

FINANCIAL MARKET HEADLINES

| MOROCCO | CIH BANK | Issuance of a subordinated bond loan by private placement worth MAD 1 Bn

In a press release, CIH Bank announces the closing of a subordinated bond issue, by private placement with qualified investors, for a total amount of MAD 1 Bn. This operation was structured in two tranches:

- Tranche A: for a total amount of MAD 350 Mn at a fixed rate and with a maturity of 10 years;
- Tranche B: for a total amount of MAD 650 Mn at a rate reviewable annually and with a maturity of 10 years.

ECONOMIC HEADLINES

| MOROCCO | INFRASTRUCTURE | Launch of the construction of the largest desalination plant in Africa

Crown Prince Moulay El Hassan launched, on June 10^{th} 2024, the construction work of the seawater desalination station in Casablanca. It is the largest station in Africa requiring an investment of MAD 6.5 Bn. This will ultimately have a production capacity of 300 million m³ per year, benefiting a population estimated at 7.5 million inhabitants.

| BENIN | INFLATION | An inflation rate of 2.3% in May 2024

According to the National Institute of Statistics and Demography (INSTAD) of Benin, the Harmonized Consumer Prices Index increased by 0.4% in May 2024 compared to the previous month. Year-on-year, the inflation rate stood at 2.3%.