

News Updates

Kuwait's Logistics Giant Agility Plans To More Than Double Credit Facilities To \$3.2B – Kuwait's Agility Public Warehousing Company is refinancing and raising its credit facility lines to \$3.2 billion (KD 980 million) from \$1.4 billion (KD 430 million) with existing and new banks to finance its growth plans including the acquisition of UK-based John Menzies. The facilities have maturities of three, five, and six years, the company said in a bourse filing on Sunday. As part of this plan, Agility closed on Sunday a new facility worth \$700 million (KD 215 million). It expects to close further facilities in the coming weeks, bringing total credit facilities to around \$3.2 billion. Agility said last week it is expecting to close an acquisition deal of airport handler John Menzies on August 4, 2022. Menzies will be combined with National Aviation Services, a unit of Agility, once the deal has been completed. *(Source: Forbes Middle East)*

Borrowing rises as UAE growth outlook remains bright: Central Bank report – Individuals and corporates in the UAE borrowed more in the second quarter of 2022 as improving economic outlook drove demand, the UAE Central Bank said in a recent report, and a stronger increase in lending is forecast in the September quarter. Lending remained strong despite recent interest rate increases, the central bank said in its Q2 Credit Sentiment Survey. *(Source: Gulf News)*

Inflation in Oman surges nearly 3% in June – The inflation rate in the Sultanate of Oman rose in June this year by 2.85 percent on an annual basis, driven mainly by the increase in food and beverage prices by 6.09 percent, according to the data of the monthly bulletin of the National Center for Statistics and Information issued on Wednesday. On a monthly basis, the inflation rate in Oman increased by 0.45 percent in June compared to the previous month of May. The annual inflation rate last May in Oman was 2.4 percent. *(Source: Zawya)*

EFG Hermes closes \$22.4mln bond issuance for Pioneers Properties – EFG Hermes has announced the successful close of an EGP 425 million (\$22.4 million) securitized bond issuance for real estate powerhouse Pioneers Properties for Urban Development and its affiliates – the second in an EGP 3 billion program. The bond is backed by a receivables portfolio of some EGP 613.5 million, assigned to EFG Hermes Holding's Financial Group for Securitization as the issuer's Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV). The bond is comprised of four tranches, with the first and second tranches divided into fixed instalments, and the third and fourth subsequently disbursed contingent on the proceeds of the portfolio. *(Source: TradeArabia)*

GCC Sovereign Yields

Sovereigns	Maturity	Yield %	Price Δ (YTD %)	Sovereigns	Maturity	Yield %	Price Δ (YTD %)
Abu Dhabi	2027	3.08	-7.13	KSA	2027	3.24	-6.40
Abu Dhabi	2031	3.47	-10.95	KSA	2032	3.71	-10.69
Abu Dhabi	2050	4.27	-20.47	KSA	2050	4.85	-20.43
Bahrain	2028	6.50	-8.49	Oman	2027	5.83	-6.91
Bahrain	2032	7.82	-14.50	Oman	2032	6.75	-10.82
Bahrain	2051	8.86	-21.11	Oman	2051	8.04	-16.38
Dubai	2029	4.01	-9.22	Qatar	2026	4.37	-10.34
Dubai	2050	5.95	-25.84	Qatar	2030	3.74	-10.82
Kuwait	2027	3.19	-7.31	Qatar	2050	4.41	-20.57

Bonds and Sukuk Indices

Index Name	Yield %	Duration (yrs)	1D Δ (%)	YTD Δ (%)
Bloomberg GCC FI Index	4.69	8.08	0.63	-10.15
S&P MENA Bond and Sukuk Index	4.20	NA	0.25	-10.16
Bloomberg Emerging Markets USD Index	7.16	6.80	0.68	-16.96
Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index	2.74	7.42	1.01	-13.08

Interbank Rates (%)

	3 Months		6 Months		12 Months	
	25/07/2022	31/12/2021	25/07/2022	31/12/2021	25/07/2022	31/12/2021
KIBOR	2.1250	1.5000	2.3750	1.7500	2.6875	2.0000
SAIBOR	2.9807	0.9057	3.2675	0.9829	3.6826	1.0600
BHIBOR	4.0249	1.5167	4.4371	1.6233	5.0838	1.7667
QATAR	2.4500	1.1250	2.5000	1.2000	2.7500	1.3250
AEIBOR	2.5095	0.3645	3.1600	0.7000	3.4235	0.7396
EURIBOR	0.2000	-0.5730	0.7060	-0.5460	1.2000	-0.4980
LIBOR	2.7663	0.2144	3.3229	0.3451	3.8143	0.5888

	USD Swap Rates			Currencies			Commodities			
	Yield %	1D Δ (bps)	YTD Δ (%)	USD	1D Δ (bps)	YTD Δ (%)	USD	YTD Δ (%)		
1-Year	3.3987	1.90	535.3	KWD	0.3072	0.1140	-1.51	Crude Oil	102.84	37.49
2-Year	3.2142	2.02	241.5	SAR	3.7568	-0.0027	-0.04	Gold	1,740.80	-5.44
5-Year	2.8614	2.49	108.9	EUR	1.0200	-0.1273	-10.29	Silver	18.49	-21.17
7-Year	2.8272	2.32	91.6	GBP	1.1985	-0.1250	-11.44	Copper	334.20	-24.57
10-Year	2.8464	2.10	80.0	JPY	136.1400	-0.0147	-15.47	Nat. Gas	8.43	130.46
30-Year	2.7515	2.00	58.9	CNH	6.7600	0.1050	-5.96	Aluminum	2,481.75	-11.19

	US Treasuries		UK Gilts		German Bunds	
	Yield %	1D Δ (%)	Yield %	1D Δ (%)	Yield %	1D Δ (%)
2-Year	2.99	-0.04	1.81	0.28	NA	NA
5-Year	2.87	-0.11	1.69	0.68	0.37	0.51
10-Year	2.77	-0.16	1.93	1.06	0.81	1.45
30-Year	2.99	-0.37	2.44	1.39	1.26	2.24

	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	B2	B	B+
Lebanon	C	SD	RD
Jordan	B1	B+	BB-
Turkey	B2	B+	B
Tunisia	Caa1	NR	CCC
Morocco	Ba1	BB+	BB+
US	Aaa	AA+	AAA
UK	Aa3	AA	AA-
China	A1	A+	A+

USD 5Yr CDS	25-Jul 2022	31-Dec 2021
Kuwait	65.41	40.53
KSA	69.74	50.97
Abu Dhabi	67.84	43.09
Dubai	129.25	89.58
Qatar	68.18	42.55
Bahrain	328.23	286.32
Oman	300.75	254.42
Iraq	802.02	507.35
Egypt	365.52	496.58
Morocco	309.10	85.91
Turkey	843.31	555.46
US	19.93	10.01
UK	15.00	8.91
China	80.33	39.86
Japan	25.58	16.23
Germany	14.95	7.53
France	26.02	17.87