



Major Economic News

- **S&P Global Saudi Arabia PMI**, fell to 57 points in March 2024. The non-oil private sector saw significant operational improvements at the end of the first quarter. Business activity hit a six-month high, driven by notable increases in orders and new clients. Looking ahead, non-oil firms are highly positive about future business, spurred by solid demand. (Source: Argaam)
- **Ministry of Industry and Mineral Resources** issued 118 new industrial licenses in February 2024, at a total investment value of SAR 1.9bn. The new licenses covered five industrial activities, with 23 issued in the food production sector, 18 in the manufacturing of casting metals, 13 in the manufacturing of non-metallic mineral products, 11 in the manufacturing of chemical products, and 9 in the manufacturing of rubber and plastics. (Source: Argaam)

Major Corporate News

- **Nama Chemical's** subsidiary which operates in Jubail Industrial city, inked a short-term Murabaha facility agreement worth SAR 35mn with Saudi Export Import Bank to finance working capital. The financing will expire on October 09, 2024. (Source: Argaam)
- **Saudi AZM** was awarded contract by Saudi Irrigation Organization to activate data management and governance as well as develop the data warehouse and use cases. The project value exceeds 5% of its total revenues for FY23. (Source: Argaam)

Market Analysis

The **Saudi Stock Exchange** increased 1.2% at 12,622.2. The value traded stood at SAR 8.3bn (up 9.1% over the previous day), while the advance-decline ratio stood at 171/56. The parallel market index decreased 0.3% to 26,062.7 points. The value traded stood at SAR 59.9mn (down 6.9% over the previous day). Most sectors in the main market ended in the green. Materials and Real Estate (up 2.6% and 2.5%, respectively) advanced the most, while Food & Beverages and Media (down 1.6% and 1.0%, respectively) led the laggards.

Top Gainers

Company	Price	Change%
SALAMA	30.65	6.6
JABAL OMAR	30.30	6.3
SSP	72.50	6.2
ADVANCED	44.85	6.0
ALKHALEEJ TRNG	30.00	5.8

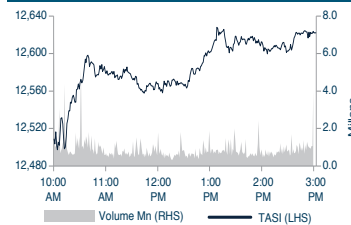
Top Losers

Company	Price	Change%
CENOMI RETAIL	12.22	-8.4
SAVOLA GROUP	53.20	-3.3
SAUDI CABLE	73.50	-2.7
SADAFCO	373.00	-2.6
MODERN MILLS	60.00	-2.3

Saudi Stock Exchange

Index	Closing	High	Low	Daily Change%	YTD %
TASI	12,622	12,633	12,484	1.2	5.5
NomuC	26,063	26,328	25,949	(0.3)	6.3

TASI movement during session



TASI Ratios

P/E* (x)	29.1
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	5,755	-0.4	-7.4	15.9
Materials	6,539	2.6	2.9	High
Capital Goods	12,126	0.5	22.1	41.2
Commercial Service	5,354	0.1	-3.7	34.4
Transportation	7,291	0.7	15.0	43
Consumer Durables	5,474	1.0	9.0	Neg
Consumer Services	5,304	0.1	7.4	38.4
Media	32,920	-1.0	34.2	High
Consumer Discretionary Ret	8,413	0.9	-1.3	27.5
Consumer Staples Ret	10,202	0.4	5.4	27.4
Food & Beverages	6,371	-1.6	13.6	34
Healthcare	13,678	-0.3	13.7	High
Pharma & Bio Tech	4,960	1.2	2.1	High
Banks	12,539	2.3	2.8	14.8
Financial Services	8,594	2.2	29.2	37.9
Insurance	10,478	1.1	23.7	28
Telecom	7,729	0.2	0.1	14.4
Utilities	12,844	0.3	29.2	25.1
REITs	3,547	0.1	-3.3	High
Real Estate	3,818	2.5	25.2	High
Software & Services	79,540	1.3	16.0	49.4

Average Index Value

Average days 5	Average days 10	Average days 20	Average value traded for March (bn)
12,498	12,597	12,643	9.24

Market Statistics

	Value Traded (SAR bn)	Volumes (mn shares)	No. of Trades ('000)
Current Week	28.8	1,140.20	2,066.70
Previous week	42.7	1,742.90	2,799.40

Top Weighted Companies

Company	Price	Change%
Saudi Aramco	30.45	-0.5
Al Rajhi	84.40	2.7
SNB	40.80	2.0
SABIC	86.10	3.7
STC	38.60	0.3





