



Domestic Market News

- The number of workers in **KSA's tourism sector** increased by 5.0% Y/Y to approximately 959,200 workers in Q2-24. The number of Saudi workers rose 2.0% Y/Y to 245,910 during the quarter. (Source: Argaam)
- Riyadh Season 2024** has achieved a new milestone, as the number of visitors reached 12.0mn so far, as per Advisor Turki Al-Sheikh, Chairman of the General Entertainment Authority. (Source: Argaam)
- NEOM** signed an agreement to establish a joint venture with Samsung C&T to unlock an initial investment of more than SAR 1.3bn in construction robotics. (Source: Argaam)
- The Idle Lands Program** has achieved remarkable growth since its launch, significantly increasing the Kingdom's real estate supply by more than 160.0mn sq. m. across various regions. (Source: Argaam)
- United Electronics Co.'s (eXtra)** board recommended repurchasing a maximum of 3.0mn ordinary shares. eXtra also announced an exceptional cash dividend at SAR 5 per share for Q4-24, following the successful completion of IPO of United International Holding Co. (Source: Tadawul)
- ACWA Power Co.** submitted a request to CMA to increase its capital through a SAR 7.1bn rights issue. (Source: Tadawul)
- Theeb Rent a Car Co.** inaugurated a new branch in Al Nawariya, Makkah. This expansion brought the total number of Theeb's branches in the Western Province to 17 and 61 across the Kingdom. (Source: Tadawul)

Market Analysis

The **Saudi Stock Exchange** decreased 0.6% to 11,892.4 points. The value traded stood at SAR 10.9bn (up 139.0% over the previous day), while advance-decline ratio stood at 51/185. The parallel market index increased 0.8% to 31,444.2 points. The value traded stood at SAR 54.2mn (down 6.7% over the previous day). Most of the sectors in the main market ended in red. Energy and Food & Beverages (up 1.9% and 0.7%, respectively), increased the most, while Utilities and Food & Staples (down 2.0% and 1.6%, respectively) declined the most.

Top Gainers

Company	Price	Change%
SAVOLA GROUP	36.95	10.0
MESC	41.90	5.1
CENOMI CENTERS	21.62	3.9
BAWAN	57.00	3.6
ALBAHA	0.32	3.2

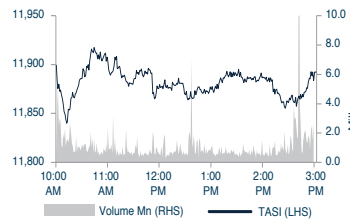
Top Losers

Company	Price	Change%
FITAIHI GROUP	4.05	-6.7
ALARABIA	156.40	-4.2
AYYAN	14.42	-3.9
RAYDAN	22.10	-3.3
EAST PIPES	135.00	-3.3

Saudi Stock Exchange

Index	Closing	High	Low	Daily Change%	YTD %
TASI	11,892	11,919	11,835	(0.6)	(1.2)
NomuC	31,444	31,444	31,034	0.8	28.2

TASI movement during session



TASI Ratios

P/E* (x)	23.6
Price-to-Book (x)	2.3
Dividend Yield (%)	2.8
Return on Equity (%)	18.7

*Source: Argaam (Excluding Aramco)

Index	Close	Daily Change%	YTD %	PE (TTM)
Energy	5,475	1.9	-12.1	17.2
Materials	5,507	-1.0	-13.8	48.1
Capital Goods	15,556	-0.2	54.3	25.3
Commercial Service	4,884	-1.4	-12.4	36.8
Transportation	6,950	-0.8	9.4	31.4
Consumer Durables	5,291	-1.2	6.2	Neg
Consumer Services	4,907	-1.1	-1.4	41
Media	32,998	0.7	34.4	High
Consumer Discretionary Ret	7,693	0.4	-10.7	21.2
Consumer Staples Ret	8,417	-1.6	-13.9	21.4
Food & Beverages	6,080	0.7	8.0	23.2
Healthcare	12,263	-0.3	0.3	40.1
Pharma & Bio Tech	4,963	-0.8	2.0	37.6
Banks	11,805	-1.6	-3.9	12.4
Financial Services	7,686	-0.5	14.1	29.8
Insurance	10,068	-0.5	17.1	23.2
Telecom	7,837	-0.5	0.9	15.1
Utilities	13,079	-2.0	31.8	25.6
REITs	3,176	0.1	-13.4	26.4
Real Estate	3,520	-0.2	15.2	High
Software & Services	82,682	-0.9	20.6	39.7

