

News Updates

**Kuwaiti banks rated high among emerging markets** – Four Kuwaiti banks make a mark among the top 100 banks in emerging markets, according to a report issued by the Fitch Ratings Agency. The four banks are the National Bank of Kuwait with total assets of \$109.9 billion and total loans of \$67.3 billion as at the end of the fiscal year 2021; followed by Kuwait Finance House with total assets of \$72 billion and loans of \$39.7 billion, in third place is the Burgan Bank with total assets of \$72 billion and \$23.4 billion in total loans, and then comes the Al Ahli Bank of Kuwait with total assets of \$18.6 billion and total loans of \$12 billion. In the GCC countries Kuwaiti banks rank third in the list equally with Saudi Arabia, with 4 banks each, while the UAE topped with 7 banks, followed by Qatar with a total of 5 banks. In contrast, the list included one Omani bank and a Bahraini bank. *(Source: Arab Times)*

**Saudi Arabia Economy Grows at Fastest Pace Since 2011 On Oil** – Saudi Arabia’s economy expanded 11.8% in the second quarter, maintaining the fastest pace of growth since 2011 buoyed by higher oil prices and production. Non-oil gross domestic product gained 5.4% while the oil economy grew 23.1% compared to last year, according to preliminary estimates released by the General Authority for Statistics on Sunday. Saudi Arabia has seen revenue soar on the back of \$100 oil and rising production. Oil gross domestic product is expected to grow 19% this year, Saudi Finance Minister Mohammed Al-Jadaan said at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. The increase in energy prices together with the war in Ukraine, which altered the global patterns on trade, production and consumption, have contributed to this record GDP growth. Saudi Arabia has seen revenue soar on the back of \$100 oil and rising production. Oil gross domestic product is expected to grow 19% this year, Saudi Finance Minister Mohammed Al-Jadaan said. *(Source: Bloomberg)*

**Saudi shipping firm Bahri fully redeems \$1.04bn sukuk** – Bahri, formally known as the National Shipping Co. of Saudi Arabia, has announced the full redemption of its SR3.9 billion (\$1.04 billion) Riyal-denominated sukuk on July 30. The Saudi-listed company said in a bourse filing it expects the transaction to impact its financial statements for the ongoing quarter. Bahri, a joint venture between Saudi Aramco and the Public Investment Fund, operates a fleet of 89 tankers and container ships that transport oil, petrochemicals, and other types of cargo. *(Source: Arab News)*

GCC Sovereign Yields

Sovereigns	Maturity	Yield %	Price Δ (YTD %)	Sovereigns	Maturity	Yield %	Price Δ (YTD %)
Abu Dhabi	2027	2.94	-6.54	KSA	2027	3.12	-5.76
Abu Dhabi	2031	3.29	-9.70	KSA	2032	3.51	-9.24
Abu Dhabi	2050	4.15	-18.79	KSA	2050	4.75	-19.26
Bahrain	2028	6.23	-7.28	Oman	2027	5.51	-5.76
Bahrain	2032	7.64	-13.36	Oman	2032	6.48	-9.08
Bahrain	2051	8.69	-19.62	Oman	2051	7.84	-14.40
Dubai	2029	3.88	-8.61	Qatar	2026	3.18	-6.34
Dubai	2050	5.77	-23.67	Qatar	2030	3.49	-9.74
Kuwait	2027	3.12	-6.99	Qatar	2050	4.21	-17.91

Bonds and Sukuk Indices

Index Name	Yield %	Duration (yrs)	1D Δ (%)	YTD Δ (%)
Bloomberg GCC FI Index	4.50	8.08	0.45	-8.77
S&P MENA Bond and Sukuk Index	4.02	NA	0.70	-8.74
Bloomberg Emerging Markets USD Index	6.90	6.80	0.62	-15.39
Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index	2.60	7.42	0.36	-12.08

Interbank Rates (%)

	3 Months		6 Months		12 Months	
	01/08/2022	31/12/2021	01/08/2022	31/12/2021	01/08/2022	31/12/2021
KIBOR	2.3125	1.5000	2.5625	1.7500	2.8750	2.0000
SAIBOR	3.0918	0.9057	3.4234	0.9829	3.8709	1.0600
BHIBOR	4.0927	1.5167	4.4583	1.6233	5.0750	1.7667
QATAR	2.4500	1.1250	2.5000	1.2000	2.7500	1.3250
AEIBOR	2.7066	0.3645	3.2186	0.7000	3.3090	0.7396
EURIBOR	0.2320	-0.5730	0.6530	-0.5460	0.9210	-0.4980
LIBOR	2.7883	0.2144	3.3299	0.3451	3.7073	0.5888

	USD Swap Rates			Currencies			Commodities			
	Yield %	1D Δ (bps)	YTD Δ (%)	USD	1D Δ (bps)	YTD Δ (%)	USD	YTD Δ (%)		
1-Year	3.3814	1.74	532.0	KWD	0.3069	0.1140	-1.43	Crude Oil	102.89	38.46
2-Year	3.1740	2.15	237.2	SAR	3.7561	0.0000	-0.01	Gold	1,776.60	-3.49
5-Year	2.7318	2.03	99.5	EUR	1.0223	0.0294	-10.09	Silver	20.14	-14.16
7-Year	2.7013	1.87	83.1	GBP	1.2184	0.0986	-9.97	Copper	355.95	-19.66
10-Year	2.7432	1.76	73.5	JPY	132.5500	0.5508	-13.17	Nat. Gas	7.87	115.97
30-Year	2.7638	2.95	59.7	CNH	6.7677	-0.2601	-6.06	Aluminum	2,501.24	-10.49

	US Treasuries		UK Gilts		German Bunds	
	Yield %	1D Δ (%)	Yield %	1D Δ (%)	Yield %	1D Δ (%)
2-Year	2.90	-0.03	1.68	0.00	NA	NA
5-Year	2.70	-0.09	1.58	0.01	0.20	0.00
10-Year	2.67	-0.13	1.86	0.02	0.58	0.00
30-Year	3.03	-0.42	2.40	0.63	1.05	0.00

	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	01-Aug 2022	31-Dec 2021
Kuwait	63.58	40.53
KSA	65.15	50.97
Abu Dhabi	62.49	43.09
Dubai	128.39	89.58
Qatar	63.28	42.55
Bahrain	312.27	286.32
Oman	287.39	254.42
Iraq	755.21	507.35
Egypt	NA	496.58
Morocco	293.88	85.91
Turkey	811.97	555.46
US	19.85	10.01
UK	14.88	8.91
China	71.74	39.86
Japan	22.75	16.23
Germany	13.90	7.53
France	25.67	17.87