

News Updates

Dubai's Tabreed sets up framework for green finance – Dubai-based National Central Cooling Company, also known as Tabreed, said it has set up a green financing framework which will help it issue green bonds and raise loans. The proceeds of such issuances will be used for financing green projects among its core businesses relating to district cooling schemes, as well as projects related to energy and water efficiency and wastewater management, the Dubai financial Market-listed company said in a bourse filing on Monday. It didn't disclose any immediate plans for issuing bonds. In January, Abu Dhabi-based solar energy firm Sweihan PV Power Co sold green senior secured bonds worth \$700.8 million at a coupon rate of 3.625 percent. Green financing is expected to play an increasing role in project funding in the GCC as regional governments committed to sustainability targets in line with COP26. (Source: Zawya)

S&P Affirms Qatar Insurance Co. 'A' Ratings; Outlook Negative – S&P Global Ratings affirmed its 'A' issuer credit and financial strength ratings on Qatar Insurance Co. Q.S.P.C (QIC) and its guaranteed subsidiaries. The outlook remains negative. At the same time, the rating agency affirmed their 'BBB+' rating on QIC's subordinated debt issued through Qatar Reinsurance Company Ltd. and QIC (Cayman) Ltd. The negative outlook reflects the risk that QIC's international division will continue to drive underwriting losses for the group over the next 12 months. (Source: S&P Global Ratings)

Russia will be excluded from all JPMorgan fixed income indexes – Russia will be excluded from all of JPMorgan's fixed income indexes on March 31, the bank said in a statement on Monday, joining rival index providers that had excluded Russian securities from their indexes after Moscow's invasion of Ukraine. JPMorgan had placed Russia on index watch on March 1 after sanctions were imposed on the country. The Wall Street bank runs the widely followed family of sovereign hard-currency indexes EMBI, as well as a corporate debt counterpart CEMBI. Russia's weighting in key emerging market indexes took a sharp hit after sanctions were imposed in the wake of Moscow's annexation of Crimea in 2014. The weightings subsequently recovered some ground, only to take another dive this year as tensions over Ukraine sharply escalated in recent weeks. (Source: Reuters)

Morgan Stanley CEO Says Fed Should Start Hiking Despite War – Morgan Stanley Chief Executive Officer James Gorman said the Federal Reserve should still commence a series of rate hikes despite the geopolitical and economic risks sparked by the war in Ukraine. The Fed will likely need to make "inexorable" rate increases in order to contain surging price pressures in the wake of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, Gorman said. While Gorman expects that Chair Jerome Powell will make four 25-point hikes this year, the Wall Street CEO warned that he will need to tread carefully. (Source: Bloomberg)

GCC Sovereign Yields

Sovereigns	Maturity	Yield %	Price Δ (YTD %)	Sovereigns	Maturity	Yield %	Price Δ (YTD %)
Abu Dhabi	2027	1.96	-1.61	KSA	2027	2.19	-1.97
Abu Dhabi	2031	2.34	-2.95	KSA	2032	2.67	-2.60
Abu Dhabi	2050	3.30	-6.12	KSA	2050	3.92	-7.72
Bahrain	2028	5.04	-2.12	Oman	2027	4.85	-2.98
Bahrain	2032	6.35	-4.76	Oman	2032	5.76	-3.77
Bahrain	2051	7.48	-7.42	Oman	2051	7.01	-5.39
Dubai	2029	2.84	-2.29	Qatar	2026	2.08	-2.05
Kuwait	2022	-6.15	-0.37	Qatar	2030	2.57	-3.32
Kuwait	2027	2.11	-2.45	Qatar	2050	3.44	-6.29

Bonds and Sukuk Indices

Index Name	Yield %	Duration (yrs)	1D Δ (%)	YTD Δ (%)
Bloomberg GCC FI Index	3.37	8.08	-0.17	-3.28
S&P MENA Bond and Sukuk Index	2.95	NA	-0.12	-3.24
Bloomberg Emerging Markets USD Index	6.03	6.80	-0.83	-9.23
Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index	1.75	7.42	-0.56	-3.98

Interbank Rates (%)

	3 Months		6 Months		12 Months	
	08/03/2022	31/12/2021	08/03/2022	31/12/2021	08/03/2022	31/12/2021
KIBOR	1.5000	1.5000	1.7500	1.7500	2.0625	2.0000
SAIBOR	1.6193	0.9057	1.6934	0.9829	1.8913	1.0600
BHIBOR	1.6000	1.5167	1.9033	1.6233	2.4000	1.7667
QATAR	1.1500	1.1250	1.2000	1.2000	1.3500	1.3250
AEIBOR	0.6908	0.3645	1.0274	0.7000	1.3938	0.7396
EURIBOR	-0.5200	-0.5730	-0.4820	-0.5460	-0.3590	-0.4980
LIBOR	0.6101	0.2144	0.9394	0.3451	1.3529	0.5888

USD Swap Rates				Currencies				Commodities		
	Yield %	1D Δ (bps)	YTD Δ (%)		USD	1D Δ (bps)	YTD Δ (%)		USD	YTD Δ (%)
1-Year	1.3540	3.06	153.1	KWD	0.3039	-0.1975	-0.43	Gold	1,991.20	8.75
2-Year	1.7450	2.30	85.4	SAR	3.7528	0.0000	0.08	Silver	25.67	9.77
5-Year	1.7993	1.53	31.4	BHD	0.3770	-0.0053	0.00	Copper	476.85	7.07
7-Year	1.8217	1.62	23.4	QAR	3.6416	-0.0082	0.00	Nat. Gas	4.80	36.73
10-Year	1.8741	1.79	18.5	OMR	0.3850	0.0026	-0.06	Aluminum	3,733.00	32.94
30-Year	1.8893	0.45	9.1	AED	3.6730	0.0082	0.00	Crude Oil	125.93	63.76

US Treasuries			UK Gilts		German Bunds	
Yield %	1D Δ (%)		Yield %	1D Δ (%)	Yield %	1D Δ (%)
2-Year	1.56	-0.01	1.15	-0.23	NA	NA
5-Year	1.72	-0.05	1.07	-0.54	-0.63	-0.13
10-Year	1.79	-0.13	1.30	-1.07	-0.20	-0.44
30-Year	2.19	-0.02	1.50	-1.15	0.14	-0.58

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

USD 5Yr CDS	08-Mar 2022	31-Dec 2021
Kuwait	53.04	40.53
KSA	53.93	50.97
Abu Dhabi	53.51	43.09
Dubai	95.14	89.58
Qatar	53.83	42.55
Bahrain	294.07	286.32
Oman	238.20	254.42
Iraq	NA	507.35
Egypt	894.56	496.58
Morocco	93.95	85.91
Turkey	697.65	555.46
US	15.61	10.01
UK	13.69	8.91
China	63.45	39.86
Japan	16.63	16.23
Germany	14.90	7.53
France	24.47	17.87