



Major Economic News

- The **Ministry of Mineral Resources** launched a new incentive package worth SAR 685mn to support exploration for critical and strategic minerals in the Kingdom and encourage investment in mining exploration. The incentives aim to support companies holding exploration licenses valid for less than five years and worth a maximum of SAR 7.5mn for each license. They also aim to support reducing risks for exploration companies in the initial exploration stages. (Source: Argaam)

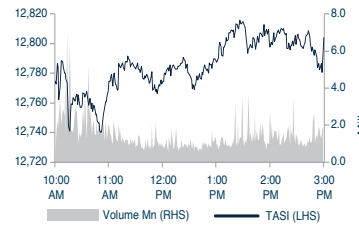
Major Corporate News

- Mawani** and Medlog, the logistics arm of MSC signed a contract to establish a 100,000 sqm logistics zone to store and handle containers at Jeddah Islamic Port, with investments of SAR 175mn. It will increase the port's operational efficiency, enhance commercial activities, and ensure alignment of supply chains. (Source: Argaam)
- Jabal Omar** received the license to operate the third tower of the Jabal Omar Jumeirah hotel, which includes 244 rooms and suites, restaurants & cafes, meeting rooms, business center, prayer hall and fitness center. These operations will have a financial impact on company's revenues in 2024. (Source: Argaam)

Saudi Stock Exchange

Index	Closing	High	Low	Daily Change%	YTD %
TASI	12,804	12,823	12,736	0.2	7.0
NomuC	27,146	27,412	26,966	(0.2)	10.7

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	5,939	0.8	-4.5	16.4
Materials	6,297	-0.4	-0.9	High
Capital Goods	12,279	-1.1	23.7	41
Commercial Service	6,118	0.7	10.0	39.2
Transportation	7,858	-1.6	24.0	47.3
Consumer Durables	5,925	0.0	17.9	Neg
Consumer Services	5,947	2.2	20.4	42.1
Media	36,504	1.5	48.8	High
Consumer Discretionary Ret	8,725	-1.0	2.3	28.6
Consumer Staples Ret	10,788	-1.5	11.5	28.6
Food & Beverages	6,741	-0.9	20.2	34.5
Healthcare	13,965	0.2	16.1	High
Pharma & Bio Tech	5,592	4.4	15.1	High
Banks	12,540	0.1	2.8	14.7
Financial Services	8,465	1.2	27.3	37.6
Insurance	10,910	0.0	28.8	29.1
Telecom	7,921	-0.4	2.6	14.8
Utilities	12,932	1.4	30.1	25.2
REITs	3,645	0.7	-0.6	High
Real Estate	3,934	1.9	29.1	High
Software & Services	82,069	0.1	19.7	High

Average Index Value

Average days 5	Average days 10	Average days 20	Average value traded for February (bn)
12,758	12,672	12,620	9.86

Market Statistics

	Value Traded (SAR bn)	Volumes (mn shares)	No. of Trades ('000)
Current Week	30	1,508.00	1,818.00
Previous week	51.6	1,982.50	2,873.40

Top Weighted Companies

Company	Price	Change%
Saudi Aramco	31.40	1.0
Al Rajhi	85.10	0.0
SNB	39.75	0.9
SABIC	76.80	-0.1
STC	39.70	0.1

Earnings update (Net Profit) (SAR mn)

Company	Q4-23	Q4-22	Y/Y %	Q5-23	Q/Q %
GULF GENERAL*	4.9	-48.4	NM	1.5	231.66
SAICO*	11.6	-7.5	NM	22.2	-47.87
DAR ALARKAN	194.7	48.7	299.83	151.9	28.20
MEDGULF	60.9	-223.2	NM	39.8	53.10

NM indicates Not Meaningful

Market Analysis

The **Saudi Stock Exchange** increased 0.2% at 12,804.0. The value traded stood at SAR 9.9bn (down 10.7% over the previous day), while the advance-decline ratio stood at 95/128. The parallel market index decreased 0.2% to 27,145.6 points. The value traded stood at SAR 25.4mn (down 3.4% over the previous day). Most sectors in the main market ended in the green. Pharma & Bio Tech and Consumer Service and Media (up 4.4% and 2.2%, respectively) advanced the most, while Transportation and Food & Staples (down 1.6% and 1.5%, respectively) led the laggards.

