



Major Economic News

- **S&P Global Ratings** affirmed its foreign and local currency sovereign credit ratings for Saudi Arabia at **'A/A-1' with Stable Outlook**. The stable outlook reflects that the government's wide-ranging reforms will continue to underpin the development of non-oil sector and support non-oil growth and fiscal receipts. (Source: Argaam)

Major Corporate News

- **AMAK** extended a multi-year offtake contract with Glencore International AG to sell 100% of its zinc and copper concentrates produced from mining operations in KSA. Products delivery will be continued until the end of December 2026. (Source: Argaam)
- **BCI** announced planned shutdown at its Jubail factory for 6 days, to carry out pre-scheduled periodic maintenance operations, starting from March 18, 2024. The shutdown will not have any material financial impact. (Source: Tadawul)
- **Leejam** announced the approval to purchase company's shares, with a maximum of 200,000 shares, for the purpose of allocating it to the employees' long term incentives program. The company will fund this purchase through internal resources. (Source: Tadawul)

Earnings update (Net Profit) (SAR mn)

Company	Q4-23	Q4-22	Y/Y %	Q3-23	Q/Q %
WATANIYA*	31.5	-12.3	NM	33.9	-7.30
SPM	20.8	6.3	229.06	22.4	-7.13
BATIC*	-7.8	-6.2	NM	-6.6	NM
SAIC	37.6	19.9	89.55	38.9	-3.37
FIPCO	7.1	6.3	12.62	3.7	92.14
ALLIANZ SF	13.4	10.4	28.87	3.6	273.74

* NM indicates Not Meaningful

Market Analysis

The **Saudi Stock Exchange** was flat on Thursday at 12,728.5. The value traded stood at SAR 14.4bn (up 26.2% over the previous day), while the advance-decline ratio stood at 126/93. The parallel market index increased 1.2% to 26,989.4 points. The value traded stood at SAR 37.7mn (down 10.9% over the previous day). Most sectors in the main market ended in the green. Media and Diversified Financials (up 8.5% and 5.3%, respectively) advanced the most, while Energy and Healthcare (down 2.4% and 0.9%, respectively) led the laggards.

Top Gainers

Company	Price	Change%
WAFRAH	49.10	10.0
SRMG	278.40	10.0
TADAWUL GROUP	277.80	8.4
SISCO HOLDING	36.50	8.2
JAZADCO	19.68	8.1

Top Losers

Company	Price	Change%
MRNA	11.62	-4.8
WATANIYA	27.00	-4.4
ALRAJHI TAKAFUL	121.40	-4.4
TASNEE	13.80	-4.3
YCC	29.60	-4.2

Saudi Stock Exchange

Index	Closing	High	Low	Daily Change%	YTD %
TASI	12,729	12,788	12,677	0.0	6.4
NomuC	26,989	27,163	26,603	1.2	10.0

TASI movement during session



TASI Ratios

P/E* (x)	29.2
Price-to-Book (x)	2.6
Dividend Yield (%)	2.5
Return on Equity (%)	19.6

*Source: Argaam (Excluding Aramco)

Index	Close	Daily Change%	YTD %	PE (TTM)
Energy	5,915	-2.4	-4.9	16.4
Materials	6,317	0.4	-0.6	High
Capital Goods	12,519	-0.2	26.1	41.7
Commercial Service	5,832	0.5	4.9	37.2
Transportation	8,042	0.6	26.9	48.8
Consumer Durables	5,708	0.7	13.6	Neg
Consumer Services	5,921	1.4	19.9	42.1
Media	35,478	8.5	44.7	High
Consumer Discretionary Ret	8,793	-0.4	3.1	28.6
Consumer Staples Ret	10,770	-0.3	11.3	28.4
Food & Beverages	6,676	0.2	19.0	34.3
Healthcare	13,758	-0.9	14.4	High
Pharma & Bio Tech	5,353	0.9	10.2	High
Banks	12,591	-0.5	3.2	14.7
Financial Services	8,445	5.3	27.0	37.6
Insurance	11,027	0.6	30.2	29.4
Telecom	7,969	-0.1	3.2	14.8
Utilities	12,191	4.1	22.7	23.8
REITs	3,590	-0.2	-2.1	High
Real Estate	3,714	0.9	21.8	High
Software & Services	82,158	1.6	19.8	High

