



Major Economic News

- **IMF** revised its growth forecast for the Saudi economy upwards by about 50bps to 6% for 2025. However, it revised the growth expectations for 2024 downwards by 10bps to 2.6%. (Source: Argaam)
- The **air traffic in the Kingdom** in 2023 reached 112mn passengers, registering a 26% Y/Y growth. It was also 8% higher than 2019 levels, thereby confirming the recovery from the fallout of COVID pandemic. The number of flights reached 0.8mn, implying a 16% Y/Y growth. The volume of air freight at Saudi airports in 2023 witnessed a growth of more than 7%, totaling about 918,000 tons, compared to 854,000 tons in 2022. (Source: Argaam)
- **Saudi Arabia's** international reserve assets rose by 5% M/M to the tune of SAR 1.70tn in March. Foreign currency reserves, representing about 95% of total assets, surged by nearly 4% Y/Y to SAR 1.61tn, while IMF reserves and SDR's dropped 10% Y/Y and 1% Y/Y respectively. (Source: Argaam)

Major Corporate News

- **Zoujaj** approved the addition of a sixth line to produce glass containers with a productivity of 25,000 tons annually. The cost of the project amounts to SAR 46.6mn with the project completion date expected to be in December 2024. The financial impact will begin in Q1-25 through an increase of SAR 10mn in the net annual income. (Source: Tadawul)

Market Analysis

The **Saudi Stock Exchange** decreased 1.6%, at 12,500.4. The value traded stood at SAR 10.2bn (up 5.1% over the previous day), while the advance-decline ratio stood at 42/186. The parallel market index decreased 0.9% to 26,309.4 points. The value traded stood at SAR 265.9mn (up 156.3% over the previous day). Most sectors in the main market ended in the red. Healthcare and Utilities (up 0.4% and 0.2%, respectively) advanced the most, while Software & Services and Diversified Financials down 3.4% and 2.6%, respectively) led the laggards.

Top Gainers

Company	Price	Change%
RED SEA	33.00	10.0
ATHEEB TELECOM	116.80	6.6
SSP	79.80	4.6
SAUDI CABLE	81.10	4.2
SALAMA	34.65	3.3

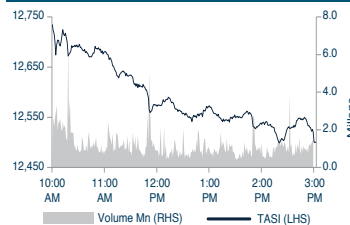
Top Losers

Company	Price	Change%
ADVANCED	42.90	-5.3
ELM	924.40	-4.7
SIPCHEM	32.70	-4.3
TADAWUL GROUP	259.00	-4.2
SABIC	82.10	-4.2

Saudi Stock Exchange

Index	Closing	High	Low	Daily Change%	YTD %
TASI	12,500	12,734	12,496	(1.6)	4.5
NomuC	26,309	26,581	26,201	(0.9)	7.3

TASI movement during session



TASI Ratios

P/E* (x)	28.9
Price-to-Book (x)	2.5
Dividend Yield (%)	2.5
Return on Equity (%)	19.6

*Source: Argaam (Excluding Aramco)

Index	Close	Daily Change%	YTD %	PE (TTM)
Energy	5,655	-1.3	-9.1	16.2
Materials	6,396	-2.1	0.7	High
Capital Goods	12,189	-0.5	22.8	43.3
Commercial Service	5,249	-1.6	-5.6	High
Transportation	7,573	-0.5	19.5	37.5
Consumer Durables	5,581	-2.0	11.1	Neg
Consumer Services	5,362	-1.4	8.5	41.1
Media	32,103	-0.9	30.9	High
Consumer Discretionary Ret	8,485	-1.8	-0.5	24.9
Consumer Staples Ret	10,007	-1.8	3.4	24.6
Food & Beverages	6,350	-1.3	13.2	31.8
Healthcare	14,134	0.4	17.5	High
Pharma & Bio Tech	5,093	-0.8	4.9	47.3
Banks	11,998	-2.5	-1.7	13.9
Financial Services	8,321	-2.6	25.1	38.8
Insurance	10,420	-2.1	23.0	28.1
Telecom	7,784	-0.8	0.8	14.7
Utilities	14,554	0.2	46.5	32.7
REITs	3,538	-0.6	-3.5	27.5
Real Estate	3,751	-1.5	23.0	42
Software & Services	77,725	-3.4	13.3	47.8

Average Index Value

Average days 5	Average days 10	Average days 20	Average value traded for April (bn)
12,641	12,568	12,654	8.16

