

## News Updates

**Dubai Islamic Bank mandates banks for Additional Tier 1 RegS Sukuk** – Dubai Islamic Bank mandates Dubai Islamic Bank, Emirates NBD Capital, First Abu Dhabi Bank, HSBC, and Standard Chartered Bank as joint lead managers and joint bookrunners to arrange a series of fixed income investor calls commencing Monday April 12. A benchmark fixed rate USD Regulation S Additional Tier 1 perpetual non-call six year unrated Sukuk will follow, subject to market conditions. FCA/ICMA stabilization applies. Dubai Islamic Bank is rated A3 by Moody's and A by Fitch. (Source: Bloomberg)

**Iraq Says It Now Has More Than \$60 Billion of Foreign Reserves** – Iraq's foreign reserves have risen to more than \$60 billion, driven by the government's economic reforms, Prime Minister Mustafa Al-Kadhimi said in a statement. The OPEC member's reserves fell heavily last year after the coronavirus pandemic caused oil prices to crash and the economy went into recession. The government devalued its currency by about 20% against the dollar in December. Iraq's reserves stood at about \$51 billion in October. (Source: Bloomberg)

**IMF warns on rising debt risks in virus-hit Middle East, Central Asia** – The International Monetary Fund said on Sunday countries in the Middle East and Central Asia need to curb their financing requirements, as a surge in government debt, exacerbated by the pandemic, threatens recovery prospects. The region, which includes around 30 countries from Mauritania to Kazakhstan, saw an economic rebound in the third quarter as countries relaxed measures to contain the new coronavirus. But the outlook remains highly uncertain and recovery paths will diverge depending on the speed of vaccinations, reliance on heavily impacted sectors, such as tourism, and countries' fiscal policy. "Recovery has started, but recovery has started in an uneven, uncertain way," Jihad Azour, director of the Middle East and Central Asia Department at the IMF, told Reuters. "The outlook is uncertain because the legacies of the pre-COVID-19 are still there, especially for countries who have high levels of debt." The Fund said "early inoculators", which include the oil-rich Gulf countries, Kazakhstan, and Morocco, will reach 2019 gross domestic product (GDP) levels next year, while recovery to those levels is expected to take one year more for other countries. (Source: Reuters)

**Powell Says Economy Poised for Stronger Growth, Virus a Risk** – Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell said the U.S. economy is at an "inflection point" with stronger growth and hiring ahead thanks to rising vaccinations and powerful policy support, but Covid-19 remains a threat. "We feel like we're at a place where the economy is about to start growing much more quickly and job creation coming in much more quickly," Powell said. "The outlook has brightened substantially. And that's the base case. I would say again though, there really are risks out there," he said. "The principal risk to our economy right now really is that the disease would spread again. It's going to be smart if people could continue to socially distance and wear masks." (Source: Bloomberg)

## GCC Sovereign Yields

Sovereigns	Maturity	Yield %	Price Δ (YTD %)	Sovereigns	Maturity	Yield %	Price Δ (YTD %)
Abu Dhabi	2025	1.00	-1.26	KSA	2025	1.40	-1.30
Abu Dhabi	2030	2.11	-4.38	KSA	2030	2.53	-4.29
Abu Dhabi	2050	3.28	-9.37	KSA	2050	3.81	-8.74
Bahrain	2026	3.36	-1.04	Oman	2025	3.39	2.49
Bahrain	2030	5.48	-5.11	Oman	2029	5.14	1.77
Bahrain	2047	6.91	-9.41	Oman	2048	6.84	-1.17
Dubai	2029	2.69	-1.73	Qatar	2025	1.08	-1.36
Kuwait	2022	0.25	-0.69	Qatar	2030	2.21	-4.89
Kuwait	2027	1.58	-3.10	Qatar	2050	3.40	-9.80