International Market News

- According to **EIA**, oil inventories in the US increased 3.2mn barrels (prior: up 3.2mn) to 451.4mn in the week ended March 29. Gasoline inventories decreased 4.3mn barrels (prior: up 1.3mn) to 227.8mn, while distillate inventories declined 1.3mn barrels (prior: down 1.2mn) to 116.1mn. (Source: EIA, Econoday)
- US services PMI** unexpectedly slowed to 51.4 in March, versus 52.6 in February. The unexpected decrease in the index partly reflected a slowdown in the pace of new orders, with the new orders index falling to 54.4 in March from 56.1 in February. (Source: RTT News)
- Euro zone** inflation fell unexpectedly in March, solidifying the case for the European Central Bank to start lowering borrowing costs from record highs. Consumer price growth slowed to 2.4% in March from 2.6% in February, defying expectations for a steady rate as food, energy and industrial goods prices all pulled the headline figure lower. (Source: Reuters)
- Euro area** unemployment rate remained stable in February at 6.5%. The number of unemployed persons increased by 17,000 from January. However, compared to last year, unemployment fell 30,000. (Source: Reuters)
- Oil prices** gained 0.3% as prospect of worsening geopolitical conditions in the Middle East presented more potential supply disruptions.
- Gold prices** increased 0.1% due to weakening of dollar amid uncertainty over US interest rate cuts.

Forex / Currency

Currency / USD	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Dollar Index	104.25	-0.5	-0.3	2.9
Euro	1.08	0.6	0.4	-1.8
Japanese Yen	151.70	0.1	0.2	7.6
Sterling Pound	1.27	0.6	0.2	-0.6
Chinese Yuan	7.25	-0.1	-0.1	1.7
Indian Rupee	83.44	0.1	0.0	0.3
UAE Dirham	3.67	0.0	0.0	-0.0
Qatari Rial	3.65	-0.0	-0.0	0.0
Kuwaiti Dinar	0.31	-0.0	0.0	0.1
Omani Rial	0.38	0.0	0.0	0.0
Bahraini Dinar	0.38	0.0	-0.0	0.0
Egyptian Pound	47.41	0.5	-0.0	53.4

Corporate Calendar

Date	Company	Event
4-Apr	ALHAMMADI	Cash Dividend Distribution
4-Apr	DERAYAH REIT	Cash Dividend Distribution
4-Apr	EPCCO	Cash Dividend Distribution
4-Apr	ACADEMY OF LEARNING	Cash Dividend Distribution
4-Apr	FIRST MILLS	Eligibility of Cash Dividend
7-Apr	UNITED MINING	Cash Dividend Distribution

EGM: Extra Ordinary Meeting*

OGM: Ordinary General Meeting*

Regional Markets

Market	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dubai (DFM)	4,240	-0.7	-0.1	4.4	8.4
Abu Dhabi (ADX)	9,209	-0.5	-0.2	-3.8	20.0
Kuwait (KSE)	7,977	-1.4	-0.7	6.7	18.9
Qatar (QE)	9,692	-1.0	-1.6	-10.5	11.2
Oman (MSM)	4,663	-0.2	0.6	3.3	12.9
Bahrain (BSE)	2,022	-0.4	-1.0	2.6	7.8
Egypt (EGX30)	27,937	0.0	3.9	12.2	10.6

International Markets

Index	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dow Jones	39,127	-0.1	-1.7	3.8	22.4
Nasdaq	18,160	0.2	-0.5	7.9	33.5
S&P 500	5,211	0.1	-0.8	9.3	25.0
FTSE 100	7,937	0.0	-0.2	2.6	12.2
Germany DAX 30	18,368	0.5	-0.7	9.6	15.3
France CAC 40	8,153	0.3	-0.6	8.1	14.5
Japan Nikkei 225	39,452	0.0	-2.3	17.9	28.1
Russia MOEX	3,396	0.7	1.9	9.6	3.2
Hong Kong Hang Seng	16,725	-1.2	1.1	-1.9	9.4
South Korea KOSPI	2,707	-1.7	-1.4	1.9	19.6
China Shanghai Composite	3,069	-0.2	0.9	3.2	12.8
Australia ASX 200	7,783	0.0	-1.4	2.5	19.8
India Sensex	73,877	0.0	0.3	2.3	23.5
MSCI EM	1,043	-0.6	0.0	1.9	15.2
MSCI World	3,410	0.2	-0.8	7.6	21.4

Commodity Markets

Commodity	Price	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Arab Light Crude (\$/bbl)	91.88	1.2	4.0	14.3
Brent Crude (\$/bbl)	89.35	0.5	2.1	16.0
Texas crude (\$/bbl)	85.43	0.3	2.7	19.2
Natural Gas (\$/mmbtu)	1.84	-1.1	4.4	-22.3
Gold (\$/oz)	2,300.00	0.8	3.1	11.5
Silver (\$/oz)	27.18	4.0	8.9	14.2
Steel (\$/ton)	860.00	-2.2	0.0	-24.2
Iron Ore (CNY/MT)	834.50	4.1	6.1	-20.0
Wheat (\$/bu)	556.00	2.0	-0.8	-13.1
Corn (\$/bu)	431.75	1.2	-2.3	-10.8
Sugar (\$/lb)	22.22	-0.4	-1.3	8.8
SMP* (EUR/MT)	2,338.00	0.2	0.6	-9.3

