

## News Updates

**Saudi Arabia's June oil exports rise 123% to over \$16 bln** – The value of Saudi Arabia's oil exports in June increased 123% to 61.5 billion riyals (\$16.4 billion) from a year earlier while non-oil exports rose by around 41%, official data showed on Tuesday. Overall exports increased by nearly 92% in June compared to a year earlier when international trade was curbed by lockdowns and travel disruptions related to the coronavirus crisis, said the General Authority for Statistics. Oil exports accounted for 72% of total exports in June, up from 62% in June last year, it said. Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest oil exporter, was hit hard last year as oil prices plummeted and measures to contain the COVID-19 pandemic hurt its non-oil economy. But the country's gross domestic product in the second quarter grew for the first time since the coronavirus crisis, on the back of the easing of restrictions and rebounding oil prices. China remained Saudi Arabia's main trading partner in June, with exports there amounting to nearly 20% of total exports. (Source: Reuters)

**Egypt to begin offering sukuk in first half of 2022 - ministry** – Egypt will begin issuing sukuk, or sharia-compliant Islamic bonds, in the first half of 2022, the finance ministry said in a statement on Tuesday. The exact timing and size of the first offering is yet to be determined. Executive regulations for a new law allowing for issuance of sukuk are expected in the next three months, and the government is planning to form a state-owned company to manage sukuk issuance. Returns on sukuk, which could be offered in local or foreign currency, would be taxed in the same way as Egyptian treasury bonds, the finance ministry said. Money raised through sukuk would be used to help fund the government's social and economic development projects, the ministry added. Egypt has been trying to diversify and extend the average maturity of its debt. (Source: Reuters)

**U.S. Treasury yields rise with Powell in focus, strong demand for two-year auction** – U.S. Treasury yields rose on Tuesday as investors waited on comments on Friday by Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell for any new indications on when the central bank is likely to begin paring bond purchases. Powell is due to speak at the Fed's annual economic symposium at Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Investors will be watching to see if Powell indicates that a reduction in bond purchases is imminent, and whether he expresses any new concerns about economic growth due to the rise in COVID-19 Delta variant cases. Minutes from the Fed's July meeting released on Wednesday showed that the bulk of the central bank's policy-setting committee expect the Fed will start trimming its bond-buying program later this year. Benchmark 10-year yields rose three and a half basis points to 1.290%. The yields are in a range after falling from a one-month high of 1.379% on Aug. 12, while holding above a six-month low of 1.127% reached earlier this month. Two-year note yields fell after the Treasury saw strong demand for a \$60 billion sale of the notes, which sold at a high yield of 0.242%, around one basis point below where they had traded before the auction. (Source: Reuters)

## GCC Sovereign Yields

Sovereigns	Maturity	Yield %	Price Δ (YTD %)	Sovereigns	Maturity	Yield %	Price Δ (YTD %)
Abu Dhabi	2025	0.68	-0.66	KSA	2025	1.06	-0.52
Abu Dhabi	2030	1.83	-2.37	KSA	2030	2.13	-1.36
Abu Dhabi	2050	3.00	-4.09	KSA	2050	3.43	-2.98
Bahrain	2026	3.93	-4.20	Oman	2025	3.25	2.50
Bahrain	2030	5.67	-7.10	Oman	2029	4.99	2.49
Bahrain	2047	7.08	-11.26	Oman	2048	6.65	1.09
Dubai	2029	2.46	-0.57	Qatar	2025	0.90	-1.53
Kuwait	2022	0.13	-1.50	Qatar	2030	1.92	-3.12
Kuwait	2027	1.23	-1.89	Qatar	2050	3.09	-4.80

## Bonds and Sukuk Indices

Index Name	Yield %	Duration (yrs)	1D Δ (%)	YTD Δ (%)
Bloomberg GCC FI Index	2.57	8.08	0.03	0.86
S&P MENA Bond and Sukuk Index	2.16	NA	-0.06	0.46
Bloomberg Emerging Markets USD Index	3.89	6.80	0.03	0.13
Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index	1.01	7.42	0.04	-2.27

## Interbank Rates (%)

	3 Months		6 Months		12 Months	
	25/8/2021	31/12/2020	25/8/2021	31/12/2020	25/8/2021	31/12/2020
KIBOR	1.5000	1.4375	1.7500	1.6875	2.0000	1.9375
SAIBOR	0.7957	0.8175	0.8443	0.8700	0.9143	0.9413
BHIBOR	1.5917	2.2500	1.7167	2.5333	1.8667	2.6833
QATAR	1.1500	1.1206	1.2000	1.1960	1.3232	1.3636
AEIBOR	0.3467	0.5125	0.5090	0.4908	0.3745	0.6538
EURIBOR	-0.5490	-0.5450	-0.5290	-0.5260	-0.4940	-0.4990
LIBOR	0.1293	0.2384	0.1530	0.2576	0.2370	0.3419

## USD Swap Rates

USD Swap Rates				Currencies				Commodities		
	Yield %	1D Δ (bps)	YTD Δ (%)		USD	1D Δ (bps)	YTD Δ (%)		USD	YTD Δ (%)
1-Year	0.1685	0.19	-12.5	KWD	0.3010	0.0332	0.78	Gold	1,796.20	-6.02
2-Year	0.3228	0.10	63.2	SAR	3.7505	0.0000	0.04	Silver	23.76	-10.88
5-Year	0.8808	-0.15	104.8	BHD	0.3771	0.0000	0.00	Copper	425.90	20.86
7-Year	1.0975	-0.28	67.7	QAR	3.6416	0.0000	-0.01	Nat. Gas	3.88	42.88
10-Year	1.3048	-0.26	41.0	OMR	0.3850	0.0000	0.00	Aluminum	2,606.75	30.35
30-Year	1.6313	-0.37	16.4	AED	3.6731	0.0000	0.00	Crude Oil	70.69	38.47

## US Treasuries

	Yield %	1D Δ (%)	Yield %	1D Δ (%)	Yield %	1D Δ (%)
2-Year	0.24	0.00	0.11	-0.01	-0.74	0.00
5-Year	0.79	0.03	0.26	-0.04	-0.80	0.00
10-Year	1.29	0.04	0.53	-0.04	-0.62	0.00
30-Year	1.91	0.12	0.94	-0.04	-0.03	0.00

## Currencies

## Commodities

## 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	BB-
Tunisia	B3	NR	B-
Morocco	Ba1	BB+	BB+
US	Aaa	AA+u	AAA
UK	Aa3	AAu	AA-
China	A1	A+	A+

## USD 5Yr CDS

	25-Aug 2021	31-Dec 2020
Kuwait	46.57	40.69
KSA	52.00	63.77
Abu Dhabi	41.25	36.03
Dubai	77.22	104.06
Qatar	41.44	36.70
Bahrain	245.00	233.58
Oman	239.64	353.60
Iraq	573.32	542.74
Egypt	348.53	330.47
Morocco	94.64	102.56
Turkey	374.59	299.47
US	7.85	11.52
UK	7.93	15.13
China	34.44	26.70
Japan	16.45	14.74
Germany	8.67	9.09
France	19.02	14.42