2.31

Interbank Rates (%)

	3 Months		6 Months		12 Months	
	24/8/2021	31/12/2020	24/8/2021	31/12/2020	24/8/2021	31/12/2020
KIBOR	1.5000	1.4375	1.7500	1.6875	2.0000	1.9375
SAIBOR	0.7957	0.8175	0.8443	0.8700	0.9143	0.9413
BHIBOR	1.5917	2.2500	1.7167	2.5333	1.8667	2.6833
QATAR	1.1100	1.1206	1.1876	1.1960	1.3232	1.3636
AEIBOR	0.3342	0.5125	0.4381	0.4908	0.4415	0.6538
EURIBOR	-0.5480	-0.5450	-0.5280	-0.5260	-0.4940	-0.4990
LIBOR	0.1284	0.2384	0.1526	0.2576	0.2366	0.3419

USD Swap Rates

USD Swap Rates				Currencies				Commodities		
	Yield %	1D Δ (bps)	YTD Δ (%)		USD	1D Δ (bps)	YTD Δ (%)		USD	YTD Δ (%)
1-Year	0.1675	0.20	-13.0	KWD	0.3011	0.0332	0.75	Gold	1,803.90	-5.61
2-Year	0.3204	0.74	62.0	SAR	3.7503	0.0000	0.04	Silver	23.65	-11.29
5-Year	0.8684	1.58	102.0	BHD	0.3770	0.0000	0.00	Copper	421.70	19.67
7-Year	1.0772	1.61	64.6	QAR	3.6416	0.0000	-0.01	Nat. Gas	3.94	45.28
10-Year	1.2767	1.45	38.0	OMR	0.3850	0.0000	0.00	Aluminum	2,598.50	29.94
30-Year	1.6012	1.15	14.2	AED	3.6731	0.0000	0.00	Crude Oil	68.96	35.08

US Treasuries

	Yield %	1D Δ (%)	Yield %	1D Δ (%)	Yield %	1D Δ (%)
2-Year	0.23	-0.01	0.10	-0.02	-0.74	0.00
5-Year	0.78	-0.07	0.26	-0.08	-0.81	0.00
10-Year	1.27	-0.13	0.53	-0.14	-0.63	0.00
30-Year	1.89	-0.31	0.94	-0.14	-0.03	0.00

UK Gilts

	Yield %	1D Δ (%)	Yield %	1D Δ (%)	Yield %	1D Δ (%)
2-Year	0.23	-0.01	0.10	-0.02	-0.74	0.00
5-Year	0.78	-0.07	0.26	-0.08	-0.81	0.00
10-Year	1.27	-0.13	0.53	-0.14	-0.63	0.00
30-Year	1.89	-0.31	0.94	-0.14	-0.03	0.00

German Bunds

	Yield %	1D Δ (%)	Yield %	1D Δ (%)	Yield %	1D Δ (%)
2-Year	0.23	-0.01	0.10	-0.02	-0.74	0.00
5-Year	0.78	-0.07	0.26	-0.08	-0.81	0.00
10-Year	1.27	-0.13	0.53	-0.14	-0.63	0.00
30-Year	1.89	-0.31	0.94	-0.14	-0.03	0.00

Sovereign Ratings

	Moody's	S&P	Fitch
Kuwait	A1	A+	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	24-Aug 2021	31-Dec 2020	
Kuwait	46.07	40.69	
KSA	53.90	63.77	
Abu Dhabi	42.29	36.03	
Dubai	85.34	104.06	
Qatar	41.89	36.70	
Bahrain	249.93	233.58	
Oman	242.32	353.60	
Iraq	580.15	542.74	
Egypt	348.80	330.47	
Morocco	94.31	102.56	
Turkey	381.02	299.47	
US	7.71	11.52	
UK	7.86	15.13	
China	34.54	26.70	
Japan	16.40	14.74	
Germany	8.96	9.09	
France	18.71	14.42	