

News Updates

Saudi Arabia to Issue Green Bonds Locally – Mohammed Al-Rumaih, CEO of Saudi Exchange, stated that Saudi Arabia is working on issuing green bonds locally following its success with international green bonds. During the 2024 annual Arab Federation of Capital Markets (AFCM), held in Doha at the Qatar Stock Exchange, Al-Rumaih highlighted that over 50% of companies report on their environmental, social, and corporate governance practices, which are not yet mandatory. Tadawul is focused on gradually implementing these practices. He noted that Saudi companies have experienced increases in credit ratings due to their adoption of these governance practices.

(Source: Argaam)

Resilient Growth of Islamic Finance in 2024 and 2025 – The Islamic finance industry continues to grow its assets rapidly, but only in a number of its core markets, expecting positive contributions from all components of the industry throughout the remainder of the year, according to S&P Ratings. "Despite the growth of the Islamic finance industry, there are difficulties facing sukuk, with the introduction of new standards expected to weaken the growth of sukuk issuances in 2025 and beyond, and although sustainability and digital transformation are emerging sources of growth for the Islamic finance industry, its recovery is relatively slow," the agency said in a recent report. *(Source: Al Qabas)*

Saudi Arabia May Raise Prices for Most Oil Grades to Asia for June – Top oil exporter Saudi Arabia may raise prices for most of the crude grades it sells to Asia in June to their highest levels in five months after Middle East benchmarks strengthened this month, trade sources said on Monday. The June official selling price (OSP) of flagship Arab Light crude may rise by 70 to 90 cents to close to a \$3 per barrel premium to the average of Dubai and Oman quotes, seven refining sources said in a Reuters survey, which would be the highest level since January. The price hikes would track a wider backwardation for the first and third month for Platts Dubai and DME Oman at 83 cents and 96 cents, respectively, so far this month versus last month's average. *(Source: Reuters)*

GCC Sovereign Yields

Sovereigns	Maturity	Yield %	Price Δ (YTD %)	Sovereigns	Maturity	Yield %	Price Δ (YTD %)
Abu Dhabi	2027	5.07	-2.49	KSA	2027	5.23	-1.61
Abu Dhabi	2029	4.96	-3.90	KSA	2029	5.21	-3.50
Abu Dhabi	2031	5.01	-4.80	KSA	2032	5.31	-5.04
Abu Dhabi	2050	5.63	-9.63	KSA	2050	6.03	-8.56
Bahrain	2028	6.35	-1.94	Oman	2027	5.92	-2.49
Bahrain	2031	6.87	-1.59	Oman	2031	5.95	-3.81
Bahrain	2051	7.99	-4.10	Oman	2051	6.74	-5.00
Dubai	2029	4.66	-1.30	Qatar	2028	4.95	-3.04
Dubai	2050	6.14	-6.85	Qatar	2030	4.89	-4.75
Kuwait	2027	5.10	-2.34	Qatar	2050	5.60	-10.09

Bonds and Sukuk Indices

Index Name	Yield %	Duration (yrs)	1D Δ (%)	YTD Δ (%)
Bloomberg GCC FI Index	5.78	6.35	0.23	-2.46
S&P MENA Bond and Sukuk Index	5.61	7.01	0.29	-2.86
Bloomberg Emerging Markets USD Index	7.39	5.84	0.37	0.09
Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index	4.01	6.49	0.38	-4.19

Interbank Rates (%)

	3 Months		6 Months		12 Months	
	30/04/2024	31/12/2023	30/04/2024	31/12/2023	30/04/2024	31/12/2023
KIBOR	4.25	4.00	4.50	4.25	4.69	4.56
SAIBOR	6.28	5.34	6.04	5.60	5.89	5.87
BHIBOR	6.33	6.14	6.34	6.27	6.38	6.55
QATAR	6.00	5.28	6.10	5.42	6.25	5.58
AEIBOR	5.31	4.31	5.25	4.94	5.47	5.04
EURIBOR	3.87	2.13	3.84	2.69	3.72	3.29
LIBOR	5.59	4.77	5.74	5.14	6.04	5.48
SOFR	5.33	5.33	5.31	5.16	5.24	4.77

USD Swap Rates

	USD Swap Rates			Currencies			Commodities			
	Yield %	1D Δ (bps)	YTD Δ (%)	USD	1D Δ (bps)	YTD Δ (%)	USD	YTD Δ (%)		
1-Year	5.23	-0.21	10.1	KWD	0.3073	-0.0098	0.55	Crude Oil	88.24	15.14
2-Year	4.90	-0.36	20.5	SAR	3.7508	0.0000	-0.02	Gold	2,335.60	10.62
5-Year	4.41	-0.18	24.9	EUR	1.0699	-0.2052	-3.08	Silver	27.10	10.37
7-Year	4.30	-0.31	23.7	GBP	1.2534	-0.2308	-1.55	Copper	466.60	18.82
10-Year	4.24	-0.44	22.0	JPY	156.7600	-0.2615	-10.03	Nat. Gas	2.06	-18.06
30-Year	3.97	-0.62	19.7	CNH	7.2543	-0.1420	-1.77	Aluminum	2,561.17	6.17

US Treasuries

	US Treasuries		UK Giltis		German Bunds	
	Yield %	1D Δ (%)	Yield %	1D Δ (%)	Yield %	1D Δ (%)
1-Year	5.17	-0.03	4.69	0.03	NA	NA
2-Year	4.97	0.01	4.44	0.05	3.54	0.00
5-Year	4.64	0.02	4.20	0.15	2.64	0.00
10-Year	4.61	0.04	4.29	0.25	2.47	0.00
30-Year	4.72	0.12	4.74	0.44	2.66	0.00

Sovereign Ratings

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	Moody's	S&P	Fitch
Kuwait	A1	A+	AA-
KSA	A1	Au	A+
UAE	Aa2	NR	AA-
Abu Dhabi	Aa2	AA	AA
Qatar	Aa2	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

	30-Apr 2024	31-Dec 2023
USD 5Yr CDS		
Kuwait	52.02	35.96
KSA	54.03	50.21
Abu Dhabi	42.84	39.60
Dubai	69.22	60.36
Qatar	43.47	43.52
Bahrain	184.79	198.10
Oman	99.72	112.12
Iraq	362.95	411.62
Egypt	NA	NA
Morocco	87.54	109.36
Turkey	295.94	279.01
US	39.17	45.19
UK	24.56	33.74
China	67.81	59.80
Japan	21.63	22.74
Germany	8.67	15.61
France	22.52	22.94