

Kuwait's Warba Bank Hires Standard Chartered for Islamic Bond - Kuwait's Warba Bank hired lenders including Standard Chartered Plc to sell dollar-denominated Islamic bonds, according to people with knowledge of the matter. The Shariah-compliant lender is also working with Emirates NBD PJSC and BNP Paribas SA on the benchmark-sized sale, said the people, asking not to be identified because the information isn't public. A benchmark sale usually raises at least \$500 million. More banks could be added as joint lead arrangers and bookrunners, they said. Warba Bank is rated Baa2 by Moody's Investors Service Inc. and A+ by Fitch Ratings Inc. It last sold Islamic bonds in 2017 when it raised \$250 million. The bank has a \$2 billion sukuk program and will use the proceeds for general corporate purposes.

UAE's National Bank of Fujairah is said to pick banks for bond sale - National Bank of Fujairah PJSC selected banks to manage a potential sale of dollar-denominated bonds, Bloomberg news reported Wednesday citing people with knowledge of the plan. The lender, based in the emirate of Fujairah in the United Arab Emirates, is planning to arrange a sale of benchmark-sized perpetual or Tier I securities and the transaction is likely to take place in September, the people said. National Bank of Fujairah is rated Baa1/Stable by Moody's and BBB+/Stable by S&P.

Saudi Arabia's Red Sea Development seeks to raise \$3.5bn through a 15-year loan - The Red Sea Development Co. started discussions with local lenders for a SAR 13bn (\$3.47bn) loan in what would be its first borrowing to transform Saudi Arabia's Red Sea coast into a global tourism destination. The loan may have a 15-year tenor and is likely to be backed by the kingdom's sovereign wealth fund, the Public Investment Fund. Saudi Arabia is developing its coastline as part of plans to transform the economy and cut its reliance on oil. The project will cover 90 islands and 28,000 square kilometers (11,000 square miles).

Egypt's Finance Ministry auctions T-bills worth EGP 18.7 bln - Central bank Egypt's Finance Ministry auctions EGP 19 bln Treasury bills Egypt's finance ministry auctions T-bills worth EGP 19 bln The Ministry of Finance has auctioned treasury bills at a total value of EGP 18.7 billion. In an online statement on Sunday, the ministry said it sold 91-day T-bills worth EGP 9 billion with an average yield of 16.443 percent. The yield ranged between 16.252% and 16.482%.

Trump says China trade deal coming, Beijing calls for resolution of dispute - US President Donald Trump on Monday predicted a trade deal with China after positive gestures by Beijing, calming global markets that have been roiled by new tariffs from the world's two largest economies. Trump said after a G7 summit of world leaders in Biarritz, France, that he believed China was sincere about wanting to reach a deal, citing what he described as increasing economic pressure on Beijing and job losses there.

GCC Bonds & Sukuk: Best and worst Performers (27 August 2019)

Best daily Performers	Daily change	Worst daily Performers	Daily change
Ezdan Sukuk 21	0.50%	NMC Health 23	-0.94%
Dubai Aerospace 21	0.18%	Ezdan Sukuk 22	-0.32%
Mumtalakat 24	0.14%	Al Baraka Bank Perp	-0.30%
Best YTD Performers	YTD change	Worst YTD Performers	YTD change
Abu Dhabi Govt. 47	26.83%	Etihad Airways 20	-28.54%
KSA Govt. 50	26.76%	Etihad Airways 21	-16.99%
KSA Govt. 49	26.09%	Ras Gas 19	-2.01%

Source: Bloomberg

Bonds & Sukuk Indices (27 August 2019)

Index Name	Price	1D Chng	YTD	Yield
S&P MENA Bond and Sukuk Index	136.660	-0.30%	13.26%	2.81%
S&P MENA Bond Index	139.330	-0.33%	14.37%	2.82%
S&P MENA Sukuk Index	128.850	-0.17%	9.57%	2.77%
Bloomberg Global Developed Sovereign Bond Index	121.897	0.03%	5.09%	0.44%
Bloomberg USD Emerging Market Composite Bond Index	236.876	-0.01%	12.96%	
Dow Jones Sukuk Index	106.421	-0.08%	7.50%	

Interbank Rates (%)

	3 Months		6 Months		12 Months	
	27/08/2019	31/12/2018	27/08/2019	31/12/2018	27/08/2019	31/12/2018
SAIBOR	2.4371	1.8988	2.4300	2.0875	2.4286	2.2863
KIBOR	2.8125	1.8750	3.0000	2.0625	3.2500	2.3750
BHIBOR	2.5500	2.4500	3.1667	2.9000	3.2833	3.2750
QATAR	2.7711	2.7342	2.9319	2.8868	3.1913	3.0468
AEIBOR	2.4035	1.8310	2.5364	2.0513	2.4488	2.5648
EURIBOR	-0.4120	-0.3290	-0.4080	-0.2710	-0.3580	-0.1860
LIBOR	2.1444	1.6858	2.0801	1.8336	2.0285	2.1022

U.S. Treasuries

	Current Yield (%)	1D Chng
1-Year	1.73	-0.016
2-Year	1.52	0.029
5-Year	1.40	0.098
7-Year	1.46	0.133
10-Year	1.52	0.180
30-Year	2.02	0.367

USD Swap rates

	Rates (%)	1D Chng (%)
2-Y	1.518	-0.01%
5-Y	1.351	-0.02%
10-Y	1.436	-0.02%
30-Y	1.637	-0.01%

German Bund

	Current Yield (%)	1D Chng (Bps)
2-Y	-0.65	0.557
5-Y	-0.92	0.050
10-Y	-0.79	-0.001
30-Y	-0.16	-0.037

UK Gilts

	Current Yield (%)	1D Chng (Bps)
2-Y	0.39	0.396
5-Y	0.37	0.002
10-Y	0.56	-0.040
30-Y	1.08	0.044

Sovereign Ratings

	Moody's	S&P	Fitch
Abu Dhabi	Aa2	AA	AA
Bahrain	B2	B+	BB-
Kuwait	Aa2	AA	AA
Oman	Ba1	BB	BB+
Qatar	Aa3	AA-	AA-
KSA	A1	A-	A+
UAE	Aa2	NR	NR
Egypt	B2	B-	B+
Lebanon	B3	B-	B
Turkey	Baa3	BB+	BBB-
Tunisia	Ba3	NR	B+
Morocco	Ba1	BBB-	BBB-
Jordan	B1	B+	BB-
China	Aa3	AA-	A+
UK	Aa2	AA	AA
USA	Aaa	AA+	AAA

USD 5-Year CDS

	YTD (%)
Abu Dhabi	46.890 -27.07
Kuwait	46.970 -24.40
Dubai	126.150 1.49
Bahrain	247.020 -11.76
Qatar	47.820 -39.98
KSA	67.530 -34.05
Egypt	283.630 -23.84
Lebanon	1084.620 48.56
Turkey	418.916 16.55
Iraq	340.040 -23.80
Morocco	104.850 2.02
China	47.535 -27.99
France	19.840 -44.74
Germany	9.500 -24.21
Japan	21.831 -10.02
UK	32.310 -13.38
US	11.910 -33.21