



Major Economic News

- Saudi Arabia's** exports declined 0.2% M/M to 6.3mn barrels per day in January 2024. The kingdom's crude output edged up 0.1% M/M to 8.9mn bpd in January. Local crude consumption increased 1% M/M to 2.7mn bpd. (Source: Argaam)

Major Corporate News

- Arabian Drilling** announced that capex for 2024 is anticipated in the range between SAR 2.1bn and SAR 2.4bn, depending on the progress of the unconventional rigs capex program. Future dividends will be reviewed based on the company's ongoing capex program and cash management requirements to support investments for sustainable long-term growth. (Source: Argaam)
- Salama's** board of directors recommended to increase the company's capital through a SAR 100mn rights issue. This capital increase will meet the minimum capital requirements. (Source: Argaam)
- Almarai's** board of directors approved the company's strategic 5-year plan ending 2028 with an investment of SAR 18bn, to foster continuous growth, optimize sales and enhance financial performance. (Source: Argaam)

Earnings update (Net Profit) (SAR mn)

| Company | Q4-23 | Q4-22 | Y/Y % | Q3-23 | Q/Q % |
|------------------|-------|-------|--------|-------|--------|
| ALDAWAA | 92.4 | 89.5 | 3.17 | 71.3 | 29.55 |
| ALHAMMADI | 65.2 | 73.2 | -10.91 | 74.9 | -12.94 |
| AWPT | 29.7 | 27.7 | 7.26 | 42.0 | -29.34 |
| LEEJAM | 129.0 | 105.0 | 22.86 | 92.0 | 40.22 |
| ALSAGR INSURANCE | 7.3 | 5.4 | 35.31 | 7.4 | -1.72 |

Market Analysis

The **Saudi Stock Exchange** increased 0.1% at 12,772.5. The value traded stood at SAR 11.1bn (up 22.5% over the previous day), while the advance-decline ratio stood at 115/113. The parallel market index decreased 0.3% to 27,204.7 points. The value traded stood at SAR 26.2mn (down 35.8% over the previous day). Most sectors in the main market ended in the red. Commercial Service and Media (up 3.0% and 2.7%, respectively) advanced the most, while Consumer Services and Transportation (down 1.6% and 1.4%, respectively) led the laggards.

Top Gainers

| Company | Price | Change% |
|-----------------|-------|---------|
| SICO SAUDI REIT | 5.07 | 10.0 |
| SIDC | 13.56 | 9.9 |
| ZAMIL INDUST | 31.45 | 7.3 |
| EMAAR EC | 8.74 | 7.2 |
| TECO | 0.89 | 7.2 |

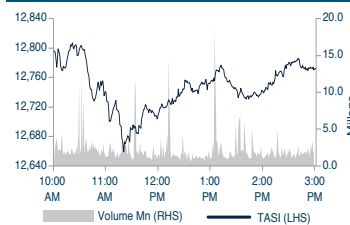
Top Losers

| Company | Price | Change% |
|--------------------|--------|---------|
| SSP | 80.20 | -10.0 |
| SPM | 66.80 | -7.6 |
| ENAYA | 19.28 | -6.5 |
| ALARABIA | 250.20 | -4.8 |
| GULF UNION ALAHLIA | 20.72 | -4.8 |

Saudi Stock Exchange

| Index | Closing | High | Low | Daily Change% | YTD % |
|-------|---------|--------|--------|---------------|-------|
| TASI | 12,772 | 12,808 | 12,657 | 0.1 | 6.7 |
| NomuC | 27,205 | 27,302 | 26,918 | (0.3) | 10.9 |

