

News Updates

Ooredoo mandates Investor Calls for USD 10Y Bond From March 29

– Ooredoo QPSC, a leading international telecom company with direct and indirect ownership by the State of Qatar of 69% and rated A- by S&P, A- by Fitch and A2 by Moody's (all stable), has mandated Barclays, BNP Paribas, Citi, Credit Agricole CIB, DBS Bank Ltd., Mizuho, QNB Capital, and Standard Chartered (together the “Joint Lead Managers” and “Joint Bookrunners”) to arrange fixed-income investor calls from March 29. A USD-denominated 144A/Reg S 10Y senior unsecured conventional note under its \$5b program may follow. The expected issue ratings are A-/A2 (S&P/Fitch/Moody's). (Source: Bloomberg)

Saudi Arabia Official Reserves Drop to Lowest Since November 2010

– Official reserve assets of Saudi Arabia fell 33.1b riyals, or 2%, from the previous month to 1.65t riyals in February, according to Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency figures. Reserves was down 11% from the same period last year. Gold was unchanged y/y at 1.62b riyals. Foreign currency reserves was down 8.7% M/m, 21% Y/y to 486b riyals and Special Drawing Rights (SDR) unchanged M/m, up 1.5% y/y to 31.6b riyals. Their IMF reserve position down 1.3% m/m, up 44% y/y to 13.5b riyals (Source: Bloomberg)

Moody's: Suez Canal blockage does not affect Egypt's B2 stable ratings

– Moody's Rating Agency expected that the blockage of the Suez Canal will not affect Egypt's B2 stable balance of payments from a sovereign perspective. The Agency noted in a report that the Suez Canal represented almost 2 percent of Egypt's GDP on average pre-pandemic, providing a significant contribution to total current account receipts. “While declining to 1.3 percent of GDP during the acute phase of the pandemic, Suez Canal receipts have proven more resilient than other cross-border services, such as travel receipts,” Moody's said, “A temporary disruption will not materially change our expectation of a return to pre-crisis canal receipts as global trade recovers.” It added that the temporary closure of the canal could affect around 10-15 percent of global container output, depending on how global and regional volume is calculated. (Source: Egypt Today)

Turkey Says April Interest Rate Cut Can't Be Taken for Granted

– Turkish central bank Governor Sahap Kavcioglu said markets shouldn't take for granted that he'll cut interest rates as soon as April, when he sets monetary policy for the first time since his surprise appointment. “I do not approve a prejudiced approach to MPC decisions in April or the following months, that a rate cut will be delivered immediately,” Kavcioglu said. “In the new period, we will continue to make our decisions with a corporate monetary policy perspective to ensure a permanent fall in inflation. In this respect, we will also monitor the effects of the policy steps taken so far,” Kavcioglu said. (Source: Bloomberg)

GCC Sovereign Yields

Sovereigns	Maturity	Yield %	Price Δ (YTD %)	Sovereigns	Maturity	Yield %	Price Δ (YTD %)
Abu Dhabi	2025	1.02	-1.28	KSA	2025	1.42	-1.30
Abu Dhabi	2030	2.15	-4.70	KSA	2030	2.51	-4.04
Abu Dhabi	2050	3.32	-10.14	KSA	2050	3.85	-9.44
Bahrain	2026	3.36	-0.90	Oman	2025	3.45	2.31
Bahrain	2030	5.62	-6.01	Oman	2029	5.13	1.84
Bahrain	2047	7.00	-10.45	Oman	2048	6.93	-2.31
Dubai	2029	2.72	-1.85	Qatar	2025	1.09	-1.34
Kuwait	2022	0.03	-0.52	Qatar	2030	2.22	-4.86
Kuwait	2027	1.56	-2.98	Qatar	2050	3.43	-10.28

