

## News Updates

**Fitch revises Saudi Arabia's outlook to 'positive' from 'stable'** - Ratings agency Fitch revised its outlook on Saudi Arabia to "positive" from "stable" on Thursday, citing improvements in the country's sovereign balance sheet given higher oil revenues. Saudi Arabia expects to post its first budget surplus in nearly a decade this year by keeping a tight rein on its budget while revenues roll in, boosted by higher crude prices, Finance Minister Mohammed al-Jadaan said in December. The kingdom has increasingly relied on its \$450 billion sovereign wealth fund, the PIF, and other state entities to drive an ambitious spending push - leaving the government's books relatively clear while freeing it to raise debt if needed. S&P last month also raised Saudi Arabia's outlook to positive from stable. *(Source: Reuters)*

**Tunisia Rules Out Debt Overhaul in Any IMF Deal, Investor Says** - Tunisian central bankers are signaling that any economic rescue deal it seals with the International Monetary Fund won't include restructuring its international debt, according to an investor briefed on its plans. The central bank spelled out its position in a call with investors last week organized by Bank of America Corp. "The central bank was very clear in a call with a large number of investors that any program would not include a debt restructuring, a debt restructuring for a small amount of Eurobonds would not really help the situation at all." *(Source: Bloomberg)*

**Inflation surge slashes \$11tn from world's negative-yielding debt** - This year's hawkish change in tack from central banks is close to ending the era of negative-yielding debt, shrinking the global tally of bonds with sub-zero yields by \$11tn. Bond prices have tumbled this year as central banks move to end large-scale asset purchases and raise interest rates in their battle with soaring inflation, pushing yields in many big economies to their highest levels in years. As a result, bonds worth \$2.7tn currently trade at a yield of less than zero, the lowest figure since 2015, and a sharp plunge from more than \$14tn in mid-December, according to the Bloomberg global aggregate bond index — a broad gauge of the fixed income market. Wiping out negative yields entirely would mark a return to normality for a broad range of big investors. *(Source: FT)*

## GCC Sovereign Yields

Sovereigns	Maturity	Yield %	Price Δ (YTD %)	Sovereigns	Maturity	Yield %	Price Δ (YTD %)
Abu Dhabi	2027	2.90	-6.27	KSA	2027	2.97	-5.34
Abu Dhabi	2031	3.08	-8.53	KSA	2032	3.34	-8.18
Abu Dhabi	2050	3.95	-16.12	KSA	2050	4.44	-15.20
Bahrain	2028	5.03	-1.94	Oman	2027	4.69	-2.37
Bahrain	2032	6.19	-3.53	Oman	2032	5.59	-2.61
Bahrain	2051	7.33	-5.88	Oman	2051	6.96	-5.06
Dubai	2029	3.42	-5.82	Qatar	2026	3.58	-7.80
Dubai	2050	4.91	-12.73	Qatar	2030	3.25	-7.57
Kuwait	2027	2.89	-6.05	Qatar	2050	4.00	-15.00

## Bonds and Sukuk Indices

Index Name	Yield %	Duration (yrs)	1D Δ (%)	YTD Δ (%)
Bloomberg GCC FI Index	4.00	8.08	0.00	-7.05
S&P MENA Bond and Sukuk Index	3.71	NA	-0.11	-8.08
Bloomberg Emerging Markets USD Index	5.94	6.80	-0.27	-11.33
Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index	2.40	7.42	0.00	-9.20

## Interbank Rates (%)

	3 Months		6 Months		12 Months	
	17/04/2022	31/12/2021	17/04/2022	31/12/2021	17/04/2022	31/12/2021
KIBOR	1.6875	1.5000	1.9375	1.7500	2.2500	2.0000
SAIBOR	2.3910	0.9057	2.4229	0.9829	2.7883	1.0600
BHIBOR	1.9133	1.5167	2.1633	1.6233	2.8833	1.7667
QATAR	1.1500	1.1250	1.2000	1.2000	1.3500	1.3250
AEIBOR	1.1206	0.3645	1.7200	0.7000	2.3630	0.7396
EURIBOR	-0.4520	-0.5730	-0.3170	-0.5460	0.0030	-0.4980
LIBOR	1.0627	0.2144	1.5567	0.3451	2.2216	0.5888

USD Swap Rates				Currencies				Commodities		
	Yield %	1D Δ (bps)	YTD Δ (%)		USD	1D Δ (bps)	YTD Δ (%)		USD	YTD Δ (%)
1-Year	2.1405	6.51	300.1	KWD	0.3048	0.0984	-0.75	Gold	1,974.90	7.72
2-Year	2.7153	0.33	188.5	SAR	3.7499	0.0000	0.15	Silver	25.79	10.13
5-Year	2.8390	0.00	107.3	BHD	0.3770	0.0000	-0.01	Copper	474.10	6.72
7-Year	2.8491	0.00	93.1	QAR	3.6414	0.0055	0.01	Nat. Gas	7.30	107.09
10-Year	2.8757	-0.31	81.9	OMR	0.3850	0.0000	-0.06	Aluminum	3,275.50	16.75
30-Year	2.7205	-0.42	57.2	AED	3.6727	0.0082	0.00	Crude Oil	111.70	46.22

US Treasuries			UK Gilt		German Bunds	
	Yield %	1D Δ (%)	Yield %	1D Δ (%)	Yield %	1D Δ (%)
2-Year	2.45	0.00	1.54	-0.13	NA	NA
5-Year	2.79	0.00	1.61	-0.37	0.18	0.04
10-Year	2.83	0.02	1.89	-0.96	0.69	-0.40
30-Year	2.91	0.05	2.05	-2.08	0.98	-2.52

	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	BB-	BB-
Egypt	B2	B	B+
Lebanon	C	SD	RD
Jordan	B1	B+	BB-
Turkey	B2	B+	B+
Tunisia	Caa1	NR	CCC
Morocco	Ba1	BB+	BB+
US	Aaa	AA+	AAA
UK	Aa3	AA	AA-
China	A1	A+	A+

USD 5Yr CDS	17-Apr 2022	31-Dec 2021
Kuwait	51.32	40.53
KSA	51.32	50.97
Abu Dhabi	49.35	43.09
Dubai	90.94	89.58
Qatar	50.54	42.55
Bahrain	283.38	286.32
Oman	217.80	254.42
Iraq	279.74	507.35
Egypt	592.97	496.58
Morocco	98.51	85.91
Turkey	585.04	555.46
US	14.01	10.01
UK	9.77	8.91
China	57.21	39.86
Japan	16.43	16.23
Germany	11.64	7.53
France	25.17	17.87