

## News Updates

### Moody's upgrades Saudi Arabia growth forecasts in 2023 and 2024 –

Saudi Arabia's economy is forecast to grow at a higher-than-expected rate in 2023 and 2024 backed by its durable non-oil sector, according to credit rating agency Moody's Investors Service. In its recent macro-outlook for G20 economies, Moody's upgraded the Kingdom's growth to 2.5% in 2023 from its previous forecast of 1.7% announced in November. For 2024, it has raised the growth to 3% from the previous forecast of 2.6%. In 2022, the growth was upgraded to 8.7% from 7.4% in November's forecast, according to the agency. *(Source: Arab News)*

### UAE economy records fastest growth in over a decade –

Abdullah bin Touq Al Marri, Minister of Economy, has said that the UAE boasts one of the world's most active business environments supported by a national and foreign private sector, as well as several developmental initiatives. Al Marri noted that in 2022, the UAE economy recorded its fastest growth rate in over a decade despite the global economic slowdown, with the first half of 2022 witnessing unprecedented growth of nearly 8.5%. The country's foreign trade also totaled AED2 trillion, and it maintained its position as one of the 12 best tourism destinations in the world by attracting over 10 million tourists annually. FDIs rose from US\$10 billion in 2018 to nearly US\$21 billion by 2021. Al Marri also mentioned positive investment indicators from 2022, indicating confidence in continuing rapid growth to achieve the goals of doubling the national economy. *(Source: Zawya)*

### Bahrain's GDP set to top \$34bln in 2022 and 2023 –

Bahrain's real GDP is expected to exceed 13 billion Bahraini dinar (\$34 billion) in 2022 and 2023, the highest figure seen in a decade, driven by non-oil GDP growth and greater private sector contribution towards economic activities, financial services company, SICO, said. Oil sector GDP is expected to be around BHD 2.3 billion for 2022 and 2023. Non-oil GDP, which is set to be BHD 10.9 billion in 2022, will rise to BHD 11.2 billion in 2023. IMF has forecast 3% growth for the kingdom while the ratings agency S&P expects the economy to expand 4.8% in 2022, before slowing to about 2.5% for the 2023-25 period. Bahrain has released its preliminary fiscal numbers for the year 2022 reflecting a deficit of BHD 178 million compared with a deficit of BHD 952 million. *(Source: Zawya)*

## GCC Sovereign Yields

Sovereigns	Maturity	Yield %	Price Δ (YTD %)	Sovereigns	Maturity	Yield %	Price Δ (YTD %)
Abu Dhabi	2027	4.49	-1.86	KSA	2027	4.71	-0.80
Abu Dhabi	2031	4.42	-1.34	KSA	2032	4.67	-1.66
Abu Dhabi	2050	5.06	-3.17	KSA	2050	5.55	-2.90
Bahrain	2028	5.94	1.00	Oman	2027	5.76	0.31
Bahrain	2032	6.78	2.76	Oman	2032	6.06	0.26
Bahrain	2051	7.87	3.10	Oman	2051	7.08	1.67
Dubai	2029	4.37	0.76	Qatar	2026	4.62	-1.06
Dubai	2050	6.00	-1.01	Qatar	2030	4.55	-1.88
Kuwait	2027	4.34	-3.01	Qatar	2050	5.08	-2.13

## Bonds and Sukuk Indices

Index Name	Yield %	Duration (yrs)	1D Δ (%)	YTD Δ (%)
Bloomberg GCC FI Index	5.38	8.08	-0.14	0.09
S&P MENA Bond and Sukuk Index	5.18	NA	-0.24	-0.35
Bloomberg Emerging Markets USD Index	7.59	6.80	-0.36	0.53
Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index	3.90	7.42	-0.16	-0.31

## Interbank Rates (%)

	3 Months		6 Months		12 Months	
	02/03/2023	31/12/2022	02/03/2023	31/12/2022	02/03/2023	31/12/2022
KIBOR	4.2500	4.0000	4.4375	4.2500	4.6875	4.5625
SAIBOR	5.5606	5.3404	5.7713	5.5978	5.8154	5.8697
BHIBOR	6.2983	6.1417	6.4247	6.2675	6.7551	6.5529
QATAR	5.4250	5.2833	5.5500	5.4167	5.7500	5.5833
AEIBOR	4.7662	4.3095	5.0149	4.9399	5.1769	5.0421
EURIBOR	2.7440	2.1320	3.2900	2.6930	3.7250	3.2910
LIBOR	4.9710	4.7673	5.2634	5.1389	5.6816	5.4821

USD Swap Rates				Currencies				Commodities			
	Yield %	1D Δ (bps)	YTD Δ (%)		USD	1D Δ (bps)	YTD Δ (%)		USD	YTD Δ (%)	
1-Year	5.6016	1.96	9.4	KWD	0.3062	-0.0490	0.03	Crude Oil	84.38	-1.04	
2-Year	5.2587	2.91	11.7	SAR	3.7531	0.0027	0.15	Gold	1,839.20	-0.16	
5-Year	4.3867	4.25	9.0	EUR	1.0642	-0.2531	-0.60	Silver	20.98	-13.33	
7-Year	4.1789	3.50	7.1	GBP	1.1990	-0.3325	-0.78	Copper	413.15	8.31	
10-Year	4.0389	2.85	5.2	JPY	136.5900	-0.2855	-4.00	Nat. Gas	2.79	-28.80	
30-Year	3.5875	2.07	2.8	CNH	6.9089	-0.4299	0.19	Aluminum	2,393.88	0.92	
US Treasuries				UK Gilts				German Bunds			
	Yield %	1D Δ (%)			Yield %	1D Δ (%)			Yield %	1D Δ (%)	
2-Year	4.92	-0.07			3.64	0.06			3.19	-0.12	
5-Year	4.30	-0.17			3.66	0.17			2.83	-0.32	
10-Year	4.02	-0.21			3.83	-0.09			2.67	-0.47	
30-Year	3.97	-0.27			4.20	-1.16			2.64	-0.81	

## 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	B3	B	B+
Lebanon	C	SD	RDu
Jordan	B1	B+	BB-
Turkey	B3	Bu	B
Tunisia	Caa2	NR	CCC+
Morocco	Ba1	BB+	BB+u
US	Aaa	AA+u	AAAu
UK	Aa3	AAu	AA-u
China	A1	A+	A+u

USD 5Yr CDS	02-Mar 2023	31-Dec 2022
Kuwait	36.67	39.45
KSA	58.21	60.05
Abu Dhabi	38.37	43.90
Dubai	61.94	74.01
Qatar	42.18	46.55
Bahrain	204.12	224.63
Oman	138.49	185.75
Iraq	381.62	421.67
Egypt	NA	NA
Morocco	148.56	143.12
Turkey	545.34	506.65
US	31.27	22.82
UK	20.78	25.54
China	67.64	71.08
Japan	23.95	23.60
Germany	12.14	17.15
France	19.24	24.94