TASI movement during session



TASI Ratios

| | |
|----------------------|------|
| P/E* (x) | 29.3 |
| 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 | 5,889 | -0.2 | -5.3 | 16.3 |
| Materials | 6,323 | -0.4 | -0.5 | High |
| Capital Goods | 12,411 | -1.2 | 25.0 | 41.4 |
| Commercial Service | 6,078 | 3.0 | 9.3 | 38.9 |
| Transportation | 7,986 | -1.4 | 26.0 | 48 |
| Consumer Durables | 5,927 | 0.3 | 18.0 | Neg |
| Consumer Services | 5,819 | -1.6 | 17.8 | 41.3 |
| Media | 35,960 | 2.7 | 46.6 | High |
| Consumer Discretionary Ret | 8,816 | 0.2 | 3.4 | 28.9 |
| Consumer Staples Ret | 10,951 | 1.3 | 13.1 | 28.9 |
| Food & Beverages | 6,800 | 1.6 | 21.3 | 34.8 |
| Healthcare | 13,939 | 1.4 | 15.9 | High |
| Pharma & Bio Tech | 5,356 | -1.3 | 10.3 | High |
| Banks | 12,528 | 0.4 | 2.7 | 14.7 |
| Financial Services | 8,365 | -0.7 | 25.8 | 37.3 |
| Insurance | 10,907 | -0.8 | 28.7 | 29.2 |
| Telecom | 7,951 | -0.7 | 3.0 | 14.8 |
| Utilities | 12,758 | -1.2 | 28.4 | 24.9 |
| REITs | 3,619 | 1.0 | -1.3 | High |
| Real Estate | 3,860 | 2.4 | 26.6 | High |
| Software & Services | 81,988 | -0.9 | 19.6 | High |

Average Index Value

| Average days 5 | Average days 10 | Average days 20 | Average value traded for March (bn) |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| 12,720 | 12,638 | 12,610 | 9.86 |

Market Statistics

| | Value Traded (SAR bn) | Volumes (mn shares) | No. of Trades ('000) |
|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Current Week | 20.1 | 1,051.90 | 1,199.90 |
| Previous week | 51.6 | 1,982.50 | 2,873.40 |

Top Weighted Companies

| Company | Price | Change% |
|--------------|-------|---------|
| Saudi Aramco | 31.10 | -0.2 |
| Al Rajhi | 85.10 | 0.0 |
| SNB | 39.40 | 1.9 |
| SABIC | 76.90 | -0.6 |
| STC | 39.65 | -0.6 |





International Market News

- The **US homebuilder confidence index** increased to 51 in March, from 48 in February. The index surpassed the breakeven point of 50 for the first time since last July. This unexpected increase was due to improvement in the current sales condition component and next six months sales component. (Source: RTT News)
- Eurozone inflation**, as estimated, softened in February, largely reflecting the decline in energy prices. The harmonized index of consumer prices posted an annual increase of 2.6% after rising 2.8% in January. Core inflation slowed to 3.1%, as estimated, from 3.3% a month ago. (Source: Reuters)
- Eurozone trade surplus** increased in January aided by increasing exports. The trade surplus increased to a seasonally adjusted surplus of EUR 28.1bn in January from EUR 14.3bn in December. Exports increased 2.1%, while imports decreased 4.0% in January. (Source: RTT News)
- The **average asking price** for houses in the **UK** increased 1.5% M/M in March, higher than the historic average of 1.0% increase. The demand recovery can be seen from the sales number increasing 13% Y/Y, coupled with an 8% increase in buyer demand on Y/Y basis. (Source: RTT News)
- Oil prices** increased 0.1% as lower exports from Iraq and Saudi Arabia ease the supply concerns.
- Gold prices** were flat supported by high US yields, but partially offset by focus on upcoming Fed meeting.

Forex / Currency

| Currency / USD | Close | Daily Change% | MTD % | YTD % |
|----------------|--------|---------------|-------|-------|
| Dollar Index | 103.58 | 0.1 | -0.6 | 2.2 |
| Euro | 1.09 | -0.2 | 0.6 | -1.5 |
| Japanese Yen | 149.15 | 0.1 | -0.6 | 5.8 |
| Sterling Pound | 1.27 | -0.1 | 0.8 | -0.0 |
| Chinese Yuan | 7.21 | 0.0 | -0.0 | 1.1 |
| Indian Rupee | 82.91 | 0.0 | -0.0 | -0.4 |
| UAE Dirham | 3.67 | 0.0 | -0.0 | -0.0 |
| Qatari Rial | 3.65 | -0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Kuwaiti Dinar | 0.31 | -0.0 | -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 | 47.16 | -1.3 | 52.7 | 52.6 |

Corporate Calendar

| Date | Company | Event |
|--------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| 19-Mar | SADAFCO | Cash Dividend Distribution |
| 19-Mar | GULF GENERAL | EGM |
| 19-Mar | AL MAATHER REIT | Eligibility of Cash Dividend |
| 19-Mar | THEEB | Eligibility of Cash Dividend |
| 20-Mar | YANSAB | EGM |
| 20-Mar | JARIR | Cash Dividend Distribution |

