

News Updates

Kuwait's Total Foreign Debt is Down by KD 2 bn – Kuwait's total external debt has decreased by approximately 2 billion KD or 10.0% in six months, reaching 18.4 billion KD by the end of the third quarter of 2023. This marks a decline from 20.4 billion KD recorded at the end of the first quarter of 2023. The Central Bank's financial statements illustrate a yearly reduction in external debt by about 1.1 billion KD, down from 19.5 billion dinars in the third quarter of 2022. Furthermore, Kuwait's total external debt increased by 342 million KD, or 1.8%, by the end of the second quarter of 2023 compared to the same period in 2022, reaching a total of 19.334 billion KD. *(Source: Arab Times)*

Kuwait's Annual CPI Rises 3.37% in December 2023 – Kuwait's annual consumer price index registered a 3.4% increase in December 2023, compared to the same period the previous year, driven by high prices in several major sectors. The country's monthly CPI also saw a rise of 0.3% in December compared to the previous month, according to a recent report by the nation's Central Statistics Bureau. The annual increase was led by a hike of 4.7% in the food and beverage group prices, along with a 6.7% increase in the cost of clothing and footwear.

(Source: Arab News)

Moody's Revises Egypt's Outlook to 'Negative' on Weak Debt Affordability – Global ratings agency Moody's revised its outlook on Egypt to "negative" from "stable" on Thursday, citing increasing risks that the country's credit profile will continue to weaken amid difficult macroeconomic and exchange rate rebalancing. Continued access to official financial support from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) was expected to increase Egypt's debt affordability, but "policy actions and external support may prove insufficient to prevent a debt restructuring" given its weak debt metrics. *(Source: Reuters)*

GCC Sovereign Yields

Sovereigns	Maturity	Yield %	Price Δ (YTD %)	Sovereigns	Maturity	Yield %	Price Δ (YTD %)
Abu Dhabi	2027	4.49	-0.78	KSA	2027	4.92	-1.17
Abu Dhabi	2031	4.48	-1.96	KSA	2032	5.02	-3.35
Abu Dhabi	2050	5.30	-4.83	KSA	2050	5.84	-6.07
Bahrain	2028	6.20	-1.49	Oman	2027	5.24	-0.51
Bahrain	2032	6.95	-2.07	Oman	2032	5.64	-1.76
Bahrain	2051	7.91	-2.75	Oman	2051	6.62	-3.16
Dubai	2029	4.65	-0.88	Qatar	2026	4.64	-0.53
Dubai	2050	5.92	-3.31	Qatar	2030	4.48	-1.64
Kuwait	2027	4.39	-0.45	Qatar	2050	5.30	-5.79

Bonds and Sukuk Indices

Index Name	Yield %	Duration (yrs)	1D Δ (%)	YTD Δ (%)
Bloomberg GCC FI Index	5.46	6.78	-0.15	-1.96
S&P MENA Bond and Sukuk Index	5.25	7.00	-0.16	-2.16
Bloomberg Emerging Markets USD Index	7.28	6.27	-0.05	-1.45
Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index	3.72	6.68	0.11	-2.42

Interbank Rates (%)

	3 Months		6 Months		12 Months	
	22/01/2024	31/12/2023	22/01/2024	31/12/2023	22/01/2024	31/12/2023
KIBOR	4.31	4.00	4.50	4.25	4.75	4.56
SAIBOR	6.21	5.34	6.01	5.60	5.93	5.87
BHIBOR	6.52	6.14	6.45	6.27	6.42	6.55
QATAR	6.00	5.28	6.10	5.42	6.25	5.58
AEIBOR	5.06	4.31	5.03	4.94	5.13	5.04
EURIBOR	3.96	2.13	3.91	2.69	3.66	3.29
LIBOR	5.58	4.77	5.59	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	4.85	0.22	1.9	KWD	0.30728	0.5630	0.56	Crude Oil	78.36	1.49
2-Year	4.24	0.24	4.2	SAR	3.7507	0.0000	-0.02	Gold	2,043.50	-2.31
5-Year	3.79	-0.05	7.3	EUR	1.0902	0.0060	-1.25	Silver	22.425	-6.21
7-Year	3.75	-0.13	7.7	GBP	1.2719	0.0150	-0.13	Copper	377.30	-3.01
10-Year	3.75	-0.17	7.8	JPY	148.03	0.0070	-4.72	Nat. Gas	2.333	-7.08
30-Year	3.62	-0.22	9.0	CNH	7.2070	-0.0060	-1.14	Aluminum	2,141.25	-9.61

US Treasuries			UK Gilts		German Bunds	
	Yield %	1D Δ (%)	Yield %	1D Δ (%)	Yield %	1D Δ (%)
2-Year	4.40	-0.03	4.30	-0.03	3.38	-0.02
5-Year	4.05	0.02	3.85	-0.09	2.31	-0.13
10-Year	4.11	0.09	3.93	0.02	2.26	0.02
30-Year	4.32	0.26	4.56	0.47	2.49	0.57

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	Ba1	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	22-Jan 2024	31-Dec 2023
Kuwait	44.95	35.96
KSA	60.58	50.21
Abu Dhabi	45.29	39.60
Dubai	69.55	60.36
Qatar	51.49	43.52
Bahrain	211.28	198.10
Oman	120.85	112.12
Iraq	372.66	411.62
Egypt	NA	NA
Morocco	105.26	109.36
Turkey	315.32	279.01
US	41.34	45.19
UK	31.75	33.74
China	64.04	59.80
Japan	20.54	22.74
Germany	12.89	15.61
France	21.33	22.94