

News Updates

CI: United Arab Emirates' Sovereign Ratings Affirmed with a Stable Outlook

Capital Intelligence Ratings (CI Ratings or CI) announced that it has affirmed the Long-Term Foreign Currency Rating (LT FCR) and Long-Term Local Currency Rating (LT LCR) of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) at 'AA-'. The sovereign's Short-Term Foreign Currency Rating (ST FCR) and Short-Term Local Currency Rating (ST LCR) have been affirmed at 'A1+'. The Outlook for the ratings remains Stable. The ratings reflect the continued strength of the country's external position, which is characterised by the availability of substantial financial assets. The ratings are also supported by the stable domestic political situation, the gradual recovery from the economic fallout of Covid-19, and high GDP per capita. In addition, they reflect CI Ratings' expectation that the oil rich emirate of Abu Dhabi would be willing to support federal institutions, including the central bank, in the unlikely event of financial distress. (Source: Capital Intelligence)

Morocco Govt Plans \$1B Bond Sale in Coming Months: Assabah –

Authorities are evaluating the international market after a recent rise in global rates to determine when to issue the bond, the Casablanca-based Assabah newspaper reports citing unidentified individuals. Proceeds would be used for development and infrastructure projects. Officials at the Finance Ministry did not immediately respond to requests for comment. (Source: Bloomberg)

Fitch Downgrades Tunisia to 'B-'; Outlook Negative –

Fitch Ratings has downgraded Tunisia's Long-Term Foreign-Currency Issuer Default Rating (IDR) to 'B-' from 'B'. The Outlook is Negative. The downgrade to 'B-' and Negative Outlook reflect heightened fiscal and external liquidity risks in the context of further delays in agreeing on a new programme with the IMF, which is necessary for access to most official creditors' budget support. The fragmented political landscape and entrenched social opposition curtail the government's ability to enact strong fiscal consolidation measures, complicating efforts to secure the IMF programme. In the absence of strong reforms, official creditors might consider a debt restructuring necessary before additional support can be extended. The government has firmly stated that it is not considering a debt restructuring and Tunisia has never engaged in a Paris Club treatment. (Source: Fitch)

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	-0.06	-1.19	Qatar	2030	2.05	-3.93
Kuwait	2027	1.34	-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	
	11/7/2021	31/12/2020	11/7/2021	31/12/2020	11/7/2021	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	1.0333	1.1206	1.1277	1.1960	1.2981	1.3636
AEIBOR	0.3625	0.5125	0.4835	0.4908	0.4487	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

	Currencies			Commodities		
	Yield %	1D Δ (bps)	YTD Δ (%)	USD	1D Δ (bps)	YTD Δ (%)
1-Year	0.1690	0.55	-12.2	KWD	0.3011	-0.0332
2-Year	0.3000	2.07	51.7	SAR	3.7509	0.0000
5-Year	0.8766	5.25	103.9	BHD	0.3770	-0.0027
7-Year	1.1280	6.91	72.3	QAR	3.6416	-0.0110
10-Year	1.3640	8.09	47.4	OMR	0.3850	0.0000
30-Year	1.7190	7.74	22.6	AED	3.6730	0.0000

US Treasuries

	Yield %	1D Δ (%)		Yield %	1D Δ (%)		Yield %	1D Δ (%)
2-Year	0.21	-0.03		0.08	-0.02		-0.69	0.00
5-Year	0.79	-0.21		0.29	-0.13		-0.70	-0.02
10-Year	1.36	-0.61		0.65	-0.51		-0.45	-0.11
30-Year	1.99	-1.45		1.17	-1.05		0.20	-0.61

Currencies

	USD	1D Δ (bps)	YTD Δ (%)		USD	1D Δ (bps)	YTD Δ (%)
Gold	1,810.60	-5.00		Silver	26.23	-1.34	
Copper	434.55	23.21		Nat. Gas	3.67	35.32	
Aluminum	2,485.25	24.65		Crude Oil	75.55	47.56	

UK Gilts

	Yield %	1D Δ (%)		Yield %	1D Δ (%)
2-Year	0.21	-0.03		0.08	-0.02
5-Year	0.79	-0.21		0.29	-0.13
10-Year	1.36	-0.61		0.65	-0.51
30-Year	1.99	-1.45		1.17	-1.05

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German Bunds

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5-Year	0.79	-0.21
10-Year	1.36	-0.61
30-Year	1.99	-1.45

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

	11-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	37.14	26.70
Japan	16.33	14.74
Germany	8.74	9.09
France	19.32	14.42