

Sukuk Index 5 July 2017

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Emirates NBD Markit iBoxx USD Sukuk Index Monthly

Total return level for Emirates NBD Markit iBoxx USD Sukuk Index (the index) closed the month of June at 116.49 representing a small loss of 0.28% for the month though YTD return is still a positive 1.36%. Current performance will indicate annualised return to be over 2.7% which remains healthy in view of prevailing market conditions.

Monthly index total return was negatively impacted by the ongoing Qatar diplomatic crisis, given the dominance of GCC issuers in the index. Rising benchmark USD yields and falling oil prices also had their impact on sukuk issued out of oil related economies such as Malaysia and the GCC.



Source: Markit, Emirates NBD Research.

Secondary market trading in underlying sukuk was relatively muted compared with previous months as a result of Ramadan and Eid holidays.

Index Characteristics						
	29th Jun-17	31-Mar-17	31-Dec-16	29-Jun-16		
Number of Issuers	64	60	59	59		
Number of Issues	98	94	93	87		
Nominal outstanding USD'Bn	90.51	78.65	77.55	70.09		
Average credit rating	A-	A-	Α	Α		
Average Duration	4.86	4.55	4.47	4.65		
Average Z-Spread, bps	160	157	182	223		
Average Yield to worst, %	3.62	3.66	3.90	3.46		
Price Return MTD	0.15%	-0.39%	-2.06%	-0.14%		
Price Return QTD	0.88%	0.62%	-2.49%	1.33%		
Price Return YTD	1.50%	0.62%	0.43%	1.58%		

Source: Markit, Emirates NBD Research.



New Additions during the month

OMANGS 4.397% 06/01/2024

The above sukuk was added to the index last month. It represents senior unsecured obligation of the Sultanate of Oman. US\$2 billion was raised at issue spread of Mid Swap + 235 bps, equating to profit rate of 4.397%. Oman is rated Baa1/stable by Moody's and BBB/Negative by Fitch.

As per Moody's, Oman suffered a steeper fiscal deterioration than most Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) peers as a result of the oil price shock as Hydrocarbon exports accounted for an average 67% of total goods exports in 2010-15, while oil and gas revenues constituted 87% of total government revenues over the same period. That said, Oman's Baa1 rating is supported by high levels of wealth and comparatively low risk that contingent liabilities from the banking system or wider non-financial public sector will crystallize on the government's balance sheet as growth slows. Although Moody's expects government debt to rise to 33% of GDP by 2017 from less than 5% at the onset of the oil price shock in 2014, Oman's fiscal buffers which the rating agency estimates at around 85% of GDP in 2015 will provide support through the process of fiscal and external adjustment. Recently Fitch revised the outlook on its BBB rating on Oman to negative citing concerns about rising government debt amid likelihood of real GDP to contract in 2017.

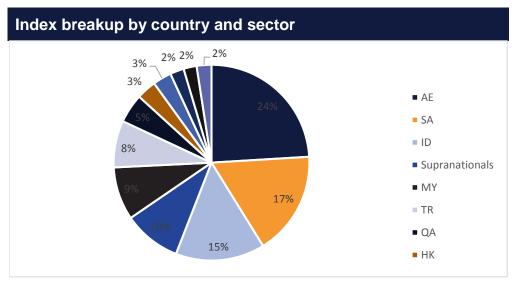
Redemption during the month

ISDB 1.535 06/04/2018

The sukuk now has less than one year to maturity.

The index remains well diversified across country and sectors

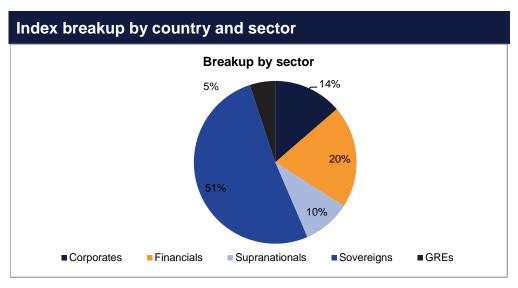
The June-end rebalancing of the index resulted in slight change in the geographic distribution of the sukuk universe. Weighting of GCC based issuers increased as a result of addition of the new \$2 billion sukuk from Oman sovereign during the month.