## Bonds and Sukuk Indices

Index Name	Yield %	Duration (yrs)	1D Δ (%)	YTD Δ (%)
Bloomberg GCC FI Index	2.79	8.08	-0.01	-2.28
S&P MENA Bond and Sukuk Index	2.40	NA	0.00	-2.93
Bloomberg Emerging Markets USD Index	3.95	6.80	-0.08	-2.86
Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index	1.13	7.42	-0.19	-3.80

## Interbank Rates (%)

	3 Months		6 Months		12 Months	
	12/4/2021	31/12/2020	12/4/2021	31/12/2020	12/4/2021	31/12/2020
KIBOR	1.5000	1.4375	1.6875	1.6875	2.0000	1.9375
SAIBOR	0.7971	0.8175	0.8443	0.8700	0.9171	0.9413
BHIBOR	1.2500	2.2500	1.3917	2.5333	1.6417	2.6833
QATAR	1.0623	1.1206	1.1528	1.1960	1.2890	1.3636
AEIBOR	0.3593	0.5125	0.4511	0.4908	0.5364	0.6538
EURIBOR	-0.5440	-0.5450	-0.5220	-0.5260	-0.4970	-0.4990
LIBOR	0.1875	0.2384	0.2114	0.2576	0.2858	0.3419

## USD Swap Rates

Currencies				Commodities						
	Yield %	1D Δ (bps)	YTD Δ (%)		USD	1D Δ (bps)	YTD Δ (%)		USD	YTD Δ (%)
1-Year	0.2096	0.06	8.9	KWD	0.3020	0.0662	0.41	Gold	1,738.20	-8.65
2-Year	0.2828	0.17	43.0	SAR	3.7503	0.0000	0.04	Silver	25.18	-4.90
5-Year	0.9793	0.31	127.7	BHD	0.3770	0.0027	0.00	Copper	399.55	13.38
7-Year	1.3541	-0.03	106.9	QAR	3.6417	-0.0027	-0.01	Nat. Gas	2.56	0.27
10-Year	1.6837	-0.44	82.0	OMR	0.3850	0.0000	0.00	Aluminum	2,248.50	13.43
30-Year	2.1055	-0.84	50.2	AED	3.6730	0.0000	0.00	Crude Oil	62.99	21.93

## US Treasuries

	Yield %	1D Δ (%)	Yield %	1D Δ (%)	Yield %	1D Δ (%)
2-Year	0.16	0.00	0.03	0.00	-0.68	0.00
5-Year	0.87	-0.01	0.35	-0.06	-0.71	0.00
10-Year	1.66	0.03	0.77	-0.30	-0.42	0.00
30-Year	2.32	0.18	1.30	-0.45	0.24	0.00

## UK Gilts

	Yield %	1D Δ (%)	Yield %	1D Δ (%)	Yield %	1D Δ (%)
2-Year	0.16	0.00	0.03	0.00	-0.68	0.00
5-Year	0.87	-0.01	0.35	-0.06	-0.71	0.00
10-Year	1.66	0.03	0.77	-0.30	-0.42	0.00
30-Year	2.32	0.18	1.30	-0.45	0.24	0.00

## German Bunds

	Yield %	1D Δ (%)	Yield %	1D Δ (%)	Yield %	1D Δ (%)
2-Year	0.16	0.00	0.03	0.00	-0.68	0.00
5-Year	0.87	-0.01	0.35	-0.06	-0.71	0.00
10-Year	1.66	0.03	0.77	-0.30	-0.42	0.00
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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+
<b>USD 5Yr CDS</b>	<b>12-Apr 2021</b>	<b>31-Dec 2020</b>	
Kuwait	48.41	40.69	
KSA	66.66	63.77	
Abu Dhabi	45.55	36.03	
Dubai	93.24	104.06	
Qatar	45.72	36.70	
Bahrain	185.46	233.58	
Oman	275.98	353.60	
Iraq	545.27	542.74	
Egypt	311.15	330.47	
Morocco	88.00	102.56	
Turkey	440.70	299.47	
US	8.69	11.52	
UK	10.64	15.13	
China	35.82	26.70	
Japan	15.43	14.74	
Germany	9.30	9.09	
France	17.44	14.42	