



## Major Economic News

- The **Ministry of Mineral Resources** announced tendering four salt ore exploration licenses in Ras Al-Quraya complex in Eastern Province. The total area of the four sites is 0.5 square kilometers. The tender will pass through four stages, starting with fulfilling the qualification requirements, announcing the qualification of bidders, starting the overbidding process for the sites, and finally announcing the results. (Source: Argaam)

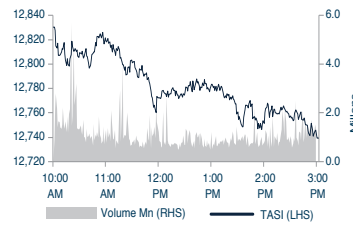
## Major Corporate News

- Eastern Cement** obtained Shariah-compliant credit facilities worth SAR 1bn from Banque Saudi Fransi. This 10-year credit facility will be used to finance establishing a new production line with a capacity of 10,000 tons per day to replace some current production lines and to finance the company's working capital. (Source: Argaam)
- Waja** signed a contract for technical framework subscription project for the supply and installation of various office furniture and external equipment for the Ministry of Finance facilities. The estimated value of the agreement is SAR 49.5mn, with a duration of 3 years. (Source: Argaam)

## Saudi Stock Exchange

Index	Closing	High	Low	Daily Change%	YTD %
TASI	12,739	12,830	12,736	(0.5)	6.5
NomuC	27,229	27,503	27,006	0.3	11.0

## 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)

## Earnings update (Net Profit) (SAR mn)

Company	Q4-23	Q4-22	Y/Y %	Q3-23	Q/Q %
ALUJAIN*	-107.8	-72.9	NM	15.9	NM
JAZIRA TAKAFUL	2.9	11.1	-74.22	16.9	-83.14
SPPC*	-75.0	-3.0	NM	-21.9	NM
MALATH INSURANCE*	8.8	10.6	-17.00	-22.9	NM
SINAD HOLDING*	-11.8	77.0	NM	-56.9	NM

\* NM indicates Not Meaningful

## Market Analysis

The **Saudi Stock Exchange** decreased 0.5% at 12,739.3. The value traded stood at SAR 8.2bn (down 16.7% over the previous day), while the advance-decline ratio stood at 86/136. The parallel market index increased 0.3% to 27,229.0 points. The value traded stood at SAR 49.7mn (up 96.1% over the previous day). Most sectors in the main market ended in the red. Capital Goods and Transportation (up 1.8% and 0.9%, respectively) advanced the most, while Software & Services and Commercial Service (down 1.5% and 1.2%, respectively) led the laggards.

## Top Gainers

Company	Price	Change%
SAUDI CABLE	62.90	10.0
MESC	30.45	9.9
SUMOU	64.60	9.1
SPM	73.70	6.2
SIDC	13.84	5.5

## Top Losers

Company	Price	Change%
SSP	71.80	-7.8
ENAYA	18.66	-5.4
SICO SAUDI REIT	5.21	-4.9
HB	55.50	-4.5
FIPCO	55.90	-4.4

Index	Close	Daily Change%	YTD %	PE (TTM)
Energy	5,904	-0.6	-5.0	16.3
Materials	6,308	0.2	-0.7	High
Capital Goods	12,496	1.8	25.9	41.8
Commercial Service	6,048	-1.2	8.8	38.7
Transportation	7,928	0.9	25.1	47.7
Consumer Durables	5,952	0.4	18.5	Neg
Consumer Services	5,938	-0.1	20.2	42.1
Media	36,610	0.3	49.3	High
Consumer Discretionary Ret	8,694	-0.4	2.0	28.5
Consumer Staples Ret	10,712	-0.7	10.7	28.6
Food & Beverages	6,726	-0.2	19.9	34.4
Healthcare	13,873	-0.7	15.4	High
Pharma & Bio Tech	5,537	-1.0	14.0	High
Banks	12,418	-1.0	1.8	14.6
Financial Services	8,432	-0.4	26.8	37.4
Insurance	10,862	-0.4	28.2	29
Telecom	7,872	-0.6	2.0	14.8
Utilities	12,901	-0.2	29.8	25.1
REITs	3,627	-0.5	-1.1	High
Real Estate	3,920	-0.4	28.6	High
Software & Services	80,856	-1.5	17.9	High

## Average Index Value

Average days 5	Average days 10	Average days 20	Average value traded for March (bn)
12,761	12,690	12,627	9.74

## Market Statistics

	Value Traded (SAR bn)	Volumes (mn shares)	No. of Trades ('000)
Current Week	38.2	1,861.40	2,350.80
Previous week	51.6	1,982.50	2,873.40

## Top Weighted Companies

Company	Price	Change%
Saudi Aramco	31.20	-0.6
Al Rajhi	84.20	-1.1
SNB	39.40	-0.9
SABIC	78.80	2.6
STC	39.75	0.1





