



Domestic Market News

- SAMA** reduced its repo rate and the reverse repo rate by 25bps, respectively. (Source: Argaam)
- POS weekly transactions in **KSA** reached SAR 12.8bn in the week ended December 18. The number of POS transactions reached around 212.7mn. (Source: Argaam)
- RIBL** recommends repurchase upto 7.5mn and to be allocated to bank's employee stock incentive program. (Source: Tadawul)
- AlMujtama Medical** relieved Abdulaziz Omar Khoja, from the position of MD and instead appointed him as CEO of Leading Community Medical. (Source: Tadawul)
- SPC** launched its e-store, featuring over 20,000 products, including spare parts for heavy equipment, trucks, and turbochargers. It will help SPC boost its sales through multiple channels and enhance customer experience. (Source: Tadawul)
- Multi Business Group** signed contract with Leejam for designing and building Sport Club in King Abdullah Financial District. Financial impact to be reflected in H1-25. (Source: Tadawul)
- Theeb** inaugurated its 60th branch on Riyadh Road. This brings the total branches to 15 in this region. This aligns with its strategy to expand its network. (Source: Tadawul)
- Shalfa** announced SAR 7.1mn worth project award with National Water Company for supplying and operating inspection equipment sewage pipeline using ultrasound technology. (Source: Tadawul)

Market Analysis

The **Saudi Stock Exchange** increased 0.1% to 11,961.1 points. The value traded stood at SAR 4.6bn (down 5.5% over the previous day), while advance-decline ratio stood at 117/106. The parallel market index increased 0.3% to 31,196.3 points. The value traded stood at SAR 58.1mn (down 24.7% over the previous day). Most of the sectors in the main market ended in red. Food & Beverages and Media (both up 1.5%), increased the most, while Telecom and Real Estate (down 1.0% and 0.8%, respectively) declined the most.

Top Gainers

Company	Price	Change%
SAVOLA GROUP	33.60	10.0
UIHC	171.80	9.0
BATIC	3.68	6.1
ALKHALEEJ TRNG	32.35	4.4
FITAIHI GROUP	4.34	3.6

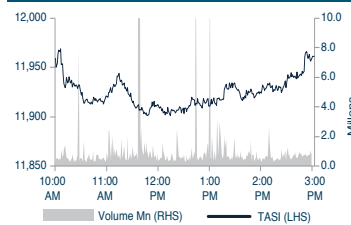
Top Losers

Company	Price	Change%
RED SEA	56.70	-7.1
JAHEZ	29.00	-5.1
ZAMIL INDUST	32.80	-4.0
SUMOU	46.50	-3.8
ALBAHA	0.31	-3.1

Saudi Stock Exchange

Index	Closing	High	Low	Daily Change%	YTD %
TASI	11,961	11,972	11,897	0.1	(0.6)
NomuC	31,196	31,196	30,874	0.3	27.2

TASI movement during session



TASI Ratios

P/E* (x)	23.8
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	5,375	1.0	-13.7	16.8
Materials	5,562	-0.7	-13.0	48.6
Capital Goods	15,588	-0.2	54.6	25.3
Commercial Service	4,952	-0.7	-11.2	37.3
Transportation	7,006	0.1	10.3	31.7
Consumer Durables	5,357	0.8	7.6	Neg
Consumer Services	4,963	0.0	-0.3	41.2
Media	32,783	1.5	33.5	High
Consumer Discretionary Ret	7,667	0.6	-11.0	21.2
Consumer Staples Ret	8,555	0.0	-12.5	21.7
Food & Beverages	6,037	1.5	7.3	23.2
Healthcare	12,300	-0.3	0.6	40.2
Pharma & Bio Tech	5,003	-0.4	2.8	37.9
Banks	11,995	0.2	-2.4	12.5
Financial Services	7,725	-0.4	14.7	30
Insurance	10,122	0.2	17.8	23.3
Telecom	7,875	-1.0	1.4	15.1
Utilities	13,348	-0.7	34.5	26.1
REITs	3,174	-0.1	-13.4	26.3
Real Estate	3,527	-0.8	15.4	High
Software & Services	83,429	1.1	21.7	40.1

Average Index Value

Average days 5	Average days 10	Average days 20	Average value traded for December (bn)
12,033	12,049	11,907	5.4

Market Statistics

	Value Traded (SAR bn)	Volumes (mn shares)	No. of Trades ('000)
Current Week	17.6	1,367.40	1,572.90
Previous week	29.2	3,024.20	2,343.70

