

News Updates

Ooredoo Group Affirmed at A- by S&P; Outlook Remains Stable – S&P Global Ratings affirmed their 'A-/A-2' long- and short-term issuer credit ratings on Ooredoo. The stable outlook on Ooredoo mirrors that on Qatar. S&P anticipates that Qatar-based Ooredoo QPSC will demonstrate stronger credit metrics and steady deleveraging in 2022-2023, with adjusted debt to EBITDA at 1.4x-1.7x over that period, and has therefore revised its financial risk profile to intermediate from significant. *(Source: S&P Global Ratings)*

Egypt's external debt registers \$137.4bln in September 2021: CBE – Egypt's external debt registered \$137.4bn in September 2021, down by about \$439.5m, compared to end-June 2021, according to the Central Bank of Egypt. Despite the rise in net disbursements of loans and facilities by \$366.7m, the depreciation of the US dollar exchange rate vis-à-vis other currencies comprising the external debt, led to a decrease of \$806.2m in book value. By original maturity, external debt reaffirmed its pattern of long-term debt predominance in September 2021. Long-term debt accounted for \$125.9bn, or 91.6% of the total external debt, whereas short term debt accounted for \$11.5bn or 8.4%. *(Source: Zawya)*

10-year Treasury yield hits 2.14%, its highest point since July 2019 – The 10-year Treasury yield hit 2.145% on Monday, its highest level since July 2019, with investors focused on the Russia-Ukraine war and the Federal Reserve's decision on interest rates. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note last jumped 12 basis points to 2.142%. The yield on the 30-year Treasury bond rose 11 basis points to 2.481%. In addition to the war in Ukraine, investors are also looking ahead to the outcome of the Federal Reserve's two-day policy meeting, which starts on Tuesday. The Fed is expected to announce on Wednesday that it will be raising its target funds rate by a quarter of a percentage point from zero. *(Source: CNBC)*

Oil falls over 5% on Russia-Ukraine talk hopes, China lockdowns – Oil prices fell more than 5% on Monday to the lowest in nearly two weeks amid hopes for progress toward a diplomatic end to Russia's invasion of Ukraine - a development that would boost global supplies - while a pandemic-linked travel ban in China cast doubt on demand. Brent futures fell \$5.77, or 5.1%, to settle at \$106.90 a barrel, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude fell \$6.32, or 5.8%, to settle at \$103.01. That was the lowest close for WTI since Feb. 28 and the lowest for Brent since March 1. Both benchmarks have surged since Russia's Feb. 24 invasion of Ukraine and are up roughly 36% so far this year. *(Source: Reuters)*

GCC Sovereign Yields

Sovereigns	Maturity	Yield %	Price Δ (YTD %)	Sovereigns	Maturity	Yield %	Price Δ (YTD %)
Abu Dhabi	2027	2.16	-2.59	KSA	2027	2.35	-2.85
Abu Dhabi	2031	2.52	-4.37	KSA	2032	2.86	-4.25
Abu Dhabi	2050	3.48	-9.13	KSA	2050	4.16	-11.31
Bahrain	2028	5.03	-1.99	Oman	2027	4.68	-2.30
Bahrain	2032	6.26	-3.95	Oman	2032	5.67	-3.21
Bahrain	2051	7.40	-6.53	Oman	2051	6.89	-4.09
Dubai	2029	2.98	-3.05	Qatar	2026	2.23	-2.71
Kuwait	2022	-37.42	-0.39	Qatar	2030	2.76	-4.52
Kuwait	2027	2.26	-3.19	Qatar	2050	3.62	-9.40

Bonds and Sukuk Indices

Index Name	Yield %	Duration (yrs)	1D Δ (%)	YTD Δ (%)
Bloomberg GCC FI Index	3.52	8.08	-0.43	-4.33
S&P MENA Bond and Sukuk Index	3.12	NA	-0.37	-4.52
Bloomberg Emerging Markets USD Index	5.77	6.80	-0.65	-10.79
Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index	2.01	7.42	-0.77	-5.99

Interbank Rates (%)

	3 Months		6 Months		12 Months	
	15/03/2022	31/12/2021	15/03/2022	31/12/2021	15/03/2022	31/12/2021
KIBOR	1.5000	1.5000	1.7500	1.7500	2.0625	2.0000
SAIBOR	1.8751	0.9057	1.9079	0.9829	2.1683	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	0.8413	0.3645	1.1685	0.7000	1.6647	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	1.6058	1.26	200.1	KWD	0.3042	-0.2137	-0.54	Gold	1,942.90	6.11
2-Year	2.0851	0.27	121.5	SAR	3.7522	0.0000	0.10	Silver	25.10	7.35
5-Year	2.1887	0.75	59.8	BHD	0.3770	0.0027	0.00	Copper	453.35	1.80
7-Year	2.1979	0.68	48.9	QAR	3.6416	-0.0082	0.00	Nat. Gas	4.60	31.22
10-Year	2.2290	0.50	41.0	OMR	0.3850	0.0000	-0.06	Aluminum	3,305.75	17.79
30-Year	2.2228	0.34	28.4	AED	3.6730	0.0000	-0.01	Crude Oil	102.60	33.42

US Treasuries			UK Gilt		German Bunds	
	Yield %	1D Δ (%)	Yield %	1D Δ (%)	Yield %	1D Δ (%)
2-Year	1.86	0.00	1.37	-0.15	NA	NA
5-Year	2.10	-0.02	1.35	-0.51	-0.27	-0.19
10-Year	2.14	-0.02	1.59	-1.12	0.19	-0.79
30-Year	2.47	0.00	1.75	-2.01	0.51	-3.47

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	15-Mar 2022	31-Dec 2021
Kuwait	52.97	40.53
KSA	48.94	50.97
Abu Dhabi	49.46	43.09
Dubai	98.16	89.58
Qatar	49.32	42.55
Bahrain	285.88	286.32
Oman	238.23	254.42
Iraq	412.74	507.35
Egypt	721.74	496.58
Morocco	94.35	85.91
Turkey	644.91	555.46
US	15.00	10.01
UK	14.05	8.91
China	66.66	39.86
Japan	16.97	16.23
Germany	14.74	7.53
France	23.42	17.87