## International Market News

- **According to EIA**, oil inventories in the US decreased 2.0mn barrels (prior: down 1.5mn) to 445.0mn in the week ended March 15. Gasoline inventories decreased 3.3mn barrels (prior: up 5.7mn) to 230.8mn, while distillate inventories increased 0.6mn barrels (prior: up 0.9mn) to 118.5mn. (Source: EIA, Econoday)
- **The Fed** decided to leave the interest rates unchanged at 5.25% to 5.50%, however its forecasts suggest rate cuts are still likely later this year. However, the Fed expects rates to be lowered to a range of 4.50% to 4.75% by end of 2024. (Source: RTT News)
- **Eurozone consumer confidence** index climbed to -14.9 from -15.5 in February. Economists had expected a score of -15.0. The pessimism among consumers in the euro area lessened for a second straight month to its highest level in over two years in March and the improvement was better than expected. (Source: Reuters)
- **Japan's** exports grew for a third straight month in February, as demand improved in the US, China and the European Union, offering some hope. Exports rose 7.8% Y/Y in February, faster than the 5.3% gain expected by the economists. (Source: Investing.com)
- **Oil prices** increased 0.6% benefiting from weakening of US dollar as the Fed announced rate cuts.
- **Gold prices** increased 0.8% as Fed decided to keep interest rates unchanged, and upwardly revised the projections for 2025.

## Forex / Currency

Currency / USD	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Dollar Index	103.39	-0.4	-0.7	2.0
Euro	1.09	0.5	1.1	-1.1
Japanese Yen	151.26	0.3	0.9	7.2
Sterling Pound	1.28	0.5	1.3	0.4
Chinese Yuan	7.21	-0.0	0.0	1.2
Indian Rupee	83.17	0.2	0.3	-0.0
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	-0.0	0.1
Omani Rial	0.39	0.0	0.0	0.0
Bahraini Dinar	0.38	0.0	-0.0	-0.0
Egyptian Pound	46.95	-0.2	52.0	51.9

## Corporate Calendar

Date	Company	Event
21-Mar	SAUDI KAYAN	EGM
21-Mar	EXTRA	Cash Dividend Distribution
21-Mar	FITNESS TIME	Eligibility of Cash Dividend
21-Mar	BUPA ARABIA	EGM
21-Mar	NAHDI	Eligibility of Cash Dividend
21-Mar	ACADEMY OF LEARNING	Eligibility of Cash Dividend

EGM: Extra Ordinary Meeting\*

OGM: Ordinary General Meeting\*

## Regional Markets

Market	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dubai (DFM)	4,291	0.4	-0.4	5.7	8.4
Abu Dhabi (ADX)	9,269	0.1	0.2	-3.2	20.0
Kuwait (KSE)	8,081	0.1	-1.0	8.1	18.6
Qatar (QE)	10,203	-0.2	-2.6	-5.8	11.7
Oman (MSM)	4,809	-0.5	5.6	6.5	13.3
Bahrain (BSE)	2,048	0.6	2.1	3.9	7.9
Egypt (EGX30)	28,589	-0.3	-1.3	14.8	11.0

## International Markets

Index	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dow Jones	39,512	1.0	1.3	4.8	22.7
Nasdaq	18,240	1.2	1.1	8.4	33.7
S&P 500	5,225	0.9	2.5	9.5	25.0
FTSE 100	7,737	-0.0	1.4	0.1	11.7
Germany DAX 30	18,015	0.2	1.9	7.5	15.0
France CAC 40	8,161	-0.5	3.0	8.2	14.6
Japan Nikkei 225	40,004	0.0	2.1	19.5	28.6
Russia MOEX	3,267	0.1	0.3	5.4	3.0
Hong Kong Hang Seng	16,543	0.1	0.2	-3.0	8.7
South Korea KOSPI	2,690	1.3	1.8	1.3	0.3
China Shanghai Composite	3,080	0.6	2.1	3.5	14.2
Australia ASX 200	7,696	-0.1	-0.0	1.4	19.6
India Sensex	72,102	0.1	-0.5	-0.2	22.9
MSCI EM	1,032	0.4	1.1	0.8	14.7
MSCI World	3,415	0.6	2.3	7.8	21.3

## Commodity Markets

Commodity	Price	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Arab Light Crude (\$/bbl)	87.88	0.1	6.6	9.3
Brent Crude (\$/bbl)	85.95	-1.6	2.8	11.6
Texas crude (\$/bbl)	81.68	-2.1	4.4	14.0
Natural Gas (\$/mmbtu)	1.70	-2.6	-8.7	-26.3
Gold (\$/oz)	2,186.39	1.3	7.0	6.0
Silver (\$/oz)	25.58	2.7	12.8	7.5
Steel (\$/ton)	794.00	-0.1	-0.1	-30.0
Iron Ore (CNY/MT)	848.00	1.7	-12.1	-18.7
Wheat (\$/bu)	545.00	-1.4	-5.4	-14.8
Corn (\$/bu)	439.00	-0.1	2.2	-9.3
Sugar (\$/lb)	21.77	0.6	0.4	6.6
SMP* (EUR/MT)	2,414.00	-0.3	-3.4	-6.3

