

News Updates

Global GDP Set for Slowdown in 2024, Before Return to Resilient Growth – Persistent inflation and a slowdown are set to push global gross domestic product growth down 0.2% points to 2.7% in 2024, with an anticipated increase to 3.0% in 2025, a new report showed. According to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, the global economy is facing tighter financial conditions, weak international trade, and lower confidence among businesses and consumers, despite stronger-than-expected growth in 2023. The report noted that housing markets and economies relying on bank-based finance, especially in Europe, are experiencing a slowdown, while geopolitical tensions are contributing to uncertainty in the short-term outlook. *(Source: Arab News)*

MENA Region Could Accelerate GDP to 7.2% by 2050 via Serious Climate Action Approach – Peter Rademaker, International Labor Organization (ILO) Deputy Regional Director for the Arab States, has confirmed that the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region could create 10 million new jobs and accelerate GDP to 7.2% by 2050 via taking a serious approach to climate action. In a statement to the Emirates News Agency (WAM) on the sidelines of COP28, Rademaker said that the trend towards new energy has helped to create 13.7 million jobs in the renewable energy sector worldwide. He revealed that the report "Social and Employment Impacts of Carbon Removal and Green Industrial Growth: Scenarios for the MENA Region" will be launched today during COP28. He explained that the report is the first of its kind conducted by the ILO and the Islamic Development Bank on the MENA region. *(Source: Zawya)*

Spot Gold Rises to Record on Dovish Fed Remarks – Gold shot past a previous all-time high set in the midst of the pandemic on growing expectations for US rate cuts early next year, despite attempts by the Federal Reserve to temper the optimism. The precious metal surged more than 3.0% in early trading on Monday, surpassing the previous all-time high it set on Aug. 7, 2020, before paring much of those gains. A rally in bullion that's been underway since early October was turbocharged on Friday when comments by Fed Chair Jerome Powell that monetary policy is “well into restrictive territory” spurred a plunge in the dollar and Treasury yields, a positive for non-interest bearing gold. *(Source: Bloomberg)*

GCC Sovereign Yields

Sovereigns	Maturity	Yield %	Price Δ (YTD %)	Sovereigns	Maturity	Yield %	Price Δ (YTD %)
Abu Dhabi	2027	4.62	-1.44	KSA	2027	4.84	0.30
Abu Dhabi	2031	4.58	-0.60	KSA	2032	4.98	-2.70
Abu Dhabi	2050	5.46	-8.61	KSA	2050	5.97	-8.07
Bahrain	2028	6.01	1.77	Oman	2027	5.41	1.70
Bahrain	2032	6.91	2.27	Oman	2032	5.70	2.19
Bahrain	2051	7.96	2.14	Oman	2051	6.84	4.60
Dubai	2029	4.69	-0.91	Qatar	2026	4.69	-0.17
Dubai	2050	6.01	-0.57	Qatar	2030	4.61	-4.19
Kuwait	2027	4.57	-3.10	Qatar	2050	5.53	-8.07

Bonds and Sukuk Indices

Index Name	Yield %	Duration (yrs)	1D Δ (%)	YTD Δ (%)
Bloomberg GCC FI Index	5.65	8.08	0.19	2.14
S&P MENA Bond and Sukuk Index	5.44	NA	0.20	0.98
Bloomberg Emerging Markets USD Index	7.54	6.80	0.40	5.11
Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index	3.85	7.42	0.37	1.87

Interbank Rates (%)

	3 Months		6 Months		12 Months	
	04/12/2023	31/12/2022	04/12/2023	31/12/2022	04/12/2023	31/12/2022
KIBOR	4.31	4.00	4.56	4.25	4.75	4.56
SAIBOR	6.35	5.34	6.22	5.60	6.15	5.87
BHIBOR	6.65	6.14	6.66	6.27	6.72	6.55
QATAR	6.00	5.28	6.10	5.42	6.25	5.58
AEIBOR	5.44	4.31	5.58	4.94	5.62	5.04
EURIBOR	3.96	2.13	4.00	2.69	3.90	3.29
LIBOR	5.64	4.77	5.77	5.14	6.04	5.48

USD Swap Rates				Currencies			Commodities			
	Yield %	1D Δ (bps)	YTD Δ (%)		USD	1D Δ (bps)	YTD Δ (%)		USD	YTD Δ (%)
1-Year	5.04	4.34	2.8	KWD	0.3090	0.0647	-0.87	Crude Oil	78.36	-2.92
2-Year	4.42	6.18	-0.5	SAR	3.7515	-0.0107	0.19	Gold	2,107.70	9.72
5-Year	3.91	6.81	4.4	EUR	1.0871	-0.1194	1.55	Silver	25.88	2.74
7-Year	3.87	6.27	6.8	GBP	1.2677	-0.2596	4.92	Copper	388.80	2.21
10-Year	3.89	5.49	9.2	JPY	146.8200	0.0068	-10.69	Nat. Gas	2.72	-46.88
30-Year	3.75	2.81	16.8	CNH	7.1412	-0.2353	-3.07	Aluminum	2,182.25	-11.20

US Treasuries			UK Gilts		German Bunds	
Yield %	1D Δ (%)		Yield %	1D Δ (%)	Yield %	1D Δ (%)
2-Year	4.60	-0.11	4.49	0.14	3.20	0.12
5-Year	4.19	-0.28	4.09	0.28	2.27	0.43
10-Year	4.25	-0.41	4.13	0.27	2.30	0.64
30-Year	4.41	-0.41	4.67	0.25	2.63	0.99

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	Ba2	BB+	BB+
Egypt	Caa1	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	04-Dec 2023	31-Dec 2022
Kuwait	37.37	39.45
KSA	49.50	60.05
Abu Dhabi	38.73	43.90
Dubai	59.80	74.01
Qatar	40.57	46.55
Bahrain	214.38	224.63
Oman	122.40	185.75
Iraq	436.64	421.67
Egypt	NA	NA
Morocco	125.64	143.12
Turkey	333.49	506.65
US	45.50	22.82
UK	33.81	25.54
China	56.75	71.08
Japan	23.53	23.60
Germany	16.40	17.15
France	23.07	24.94