*SMP: Skimmed Milk Powder

Interbank Rates

Region	Rate*	Daily Change(bps)	MTD (bps)	YTD (bps)
KSA (SAIBOR 1M)	5.77	-8.6	-0.8	-13.8
KSA (SAIBOR 3M)	6.18	-11.5	-2.1	-5.0
KSA (SAIBOR 6M)	6.04	0.3	-5.7	-3.2
KSA (SAIBOR 12M)	5.88	-1.7	0.2	-11.4
USA (SOFR 3M)	5.31	-0.2	0.8	-2.5
UAE (EIBOR 3M)	5.13	-13.1	-7.9	-19.3

Data Sources: Tadawul, Bloomberg, Reuters

Closes as of April 3, 2024



Technical observations	
Index	TASI
Ticker	SASEIDX Index
Last Close	12,622
Short-term view	Hold
52 weeks high/low	12,883 – 9,933

Market data	
Exchange Market Cap. (SAR bn)	10,907.8
Value (SAR mn)	8,301.3
Volume (mn)	279.1
Number of Transactions	549,028
Market Breadth	171 : 56

Key statistics	
1D return %	1.17%
MTD return %	1.78%
QTD return	1.78%
YTD return	5.47%
ADT vol. 3M* (mn)	364.0
ADT val. 3M (SARmn)	8,899.5

*ADT stands for Average Daily Traded

TASI market commentary

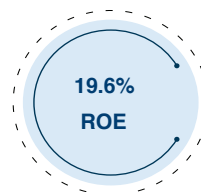
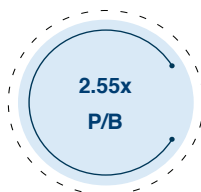
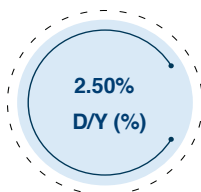
- TASI experienced a rise on Wednesday; primarily driven by the performance of the Materials sector (up 2.64%) and the Banks sector (up 2.27%). At close, the Saudi market ended the day with a change of 1.17% at 12,622. In terms of activity, total volumes and value traded were ~279mn and ~SAR 8.3bn, respectively. The advance-decline ratio came in at 171/56.

Technical outlook

- TASI closed the last session near 12,622, recording a substantial gain of 146 points. As anticipated, a robust buying sentiment emerged following the formation of the Morning Star candlestick pattern, driving the index upward. Moreover, TASI has formed a long green candlestick, propelling the index to retest the resistance zone formed by the previously breached rising trendline near the 20-day SMA around 12,645. Additionally, the RSI indicator is simultaneously hovering below a broken rising trendline around the level of 50. TASI has an immediate resistance level of around 12,645. If successfully surpassed, the subsequent resistance levels to watch for would be around 12,715 – 12,775. On the other hand, an immediate support level is observed at around 12,500. If breached, the subsequent support levels would be around 12,370 – 12,310. Traders are advised to closely monitor the significant resistance zone near the previously breached rising trendline and the 20-day SMA around 12,645, as a decisive breakout above this resistance level could trigger further buying sentiment.

Key price levels

S3	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2	R3
12,260	12,310	12,370	12,500	12,645	12,715	12,775



Source: Bloomberg, Argaam

TASI daily chart

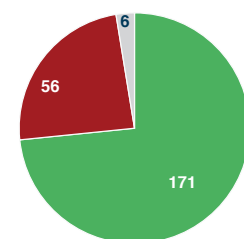


Source: Tradingview, Aljazira Capital

Our view



Market depth



Unchanged Up Down





SAUDI MARKET - TOP PICKS FOR THE WEEK

Code	Company	Close*	Buy range	Sell range	Reward %	Stop loss
2350	Saudi Kayan	10.10	10.00 – 10.10	10.70 – 11.14	10.30%	9.65
3010	Arabian Cement	32.75	32.40 – 32.75	34.80 – 35.60	8.70%	31.55

* As of 03rd Apr 2024,

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

CHARTS OF THE WEEK

Technical observations

SAUDI KAYAN has penetrated the upper boundary of a declining channel as well as the level of the prior peak to finish a Double Bottom price pattern. Moreover, the RSI indicator is showing a bullish signal confirming the price action. We recommend buying the stock in a range of 10.00 – 10.10, for a target range of SAR10.70 – 11.14, with a stop loss below SAR9.65 on a closing basis.

Saudi Kayan Petrochemical Co. (SAUDI KAYAN)



Source: Tradingview, Aljazira Capital

Technical observations

ACC has just penetrated a major declining trendline as well as its 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 32.40 – 32.75, for a target range of SAR34.80 – 35.60, with a stop loss below SAR31.55 on a closing basis.

Arabian Cement Co. (ACC)



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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