

News Updates

Saudi Arabia issue \$7bln sukuk in March, Kingdom's debt offices says

– Saudi Arabia’s National Debt Management Center, also known as NDMC, issued a new Saudi riyal-denominated Sukuk worth around SR26.2 billion (\$7 billion). The new issuance is part of the Sukuk Issuance Program, NDMC said in a press release. The issuance is divided into four tranches. The two tranches with a value of SR13.2 billion and SR8.5 billion have the longest maturity — 2032 and 2037, respectively. The remaining two tranches are smaller in size — SR2.6 billion and SR1.9 billion — and have shorter maturities of 2027 and 2029 respectively. The issuer — the Ministry of Finance — and the NDMC appointed HSBC Saudi Arabia, Al Rajhi Capital, and SNB Capital as joint lead managers to lead the transaction. The NDMC also announced the completion of early redemption of a portion of the Ministry of Finance’s outstanding bonds and Sukuk maturing in 2023, 2024, and 2026 with a total value exceeding SR25 billion. *(Source: Arab News)*

Jordan Affirmed at B+ by S&P; Outlook Remains Stable – S&P Global Ratings affirmed its 'B+/B' long- and short-term foreign and local currency sovereign credit ratings on Jordan. The outlook remains stable. The stable outlook reflects that, over the next 12 months, they expect Jordan's reform momentum and donor support will remain strong, offsetting the risk that external headwinds could undermine its fiscal trajectory, pushing the already elevated debt burden even higher. *(Source: S&P Global Ratings)*

World's Central Banks Set Policy for Economies Shaken by the War

– Global central banks this week will offer the biggest collective assessment of a changed world since Russia’s invasion of Ukraine sparked renewed supply disruptions and a sudden inflation shock for many economies. Among the eight members of the Group of 20 whose monetary officials are due to meet, the Federal Reserve’s impending interest-rate increase is likely to steal the limelight. The others will display a kaleidoscope of policy reflecting differing impacts from the conflict in a world economy already adjusting to surging prices. Decisions will range from another potential rate hike at the hawkish Bank of England, to the Bank of Japan’s likely outcome of insisting on a continued easing stance. Those announcements follow in the wake of the European Central Bank’s surprise decision last week to accelerate a wind-down of stimulus, leaving investors wondering what other shifts might be in store. *(Source: Bloomberg)*

GCC Sovereign Yields

Sovereigns	Maturity	Yield %	Price Δ (YTD %)	Sovereigns	Maturity	Yield %	Price Δ (YTD %)
Abu Dhabi	2027	2.03	-2.00	KSA	2027	2.33	-2.63
Abu Dhabi	2031	2.44	-3.70	KSA	2032	2.78	-3.58
Abu Dhabi	2050	3.39	-7.65	KSA	2050	4.01	-9.10
Bahrain	2028	4.99	-1.74	Oman	2027	4.75	-2.52
Bahrain	2032	6.23	-3.79	Oman	2032	5.64	-2.96
Bahrain	2051	7.35	-6.13	Oman	2051	6.82	-3.19
Dubai	2029	2.85	-2.35	Qatar	2026	2.83	-5.08
Kuwait	2022	-8.07	-0.52	Qatar	2030	2.63	-3.92
Kuwait	2027	2.21	-3.03	Qatar	2050	3.52	-7.85

Bonds and Sukuk Indices

Index Name	Yield %	Duration (yrs)	1D Δ (%)	YTD Δ (%)
Bloomberg GCC FI Index	3.46	8.08	-0.13	-3.91
S&P MENA Bond and Sukuk Index	3.08	NA	-0.42	-4.16
Bloomberg Emerging Markets USD Index	5.66	6.80	-0.06	-10.21
Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index	1.93	7.42	-0.29	-5.25

Interbank Rates (%)

	3 Months		6 Months		12 Months	
	13/03/2022	31/12/2021	13/03/2022	31/12/2021	13/03/2022	31/12/2021
KIBOR	1.5000	1.5000	1.7500	1.7500	2.0000	2.0000
SAIBOR	1.7370	0.9057	1.7575	0.9829	1.9944	1.0600
BHIBOR	1.6000	1.5167	1.9033	1.6233	2.4000	1.7667
QATAR	1.1500	1.1250	1.2000	1.2000	1.3500	1.3250
AEIBOR	0.8363	0.3645	1.1390	0.7000	1.5232	0.7396
EURIBOR	-0.5020	-0.5730	-0.4140	-0.5460	-0.2680	-0.4980
LIBOR	0.8260	0.2144	1.1306	0.3451	1.5960	0.5888

USD Swap Rates				Currencies				Commodities		
	Yield %	1D Δ (bps)	YTD Δ (%)		USD	1D Δ (bps)	YTD Δ (%)		USD	YTD Δ (%)
1-Year	1.5138	4.34	183.0	KWD	0.3035	0.1318	-0.33	Gold	1,985.00	8.41
2-Year	1.9588	5.21	108.1	SAR	3.7516	-0.0027	0.10	Silver	26.16	11.89
5-Year	2.0330	2.76	48.4	BHD	0.3770	-0.0053	0.00	Copper	462.55	3.86
7-Year	2.0436	1.51	38.5	QAR	3.6416	-0.0082	0.00	Nat. Gas	4.73	34.73
10-Year	2.0802	0.50	31.6	OMR	0.3850	0.0000	-0.07	Aluminum	3,459.50	23.20
30-Year	2.0829	-0.04	20.3	AED	3.6730	0.0000	-0.01	Crude Oil	112.67	46.51
US Treasuries				UK Gilts				German Bunds		
	Yield %	1D Δ (%)			Yield %	1D Δ (%)			Yield %	1D Δ (%)
2-Year	1.75	-0.09			1.29	0.08			NA	NA
5-Year	1.95	-0.10			1.25	0.17			-0.34	0.05
10-Year	1.99	-0.02			1.49	0.34			0.08	0.13
30-Year	2.35	0.32			1.66	0.65			0.37	0.99

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	B+
Tunisia	Caa1	NR	B-
Morocco	Ba1	BB+	BB+
US	Aaa	AA+u	AAA
UK	Aa3	AAu	AA-
China	A1	A+	A+

USD 5Yr CDS	13-Mar 2022	31-Dec 2021
Kuwait	52.95	40.53
KSA	49.67	50.97
Abu Dhabi	50.07	43.09
Dubai	98.57	89.58
Qatar	49.40	42.55
Bahrain	287.79	286.32
Oman	241.77	254.42
Iraq	413.13	507.35
Egypt	773.53	496.58
Morocco	94.31	85.91
Turkey	660.36	555.46
US	15.00	10.01
UK	13.46	8.91
China	57.31	39.86
Japan	17.00	16.23
Germany	14.81	7.53
France	23.26	17.87