\*SMP: Skimmed Milk Powder

## Interbank Rates

Region	Rate*	Daily Change(bps)	MTD (bps)	YTD (bps)
KSA (SAIBOR 1M)	5.83	-2.2	-5.6	-8.2
KSA (SAIBOR 3M)	6.19	-2.8	-4.4	-4.7
KSA (SAIBOR 6M)	6.03	-1.4	-4.5	-4.2
KSA (SAIBOR 12M)	5.92	0.6	-1.4	-7.4
USA (SOFR 3M)	5.33	-0.4	-0.5	-0.3
UAE (EIBOR 3M)	5.08	-15.5	-20.7	-24.7

Data Sources: Tadawul, Bloomberg, Reuters

Closes as of March 20, 2024





## Technical observations

Index	TASI
Ticker	SASEIDX Index
Last Close	12,739
<b>Short-term view</b>	Hold
52 weeks high/low	12,830 – 9,933

## Market data

Exchange Market Cap. (SAR bn)	11,098.6
Value (SAR mn)	8,217.5
Volume (mn)	353.3
Number of Transactions	532,817
Market Breadth	86 : 136

## Key statistics

1D return %	-0.51%
MTD return %	0.86%
QTD return	6.45%
YTD return	6.45%
ADT vol. 3M* (mn)	370.3
ADT val. 3M (SARmn)	8,977.6

\*ADT stands for Average Daily Traded

## TASI market commentary

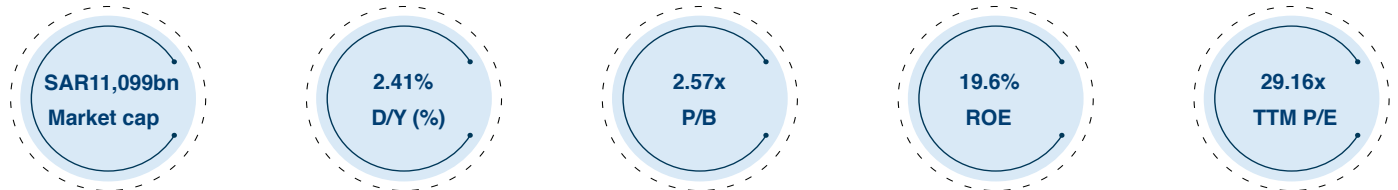
- TASI experienced a decline on Wednesday; primarily driven by the performance of the Banks sector (down 0.98%) and the Energy sector (down 0.60%). At close, the Saudi market ended the day with a change of -0.51% at 12,739. In terms of activity, total volumes and value traded were ~353mn and ~SAR 8.2bn, respectively. The advance-decline ratio came in at 86/136.

## Technical outlook

- TASI closed the last session near 12,739, marking a loss of 65 points. Despite reaching a new 52-week high of around 12,830 at the session's onset, profit booking sentiment emerged, causing a decline to close at the session's low. TASI formed a Bearish Engulfing candlestick pattern, suggesting a potential further temporary profit booking attitude. However, it is important to note that the potential upside target of around 12,965 remains achievable as long as the index maintains its trading above the 20-day SMA. Moreover, the RSI indicator is still hovering above the level of 50 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 12,625. If breached, the subsequent support levels would be around 12,500 – 12,350. Traders are advised to hold as long as the index remains above its 20-day SMA of around 12,625.

## Key price levels

S3	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2	R3
12,350	12,500	12,625	12,670	12,965	13,175	13,275



Source: Bloomberg, Argam

## TASI daily chart

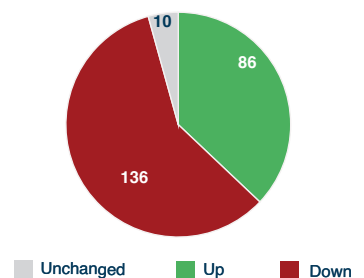


Source: Tradingview, Aljazira Capital

## Our view



## Market depth





## SAUDI MARKET - TOP PICKS FOR THE DAY

Code	Company	Close*	Buy range	Sell range	Stop loss
3050	Southern Province Cement	40.45	40.35 – 40.45	40.85 – 41.45	40.00
2360	Saudi Vitrified Clay Pipes	54.60	45.40 – 54.60	55.10 – 56.40	54.00
2001	Chemanol	17.54	17.50 – 17.54	17.70 – 17.90	17.34
2090	National Gypsum Company	26.80	26.75 – 26.80	27.05 – 27.45	26.50
4260	Budget Saudi	94.00	93.80 – 94.00	94.90 – 96.90	93.00
1833	Al Mawarid	141.60	141.20 – 141.60	143.00 – 146.00	140.00
7201	Arab Sea	8.18	8.16 – 8.18	8.26 – 8.49	8.09

\*As of 20<sup>th</sup> Mar 2024

\* Note – Stop loss is based on an intraday basis

## CHARTS OF THE DAY

## Technical observations

**SPCC** penetrated the level of the prior peaks as well as its 50-day SMA. Moreover, all the technical indicators show bullish structure.

## Southern Province Cement Co. (SPCC)



Source: Tradingview, Aljazira Capital

## Technical observations

**SVCP** started to bounce off the level of the prior peaks. Moreover, all the technical indicators show bullish structure.

## Saudi Vitrified Clay Pipes Co. (SVCP)



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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