Top Weighted Companies

Company	Price	Change%
Saudi Aramco	28.45	1.1
Al Rajhi	92.30	0.0
ACWA POWER	385.80	-0.6
SNB	33.45	0.9
STC	40.35	-0.9





International Market News

- According to **EIA**, oil inventories in the US decreased 0.9mn barrels (prior: down 1.4mn) to 421.0mn in the week ended December 13. Gasoline inventories increased 2.3mn barrels (prior: up 5.1mn) to 222.0mn, while distillate inventories declined 3.2mn barrels (prior: up 3.2mn) to 118.2mn. (Source: EIA, Econoday)
- Fed** lower the target range for the federal funds rate by 25bps to 4.25% to 4.50%, matching the rate cut seen in early November. It also described the economic outlook as uncertain but revised their forecast for GDP growth in 2025 to 2.1% from 2.0%. (Source: Reuters)
- US** housing starts tumbled by 1.8% to an annual rate of 1.3mn in November after plunging by 3.2% in October. Housing starts fell for the third straight month as a nosedive by multi-family starts more than offset a sharp increase by single-family starts. (Source: RTT News)
- Eurozone's** construction output rose 1.0% M/M after falling by 0.3% in September and marked the strongest growth since February 2023. The rebound in output was mainly driven by the 1.6% growth in civil engineering activity, followed by a 0.7% rise in the building sector. (Source: Reuters)
- UK's** CPI rose 2.6% on Y/Y basis following a 2.3% gain in October. The rate matched expectations and it remained above the 2% target for the second straight month. Core inflation advanced to 3.5% from 3.3%. (Source: CNBC)
- Oil prices** gained 0.3% driven by a fall in the US crude inventories and rate cuts as expected.
- Gold prices** fell 2.2% as US Fed signaled two rate cuts in 2025.

Forex / Currency

Currency / USD	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Dollar Index	108.03	1.0	2.2	6.6
Euro	1.04	-1.3	-2.1	-6.2
Japanese Yen	154.80	0.9	3.4	9.8
Sterling Pound	1.26	-1.1	-1.3	-1.2
Chinese Yuan	7.32	0.5	1.0	2.8
Indian Rupee	84.96	0.1	0.5	2.1
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	0.1	0.1
Omani Rial	0.39	0.0	-0.0	0.0
Bahraini Dinar	0.38	0.0	0.0	0.0
Egyptian Pound	50.86	0.1	2.6	64.6

Corporate Calendar

Date	Company	Event
19-Dec	ALBAHA	EGM
19-Dec	AMWAJ INTERNATIONAL	Eligibility of Cash Dividend
22-Dec	NAJRAN CEMENT	EGM
22-Dec	ABO MOATI	Cash Dividend Distribution
23-Dec	ALMOOSA	Start of IPO
23-Dec	BSF	EGM

EGM: Extra Ordinary Meeting*

OGM: Ordinary General Meeting*

Regional Markets

Market	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dubai (DFM)	5,037	-0.8	3.9	24.1	9.7
Abu Dhabi (ADX)	9,293	0.3	0.6	-3.0	16.6
Kuwait (KSE)	7,802	0.1	0.5	4.4	22.7
Qatar (QE)	10,459	-1.1	0.4	-1.2	11.3
Oman (MSM)	4,470	-1.4	-2.0	-0.3	11.1
Bahrain (BSE)	2,005	-0.1	-1.3	2.2	16.2
Egypt (EGX30)	30,503	-0.3	0.9	23.5	6.3

International Markets

Index	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dow Jones	42,327	-2.6	-5.8	12.3	23.1
Nasdaq	19,393	-3.6	0.9	29.2	40.1
S&P 500	5,872	-2.9	-2.7	23.1	26.4
FTSE 100	8,199	0.0	-1.1	6.0	13.1
Germany DAX 30	20,243	-0.0	3.1	20.8	16.9
France CAC 40	7,385	0.3	2.1	-2.1	14.1
Japan Nikkei 225	39,082	-0.7	2.3	16.8	19.1
Brazil IBOVESPA	120,772	-3.1	-3.9	-10.0	8.0
Hong Kong Hang Seng	19,865	0.8	2.3	16.5	9.9
South Korea KOSPI	2,484	1.1	1.2	-6.4	11.8
China Shanghai Composite	3,382	0.6	1.7	13.7	16.3
Australia ASX 200	8,309	-0.1	-1.5	9.5	21.3
India Sensex	80,182	-0.6	0.5	11.0	23.1
MSCI EM	1,095	0.2	1.6	7.0	14.0
MSCI World	3,720	-2.4	-2.4	17.4	22.6