Market Statistics

	Value Traded (SAR bn)	Volumes (mn shares)	No. of Trades ('000)
Current Week	26.2	961.60	1,733.80
Previous week	36.8	1,411.30	2,588.20

Top Weighted Companies

Company	Price	Change%
Saudi Aramco	29.90	-1.3
Al Rajhi	80.40	-2.9
SNB	38.40	-2.9
ACWA POWER	417.00	0.6
ALINMA	41.90	-3.2





International Market News

- **IMF** said that a resilient global economy is set for steady growth in the next two years as inflation returns to target gradually, but the growth will be uneven amid persistent risks. Global growth is expected to remain at 3.2% in 2024 and 2025, with inflation projected to fall to 5.9% in 2024 and 4.5% in 2025. (Source: RTT News)
- **US industrial production** inched up by 0.4% in March, in-line with consensus estimates. The increase in production partly reflected a rebound by utilities output, which surged by 2.0 percent in March, however the mining output fell 1.4%. (Source: Reuters)
- **US housing starts** plummeted by 14.7%, to an annual rate of 1.3mn in March. The reported numbers were materially below consensus estimates of 2.7% decline. The single-family homebuilding tumbled, while new construction remained underpinned by shortage of previously owned houses for sale. Resurgence in the mortgage rates is pushing potential buyers to the sidelines. (Source: Reuters)
- **UK's unemployment** increased to 4.2% suggesting loss of momentum in jobs market. Stubborn underlying problems continued with wage growth still high and more people dropping out of the workforce. (Source: CNBC)
- **Oil prices** decreased by 0.1% due to signs of large weekly build in US inventories, despite tensions in Middle East persist.
- **Gold prices** increased by 0.2% due to Fed's hawkish comments and mixed US economic data.

Forex / Currency

Currency / USD	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Dollar Index	106.26	0.0	1.6	4.9
Euro	1.06	-0.0	-1.6	-3.8
Japanese Yen	154.72	0.3	2.2	9.7
Sterling Pound	1.24	-0.2	-1.6	-2.4
Chinese Yuan	7.26	0.1	0.1	1.9
Indian Rupee	83.54	0.1	0.2	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	0.2	0.3
Omani Rial	0.38	-0.0	0.0	0.0
Bahraini Dinar	0.38	-0.0	-0.0	0.0
Egyptian Pound	48.54	0.5	2.4	57.0

Corporate Calendar

Date	Company	Event
17-Apr	CENOMI RETAIL	EGM
17-Apr	ALMAWARID	Cash Dividend Distribution
18-Apr	TASNEE	EGM
18-Apr	SISCO HOLDING	Cash Dividend Distribution
18-Apr	LUBEREF	Cash Dividend Distribution
18-Apr	RETAL	EGM

EGM: Extra Ordinary Meeting*

OGM: Ordinary General Meeting*

Regional Markets

Market	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dubai (DFM)	4,184	-1.4	-1.5	3.1	8.2
Abu Dhabi (ADX)	9,194	-0.6	-0.4	-4.0	20.0
Kuwait (KSE)	7,569	-2.7	-5.8	1.2	17.9
Qatar (QE)	9,853	-0.7	0.1	-9.0	11.4
Oman (MSM)	4,738	0.2	2.2	5.0	12.2
Bahrain (BSE)	2,042	0.1	-0.0	3.6	8.3
Egypt (EGX30)	29,401	-0.7	9.4	18.1	11.0

International Markets

Index	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dow Jones	37,799	0.2	-5.0	0.3	21.7
Nasdaq	17,714	0.0	-3.0	5.3	32.7
S&P 500	5,051	-0.2	-3.9	5.9	24.2
FTSE 100	7,820	-1.8	-1.7	1.1	12.0
Germany DAX 30	17,766	-1.4	-3.9	6.1	14.8
France CAC 40	7,933	-1.4	-3.3	5.2	14.1
Japan Nikkei 225	38,471	-1.9	-4.7	15.0	27.4
Russia MOEX	3,463	-0.3	3.9	11.7	4.0
Hong Kong Hang Seng	16,249	-2.1	-1.8	-4.7	9.1
South Korea KOSPI	2,610	-2.3	-5.0	-1.7	18.8
China Shanghai Composite	3,007	-1.6	-1.1	1.1	12.6
Australia ASX 200	7,612	-1.8	-3.6	0.3	19.3
India Sensex	72,944	-0.6	-1.0	1.0	23.2
MSCI EM	1,010	-2.0	-3.2	-1.4	14.9
MSCI World	3,297	-0.6	-4.1	4.0	20.8

