

News Updates

Ooredoo Returns Successfully to Debt Capital Markets with \$1 Billion Bond Issuance – Ooredoo Q.P.S.C. announced Wednesday the successful pricing of its \$1 billion issuance of senior unsecured Reg S/Rule 144A notes (The Notes). The Notes are to be issued by its wholly owned subsidiary Ooredoo International Finance Limited under the existing \$5 billion Global Medium Term Notes programme on the Irish Stock Exchange. The Notes will be unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by Ooredoo, the Group said in a statement. The Notes will mature on April, 8 2031 and will have a coupon of 2.625% per year. The transaction was priced at a spread to the 10-year US Treasuries of 103.4 basis points, the statement added. The issuance was more than 3.4 times over-subscribed at its peak. The Notes are rated A2 by Moodys, A- by S&P and A- by Fitch. The issuance was arranged and offered through a syndicate of Joint Lead Managers and Bookrunners comprising of Barclays Bank PLC, BNP Paribas, Citigroup Global Markets Limited, Credit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank, DBS Bank Ltd., Mizuho International plc, QNB Capital LLC and Standard Chartered Bank. (Source: OAPNA)

Bahrain's NOGA sells \$600m in 8-year Islamic bonds – Bahrain's National Oil and Gas Holding Company (NOGA Holding) launched eight-year sukuk, or Islamic bonds, on Wednesday to raise \$600 million at 5.25%, a document from one of the banks on the deal showed. NOGA, wholly owned by the Bahraini government, had given initial price guidance of 5.75%-5.875% for the sukuk. Earlier in the day, the company was expected to issue \$500 million but upped the size and brought the pricing down after receiving more than \$2.9 billion in demand. A source close to the deal said launching 50-62.5 bps tighter than initial guidance "is unheard of in current markets" and that other emerging markets deals generally move around 25 bps. (Source: Zawya)

X-S&PGR Publishes Q2 Economic Outlook On Emerging Markets – Improved global growth prospects, better-than-expected performance in Q4, and in some cases, more supportive fiscal stance than S&P Global Ratings previously assumed have prompted it to lift its 2021 growth expectations for emerging market (EM) economies, according to its recently published report titled "Economic Outlook Emerging Markets Q2 2021: Tailwinds From Stronger Global Growth, But Several Challenges On The Radar". Near-term outlook for domestic activity across EMs remains soft, and tied to the pandemic's trajectory and related restrictions, which is mitigated by a resilient foreign trade. We expect growth in most EMs to accelerate as the year progresses, vaccinations gather pace, and global demand strengthens. The adjustments to the recent increase in long-term U.S. treasury yields have so far been generally orderly for most EMs, given that it has been accompanied by higher global growth expectations, a dynamic that's beneficial for EMs. Significant tightening of financial conditions in EMs amid the widening divergence between the U.S. rebound and the rest of the world is a downside risk. (Source: Bloomberg)

GCC Sovereign Yields

Sovereigns	Maturity	Yield %	Price Δ (YTD %)	Sovereigns	Maturity	Yield %	Price Δ (YTD %)
Abu Dhabi	2025	1.03	-1.36	KSA	2025	1.45	-1.44
Abu Dhabi	2030	2.18	-4.89	KSA	2030	2.57	-4.61
Abu Dhabi	2050	3.37	-10.94	KSA	2050	3.91	-10.27
Bahrain	2026	3.45	-1.27	Oman	2025	3.52	2.03
Bahrain	2030	5.68	-6.43	Oman	2029	5.33	0.50
Bahrain	2047	7.07	-11.11	Oman	2048	7.06	-3.90
Dubai	2029	2.72	-1.85	Qatar	2025	1.11	-1.47
Kuwait	2022	0.18	-0.66	Qatar	2030	2.24	-5.05
Kuwait	2027	1.57	-3.08	Qatar	2050	3.47	-10.91

Bonds and Sukuk Indices

Index Name	Yield %	Duration (yrs)	1D Δ (%)	YTD Δ (%)
Bloomberg GCC FI Index	2.81	8.08	0.05	-2.99
S&P MENA Bond and Sukuk Index	2.38	NA	0.03	-3.52
Bloomberg Emerging Markets USD Index	4.01	6.80	0.08	-3.48
Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index	1.16	7.42	0.11	-4.46

Interbank Rates (%)

	3 Months		6 Months		12 Months	
	1/4/2021	31/12/2020	1/4/2021	31/12/2020	1/4/2021	31/12/2020
KIBOR	1.5000	1.4375	1.6875	1.6875	2.0000	1.9375
SAIBOR	0.7963	0.8175	0.8438	0.8700	0.9163	0.9413
BHIBOR	1.2667	2.2500	1.3917	2.5333	1.6417	2.6833
QATAR	0.9801	1.1206	1.1023	1.1960	1.2463	1.3636
AEIBOR	0.3957	0.5125	0.6014	0.4908	0.6010	0.6538
EURIBOR	-0.5400	-0.5450	-0.5190	-0.5260	-0.4940	-0.4990
LIBOR	0.2016	0.2384	0.2068	0.2576	0.2866	0.3419

USD Swap Rates

	Yield %	1D Δ (bps)	YTD Δ (%)
1-Year	0.2131	-0.31	10.7
2-Year	0.2911	-0.04	47.2
5-Year	1.0504	-0.69	144.3
7-Year	1.4350	-1.19	119.2
10-Year	1.7645	-1.72	90.7
30-Year	2.1765	-2.25	55.2

Currencies

	USD	1D Δ (bps)	YTD Δ (%)
KWD	0.3022	-0.0827	0.35
SAR	3.7504	0.0000	0.04
BHD	0.3771	-0.0053	-0.01
QAR	3.6421	-0.0082	-0.01
OMR	0.3850	0.0000	0.00
AED	3.6731	0.0000	0.00

Commodities

	USD	YTD Δ (%)
Gold	1,711.60	-10.05
Silver	24.29	-8.25
Copper	396.05	12.39
Nat. Gas	2.60	1.60
Aluminum	2,194.25	10.69
Crude Oil	63.07	22.09

US Treasuries

	Yield %	1D Δ (%)
2-Year	0.16	0.01
5-Year	0.94	0.02
10-Year	1.73	0.16
30-Year	2.39	0.51

UK Gilts

	Yield %	1D Δ (%)
2-Year	0.09	-0.05
5-Year	0.39	-0.14
10-Year	0.84	-0.24
30-Year	1.39	-0.80

German Bunds

	Yield %	1D Δ (%)
2-Year	-0.66	0.00
5-Year	-0.70	0.00
10-Year	-0.41	0.00
30-Year	0.25	0.00

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	BBB-	BB+
US	Aaa	AA+u	AAA
UK	Aa3	AAu	AA-
China	A1	A+	A+
USD 5Yr CDS	1-Apr 2021	31-Dec 2020	
Kuwait	47.11	40.69	
KSA	68.68	63.77	
Abu Dhabi	48.30	36.03	
Dubai	98.62	104.06	
Qatar	48.29	36.70	
Bahrain	192.87	233.58	
Oman	279.83	353.60	
Iraq	557.77	542.74	
Egypt	318.76	330.47	
Morocco	95.21	102.56	
Turkey	469.18	299.47	
US	9.24	11.52	
UK	11.30	15.13	
China	33.33	26.70	
Japan	15.65	14.74	
Germany	9.13	9.09	
France	16.24	14.42	