Commodity Markets

Commodity	Price	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Arab Light Crude (\$/bbl)	75.40	0.5	2.2	-6.2
Brent Crude (\$/bbl)	73.39	0.3	0.6	-4.7
Texas crude (\$/bbl)	70.58	0.7	3.8	-1.5
Natural Gas (\$/mmbtu)	3.37	2.0	0.3	-11.2
Gold (\$/oz)	2,585.35	-2.3	-2.2	25.3
Silver (\$/oz)	29.35	-3.9	-4.2	23.3
Steel (\$/ton)	680.00	0.7	-2.9	-40.1
Iron Ore (CNY/MT)	799.00	-1.4	1.3	-23.4
Wheat (\$/bu)	541.25	-0.7	-1.2	-20.3
Corn (\$/bu)	437.25	-1.4	1.0	-15.0
Sugar (\$/lb)	19.65	-1.0	-6.8	-5.1
SMP* (EUR/MT)	2,610.00	-0.9	-2.2	1.3

*SMP: Skimmed Milk Powder

Interbank Rates

Region	Rate*	Daily Change(bps)	MTD (bps)	YTD (bps)
KSA (SAIBOR 1M)	5.66	8.7	21.9	-25.7
KSA (SAIBOR 3M)	5.80	12.2	19.8	-43.2
KSA (SAIBOR 6M)	5.43	-9.2	-9.2	-64.3
KSA (SAIBOR 12M)	5.15	3.6	3.0	-84.9
USA (SOFR 3M)	4.35	0.1	-11.2	-97.7
UAE (EIBOR 3M)	4.38	3.1	-14.0	-94.7

Data Sources: Tadawul, Bloomberg, Reuters

Closes as of Dec 18, 2024





Technical observations	
Index	TASI
Ticker	SASEIDX Index
Last Close	11,961
Short-term view	Neutral
52 weeks high/low	12,883 – 10,262

Market data	
Exchange Market Cap. (SAR bn)	10,276.2
Value (SAR mn)	4,577.2
Volume (mn)	358.5
Number of Transactions	403,384
Market Breadth	117 : 106

Key statistics	
1D return %	0.10%
MTD return %	2.75%
QTD return	-2.17%
YTD return	-0.05%
ADT vol. 3M* (mn)	651.2
ADT val. 3M (SARmn)	6,187.4

*ADT stands for Average Daily Traded

TASI market commentary

- TASI experienced a rise on Wednesday; primarily driven by the performance of the Energy sector (up 1.03%) and the Banks sector (up 0.25%). At close, the Saudi market ended the day with a change of 0.10% at 11,961. In terms of activity, total volumes and value traded were ~359mn and ~SAR 4.6bn, respectively. The advance-decline ratio came in at 117/106.

Technical outlook

- TASI closed the last session near 11,961, marking an increase of 12 points. Despite exhibiting a profit-taking attitude at the session's onset, the buying sentiment reemerged once the support of the upper boundary of the falling channel and the 20-day SMA near 11,900 had been retested. Moreover, a potential target zone near 12,335 – 12,390 remains feasible, as long as the index maintains above its 20-day SMA. TASI formed a hammer candlestick, which needs to be confirmed by a bullish candlestick pattern to indicate the re-dominance of the buying sentiment. Additionally, the RSI indicator started to bounce off the previously penetrated trendline. TASI has an immediate resistance level of around 12,050. If successfully surpassed, the subsequent resistance levels to watch for would be around 12,100 – 12,175. On the other hand, an immediate support level is seen around 11,925. If breached, the subsequent support levels would be around 11,900 – 11,830. Traders are advised to watch for a confirming bullish candlestick, otherwise breaching this level could trigger a further profit booking attitude.

Key price levels

S3	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2	R3
11,830	11,900	11,925	12,050	12,100	12,175	12,220



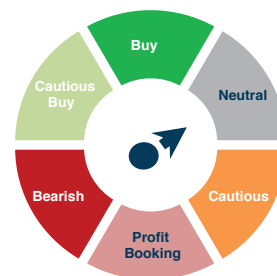
Source: Bloomberg, Argaam

TASI daily chart

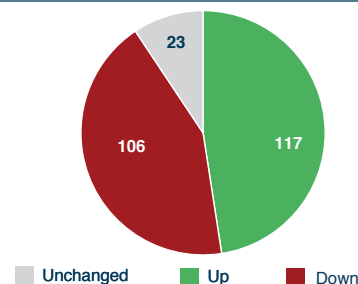


Source: Tradingview, Aljazira Capital

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 18th December 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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