Top Gainers

Company	Price	Change%
CHUBB	34.90	8.7
FITNESS TIME	243.00	8.1
SICO SAUDI REIT	5.48	8.1
SPIMACO	41.95	7.0
ALKHALEEJ TRNG	39.80	6.7

Top Losers

Company	Price	Change%
AWPT	236.80	-9.3
ALBAHA	0.14	-6.7
ALDAWAA	104.80	-6.6
GULF GENERAL	8.41	-5.0
CHEMICAL	7.45	-4.5





International Market News

- **US housing starts** spiked by 10.7% to 1.5mn in February after plunging by 12.3% to 1.4mn in January. Economists expected the housing starts to surge by 7.1%. Single-family starts soared by 11.6% to 1.1mn, while multi-family starts jumped by 8.3% to 392,000. (Source: RTT News)
- **Germany's economic sentiment** strengthened more than expected to its highest level in just over two years in March amid increasing investor expectations that the central bank will cut interest rates in coming months. The economic sentiment index rose to 31.7 in March from 19.9 in February, remaining well above economists' forecast of 20.5. (Source: RTT News)
- **China** left benchmark lending rates unchanged, in line with market expectations, as central bank kept the key policy rate steady amid signs of improvement in the broad economy. Stronger than expected industrial production data spurred some hopes of resilience in China's recovery this year. (Source: Reuters)
- **Bank of Japan** finally ended its eight years of negative interest rates. As well as bringing interest rates up to a range of 0% to 0.1%, the central bank also abandoned the yield curve control, where it purchased vast amounts of Japanese government bonds to cap state borrowing costs. (Source: Reuters)
- **Oil prices** decreased 0.3% as the US dollar strengthened.
- **Gold prices** decreased 0.1% as dollar strengthened before the Fed's meeting.

Forex / Currency

Currency / USD	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Dollar Index	103.82	0.2	-0.3	2.5
Euro	1.09	-0.1	0.6	-1.6
Japanese Yen	150.86	1.1	0.6	7.0
Sterling Pound	1.27	-0.1	0.8	-0.1
Chinese Yuan	7.21	0.1	0.1	1.2
Indian Rupee	83.04	0.2	0.2	-0.2
UAE Dirham	3.67	-0.0	-0.0	-0.0
Qatari Rial	3.65	0.0	0.0	0.1
Kuwaiti Dinar	0.31	0.1	-0.1	0.1
Omani Rial	0.38	0.0	0.0	0.0
Bahraini Dinar	0.38	-0.0	-0.0	-0.0
Egyptian Pound	47.06	-0.2	52.3	52.2

Corporate Calendar

Date	Company	Event
20-Mar	YANSAB	EGM
20-Mar	JARIR	Cash Dividend Distribution
21-Mar	SAUDI KAYAN	EGM
21-Mar	EXTRA	Cash Dividend Distribution
21-Mar	FITNESS TIME	Eligibility of Cash Dividend
21-Mar	BUPA ARABIA	EGM

EGM: Extra Ordinary Meeting*

OGM: Ordinary General Meeting*

Regional Markets

Market	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dubai (DFM)	4,273	-0.1	-0.8	5.2	8.4
Abu Dhabi (ADX)	9,259	-0.3	0.0	-3.3	19.9
Kuwait (KSE)	8,074	-0.5	-1.0	8.0	18.6
Qatar (QE)	10,228	-0.3	-2.4	-5.6	11.7
Oman (MSM)	4,831	1.3	6.1	7.0	13.3
Bahrain (BSE)	2,036	0.0	1.5	3.3	7.9
Egypt (EGX30)	28,676	-1.4	-1.0	15.2	11.0

International Markets

Index	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dow Jones	39,111	0.8	0.3	3.8	22.4
Nasdaq	18,032	0.3	-0.1	7.2	33.3
S&P 500	5,179	0.6	1.6	8.6	24.8
FTSE 100	7,738	0.2	1.4	0.1	11.7
Germany DAX 30	17,987	0.3	1.7	7.4	14.8
France CAC 40	8,201	0.6	3.5	8.7	14.8
Japan Nikkei 225	40,004	0.7	2.1	19.5	28.6
Russia MOEX	3,265	-1.0	0.3	5.4	3.0
Hong Kong Hang Seng	16,529	-1.2	0.1	-3.0	8.7
South Korea KOSPI	2,656	-1.1	0.5	0.0	0.3
China Shanghai Composite	3,063	-0.7	1.6	3.0	14.1
Australia ASX 200	7,703	0.4	0.1	1.5	19.6
India Sensex	72,012	-1.0	-0.7	-0.3	22.9
MSCI EM	1,028	-1.0	0.7	0.4	14.7
MSCI World	3,393	0.4	1.7	7.1	21.2

Commodity Markets

Commodity	Price	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Arab Light Crude (\$/bbl)	87.76	0.5	6.4	9.1
Brent Crude (\$/bbl)	87.38	0.6	4.5	13.4
Texas crude (\$/bbl)	83.47	0.9	6.7	16.5
Natural Gas (\$/mmbtu)	1.74	2.4	-6.2	-24.3
Gold (\$/oz)	2,157.59	-0.1	5.5	4.6
Silver (\$/oz)	24.91	-0.5	9.9	4.7
Steel (\$/ton)	795.00	-0.5	0.0	-30.0
Iron Ore (CNY/MT)	834.00	3.3	-13.5	-20.0
Wheat (\$/bu)	552.50	1.8	-4.1	-13.6
Corn (\$/bu)	439.50	0.8	2.3	-9.2
Sugar (\$/lb)	21.64	-2.3	-0.2	6.0
SMP* (EUR/MT)	2,422.00	-0.3	-3.1	-6.0