EGM: Extra Ordinary Meeting*

OGM: Ordinary General Meeting*

Regional Markets

| Market | Close | Daily Change% | MTD % | YTD % | P/E |
|-----------------|--------|---------------|-------|-------|------|
| Dubai (DFM) | 4,275 | 0.3 | -0.8 | 5.3 | 8.4 |
| Abu Dhabi (ADX) | 9,289 | 0.7 | 0.4 | -3.0 | 20.0 |
| Kuwait (KSE) | 8,118 | -0.4 | -0.5 | 8.6 | 18.7 |
| Qatar (QE) | 10,260 | 0.0 | -2.1 | -5.3 | 11.8 |
| Oman (MSM) | 4,770 | -0.1 | 4.7 | 5.7 | 13.2 |
| Bahrain (BSE) | 2,035 | 0.2 | 1.5 | 3.2 | 7.9 |
| Egypt (EGX30) | 29,091 | -6.3 | 0.4 | 16.9 | 11.2 |

International Markets

| Index | Close | Daily Change% | MTD % | YTD % | P/E |
|--------------------------|--------|---------------|-------|-------|------|
| Dow Jones | 38,790 | 0.2 | -0.5 | 2.9 | 22.2 |
| Nasdaq | 17,985 | 1.0 | -0.3 | 6.9 | 33.2 |
| S&P 500 | 5,149 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 8.0 | 24.7 |
| FTSE 100 | 7,723 | -0.1 | 1.2 | -0.1 | 11.7 |
| Germany DAX 30 | 17,933 | -0.0 | 1.4 | 7.1 | 14.8 |
| France CAC 40 | 8,148 | -0.2 | 2.8 | 8.0 | 14.6 |
| Japan Nikkei 225 | 39,740 | 2.7 | 1.5 | 18.8 | 28.4 |
| Russia MOEX | 3,296 | -0.1 | 1.2 | 6.4 | 3.0 |
| Hong Kong Hang Seng | 16,737 | 0.1 | 1.4 | -1.8 | 8.8 |
| South Korea KOSPI | 2,686 | 0.7 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 0.3 |
| China Shanghai Composite | 3,085 | 1.0 | 2.3 | 3.7 | 14.2 |
| Australia ASX 200 | 7,676 | 0.1 | -0.3 | 1.1 | 19.5 |
| India Sensex | 72,748 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 23.1 |
| MSCI EM | 1,038 | 0.3 | 1.7 | 1.4 | 14.6 |
| MSCI World | 3,381 | 0.5 | 1.3 | 6.7 | 21.1 |

Commodity Markets

| Commodity | Price | Daily Change% | MTD % | YTD % |
|---------------------------|----------|---------------|-------|-------|
| Arab Light Crude (\$/bbl) | 87.32 | 1.2 | 5.9 | 8.6 |
| Brent Crude (\$/bbl) | 86.89 | 1.8 | 3.9 | 12.8 |
| Texas crude (\$/bbl) | 82.72 | 2.1 | 5.7 | 15.5 |
| Natural Gas (\$/mmbtu) | 1.70 | 2.9 | -8.4 | -26.1 |
| Gold (\$/oz) | 2,160.36 | 0.2 | 5.7 | 4.7 |
| Silver (\$/oz) | 25.04 | -0.6 | 10.4 | 5.2 |
| Steel (\$/ton) | 799.00 | 0.9 | 0.5 | -29.6 |
| Iron Ore (CNY/MT) | 807.50 | -1.5 | -16.3 | -22.6 |
| Wheat (\$/bu) | 542.75 | 2.7 | -5.8 | -15.1 |
| Corn (\$/bu) | 436.00 | -0.2 | 1.5 | -9.9 |
| Sugar (\$/lb) | 22.16 | 0.2 | 2.2 | 8.5 |
| SMP* (EUR/MT) | 2,430.00 | -0.2 | -2.8 | -5.7 |

*SMP: Skimmed Milk Powder

Interbank Rates

| Region | Rate* | Daily Change(bps) | MTD (bps) | YTD (bps) |
|------------------|-------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|
| KSA (SAIBOR 1M) | 5.91 | 1.9 | 2.1 | -0.5 |
| KSA (SAIBOR 3M) | 6.22 | 1.6 | -0.5 | -0.8 |
| KSA (SAIBOR 6M) | 6.05 | 1.3 | -2.6 | -2.3 |
| KSA (SAIBOR 12M) | 5.91 | -3.0 | -2.7 | -8.7 |
| USA (SOFR 3M) | 5.33 | 0.3 | -0.1 | 0.1 |
| UAE (EIBOR 3M) | 5.21 | -3.0 | -8.2 | -12.2 |