Commodity Markets

Commodity	Price	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Arab Light Crude (\$/bbl)	91.97	0.5	4.1	14.4
Brent Crude (\$/bbl)	90.02	-0.1	2.9	16.8
Texas crude (\$/bbl)	85.36	-0.1	2.6	19.1
Natural Gas (\$/mmbtu)	1.73	2.4	-1.8	-26.9
Gold (\$/oz)	2,382.89	-0.0	6.9	15.5
Silver (\$/oz)	28.11	-2.6	12.6	18.1
Steel (\$/ton)	845.00	0.0	-1.7	-25.6
Iron Ore (CNY/MT)	788.00	-5.6	0.2	-24.4
Wheat (\$/bu)	564.75	-0.5	-1.9	-12.5
Corn (\$/bu)	442.75	-0.3	-2.6	-10.4
Sugar (\$/lb)	19.53	-1.5	-11.8	-4.3
SMP* (EUR/MT)	2,352.00	0.1	1.2	-8.7

*SMP: Skimmed Milk Powder

Interbank Rates

Region	Rate*	Daily Change(bps)	MTD (bps)	YTD (bps)
KSA (SAIBOR 1M)	5.78	8.1	-0.1	-13.2
KSA (SAIBOR 3M)	6.19	0.2	-1.3	-4.3
KSA (SAIBOR 6M)	6.04	4.1	-5.8	-3.3
KSA (SAIBOR 12M)	5.89	0.0	1.2	-10.4
USA (SOFR 3M)	5.33	1.0	2.9	-0.4
UAE (EIBOR 3M)	5.12	-12.1	-9.8	-21.2

Data Sources: Tadawul, Bloomberg, Reuters

Closes as of April 16, 2024





Technical observations	
Index	TASI
Ticker	SASEIDX Index
Last Close	12,500
Short-term view	Profit Booking
52 weeks high/low	12,883 – 9,933

Market data	
Exchange Market Cap. (SAR bn)	10,761.0
Value (SAR mn)	10,214.2
Volume (mn)	371.4
Number of Transactions	670,045
Market Breadth	42 : 186

Key statistics	
1D return %	-1.64%
MTD return %	0.80%
QTD return	0.80%
YTD return	4.45%
ADT vol. 3M* (mn)	359.7
ADT val. 3M (SARmn)	8,975.9

*ADT stands for Average Daily Traded

TASI market commentary

- TASI experienced a decline on Tuesday; primarily driven by the performance of the Banks sector (down 2.54%) and the Materials sector (down 2.13%). At close, the Saudi market ended the day with a change of -1.64% at 12,500. In terms of activity, total volumes and value traded were ~371mn and ~SAR 10.2bn, respectively. The advance-decline ratio came in at 42/186.

Technical outlook

- TASI closed the last session near 12,500, marking a substantial loss of 208 points. The session witnessed a resurgence of profit-booking sentiment after testing the previously broken rising trendline around 12,775, resulting in a downward push that led to the index closing near the session's low. TASI formed a Bearish Engulfing candlestick after the appearance of the Shooting Star candlestick exhibiting the re-dominance of the profit booking sentiment. Additionally, the RSI indicator started to decline below the previously broken rising trendline as well as the 50 level. TASI has an immediate support level of around 12,460. If breached, the subsequent support levels would be around 12,370 – 12,260. On the other hand, an immediate resistance level is observed around 12,655. If successfully surpassed, the subsequent resistance levels to watch for would be around 12,775– 12,885. Traders are advised to stay cautious and closely monitor the level of the previous trough, located around 12,370 where a previous rebound has occurred. Breaking this level could potentially trigger a further profit-booking sentiment and an additional decline in the market.

Key price levels						
S3	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2	R3
12,260	12,370	12,460	12,655	12,775	12,885	13,025



Source: Bloomberg, Argam

TASI daily chart

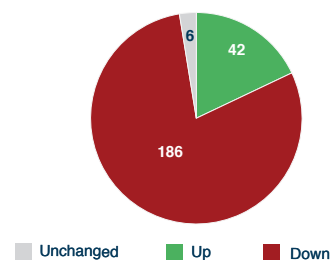


Source: Tradingview, Aljazira Capital

Our view



Market depth



SAUDI MARKET - TOP PICKS FOR THE WEEK

Code	Company	Close*	Buy range	Sell range	Reward %	Stop loss
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No stocks recommendations due to market volatility

* As of 16th Apr 2024



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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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