*SMP: Skimmed Milk Powder

Interbank Rates

Region	Rate*	Daily Change(bps)	MTD (bps)	YTD (bps)
KSA (SAIBOR 1M)	5.85	-5.5	-3.4	-6.0
KSA (SAIBOR 3M)	6.21	-1.0	-1.6	-1.8
KSA (SAIBOR 6M)	6.05	-0.6	-3.2	-2.9
KSA (SAIBOR 12M)	5.91	0.7	-2.0	-8.0
USA (SOFR 3M)	5.33	0.0	-0.1	0.2
UAE (EIBOR 3M)	5.24	3.0	-5.2	-9.2

Data Sources: Tadawul, Bloomberg, Reuters

Closes as of March 19, 2024





Technical observations	
Index	TASI
Ticker	SASEIDX Index
Last Close	12,804
Short-term view	Buy
52 weeks high/low	12,823 – 9,933

Market data	
Exchange Market Cap. (SAR bn)	11,160.6
Value (SAR mn)	9,870.8
Volume (mn)	456.2
Number of Transactions	618,074
Market Breadth	95 : 128

Key statistics	
1D return %	0.25%
MTD return %	1.37%
QTD return	6.99%
YTD return	6.99%
ADT vol. 3M* (mn)	368.4
ADT val. 3M (SARmn)	8,966.5

*ADT stands for Average Daily Traded

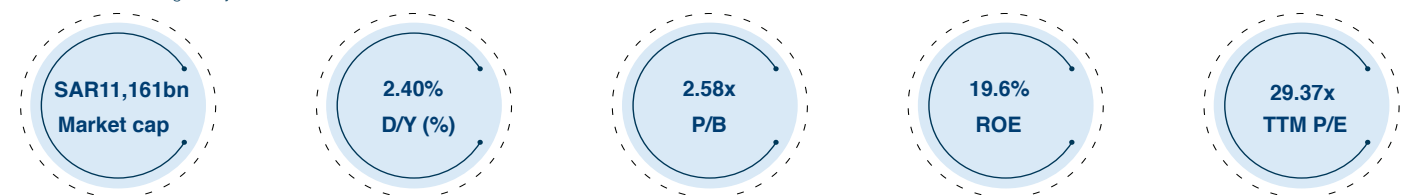
TASI market commentary

- TASI experienced a rise on Tuesday; primarily driven by the performance of the Energy sector (up 0.85%) and the Banks sector (up 0.10%). At close, the Saudi market ended the day with a change of 0.25% at 12,804. In terms of activity, total volumes and value traded were ~456mn and ~SAR 9.9bn, respectively. The advance-decline ratio came in at 95/128.

Technical outlook

- TASI closed the last session near 12,804, registering a gain of 32 points. The index continues moving upward at a modest pace, recording a new 52-week high of around 12,823. TASI formed a small green candlestick after the appearance of a Hanging Man candlestick, indicating a possible resumption of the prevailing buying attitude. Currently, the index is heading toward a potential upside target of around 12,965 after bouncing off the 10-day SMA. Moreover, the RSI indicator continues moving upward after penetrating a declining trendline. 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 12,620. If breached, the subsequent support levels would be around 12,400 – 12,325. Traders are advised to keep considering buying opportunities as long as the index remains above the 20-day SMA of around 12,620 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	12,620	12,670	12,965	13,175	13,275



Source: Bloomberg, Argaam

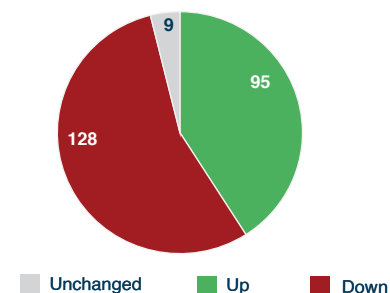
TASI daily chart



Our view



Market depth



Source: Tradingview, Aljazira Capital



SAUDI MARKET - TOP PICKS FOR THE WEEK

Code	Company	Close*	Buy range	Sell range	Reward %	Stop loss
3003	City Cement	20.08	19.88 – 20.08	20.64 – 21.64	7.77%	19.38

* As of 19th Mar 2024,

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

CHARTS OF THE WEEK

Technical observations

CITY CEMENT has just penetrated a significant declining trendline. Moreover, the RSI indicator is showing a bullish structure confirming the price action. We recommend buying the stock in a range of 19.88 – 20.08, for a target range of SAR20.64 – 21.64, with a stop loss below SAR19.38 on a closing basis.

City Cement Co. (CITY CEMENT)



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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