Bonds and Sukuk Indices

Index Name	Yield %	Duration (yrs)	1D Δ (%)	YTD Δ (%)
Bloomberg GCC FI Index	2.78	8.08	-0.13	-2.72
S&P MENA Bond and Sukuk Index	2.36	NA	-0.11	-3.31
Bloomberg Emerging Markets USD Index	3.96	6.80	-0.17	-3.26
Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index	1.13	7.42	-0.09	-4.04

Interbank Rates (%)

	3 Months		6 Months		12 Months	
	29/3/2021	31/12/2020	29/3/2021	31/12/2020	29/3/2021	31/12/2020
KIBOR	1.5000	1.4375	1.6875	1.6875	2.0000	1.9375
SAIBOR	0.7963	0.8175	0.8438	0.8700	0.9163	0.9413
BHIBOR	1.2697	2.2500	1.3917	2.5333	1.6417	2.6833
QATAR	0.9833	1.1206	1.0833	1.1960	1.2667	1.3636
AEIBOR	0.4074	0.5125	0.4839	0.4908	0.6010	0.6538
EURIBOR	-0.5370	-0.5450	-0.5140	-0.5260	-0.4890	-0.4990
LIBOR	0.1990	0.2384	0.2033	0.2576	0.2808	0.3419

USD Swap Rates

Currencies				Commodities						
	Yield %	1D Δ (bps)	YTD Δ (%)		USD	1D Δ (bps)	YTD Δ (%)		USD	YTD Δ (%)
1-Year	0.2112	0.10	9.7	KWD	0.3020	0.0000	0.43	Gold	1,728.50	-9.16
2-Year	0.2634	-0.11	33.2	SAR	3.7504	0.0000	0.04	Silver	24.91	-5.92
5-Year	0.9489	-1.41	120.7	BHD	0.3771	0.0000	-0.01	Copper	404.70	14.84
7-Year	1.3391	-1.89	104.6	QAR	3.6410	0.0082	0.01	Nat. Gas	2.58	1.46
10-Year	1.6860	-2.30	82.2	OMR	0.3850	0.0000	0.00	Aluminum	2,284.00	15.22
30-Year	2.1235	-2.72	51.5	AED	3.6731	0.0000	0.00	Crude Oil	63.51	22.65

US Treasuries

	Yield %	1D Δ (%)	Yield %	1D Δ (%)	Yield %	1D Δ (%)
2-Year	0.13	0.01	0.05	-0.03	-0.69	0.00
5-Year	0.85	0.10	0.32	-0.08	-0.75	0.00
10-Year	1.65	0.25	0.75	-0.34	-0.47	0.00
30-Year	2.35	0.60	1.28	-0.90	0.21	0.00

UK Gilts

	Yield %	1D Δ (%)	Yield %	1D Δ (%)	Yield %	1D Δ (%)
2-Year	0.13	0.01	0.05	-0.03	-0.69	0.00
5-Year	0.85	0.10	0.32	-0.08	-0.75	0.00
10-Year	1.65	0.25	0.75	-0.34	-0.47	0.00
30-Year	2.35	0.60	1.28	-0.90	0.21	0.00

German Bunds

	Yield %	1D Δ (%)	Yield %	1D Δ (%)	Yield %	1D Δ (%)
2-Year	0.13	0.01	0.05	-0.03	-0.69	0.00
5-Year	0.85	0.10	0.32	-0.08	-0.75	0.00
10-Year	1.65	0.25	0.75	-0.34	-0.47	0.00
30-Year	2.35	0.60	1.28	-0.90	0.21	0.00

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	29-Mar 2021	31-Dec 2020	
Kuwait	47.77	40.69	
KSA	68.83	63.77	
Abu Dhabi	48.95	36.03	
Dubai	99.82	104.06	
Qatar	48.99	36.70	
Bahrain	191.95	233.58	
Oman	278.92	353.60	
Iraq	526.25	542.74	
Egypt	296.90	330.47	
Morocco	92.68	102.56	
Turkey	460.13	299.47	
US	9.26	11.52	
UK	11.50	15.13	
China	32.86	26.70	
Japan	15.41	14.74	
Germany	9.08	9.09	
France	15.53	14.42	