Average Index Value

Average days 5	Average days 10	Average days 20	Average value traded for March (bn)
12,648	12,584	12,582	9.82

Market Statistics

	Value Traded (SAR bn)	Volumes (mn shares)	No. of Trades ('000)
Current Week	51.6	1,982.50	2,873.40
Previous week	46.6	1,920.30	2,998.60

Top Weighted Companies

Company	Price	Change%
Saudi Aramco	31.25	-2.5
Al Rajhi	86.20	-0.8
SNB	38.85	-2.0
SABIC	77.40	-0.6
STC	39.75	-0.3





International Market News

- According to **Baker Hughes**, North America's rig count decreased 836 in the week ended March 15 from 847 earlier. The rig count rose to 629 in the US from 622 earlier, while increased to 22 in the Gulf of Mexico from 19. The rig count in Canada decreased to 207 from 225. (Source: Baker Hughes)
- US industrial production** inched up 0.1% in February, thereby recovering from the weather-related declines in January. Economists had expected industrial production to come in unchanged. The uptick in production was attributable to manufacturing and mining outputs, which were partially offset by substantial pullback by utilities output. (Source: RTT News)
- US retail sales** increased 0.6% in February, falling marginally short of expectations of an 0.8% increase. This rise in retail sales indicates that the consumers have a bit more capacity to spend, but the consistent downward revisions could indicate the slowing down of the economy. (Source: Reuters)
- China's new home prices** dropped 0.3% M/M in February, thereby falling for an eighth straight month. On a Y/Y basis the prices fell 1.4% thereby registering the biggest decline in 13 months. (Source: Reuters)
- Oil prices** on Friday decreased 0.1% on the worries of Fed not being able to cut the interest rates due to inflation being higher than the 2% target.
- Gold prices** on Friday decreased 0.3% due to higher than expected US inflation data, reducing the hopes on of interest rate cuts,

Forex / Currency

Currency / USD	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Dollar Index	103.43	0.1	-0.7	2.1
Euro	1.09	0.1	0.8	-1.4
Japanese Yen	149.04	0.5	-0.6	5.7
Sterling Pound	1.27	-0.1	0.9	0.0
Chinese Yuan	7.21	0.0	-0.0	1.1
Indian Rupee	82.89	0.1	-0.0	-0.4
UAE Dirham	3.67	-0.0	-0.0	-0.0
Qatari Rial	3.65	0.1	0.0	0.1
Kuwaiti Dinar	0.31	0.1	-0.1	0.0
Omani Rial	0.38	0.0	0.0	0.0
Bahraini Dinar	0.38	0.0	-0.0	-0.0
Egyptian Pound	47.80	-0.0	54.8	54.7

Corporate Calendar

Date	Company	Event
17-Mar	ENWA ALRAWABI	Eligibility of Cash Dividend
17-Mar	MARAFIQ	Eligibility of Cash Dividend
17-Mar	KNOWLEDGE TOWER	Cash Dividend Distribution
17-Mar	EPCCO	Eligibility of Cash Dividend
19-Mar	SADAFCO	Cash Dividend Distribution
19-Mar	GULF GENERAL	EGM

EGM: Extra Ordinary Meeting*

OGM: Ordinary General Meeting*

Regional Markets

Market	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dubai (DFM)	4,262	-0.6	-1.1	5.0	8.8
Abu Dhabi (ADX)	9,221	-0.4	-0.4	-3.7	19.8
Kuwait (KSE)	8,149	-0.3	-0.1	9.0	18.8
Qatar (QE)	10,256	0.6	-2.1	-5.3	11.8
Oman (MSM)	4,786	0.6	5.1	6.0	13.0
Bahrain (BSE)	2,047	0.2	2.1	3.8	7.9
Egypt (EGX30)	31,316	1.0	8.1	25.8	12.0

