

News Updates

Kuwait's Equate Petrochemical sells \$700 million in 7-year bonds –

Kuwait's Equate Petrochemical Company sold on Wednesday \$700 million in seven-year bonds after receiving over \$3.6 billion in orders for the debt sale, a document showed. The bonds were launched at 140 basis points (bps) over U.S. Treasuries, tightened from initial guidance of around 170 bps over Treasuries, the document from one of the banks on the deal showed. Citi, JPMorgan, MUFG and NBK Capital led the deal. BNP Paribas, HSBC, Mizuho, SMBC Nikko and Standard Chartered were also on the deal. (Source: Zawya)

Treasury-Buying Spree of \$17 Billion Has UAE Eclipsing China –

The United Arab Emirates went on its biggest Treasury-buying spree on record in February, purchasing more of the safe-haven securities than China in one of the worst months for U.S. debt markets in years. The Gulf nation, OPEC's third-biggest crude producer, raised its stockpile by about \$17 billion to \$50.6 billion, making it the largest buyer after the U.K. that month, according to U.S. Treasury Department data. (Source: Bloomberg)

DIB lists \$500m perpetual Additional Tier 1 Sukuk on Nasdaq Dubai –

Nasdaq Dubai has welcomed the listing of a \$500 million perpetual Additional Tier 1 Sukuk issued by Dubai Islamic Bank (DIB), according to a press release on Wednesday. With the lowest yield of 3.375% by a GCC bank on an Additional Tier 1 instrument, the Sukuk issuance was 5.6 times oversubscribed with an order book valued at \$2.8 billion. Following the latest \$500 million listing, the total value of the bank's Sukuk issuance on Nasdaq Dubai reached \$6.3 billion. The Sukuk strengthens Dubai's position as one of the largest centres for Sukuk listings globally, with a total listed value standing at \$74.66 billion. (Source: Mubasher)

Erdogan Says Turkey May Use FX Reserves Again When Necessary –

Turkey had to use the central bank's foreign-currency reserves to weather developments in 2019 and 2020 and may use them “again when needed,” President Recep Tayyip Erdogan says in speech to lawmakers in Ankara on Wednesday. “The central bank currently has around \$90 billion in reserves. These reserves may be used again when needed or they may rise above \$100 billion” in the future. Erdogan provides breakdown of the use of total \$165 billion in central bank reserves over past two years: \$30 billion was used to finance current account deficit and \$31 billion for capital outflows. (Source: Zawya)

GCC Sovereign Yields

Sovereigns	Maturity	Yield %	Price Δ (YTD %)	Sovereigns	Maturity	Yield %	Price Δ (YTD %)
Abu Dhabi	2025	0.87	-0.80	KSA	2025	1.37	-1.20
Abu Dhabi	2030	2.03	-3.78	KSA	2030	2.46	-3.74
Abu Dhabi	2050	3.17	-7.61	KSA	2050	3.68	-6.89
Bahrain	2026	3.33	-0.89	Oman	2025	3.23	3.03
Bahrain	2030	5.37	-4.45	Oman	2029	4.93	3.08
Bahrain	2047	6.86	-8.84	Oman	2048	6.59	1.84
Dubai	2029	2.64	-1.22	Qatar	2025	1.01	-1.25
Kuwait	2022	0.18	-0.76	Qatar	2030	2.17	-4.58
Kuwait	2027	1.53	-2.89	Qatar	2050	3.34	-8.77

Bonds and Sukuk Indices

Index Name	Yield %	Duration (yrs)	1D Δ (%)	YTD Δ (%)
Bloomberg GCC FI Index	2.71	8.08	-0.06	-1.54
S&P MENA Bond and Sukuk Index	2.35	NA	-0.16	-2.30
Bloomberg Emerging Markets USD Index	3.89	6.80	0.04	-2.14
Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index	1.10	7.42	0.02	-2.90

Interbank Rates (%)

	3 Months		6 Months		12 Months	
	22/4/2021	31/12/2020	22/4/2021	31/12/2020	22/4/2021	31/12/2020
KIBOR	1.5000	1.4375	1.6875	1.6875	2.0000	1.9375
SAIBOR	0.7971	0.8175	0.8443	0.8700	0.9171	0.9413
BHIBOR	1.2867	2.2500	1.3917	2.5333	1.6417	2.6833
QATAR	1.1422	1.1206	1.2000	1.1960	1.3542	1.3636
AEIBOR	0.3500	0.5125	0.5750	0.4908	0.5250	0.6538
EURIBOR	-0.5380	-0.5450	-0.5130	-0.5260	-0.4730	-0.4990
LIBOR	0.1838	0.2384	0.2226	0.2576	0.2870	0.3419

USD Swap Rates

	Currencies			Commodities		
	Yield %	1D Δ (bps)	YTD Δ (%)	USD	1D Δ (bps)	YTD Δ (%)
1-Year	0.2052	-0.05	6.6	KWD	0.3015	0.1161
2-Year	0.2673	-0.05	35.1	SAR	3.7504	0.0000
5-Year	0.8828	-0.28	105.3	BHD	0.3770	0.0000
7-Year	1.2269	-0.56	87.4	QAR	3.6420	0.0192
10-Year	1.5430	-0.64	66.8	OMR	0.3850	0.0000
30-Year	1.9781	-0.55	41.1	AED	3.6731	0.0000

US Treasuries

	Yield %	1D Δ (%)		Yield %	1D Δ (%)		Yield %	1D Δ (%)
2-Year	0.15	0.01		0.02	0.01		-0.69	0.00
5-Year	0.79	0.05		0.30	0.05		-0.70	0.02
10-Year	1.55	0.10		0.72	0.14		-0.40	0.13
30-Year	2.24	0.24		1.27	0.32		0.26	0.39

Currencies

	USD	1D Δ (bps)	YTD Δ (%)		USD	1D Δ (bps)	YTD Δ (%)
Gold	1,791.80	-5.83		Silver	26.60	0.23	
Copper	427.65	21.27		Nat. Gas	2.70	5.83	
Aluminum	2,354.50	18.54		Crude Oil	65.18	26.17	

UK Gilts

	Yield %	1D Δ (%)		Yield %	1D Δ (%)
2-Year	0.15	0.01		0.02	0.01
5-Year	0.79	0.05		0.30	0.05
10-Year	1.55	0.10		0.72	0.14
30-Year	2.24	0.24		1.27	0.32

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German Bunds

	Yield %	1D Δ (%)
2-Year	0.15	0.01
5-Year	0.79	0.05
10-Year	1.55	0.10
30-Year	2.24	0.24

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

USD 5Yr CDS	22-Apr 2021	31-Dec 2020
Kuwait	46.40	40.69
KSA	65.03	63.77
Abu Dhabi	43.33	36.03
Dubai	91.18	104.06
Qatar	43.38	36.70
Bahrain	189.63	233.58
Oman	264.74	353.60
Iraq	491.45	542.74
Egypt	314.04	330.47
Morocco	89.64	102.56
Turkey	414.00	299.47
US	8.11	11.52
UK	9.28	15.13
China	37.33	26.70
Japan	15.64	14.74
Germany	9.59	9.09
France	20.38	14.42