

News Updates

Oman: 12% rise in state’s public revenues by February 2023 – The state’s public revenue by the end of February 2023 amounted to OMR 2,148 million, up by 12% when compared to OMR 1,918 million registered over the same period in 2022, according to the Fiscal Performance Monthly Bulletin Published by the Ministry of Finance. This is mainly attributed to an increase in oil and gas revenues, representing 78% of total public revenue, and an increase of current revenue by 51%. At the end of February 2023, the budget achieved a surplus of OMR 372 million compared to a surplus of OMR 210 million registered over the same period in 2022. During the first quarter of 2023, the Government repaid OMR 1.1 billion against public debt, reducing the total Government debt to OMR 16.6 billion at the end of March 2023. *(Source: Times of Oman)*

World Bank chief raises 2023 global growth outlook slightly, eyes debt progress – World Bank Group President David Malpass said on Monday that the lender has revised its 2023 global growth outlook slightly upward to 2% from a January forecast of 1.7% but the slowdown from stronger 2022 growth will increase debt distress for developing countries. But the departing World Bank chief warned that turmoil in the banking sector and higher oil prices could again put downward pressure on growth prospects in the second half of 2023. *(Source: Reuters)*

Wall Street meanders, dollar gains as Fed rate hike seen in May – U.S. stocks closed mostly flat and the dollar rose on Monday after strong jobs data last week pointed to the Federal Reserve hiking interest rates in May, while the yen eased after Japan's new central bank governor vowed to maintain ultra-loose policy. Gold prices slipped below the key \$2,000 level due to a resurgent dollar, while Treasury yields edged higher on growing market expectations that the Fed will hike rates when policymakers conclude a two-day meeting on May 3. Consumer price index data on Wednesday will encourage the market to see a rate hike next month, but more important reports on Thursday and Friday will show the extent of emergency funding for banks, said Marc Chandler, chief market strategist at Bannockburn Global Forex in New York. *(Source: Reuters)*

GCC Sovereign Yields

Sovereigns	Maturity	Yield %	Price Δ (YTD %)	Sovereigns	Maturity	Yield %	Price Δ (YTD %)
Abu Dhabi	2027	3.66	1.69	KSA	2027	-16.08	118.95
Abu Dhabi	2031	3.64	4.57	KSA	2032	3.84	4.95
Abu Dhabi	2050	4.73	1.98	KSA	2050	5.30	0.59
Bahrain	2028	6.05	0.63	Oman	2027	5.36	1.77
Bahrain	2032	7.01	1.11	Oman	2032	5.87	1.44
Bahrain	2051	8.13	-0.01	Oman	2051	7.06	1.92
Dubai	2029	4.29	1.22	Qatar	2026	0.95	5.78
Dubai	2050	5.75	2.53	Qatar	2030	3.77	2.18
Kuwait	2027	3.69	-0.70	Qatar	2050	4.70	3.67

Bonds and Sukuk Indices

Index Name	Yield %	Duration (yrs)	1D Δ (%)	YTD Δ (%)
Bloomberg GCC FI Index	5.10	8.08	-0.11	2.62
S&P MENA Bond and Sukuk Index	4.83	NA	-0.12	2.47
Bloomberg Emerging Markets USD Index	7.27	6.80	-0.01	2.42
Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index	3.49	7.42	-0.27	3.44

Interbank Rates (%)

	3 Months		6 Months		12 Months	
	11/04/2023	31/12/2022	11/04/2023	31/12/2022	11/04/2023	31/12/2022
KIBOR	4.2500	4.0000	4.5000	4.2500	4.6875	4.5625
SAIBOR	5.7192	5.3404	5.6480	5.5978	5.6505	5.8697
BHIBOR	6.3382	6.1417	6.4158	6.2675	6.4763	6.5529
QATAR	5.5000	5.2833	5.6000	5.4167	5.7500	5.5833
AEIBOR	4.9567	4.3095	5.0178	4.9399	4.9126	5.0421
EURIBOR	3.0750	2.1320	3.3390	2.6930	3.5780	3.2910
LIBOR	5.1979	4.7673	5.2374	5.1389	5.1257	5.4821

USD Swap Rates				Currencies			Commodities		
	Yield %	1D Δ (bps)	YTD Δ (%)	USD	1D Δ (bps)	YTD Δ (%)	USD	YTD Δ (%)	
1-Year	5.0439	0.02	-1.5	KWD	0.3071	-0.2931	Crude Oil	84.93	0.20
2-Year	4.3314	-0.72	-8.0	SAR	3.7520	-0.0053	Gold	2,014.10	8.42
5-Year	3.5970	-0.46	-10.6	EUR	1.0894	0.3223	Silver	25.14	3.85
7-Year	3.4738	-0.30	-11.0	GBP	1.2417	0.2746	Copper	400.25	4.93
10-Year	3.4227	-0.31	-10.8	JPY	133.3900	0.1724	Nat. Gas	2.18	-44.67
30-Year	3.2275	0.71	-7.5	CNH	6.8903	0.0392	Aluminum	2,294.75	-3.82

US Treasuries			UK Gilts		German Bunds	
	Yield %	1D Δ (%)	Yield %	1D Δ (%)	Yield %	1D Δ (%)
2-Year	4.00	0.02	3.34	0.00	2.59	0.00
5-Year	3.52	0.02	3.25	0.00	2.18	0.00
10-Year	3.41	0.05	3.42	0.00	2.14	0.00
30-Year	3.63	0.05	3.76	0.00	2.27	0.00

Sovereign Ratings

	Moody's	S&P	Fitch
Kuwait	A1	A+	AA-
KSA	A1	Au	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	11-Apr 2023	31-Dec 2022
Kuwait	38.96	39.45
KSA	62.71	60.05
Abu Dhabi	41.33	43.90
Dubai	77.39	74.01
Qatar	42.10	46.55
Bahrain	245.51	224.63
Oman	155.73	185.75
Iraq	377.13	421.67
Egypt	NA	NA
Morocco	163.27	143.12
Turkey	550.90	506.65
US	42.02	22.82
UK	26.10	25.54
China	71.89	71.08
Japan	25.32	23.60
Germany	13.31	17.15
France	25.22	24.94