International Markets

Index	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dow Jones	38,715	-0.5	-0.7	2.7	22.2
Nasdaq	17,808	-1.1	-1.3	5.8	32.9
S&P 500	5,117	-0.6	0.4	7.3	24.5
FTSE 100	7,727	-0.2	1.3	-0.1	11.7
Germany DAX 30	17,937	-0.0	1.5	7.1	14.8
France CAC 40	8,164	0.0	3.0	8.2	14.6
Japan Nikkei 225	38,708	-0.3	-1.2	15.7	27.7
Russia MOEX	3,300	0.1	1.3	6.5	3.0
Hong Kong Hang Seng	16,721	-1.4	1.3	-1.9	8.8
South Korea KOSPI	2,667	-1.9	0.9	0.4	0.3
China Shanghai Composite	3,055	0.5	1.3	2.7	14.0
Australia ASX 200	7,670	-0.6	-0.4	1.0	19.5
India Sensex	72,643	-0.6	0.2	0.6	23.1
MSCI EM	1,035	-1.3	1.4	1.1	15.7
MSCI World	3,363	-0.6	0.8	6.1	21.2

Commodity Markets

Commodity	Price	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Arab Light Crude (\$/bbl)	86.28	0.3	4.6	7.3
Brent Crude (\$/bbl)	85.34	-0.1	2.1	10.8
Texas crude (\$/bbl)	81.04	-0.3	3.6	13.1
Natural Gas (\$/mmbtu)	1.66	-4.9	-11.0	-28.2
Gold (\$/oz)	2,155.90	-0.3	5.5	4.5
Silver (\$/oz)	25.19	1.5	11.1	5.8
Steel (\$/ton)	792.00	-0.1	-0.4	-30.2
Iron Ore (CNY/MT)	820.00	-13.9	-15.0	-21.4
Wheat (\$/bu)	528.50	-0.7	-8.3	-17.4
Corn (\$/bu)	436.75	0.7	1.7	-9.8
Sugar (\$/lb)	22.12	1.6	2.0	8.3
SMP* (EUR/MT)	2,434.00	0.2	-2.6	-5.5

*SMP: Skimmed Milk Powder

Interbank Rates

Region	Rate*	Daily Change(bps)	MTD (bps)	YTD (bps)
KSA (SAIBOR 1M)	5.86	-1.1	-2.6	-5.2
KSA (SAIBOR 3M)	6.20	1.5	-2.8	-3.0
KSA (SAIBOR 6M)	6.05	-0.6	-2.4	-2.1
KSA (SAIBOR 12M)	5.93	0.6	-0.0	-6.0
USA (SOFR 3M)	5.33	0.0	-0.4	-0.2
UAE (EIBOR 3M)	5.24	5.2	-5.2	-9.2

Data Sources: Tadawul, Bloomberg, Reuters

Closes as of March 14, 2024





Technical observations

Index	TASI
Ticker	SASEIDX Index
Last Close	12,729
Short-term view	Buy
52 weeks high/low	12,752 – 9,933

Market data

Exchange Market Cap. (SAR bn)	11,100.1
Value (SAR mn)	14,363.1
Volume (mn)	469.4
Number of Transactions	673,201
Market Breadth	126 : 93

Key statistics

1D return %	0.04%
MTD return %	0.77%
QTD return	6.36%
YTD return	6.36%
ADT vol. 3M* (mn)	352.8
ADT val. 3M (SARmn)	8,731.5

*ADT stands for Average Daily Traded

TASI market commentary

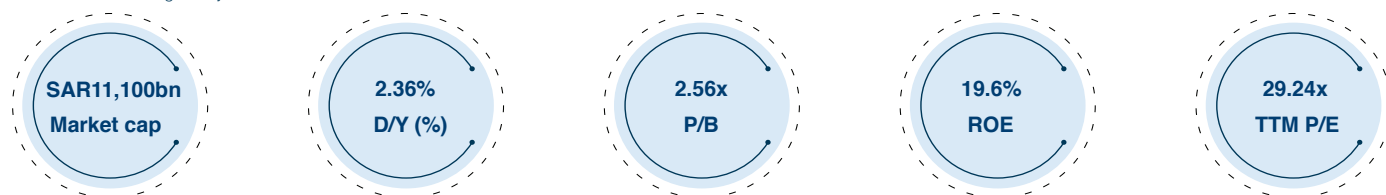
- TASI experienced a marginal rise on Thursday; primarily driven by the performance of the Materials sector (up 0.42%), the Utilities sector (up 4.14%). At close, the Saudi market ended the day with a change of 0.04% at 12,729. In terms of activity, total volumes and value traded were ~469mn and ~SAR 14.4bn, respectively. The advance-decline ratio came in at 126/93.