Average Index Value

Average days 5	Average days 10	Average days 20	Average value traded for December (bn)
11,992	12,045	11,909	5.77

Market Statistics

	Value Traded (SAR bn)	Volumes (mn shares)	No. of Trades ('000)
Current Week	28.5	1,844.20	2,064.30
Previous week	29.2	3,024.20	2,343.70

Top Weighted Companies

Company	Price	Change%
Saudi Aramco	29.00	1.9
Al Rajhi	89.90	-2.6
ACWA POWER	377.60	-2.1
SNB	33.00	-1.3
STC	40.10	-0.6





International Market News

- According to **Baker Hughes**, North America's rig count fell to 755 in the week ended December 20 from 780 earlier. The rig count was unchanged at 589 in the US and at 12 in the Gulf of Mexico. The rig count in Canada decreased to 166 from 191 earlier. (Source: Baker Hughes)
- The **US personal consumption expenditures (PCE)** price index increased 0.1% M/M in November (consensus: 0.2%). The measure indicated a 2.4% inflation rate on an annual basis (consensus: 2.5%). Excluding food and energy, core PCE rose 0.1% M/M (consensus: 0.2%) and 2.8% Y/Y (consensus: 2.9%). (Source: CNBC)
- US existing home sales** rose 4.8% to an annual rate of 4.15mn in November (consensus: 4.07mn) vs. an annual rate of 3.96mn in October. The existing home sales reached their highest level since hitting an annual rate of 4.22mn in March. (Source: Econoday)
- US GDP** expanded by 3.1% in Q3-23 (consensus: 2.8%), an upward revision from the 2.8% rise previously reported. The higher-than-expected exports and consumer spending led to an upward revision. (Source: RTT News)
- US initial jobless claims** fell to 220,000 (consensus: 230,000), representing a drop of 22,000 from the previous week's level of 242,000. (Source: RTT News)
- UK's retail sales** volumes increased 0.2% M/M in November (consensus: 0.5%) vs. a 0.7% fall in October. (Source: RTT News)
- Oil prices** inched up 0.1% on Friday, as investors analyzed interest rate-cut expectations and Chinese demand.
- Gold prices** rose 1.1%, recovering from the previous session, which was impacted by a hawkish stance by the US Fed for the next year.

Forex / Currency

Currency / USD	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Dollar Index	107.62	-0.7	1.8	6.2
Euro	1.04	0.6	-1.4	-5.5
Japanese Yen	156.31	-0.7	4.4	10.8
Sterling Pound	1.26	0.5	-1.3	-1.3
Chinese Yuan	7.29	-0.2	0.6	2.3
Indian Rupee	85.02	-0.1	0.6	2.2
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	0.3	0.3
Omani Rial	0.39	0.0	-0.0	0.0
Bahraini Dinar	0.38	0.0	0.1	0.1
Egyptian Pound	50.91	0.0	2.7	64.7

Corporate Calendar

Date	Company	Event
22-Dec	NAJRAN CEMENT	EGM
22-Dec	ABO MOATI	Cash Dividend Distribution
23-Dec	ALMOOSA	Start of IPO
23-Dec	BSF	EGM
23-Dec	EXTRA	Eligibility of Cash Dividend
23-Dec	ALARABIA	EGM

