

News Updates

IMF sees meager rise in '23 GDP – Kuwait’s projected real GDP growth (annual percent change) for 2023 is 0.9 and 2.7 in 2024; while the projected inflation rate or consumer prices (percent change) is 3.3 in 2023 and 2.6 in 2024, according to the World Economic Outlook of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for April 2023. The outlook for the world economy this year has dimmed in the face of chronically high inflation, rising interest rates and uncertainties resulting from the collapse of two big American banks. The IMF downgraded its outlook for global economic growth this year of 2.8%, down from 3.4% in 2022 and from the 2.9% estimate for 2023 it made in its previous forecast in January. (*Source: Arab Times*)

Saudi Arabia issues riyal-denominated sukuk worth \$658.9m in April

– Saudi Arabia’s National Debt Management Center announced the closure of the riyal-denominated sukuk program issuance for April with the total bid amount received at SAR 2.471 billion (\$658.9 million). The sukuk issuance was divided into two tranches. The first has a size of SAR 1.919 billion maturing in 2033 and the second at SAR 552 million maturing in 2037. (*Source: Arab News*)

Central Bank of Oman Issues 68th Government Development Bonds–

The Central Bank of Oman announced a new issue of Government development bonds. The size of the new issue stands at RO 75 million with a maturity period of 5 years and will carry a coupon rate of 5.25% annually. The issue will be open for subscription from 16 April to 1 May 2023, while the auction will be held on 2 May 2023. The issue settlement date will be on 4 May, 2023. Interest on the new bonds will be paid semiannually on 4 November and 4 May, every year until the maturity date on 4 May 2028. (*Source: Oman News Agency*)

GCC Sovereign Yields

Sovereigns	Maturity	Yield %	Price Δ (YTD %)	Sovereigns	Maturity	Yield %	Price Δ (YTD %)
Abu Dhabi	2027	3.64	1.75	KSA	2027	2.51	7.66
Abu Dhabi	2031	3.71	4.14	KSA	2032	4.13	2.68
Abu Dhabi	2050	4.71	2.24	KSA	2050	5.23	1.55
Bahrain	2028	5.98	0.95	Oman	2027	5.31	1.94
Bahrain	2032	6.95	1.57	Oman	2032	5.80	1.93
Bahrain	2051	8.10	0.28	Oman	2051	7.04	2.21
Dubai	2029	4.28	1.27	Qatar	2026	2.90	2.75
Dubai	2050	5.75	2.45	Qatar	2030	3.87	1.61
Kuwait	2027	3.68	-0.59	Qatar	2050	4.72	3.34

Bonds and Sukuk Indices

Index Name	Yield %	Duration (yrs)	1D Δ (%)	YTD Δ (%)
Bloomberg GCC FI Index	5.03	8.08	0.15	3.11
S&P MENA Bond and Sukuk Index	4.72	NA	0.11	3.26
Bloomberg Emerging Markets USD Index	7.23	6.80	0.18	2.71
Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index	3.52	7.42	0.19	3.48

Interbank Rates (%)

	3 Months		6 Months		12 Months	
	13/04/2023	31/12/2022	13/04/2023	31/12/2022	13/04/2023	31/12/2022
KIBOR	4.2500	4.0000	4.4375	4.2500	4.6875	4.5625
SAIBOR	5.6500	5.3404	5.6353	5.5978	5.6882	5.8697
BHIBOR	6.3548	6.1417	6.4476	6.2675	6.5191	6.5529
QATAR	5.8000	5.2833	5.8750	5.4167	5.9750	5.5833
AEIBOR	4.9440	4.3095	5.0845	4.9399	4.9705	5.0421
EURIBOR	3.1080	2.1320	3.3560	2.6930	3.5820	3.2910
LIBOR	5.2416	4.7673	5.3516	5.1389	5.3231	5.4821

USD Swap Rates				Currencies			Commodities			
	Yield %	1D Δ (bps)	YTD Δ (%)		USD	1D Δ (bps)	YTD Δ (%)		USD	YTD Δ (%)
1-Year	5.0202	2.03	-1.9	KWD	0.3071	-0.2931	-0.26	Crude Oil	87.01	2.65
2-Year	4.2893	0.67	-8.9	SAR	3.7512	0.0027	0.20	Gold	2,029.70	9.26
5-Year	3.5550	1.05	-11.6	EUR	1.0985	-0.0637	2.62	Silver	25.55	5.53
7-Year	3.4411	1.33	-11.8	GBP	1.2486	0.0000	3.33	Copper	405.85	6.40
10-Year	3.4028	1.79	-11.3	JPY	133.3400	-0.1500	-1.66	Nat. Gas	2.08	-47.14
30-Year	3.2103	1.75	-8.0	CNH	6.8804	0.0102	0.61	Aluminum	2,287.25	-4.14

US Treasuries			UK Gilts		German Bunds	
	Yield %	1D Δ (%)	Yield %	1D Δ (%)	Yield %	1D Δ (%)
2-Year	3.98	-0.03	3.49	0.00	2.83	0.00
5-Year	3.47	-0.03	3.39	0.00	2.39	0.00
10-Year	3.41	-0.10	3.56	0.00	2.33	0.00
30-Year	3.63	-0.15	3.89	0.00	2.43	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	13-Apr 2023	31-Dec 2022
Kuwait	39.02	39.45
KSA	61.34	60.05
Abu Dhabi	40.37	43.90
Dubai	74.26	74.01
Qatar	41.36	46.55
Bahrain	249.23	224.63
Oman	154.97	185.75
Iraq	369.07	421.67
Egypt	NA	NA
Morocco	165.35	143.12
Turkey	540.33	506.65
US	43.35	22.82
UK	25.50	25.54
China	68.27	71.08
Japan	25.08	23.60
Germany	12.96	17.15
France	24.84	24.94