Technical outlook

- TASI closed the last session near 12,729, registering a marginal gain of 5 points. Despite reaching a new 52-week high of around 12,788, the index witnessed a coiled session which was concluded near its opening level. TASI formed a Doji candlestick that would require confirmation by a following bearish candlestick pattern to suggest a possible temporary profit-booking action. Moreover, it is worth noting that, as long as the index remains above its 20-day SMA, a potential upside target of around 12,965 remains valid. Furthermore, the RSI indicator exhibits a bullish structure, indicating a positive momentum in the short term. TASI has an immediate resistance level of around 12,965. If successfully surpassed, the subsequent resistance levels to watch for would be around 13,175 – 13,275. On the other hand, an immediate support level is observed around 12,670. If breached, the subsequent support levels would be around 12,580 – 12,400. Traders are advised to buy as long as the index is maintained trading above the 20-day SMA around 12,580 and closely monitor the significant resistance level of around 12,965.

Key price levels

S3	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2	R3
12,325	12,400	12,580	12,670	12,965	13,175	13,275



Source: Bloomberg, Argaam

TASI daily chart

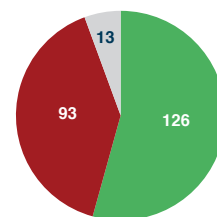


Source: Tradingview, Aljazira Capital

Our view



Market depth



Unchanged Up Down





SAUDI MARKET - TOP PICKS FOR THE WEEK

Code	Company	Close*	Buy range	Sell range	Reward %	Stop loss
4323	Sumou Real Estate	54.40	53.90 – 54.40	57.70 – 59.30	9.01%	52.30
1833	Al Mawarid Manpower	137.60	136.20 – 137.60	142.40 – 150.00	9.01%	132.40

* As of 14th Mar 2024,

* Note – Stop loss is based on a closing basis and not an intraday basis

CHARTS OF THE WEEK

Technical observations

SUMOU has penetrating the upper boundary of a declining channel as well as the 20-day SMA. Moreover, the RSI indicator is showing a bullish signal confirming the price action. We recommend buying the stock in a range of 53.90 – 54.40, for a target range of SAR57.70 – 59.30, with a stop loss below SAR52.30 on a closing basis.

Sumou Real Estate Co. (SUMOU)



Source: Tradingview, Aljazira Capital

Technical observations

ALMAWARID penetrated the upper boundary of a bullish continuation Wedge price pattern after bouncing off its 50-day SMA. Moreover, the RSI indicator is showing a bullish signal confirming the price action. We recommend buying the stock in a range of SAR136.20 – 137.60, for a target range of SAR142.40 – 150.00, with a stop loss below SAR132.40 on a closing basis.

Al Mawarid Manpower Co. (ALMAWARID)



Source: Tradingview, Aljazira Capital



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Candlestick: A candlestick (candle) is a type of price chart used to display the high, low, opening, and closing prices of a security for the period under consideration.

Support: This is the price level at which demand is strong enough to avoid any further price decline.

Resistance: This is the price level at which supply is strong enough to stop any further price increase.

Pattern/formation: This is a plot of a security's price activity over a certain period that can be used to identify potential trends, reversal of trends, price targets, entry and exit points, etc. There are various formations – such as head & shoulders, triangles, flags, etc.

Simple moving average: A simple moving average is formed by computing the average price of a security over a specific number of periods. Moving averages are based on closing prices.

Relative strength index (RSI): RSI is a momentum indicator that compares a security's price gains to its losses for a predetermined number of periods (generally, 14 periods are used). The RSI attempts to point out how security, in relative terms, is in the overbought/oversold zone.

Moving average convergence/divergence (MACD): MACD is a trading indicator that shows changes in the strength, direction, momentum, and duration of a trend in a stock's price through a collection of three- time series calculated from historical closing prices.

Fibonacci retracements: These are horizontal lines that indicate the expected areas of support/resistance for a security based on a predetermined price movement. These are usually indicated by Fibonacci ratios of 23.6%, 38.2%, 50.0%, 61.8%, and 100% from that movement.

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