

News Updates

Doha Bank secures \$762.5mln syndicated loan – Doha Bank said on Monday it had secured a three-year \$762.5 million syndicated loan coordinated by Mizuho and Intesa Sanpaolo for general corporate and working capital purposes. A group of 16 banks offered the loan, which can be extended by an additional year, pays a margin of 85 basis points annually over the London Interbank Offered Rate based on U.S. dollar, and was drawn in full on Dec. 23. Doha Bank did not name the other lenders. "Launched in November, the Facility was originally targeting deal size of US\$350,000,000," Doha Bank said in a bourse filing. It was upsized after strong interest from existing and new relationship banks in the EMEA (Europe, the Middle East and Africa) and Asia regions, the Qatari lender said. In March, Doha Bank raised a \$685 million loan and sold \$500 million in five-year bonds. Fitch placed Doha Bank and other Qatari lenders on "rating watch negative" in October, citing increasing reliance on external funding and recent rapid asset growth. (Source: Reuters)

Emerging Markets Seen Rising in 2022, But Not Until July – Emerging-market assets are set to rise in 2022 as moderating inflation and accelerating growth trigger gains, but that won't happen until the second half of the year. That's the consensus among investors like Goldman Sachs Group Inc., Morgan Stanley and JPMorgan Chase & Co. who spoke with Bloomberg on the outlook for developing-nation stocks, bonds and currencies in the new year. As for specifics, they are looking for a Chinese equity rally and gains in local-currency bonds in countries such as Poland, Czech Republic and Hungary. A mid-year recovery would mark a turnaround for a sector that's about to wrap up its worst year since 2018. While this year's narrative has been dominated by rising consumer prices, disparate Covid-19 vaccine rollouts and gains in the U.S. dollar driven by expectations of Federal Reserve tightening, better variables may come into play later in the year. Investors already see signs of recovery as policy makers get tough on inflation by boosting rates, while a peak in U.S. growth may hand the advantage back to developing economies, they say. (Source: Bloomberg)

Oil prices rise to highest level in a month as Omicron concern eases – Oil prices rose more than 2% on Monday to the highest level since late November on hopes that the Omicron coronavirus variant will have a limited impact on global demand in 2022, even as surging cases caused flight cancellations. Global benchmark Brent crude rose \$2.46, or 3.2%, to settle at \$78.60 a barrel. U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude rose \$1.78, or 2.4%, to settle at \$75.57 a barrel. The U.S. market was closed on Friday for a holiday. Both benchmarks rose on Monday to the highest since Nov. 26. On that day, oil plunged by more than 10% when reports of a new variant first appeared. The benchmarks gained last week after early data suggested that Omicron could cause a milder level of illness. Also on investors' radar is the next OPEC+ meeting on Jan. 4, at which the producer alliance will decide whether to go ahead with a planned 400,000 barrels-per-day (bpd) production increase in February. OPEC+ stuck to its plans at its last meeting to boost output for January despite Omicron. (Source: Reuters)

GCC Sovereign Yields

Sovereigns	Maturity	Yield %	Price Δ (YTD %)	Sovereigns	Maturity	Yield %	Price Δ (YTD %)
Abu Dhabi	2025	1.19	-2.86	KSA	2025	1.45	-2.51
Abu Dhabi	2030	1.99	-4.05	KSA	2030	2.23	-2.41
Abu Dhabi	2050	2.96	-4.21	KSA	2050	3.44	-3.30
Bahrain	2026	4.21	-5.73	Oman	2025	3.30	1.84
Bahrain	2030	5.64	-6.74	Oman	2029	4.71	4.05
Bahrain	2047	7.40	-14.57	Oman	2048	6.55	2.31
Dubai	2029	2.53	-1.62	Qatar	2025	1.39	-3.77
Kuwait	2022	-0.37	-2.32	Qatar	2030	2.08	-4.62
Kuwait	2027	1.60	-4.34	Qatar	2050	3.06	-4.40

Bonds and Sukuk Indices

Index Name	Yield %	Duration (yrs)	1D Δ (%)	YTD Δ (%)
Bloomberg GCC FI Index	2.78	8.08	0.06	0.91
S&P MENA Bond and Sukuk Index	2.40	NA	-0.04	0.31
Bloomberg Emerging Markets USD Index	4.32	6.80	0.09	-1.82
Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index	1.31	7.42	-0.02	-4.78

Interbank Rates (%)

	3 Months		6 Months		12 Months	
	28/12/2021	31/12/2020	28/12/2021	31/12/2020	28/12/2021	31/12/2020
KIBOR	1.5000	1.4375	1.7500	1.6875	2.0000	1.9375
SAIBOR	0.9014	0.8175	0.9714	0.8700	1.0543	0.9413
BHIBOR	1.5167	2.2500	1.6233	2.5333	1.7667	2.6833
QATAR	1.1500	1.1206	1.2000	1.1960	1.3500	1.3636
AEIBOR	0.4639	0.5125	0.4900	0.4908	0.7595	0.6538
EURIBOR	-0.5870	-0.5450	-0.5440	-0.5260	-0.4940	-0.4990
LIBOR	0.2179	0.2384	0.3433	0.2576	0.5671	0.3419

USD Swap Rates				Currencies			Commodities		
	Yield %	1D Δ (bps)	YTD Δ (%)	USD	1D Δ (bps)	YTD Δ (%)	USD	YTD Δ (%)	
1-Year	0.5388	0.14	179.9	KWD	0.3026	0.0000	0.25	Gold	1,810.00
2-Year	0.9401	-0.02	375.3	SAR	3.7565	0.0027	-0.11	Silver	23.04
5-Year	1.3528	0.03	214.6	BHD	0.3770	0.0027	0.00	Copper	444.80
7-Year	1.4477	-0.03	121.2	QAR	3.6416	-0.0082	-0.01	Nat. Gas	4.13
10-Year	1.5475	-0.30	67.2	OMR	0.3850	-0.0052	-0.01	Aluminum	2,839.50
30-Year	1.7167	-0.38	22.4	AED	3.6727	0.0082	0.01	Crude Oil	78.91

US Treasuries			UK Gilts		German Bunds	
	Yield %	1D Δ (%)	Yield %	1D Δ (%)	Yield %	1D Δ (%)
2-Year	0.74	0.01	0.62	0.01	NA	NA
5-Year	1.25	0.00	0.75	0.00	-0.69	-0.07
10-Year	1.47	0.04	0.92	0.00	-0.38	-0.10
30-Year	1.88	0.12	1.09	0.00	0.08	0.25

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	Caa1	NR	B-
Morocco	Ba1	BB+	BB+
US	Aaa	AA+u	AAA
UK	Aa3	AAu	AA-
China	A1	A+	A+

USD 5Yr CDS	28-Dec 2021	31-Dec 2020
Kuwait	40.53	40.69
KSA	50.87	63.77
Abu Dhabi	42.21	36.03
Dubai	89.58	104.06
Qatar	42.56	36.70
Bahrain	285.39	233.58
Oman	254.41	353.60
Iraq	506.36	542.74
Egypt	496.62	330.47
Morocco	85.48	102.56
Turkey	550.62	299.47
US	10.05	11.52
UK	7.93	15.13
China	40.33	26.70
Japan	16.28	14.74
Germany	7.25	9.09
France	18.33	14.42