EGM: Extra Ordinary Meeting*

OGM: Ordinary General Meeting*

Regional Markets

Market	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dubai (DFM)	5,057	0.2	4.3	24.6	9.7
Abu Dhabi (ADX)	9,351	0.8	1.3	-2.4	16.7
Kuwait (KSE)	7,800	-0.0	0.4	4.3	22.7
Qatar (QE)	10,459	-1.1	0.4	-1.2	11.3
Oman (MSM)	4,509	0.9	-1.2	0.5	11.2
Bahrain (BSE)	2,001	-0.2	-1.5	2.0	16.2
Egypt (EGX30)	30,527	0.1	0.9	23.6	6.3

International Markets

Index	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dow Jones	42,840	1.2	-4.6	13.7	23.4
Nasdaq	19,573	1.0	1.8	30.4	41.0
S&P 500	5,931	1.1	-1.7	24.3	26.7
FTSE 100	8,085	-0.3	-2.4	4.5	12.9
Germany DAX 30	19,885	-0.4	1.3	18.7	16.6
France CAC 40	7,274	-0.3	0.5	-3.6	13.9
Japan Nikkei 225	38,702	-0.3	1.3	15.7	18.9
Brazil IBOVESPA	122,102	0.8	-2.8	-9.0	8.1
Hong Kong Hang Seng	19,721	-0.2	1.5	15.7	9.8
South Korea KOSPI	2,404	-1.3	-2.1	-9.5	11.4
China Shanghai Composite	3,368	-0.1	1.3	13.2	16.3
Australia ASX 200	8,067	-1.2	-4.4	6.3	20.6
India Sensex	78,042	-1.5	-2.2	8.0	22.5
MSCI EM	1,072	-0.9	-0.6	4.7	13.8
MSCI World	3,723	0.7	-2.3	17.5	21.9

Commodity Markets

Commodity	Price	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Arab Light Crude (\$/bbl)	74.08	-1.3	0.4	-7.9
Brent Crude (\$/bbl)	72.94	0.1	0.0	-5.3
Texas crude (\$/bbl)	69.46	-0.6	2.1	-3.1
Natural Gas (\$/mmbtu)	3.75	4.6	11.4	-1.4
Gold (\$/oz)	2,622.91	1.1	-0.8	27.1
Silver (\$/oz)	29.52	1.6	-3.6	24.1
Steel (\$/ton)	679.00	0.0	-3.0	-40.2
Iron Ore (CNY/MT)	786.00	-0.3	-0.3	-24.6
Wheat (\$/bu)	533.00	0.0	-2.7	-21.5
Corn (\$/bu)	446.25	1.2	3.1	-13.2
Sugar (\$/lb)	19.51	0.6	-7.4	-5.8
SMP* (EUR/MT)	2,607.00	0.3	-2.3	1.2

*SMP: Skimmed Milk Powder

Interbank Rates

Region	Rate*	Daily Change(bps)	MTD (bps)	YTD (bps)
KSA (SAIBOR 1M)	5.30	-35.1	-13.2	-60.8
KSA (SAIBOR 3M)	5.42	-38.4	-18.7	-81.6
KSA (SAIBOR 6M)	5.36	-7.5	-16.8	-71.8
KSA (SAIBOR 12M)	5.12	-2.8	0.3	-87.7
USA (SOFR 3M)	4.33	-1.0	-13.9	-100.4
UAE (EIBOR 3M)	4.34	11.2	-17.6	-98.3

Data Sources: Tadawul, Bloomberg, Reuters
2024 , - Closes as of Dec



Technical observations

Index	TASI
Ticker	SASEIDX Index
Last Close	11,892
Short-term view	Hold
52 weeks high/low	12,883 – 10,262

Market data

Exchange Market Cap. (SAR bn)	10,374.3
Value (SAR mn)	10,939.8
Volume (mn)	476.8
Number of Transactions	491,413
Market Breadth	51 : 185

Key statistics

1D return %	-0.57%
MTD return %	2.16%
QTD return	-2.73%
YTD return	-0.63%
ADT vol. 3M* (mn)	641.1
ADT val. 3M (SARmn)	6,225.2

