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News Updates

Saudi National Bank says its Credit Suisse investment has 'no impact' on growth plans or profits - Credit Suisse's largest shareholder Saudi National Bank has confirmed there is "no impact" on its growth plans or profitability after the troubled Swiss lender was bought out by UBS. The SNB made a SAR 5.5 billion (\$1.4 billion) investment in the bank in November 2022, but as of a month later it only represented 0.5% of the Saudi firm's total assets and approximately 1.7% of its investments portfolio. In a statement to the Saudi stock exchange, SNB said: "Changes in the valuation of SNB's investment in Credit Suisse have no impact on SNB's growth plans and forward-looking 2023 guidance." As of December 2022, the impact on SNB's Capital Adequacy Ratio from the Mark-to-Market decline in Credit Suisse was an estimated 15 basis points with zero impact with regards to profitability. However, with the new announcement, the potential impact to SNB's Capital Adequacy Ratio is around 35 basis points also with zero impact when it comes to profitability. (Source: Arab News)

Goldman Says European Banks May Swap AT1s For CET1s Amid Fallout — Following UBS' acquisition of Swiss rival Credit Suisse, investors will be focused on the potential replacement of AT1s with CET1s, which will lead to a required capital build, as well as higher funding costs, according to Goldman Sachs. "From a capital perspective, if AT1 funding costs rise by an extreme amount over time, we believe there may potentially arise a situation in which banks look to replace AT1 capital with CET1 capital," analysts led by Chris Hallam wrote in a note. ECB's recent statement emphasizes that CET1 instruments are the first to absorb losses, only after the full use of which would AT1 holders be written down. (Source: Bloomberg)

Gold flirts with record highs after topping \$2,000 an ounce — Gold traded at record highs in some currencies on Monday and neared all-time peaks in U.S. dollar terms after banking sector turmoil sent prices of the safe haven asset rocketing 10% in a matter of days. Banking stocks and bonds continued to plummet on worries that more problems may emerge after several U.S. banks and Switzerland's Credit Suisse collapsed or required rescue. In U.S. dollars, gold shot as high as \$2,009.59 from \$1,815 on March 9 and was within sight of its 2020 peak of \$2,072.50. (Source: Reuters)

GCC Sovereign Yields

Sovereigns	Maturity	Yield %	Price Δ (YTD %)	Sovereigns	Maturity	Yield %	Price Δ (YTD %)
Abu Dhabi	2027	4.04	0.05	KSA	2027	4.37	0.53
Abu Dhabi	2031	4.01	1.71	KSA	2032	4.37	0.75
Abu Dhabi	2050	4.84	0.35	KSA	2050	5.39	-0.56
Bahrain	2028	6.05	0.58	Oman	2027	5.78	0.30
Bahrain	2032	6.99	1.29	Oman	2032	6.23	-0.96
Bahrain	2051	8.27	-1.64	Oman	2051	7.29	-0.84
Dubai	2029	4.37	0.84	Qatar	2026	4.22	0.31
Dubai	2050	5.88	0.53	Qatar	2030	4.30	-0.61
Kuwait	2027	4.04	-1.89	Qatar	2050	4.81	1.90

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Bonds and Sukuk Indices

Index Name	Yield %	Duration (yrs)	1D Δ (%)	YTD ∆ (%)
Bloomberg GCC FI Index	5.26	8.08	-0.11	1.43
S&P MENA Bond and Sukuk Index	4.97	NA	-0.05	1.51
Bloomberg Emerging Markets USD Index	7.55	6.80	-0.35	0.84
Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index	3.50	7.42	0.06	2.68

Interbank Rates (%)

	3 Months		6 Months		12 Months		
	21/03/2023	31/12/2022	21/03/2023	31/12/2022	21/03/2023	31/12/2022	
KIBOR	4.2500	4.0000	4.4375	4.2500	4.6875	4.5625	
SAIBOR	5.5502	5.3404	5.6612	5.5978	5.7626	5.8697	
BHIBOR	6.1513	6.1417	6.1680	6.2675	6.2959	6.5529	
QATAR	5.2000	5.2833	5.2500	5.4167	5.3500	5.5833	
AEIBOR	4.8221	4.3095	4.7356	4.9399	5.0411	5.0421	
EURIBOR	2.7500	2.1320	3.0550	2.6930	3.3800	3.2910	
LIBOR	4.9984	4.7673	5.0523	5.1389	5.0341	5.4821	

	USD Swa	p Rates			Currenci	es		Con	nmodities	
	Yield %	1D ∆ (bps)	YTD ∆ (%)		USD	1D Δ (bps)	YTD ∆ (%)		USD	YTD Δ (%)
1-Year	4.7829	-0.09	-6.6	KWD	0.3071	-0.2931	-0.26	Crude Oil	73.23	-14.12
2-Year	4.3660	10.75	-7.3	SAR	3.7541	0.0852	0.12	Gold	2,000.90	7.71
5-Year	3.6884	0.34	-8.3	EUR	1.0712	-0.0839	0.07	Silver	22.64	-6.49
7-Year	3.5744	0.98	-8.4	GBP	1.2259	-0.1629	1.45	Copper	394.30	3.37
10-Year	3.5160	0.43	-8.4	JPY	131.3000	0.0229	-0.13	Nat. Gas	2.24	-42.71
30-Year	3.2234	0.40	-7.7	CNH	6.8789	-0.0727	0.63	Aluminum	2,241.42	-6.06

	US Treasuries		UK G	ilts	German Bunds	
	Yield %	1D Δ (%)	Yield %	1D Δ (%)	Yield %	1D Δ (%)
2-Year	3.98	0.01	3.19	0.05	2.37	0.03
5-Year	3.59	0.01	3.15	0.01	2.09	0.06
10-Year	3.48	0.02	3.30	-0.21	2.08	-0.11
30-Year	3.67	0.04	3.81	-1.17	2.19	-1.02

Sovereign Ratings

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	Moody's	S&P	Fitch
Kuwait	A1	A+	AA-
KSA	A1	Au	Α
UAE	Aa2	NR	AA-
Abu Dhabi	Aa2	AA	AA
Qatar	Aa3	AA	AA-
Bahrain	B2	B+	B+
Oman	Ba3	ВВ	ВВ
Egypt	В3	В	B+
Lebanon	С	SD	RDu
Jordan	B1	B+	BB-
Turkey	В3	Bu	В
Tunisia	Caa2	NR	CCC+
Morocco	Ba1	BB+	BB+u
US	Aaa	AA+u	ΑΑΑι
UK	Aa3	AAu	AA-u
China	A1	A+	A+u

21-Mar	31-Dec
2023	2022
48.03	39.45
68.06	60.05
46.29	43.90
83.16	74.01
47.83	46.55
250.59	224.63
165.91	185.75
405.41	421.67
NA	NA
192.65	143.12
547.08	506.65
39.19	22.82
26.59	25.54
81.06	71.08
26.37	23.60
14.64	17.15
26.81	24.94
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