

News Updates

Egypt's External Debt Jumps to \$134.8 Billion – Egypt's external debt increased by 4.37% during the first quarter of 2021, reaching a level of \$134.8 billion at the end of March, compared to \$129.1 billion in December 2020, an increase of \$5.64 billion. On an annual basis, the rate of increase in Egypt's foreign debt amounted to 21.15%, reaching \$123.5 billion in March 2020. The data of the Central Bank of Egypt (CBE) indicated that the balances of long-term external debt increased by 3.7% during Q1 2021 to reach \$ 121.58 billion at the end of March, compared to \$ 117.2 billion in December 2020, with an annual growth of about 20.4% from \$100.97 billion in March 2020. The long-term external debt to the total indebtedness declined marginally to 90.16% at the end of the first quarter, compared to 90.74% at the end of December. CBE stated that Egypt's total short-term foreign debt rose to \$13.26 billion by the end of March 2021, compared to \$11.96 billion last December, with a growth rate of 10.89%. It also increased on an annual basis by 28.5%, rising from the level of 10.316 billion in March 2020. (Source: See News)

Moody's: \$70 Oil Isn't Enough To Stabilize Iraq Right Now – Iraq's economy will strengthen this year as a result of higher oil prices but this will not be enough to stabilize it over the long term, according to Moody's. The ratings agency affirmed Iraq's stable outlook along with its long-term non-investment grade rating citing the country's continued over-reliance on oil revenues. “The rating affirmation reflects credit challenges posed by Iraq's exceptionally high economic and fiscal reliance on oil, and very weak institutions and governance that will continue to limit policy effectiveness, constrain the government's capacity to respond to external and domestic shocks and weigh on the already low competitiveness of Iraq's economy,” Moody's said as quoted by The National. (Source: Bloomberg)

U.S. yields climb as rally stalls after 8-day streak – U.S. Treasury yields climbed on Friday, halting an eight-day price rally that was fueled in part by worries the economic recovery had already peaked and was showing signs of faltering amid a surge in coronavirus infections in many places around the globe. Recent data on the labor market and services sector has given investors pause that the U.S. economy may not be strengthening as fast as initially anticipated and could be showing signs of emerging underlying weakness, while the Delta variant of COVID-19 has heightened fears that economies around the world may need to reimpose restrictions. The yield on 10-year Treasury notes was up 7 basis points to 1.358% after falling as low as 1.25% on Thursday, the lowest level since Feb. 16. The eight days of declines for the 10-year yield marked the longest such streak since a nine-session drop that ended on March 3, 2020, as the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States was gaining speed. Also contributing to the drop in yields, analysts said, was recent volatility in the oil markets, a lack of supply with a dearth of longer-term government auctions this week and a market that was largely short. (Source: Reuters)

GCC Sovereign Yields

Sovereigns	Maturity	Yield %	Price Δ (YTD %)	Sovereigns	Maturity	Yield %	Price Δ (YTD %)
Abu Dhabi	2025	0.71	-0.56	KSA	2025	1.13	-0.58
Abu Dhabi	2030	1.97	-3.59	KSA	2030	2.25	-2.37
Abu Dhabi	2050	3.04	-5.34	KSA	2050	3.52	-4.41
Bahrain	2026	3.71	-2.95	Oman	2025	3.31	2.44
Bahrain	2030	5.53	-5.65	Oman	2029	5.03	2.29
Bahrain	2047	6.85	-8.82	Oman	2048	6.72	0.24
Dubai	2029	2.42	-0.26	Qatar	2025	0.90	-1.28
Kuwait	2022	-0.07	-1.19	Qatar	2030	2.05	-3.93
Kuwait	2027	1.33	-2.25	Qatar	2050	3.18	-6.28

Bonds and Sukuk Indices

Index Name	Yield %	Duration (yrs)	1D Δ (%)	YTD Δ (%)
Bloomberg GCC FI Index	2.62	8.08	-0.11	-0.02
S&P MENA Bond and Sukuk Index	2.20	NA	-0.14	-0.49
Bloomberg Emerging Markets USD Index	3.83	6.80	-0.12	-0.46
Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index	1.07	7.42	-0.25	-2.75

Interbank Rates (%)

	3 Months		6 Months		12 Months	
	12/7/2021	31/12/2020	12/7/2021	31/12/2020	12/7/2021	31/12/2020
KIBOR	1.5000	1.4375	1.7500	1.6875	2.0000	1.9375
SAIBOR	0.7929	0.8175	0.8443	0.8700	0.9143	0.9413
BHIBOR	1.6417	2.2500	1.7333	2.5333	1.8667	2.6833
QATAR	0.9767	1.1206	1.0855	1.1960	1.2496	1.3636
AEIBOR	0.3548	0.5125	0.4500	0.4908	0.4490	0.6538
EURIBOR	-0.5430	-0.5450	-0.5140	-0.5260	-0.4940	-0.4990
LIBOR	0.1286	0.2384	0.1510	0.2576	0.2389	0.3419

USD Swap Rates

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	Yield %	1D Δ (bps)	YTD Δ (%)		USD	1D Δ (bps)	YTD Δ (%)		USD	YTD Δ (%)
1-Year	0.1697	0.07	-11.8	KWD	0.3011	-0.0332	0.71	Gold	1,803.30	-5.38
2-Year	0.2984	-0.16	50.9	SAR	3.7514	0.0000	0.02	Silver	26.13	-1.73
5-Year	0.8708	-0.58	102.5	BHD	0.3770	0.0000	0.00	Copper	432.05	22.50
7-Year	1.1202	-0.78	71.1	QAR	3.6416	-0.0110	-0.01	Nat. Gas	3.66	34.73
10-Year	1.3545	-0.95	46.4	OMR	0.3850	0.0000	0.00	Aluminum	2,485.25	24.65
30-Year	1.7115	-0.75	22.1	AED	3.6731	0.0000	0.00	Crude Oil	75.47	47.40

US Treasuries

	Yield %	1D Δ (%)	Yield %	1D Δ (%)	Yield %	1D Δ (%)
2-Year	0.21	0.00	0.08	-0.02	-0.69	0.00
5-Year	0.78	0.02	0.29	-0.13	-0.70	0.00
10-Year	1.35	0.08	0.65	-0.51	-0.45	0.00
30-Year	1.98	0.14	1.17	-1.05	0.20	0.00

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UK Gilts

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German Bunds

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5-Year	0.78	0.02	0.29	-0.13	-0.70	0.00
10-Year	1.35	0.08	0.65	-0.51	-0.45	0.00
30-Year	1.98	0.14	1.17	-1.05	0.20	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	BB+	BB+
US	Aaa	AA+u	AAA
UK	Aa3	AAu	AA-
China	A1	A+	A+
USD 5Yr CDS	12-Jul 2021	31-Dec 2020	
Kuwait	45.58	40.69	
KSA	56.29	63.77	
Abu Dhabi	39.94	36.03	
Dubai	84.31	104.06	
Qatar	40.83	36.70	
Bahrain	219.30	233.58	
Oman	250.98	353.60	
Iraq	517.03	542.74	
Egypt	346.66	330.47	
Morocco	92.31	102.56	
Turkey	386.83	299.47	
US	7.22	11.52	
UK	7.58	15.13	
China	36.89	26.70	
Japan	16.32	14.74	
Germany	8.74	9.09	
France	19.32	14.42	