Source: Markit, Emirates NBD Research.

On a sector basis, 'Sovereigns' remained the dominant segment, particularly as GCC sovereigns continue to tap the sukuk universe for funding their budget deficits.



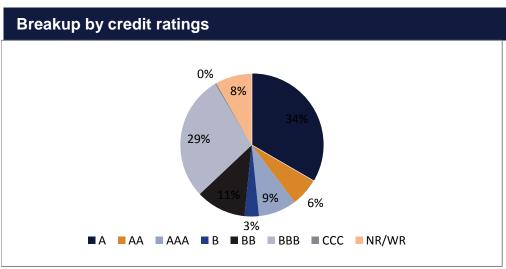


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Credit Rating Changes during the month

There were several individual rating actions, as detailed below, during the month that impacted index constituents. However since most changes related to revision of rating outlooks, overall credit rating of the index as a whole did not change during the month.

- S&P downgraded Qatar sovereign rating by one notch to AA- and continued the credit watch negative.
- Fitch revised the outlook on Bahrain sovereign's BB+ rating from stable to negative.
- Outlook on CBB international sukuk was also revised to negative by Fitch in line with revision of outlook on Bahrain sovereign's BB+ rating.
- S&P placed the A- rating on Qatar Islamic Bank on credit watch negative.
- Fitch also placed Qatar Islamic Bank's A+ rating on credit watch negative following the eruption of the Qatar diplomatic crisis last month.
- Fitch revised the outlook on Oman sovereign's BBB rating to negative from stable.



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Top 10 Performers during the month

Top 10 performers based on tightening of credit spreads (Z-spreads) were mainly sukuk issued by sovereigns including those from Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan and KSA. On the corporate front, sukuk issued by Saudi Electricity and by Emirates Airlines (guaranteed by UK export agency) made it to the list of top performers, however both these corporates are majority government owned or guaranteed.

Top 10				
Issuer	Final Maturity	Z-Spread	MTD Chg	YTD Chg
Perusahaan Penerbit SBSN Indonesia III	9/10/2024	138	-28	-70
Pakistan Government International Bond	10/13/2021	272	-27	-58
Perusahaan Penerbit SBSN Indonesia	3/15/2019	82	-21	-53
Perusahaan Penerbit SBSN Indonesia III	3/29/2022	132	-21	
Perusahaan Penerbit SBSN	11/21/2022	124	-21	-33
Petronas Global Sukuk Ltd	3/18/2020	75	-18	-46
JANY Sukuk Co Ltd	9/23/2019	157	-17	63
Khadrawy Ltd	3/31/2025	81	-16	21
Perusahaan Penerbit SBSN Indonesia III	3/29/2021	132	-15	-44
IDB Trust Services Ltd	9/25/2019	56	-13	-21

Source: Markit, Emirates NBD Research.

Bottom 10 Performers during the month

Sukuk from Qatar and Bahrain featured prominently in the bottom 10 performers, on a credit spread basis. This is understandable given the negative rating actions on these two sovereigns during the month. Ezdan Holdings, the real estate business, majority owned by the Qatari ruling family also saw material widening of credit spreads on its sukuk maturating in 2021 and another in 2022.

Based on total return, sukuk issued by CBB International (Bahrain sovereign) actually were in the top 10 performers given the high coupon that cushioned some of the price fall.

Bottom 10				
Issuer	Final Maturity	Z-Spread	MTD Chg	YTD Chg
CBB International Sukuk Co SPC	11/22/2018	183	27	-31
Dar Al-Arkan Sukuk Co Ltd	4/10/2022	587	42	
KT Sukuk Co Ltd	2/17/2026	469	44	-43
Alpha Star Holding LTD	4/9/2019	362	44	-133
SoQ Sukuk A Q.S.C	1/18/2023	134	47	56
Dar Al-Arkan Sukuk Co Ltd	5/28/2019	597	62	-32
QIB Sukuk Ltd	5/23/2022	211	63	
QIB Sukuk Ltd	10/27/2020	208	69	78
Albaraka Sukuk Ltd	11/30/2025	702	75	
Ezdan Sukuk Co Ltd	4/5/2022	478	170	

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