*ADT stands for Average Daily Traded

TASI market commentary

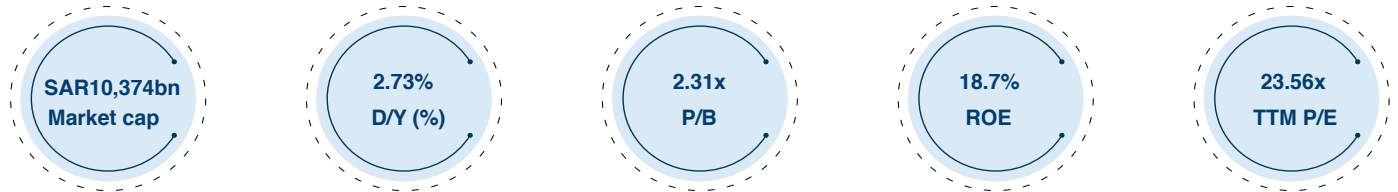
- TASI experienced a decline on Thursday; primarily driven by the performance of the Banks sector (down 1.59%) and the Materials sector (down 1.00%). At close, the Saudi market ended the day with a change of -0.57% at 11,892. In terms of activity, total volumes and value traded were ~477mn and ~SAR 10.9bn, respectively. The advance-decline ratio came in at 51/185.

Technical outlook

- TASI closed the last session near 11,892, marking a decrease of 69 points. Although the index witnessed an initial sell-off and breached its 20-day SMA, the buying attitudes started to resurface once it approached the 61.8% Fibonacci retracement of the prior advance near 11,830. TASI formed a Doji candlestick, which requires confirmation by a subsequent bullish candlestick pattern to suggest a possible temporary upside rebound. However, the RSI indicator started to breach its 50-level indicating weakening momentum. TASI has an immediate support level of around 11,830. If breached, the subsequent support levels would be around 11,725 – 11,590. On the other hand, an immediate resistance level is seen around 11,910. If successfully surpassed, the subsequent resistance levels to watch for would be around 12,045 – 12,100. Traders are advised to wait for a positive confirming candlestick, otherwise breaching the level of 11,830 could induce additional profit-booking sentiment.

Key price levels

S3	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2	R3
11,590	11,725	11,830	11,910	12,045	12,100	12,220



Source: Bloomberg, Argam

TASI daily chart

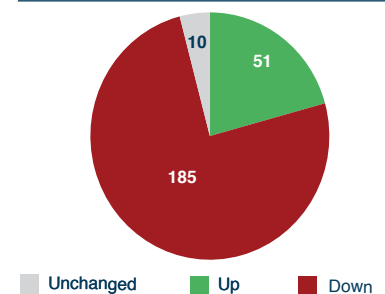


Source: Tradingview, Aljazira Capital

Our view



Market depth



SAUDI MARKET - TOP PICKS FOR THE DAY

Code	Company	Close*	Buy range	Sell range	Stop loss
2290	YANSAB	37.30	37.20 - 37.30	37.60 - 38.05	36.80
4002	Mouwasat	87.60	87.40 - 87.60	88.30 - 89.30	86.50
2382	Ades	17.42	17.38 - 17.42	17.56 - 17.76	17.20
1211	MAADEN	49.75	49.65 - 49.75	50.20 - 50.70	49.10
4200	Aldrees	125.60	125.20 - 125.60	126.60 - 128.00	124.00
4100	Makkah Construction and Development	109.20	109.00 - 109.20	110.20 - 111.40	107.80
6015	Americana Restaurants	2.34	2.33 - 2.34	2.36 - 2.39	2.31

*As of 19th December 2024

* Note – Stop loss is based on an intraday basis

CHARTS OF THE DAY

Technical observations

YANSAB started to bounce off the support level of the prior bottom. Moreover, all the technical indicators show bullish structure.

Yanbu National Petrochemical Co. (YANSAB)



Source: Tradingview, Aljazira Capital

Technical observations

MOUWASAT started to bounce off the support level of the prior bottom. Moreover, all the technical indicators show bullish structure.

Mouwasat Medical Services Co. (MOUWASAT)



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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