Data Sources: Tadawul, Bloomberg, Reuters

Closes as of March 18, 2024





Technical observations

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|------------------------|----------------|
| Index | TASI |
| Ticker | SASEIDX Index |
| Last Close | 12,773 |
| Short-term view | Buy |
| 52 weeks high/low | 12,808 – 9,933 |

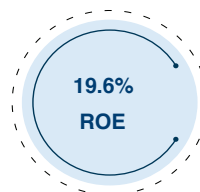
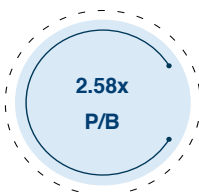
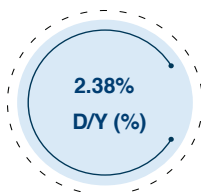
Market data

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| Exchange Market Cap. (SAR bn) | 11,083.1 |
| Value (SAR mn) | 11,057.1 |
| Volume (mn) | 672.0 |
| Number of Transactions | 656,887 |
| Market Breadth | 115 : 113 |

Key statistics

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|---------------------|---------|
| 1D return % | 0.08% |
| MTD return % | 1.12% |
| QTD return | 6.73% |
| YTD return | 6.73% |
| ADT vol. 3M* (mn) | 364.1 |
| ADT val. 3M (SARmn) | 8,902.3 |

*ADT stands for Average Daily Traded



Source: Bloomberg, Argaam

TASI daily chart



Source: Tradingview, Aljazira Capital

TASI market commentary

- TASI experienced a marginal rise on Monday; primarily driven by the performance of the Banks sector (up 0.43%), the Real estate management sector (up 2.43%) and other small sectors. At close, the Saudi market ended the day with a change of 0.08% at 12,773. In terms of activity, total volumes and value traded were ~672mn and ~SAR 11.1bn, respectively. The advance-decline ratio came in at 115/113.

Technical outlook

- TASI closed the last session near 12,773, marking a modest gain of 10 points. The index witnessed a weak performance within the first half of the session; however, buying power resurfaced to recoup the session's losses. TASI formed a Hanging Man candlestick that would require confirmation by a following bearish candlestick pattern to suggest a possible temporary profit-booking action. Moreover, it is important to note that, as long as the index remains above its 20-day SMA of around 12,610, a potential upside target of around 12,965 remains attainable. Moreover, the RSI indicator continues hovering above the level of 50. 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 12,610 – 12,400. Traders are advised to keep buying as long as the index remains above the 20-day SMA of around 12,610 and closely monitor the significant resistance level of around 12,965.

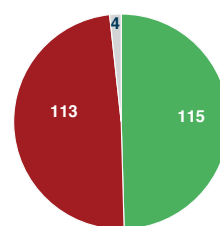
Key price levels

| S3 | S2 | S1 | Pivot | R1 | R2 | R3 |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 12,325 | 12,400 | 12,610 | 12,670 | 12,965 | 13,175 | 13,275 |

Our view



Market depth



Unchanged Up Down





SAUDI MARKET - TOP PICKS FOR THE DAY

| Code | Company | Close* | Buy range | Sell range | Stop loss |
|------|--------------|--------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|
| 1302 | Bawan | 50.80 | 50.70 – 50.80 | 51.30 – 52.20 | 50.20 |
| 2220 | Maadaniyah | 21.22 | 21.18 – 21.22 | 21.42 – 21.80 | 21.00 |
| 4003 | Extra | 97.70 | 97.50 – 97.70 | 98.60 – 100.40 | 96.60 |
| 3030 | Saudi Cement | 47.50 | 47.38 – 47.50 | 47.95 – 48.45 | 46.95 |
| 4164 | Nahdi | 147.80 | 147.40 – 147.80 | 149.20 – 150.80 | 146.20 |
| 4110 | Batic | 2.73 | 2.72 – 2.73 | 2.76 – 2.78 | 2.70 |

*As of 18th Mar 2024

* Note – Stop loss is based on an intraday basis

CHARTS OF THE DAY

Technical observations

Bawan penetrated a declining trendline as well as its 20-day SMA. Moreover, all the technical indicators show bullish structure.

Bawan Company (Bawan)



Source: Tradingview, Aljazira Capital

Technical observations

Maadaniyah has just penetrated the level of prior peaks. Moreover, all the technical indicators show bullish structure.

National Metal Manufacturing and Casting Co. (Maadaniyah)



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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