

News Updates

APICORP sells \$250 million in reopened bond deal – The Arab Petroleum Investments Corporation (APICORP) on Wednesday sold \$250 million of bonds maturing in February 2026 in a reopening of a bond sale last month, a document showed. The Saudi Arabian company sold the bonds at 39 basis points (bps) over mid-swaps, tightening from initial guidance of around 45 bps over mid-swaps. The deal has attracted more than \$315 million in demand, the document from one of the banks on the deal showed. The transaction is a “tap” - reopening a transaction for subscription using the same documentation as previously - of \$750 million of bonds sold last month. BofA Securities, China Construction Bank, Citi, Emirates NBD Capital, Maybank, Nomura and Standard Chartered arranged the deal. (Source: Reuters)

Emirate of Sharjah sells \$1.25 billion in bonds – The Emirate of Sharjah launched \$1.25 billion in two-tranche bonds of 12- and 30-year paper, a document from one of the banks arranging the deal showed. It sold \$750 million in 12-year notes at 3.625% and \$500 million in 30-year bonds at 4.75% out of combined orders of more than \$2.7 billion, the document showed. It had tightened final guidance to between 3.625% and 3.75% for the 12-year notes and 4.75% to 4.875% for the 30-year tranche from initial guidance of around 3.875% for the 12-year bonds and between 4.875% and 5% for the 30-year paper. Bank ABC, Citi, Emirates NBD Capital, HSBC, Mashreq and Standard Chartered are arranging the deal, which is expected to close later on Wednesday. (Source: Reuters)

Fitch Affirms Ahli Bank SAOG's at 'B+'; Outlook Negative – Fitch Ratings has affirmed Ahli Bank SAOG's (ABO) Long-Term Issuer Default Rating (IDR) at 'B+'. The Outlook is Negative. The Negative Outlook on ABO's Long-Term IDR mirrors that on the Omani sovereign (BB-/Negative) due to the high correlation between the sovereign and the bank's credit profile. The Negative Outlook on the sovereign reflects continued erosion of its fiscal and external balance sheets, which have accelerated amid low oil prices and the pandemic, despite some progress on underlying fiscal consolidation. (Source: Bloomberg)

Turkish Consumer Inflation Climbs for Fifth Month on Oil Rally – Turkish inflation accelerated for a fifth month in February due to gains in energy prices and the lingering impact of last year's weakness in the lira. Annual inflation climbed to 15.6% from 15% in January, more than the median estimate of 15.4% in a Bloomberg survey of 25 analysts. Prices rose 0.91% from a month earlier, exceeding the 0.7% median expectation in a separate survey. A gauge of annual core inflation quickened to 16.2% from 15.5% in January, showing price dynamics when the impact of volatile items such as food, energy and gold is excluded. Energy price increases quickened to 8.8% from 7.9%, reflecting the recovery in global oil prices this year. Food prices, which account for roughly one-fourth of the consumer basket, rose 18.4%, compared with 18.1% in the previous month (Source: Bloomberg)

GCC Sovereign Yields

Sovereigns	Maturity	Yield %	Price Δ (YTD %)	Sovereigns	Maturity	Yield %	Price Δ (YTD %)
Abu Dhabi	2025	1.00	-1.07	KSA	2025	1.28	-0.70
Abu Dhabi	2030	2.03	-3.75	KSA	2030	2.38	-3.13
Abu Dhabi	2050	3.28	-9.38	KSA	2050	3.81	-8.93
Bahrain	2026	3.36	-0.68	Oman	2025	3.41	2.49
Bahrain	2030	5.35	-4.10	Oman	2029	5.07	2.26
Bahrain	2047	6.73	-7.40	Oman	2048	6.83	-1.15
Dubai	2029	2.63	-0.83	Qatar	2025	1.02	-1.00
Kuwait	2022	0.24	-0.54	Qatar	2030	2.11	-4.02
Kuwait	2027	1.43	-2.14	Qatar	2050	3.46	-10.62

Bonds and Sukuk Indices

Index Name	Yield %	Duration (yrs)	1D Δ (%)	YTD Δ (%)
Bloomberg GCC FI Index	2.69	8.08	-0.11	-2.12
S&P MENA Bond and Sukuk Index	2.28	NA	-0.18	-2.75
Bloomberg Emerging Markets USD Index	3.78	6.80	-0.30	-2.43
Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index	1.08	7.42	-0.23	-2.75

Interbank Rates (%)

	3 Months		6 Months		12 Months	
	4/3/2021	31/12/2020	4/3/2021	31/12/2020	4/3/2021	31/12/2020
KIBOR	1.5000	1.4375	1.7500	1.6875	2.0000	1.9375
SAIBOR	0.7988	0.8175	0.8450	0.8700	0.9188	0.9413
BHIBOR	1.9417	2.2500	2.0250	2.5333	2.3583	2.6833
QATAR	0.9522	1.1206	1.0622	1.1960	1.2378	1.3636
AEIBOR	0.3488	0.5125	0.4275	0.4908	0.6375	0.6538
EURIBOR	-0.5400	-0.5450	-0.5160	-0.5260	-0.4880	-0.4990
LIBOR	0.1834	0.2384	0.2068	0.2576	0.2790	0.3419

USD Swap Rates

Yield %		1D Δ (bps)	YTD Δ (%)	USD		1D Δ (bps)	YTD Δ (%)	USD		YTD Δ (%)
1-Year	0.1918	0.01	-0.4	KWD	0.3020	0.0828	0.43	Gold	1,711.80	-9.89
2-Year	0.2394	0.27	21.0	SAR	3.7515	0.0027	0.01	Silver	26.20	-1.03
5-Year	0.8454	0.40	96.6	BHD	0.3773	0.0000	-0.05	Copper	411.85	16.87
7-Year	1.2060	0.23	84.2	QAR	3.6417	-0.0082	-0.01	Nat. Gas	2.80	10.44
10-Year	1.5491	-0.07	67.4	OMR	0.3850	0.0000	0.00	Aluminum	2,175.00	9.99
30-Year	2.0052	-1.23	43.0	AED	3.6731	0.0000	0.00	Crude Oil	64.62	24.80

US Treasuries

	Yield %	1D Δ (%)	Yield %	1D Δ (%)	Yield %	1D Δ (%)
2-Year	0.14	0.01	0.08	-0.08	-0.64	-0.01
5-Year	0.73	0.04	0.36	-0.32	-0.68	-0.12
10-Year	1.48	0.07	0.78	-1.06	-0.40	-0.53
30-Year	2.26	0.43	1.34	-2.21	0.21	-2.04

Currencies

Commodities

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	BBB-	BB+
US	Aaa	AA+u	AAA
UK	Aa3	AAu	AA-
China	A1	A+	A+

USD 5Yr CDS

	4-Mar 2021	31-Dec 2020
Kuwait	43.89	40.69
KSA	65.41	63.77
Abu Dhabi	45.09	36.03
Dubai	101.02	104.06
Qatar	45.11	36.70
Bahrain	226.11	233.58
Oman	314.72	353.60
Iraq	489.67	542.74
Egypt	295.58	330.47
Morocco	97.76	102.56
Turkey	314.36	299.47
US	9.31	11.52
UK	13.62	15.13
China	30.61	26.70
Japan	14.17	14.74
Germany	8.67	9.09
France	14.54	14.42