



Major Economic News

- Saudi Arabia's Industrial Production Index (IPI)** continued to decline for the 13th month in a row, falling 8.8% Y/Y in January. Saudi IPI fell to 103.28 points in January 2024, according to the base year 2010, compared to 113.28 points in January 2023. The index was directly affected by the decline in the mining, quarrying, and manufacturing activities. (Source: Argaam)

Major Corporate News

- Solutions** signed a framework agreement with Aramco to provide with electronic devices and their accessories, along with distribution across three warehouses of Aramco. The contract tenure is 5 years, and the agreement value may exceed 5% of Solutions' FY23 revenues. The financial impact will appear from Q3-24.
- Aramco** is exploring more investment opportunities in China where demand for oil is strong and growing. The global oil demand will reach 104mn barrels per day in 2024, up from the average of 102.5mn barrels in 2023. Aramco is targeting a 60% boost in gas production in 2023, compared to 2021 levels. Aramco is also interested in investing in LNG opportunities in the US. (Source: Argaam)

Earnings update (Net Profit) (SAR mn)

| Company | Q4-23 | Q4-22 | Y/Y % | Q3-23 | Q/Q % |
|---------------|-------|-------|--------|-------|--------|
| ARAMCO* | 102.6 | 125.3 | -18.10 | 123.5 | -16.90 |
| ACC | 32.8 | 35.1 | -6.76 | 29.7 | 10.29 |
| EPCCO | 50.2 | 47.7 | 5.31 | 40.9 | 22.81 |
| FIRST MILLING | 57.5 | 20.3 | 184.46 | 54.0 | 6.41 |
| GASCO | 42.6 | 54.7 | -22.17 | 57.2 | -25.58 |

* Data for Aramco in billions

Market Analysis

The **Saudi Stock Exchange** increased 0.3% to 12,618.6. The value traded stood at SAR 7.6bn (down 21.9% over the previous day), while the advance-decline ratio stood at 151/66. The parallel market index decreased 0.5% to 26,324.6 points. The value traded stood at SAR 152.6mn (up 325.3% over the previous day). Most sectors in the main market ended in the green. Real Estate and Transportation (up 2.1% and 1.4%, respectively) advanced the most, while Media and Diversified Financials (down 4.4% and 2.2%, respectively) led the laggards.

Top Gainers

| Company | Price | Change% |
|-----------------|--------|---------|
| SSP | 67.10 | 10.0 |
| CHEMICAL | 5.97 | 9.9 |
| EAST PIPES | 148.40 | 9.9 |
| SALAMA | 31.75 | 9.9 |
| ALRAJHI TAKAFUL | 118.40 | 9.0 |

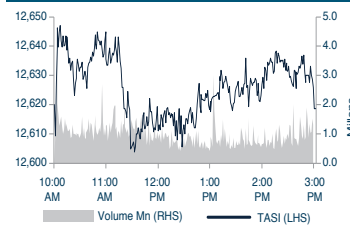
Top Losers

| Company | Price | Change% |
|---------------|---------|---------|
| ALARABIA | 232.20 | -10.0 |
| TADAWUL GROUP | 246.00 | -3.9 |
| SRMG | 251.60 | -2.8 |
| NADEC | 30.80 | -2.7 |
| ELM | 1025.00 | -2.4 |

Saudi Stock Exchange

| Index | Closing | High | Low | Daily Change% | YTD % |
|-------|---------|--------|--------|---------------|-------|
| TASI | 12,619 | 12,654 | 12,600 | 0.3 | 5.4 |
| NomuC | 26,325 | 26,588 | 26,233 | (0.5) | 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 | 6,077 | 1.4 | -2.3 | 16.8 |
| Materials | 6,253 | 0.7 | -1.6 | High |
| Capital Goods | 12,558 | 0.0 | 26.5 | 41.7 |
| Commercial Service | 5,860 | 0.8 | 5.4 | 37.5 |
| Transportation | 8,021 | 1.4 | 26.5 | 49 |
| Consumer Durables | 5,609 | 0.4 | 11.7 | Neg |
| Consumer Services | 5,840 | 0.4 | 18.2 | 41.5 |
| Media | 31,929 | -4.4 | 30.2 | High |
| Consumer Discretionary Ret | 8,916 | 1.2 | 4.6 | 29 |
| Consumer Staples Ret | 10,632 | -0.1 | 9.9 | 27.7 |
| Food & Beverages | 6,539 | -0.6 | 16.6 | 33.8 |
| Healthcare | 13,880 | 0.6 | 15.4 | High |
| Pharma & Bio Tech | 5,226 | -0.3 | 7.6 | High |
| Banks | 12,560 | 0.0 | 2.9 | 14.8 |
| Financial Services | 7,841 | -2.2 | 17.9 | 35.3 |
| Insurance | 10,286 | 1.2 | 21.4 | 27.5 |
| Telecom | 8,173 | -0.1 | 5.9 | 15.3 |
| Utilities | 11,212 | -0.8 | 12.8 | 22.1 |
| REITs | 3,622 | 0.1 | -1.2 | High |
| Real Estate | 3,564 | 2.7 | 16.9 | High |
| Software & Services | 83,123 | -1.7 | 21.2 | High |

Average Index Value

| Average days 5 | Average days 10 | Average days 20 | Average value traded for March (bn) |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| 12,533 | 12,559 | 12,518 | 9.03 |

Market Statistics

| | Value Traded (SAR bn) | Volumes (mn shares) | No. of Trades ('000) |
|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Current Week | 46 | 1,885.80 | 2,934.50 |
| Previous week | 46.1 | 2,317.30 | 2,793.30 |

Top Weighted Companies

| Company | Price | Change% |
|--------------|-------|---------|
| Saudi Aramco | 32.20 | 1.4 |
| Al Rajhi | 85.40 | -0.5 |
| SNB | 40.20 | 0.5 |
| SABIC | 78.40 | 0.3 |
| STC | 41.25 | 0.2 |





International Market News

- The **non-farm payroll in the US** surged by 275,000 jobs in February, much more than the expectations of 200,000 jobs. This stronger than expected growth was led by a significant increase in healthcare and social assistance sector employment, which added 90,700 jobs. However, the unemployment rate increased to 3.9% in February, from 3.7% in January. (Source: RTT News)
- China's consumer prices** rose for the first time in six months due to Lunar New Year spending thereby offering some reprieve for China, which was grappling with weak consumer sentiment. The CPI increased 0.7% Y/Y in February, much ahead than the expectations of 0.3% increase. The Y/Y growth in consumer prices was also the highest in 11 months, buoyed by gains in some key foodstuffs as well as travel. (Source: Investing.com)
- Japan's economy** avoided a technical recession, despite the upward change in the Q4 was weaker than expected and highlighted concerns about the sluggish economic recovery. The GDP expanded at an annualized 0.4% in Q4, marginally below the expectations of 1.1% mark. On Q/Q basis the GDP grew 0.1%. (Source: Reuters)
- According to **China's** human resource minister, China still faces structural employment issues and overall pressure on jobs has not eased, as the slowing economy braces for another record number of college graduates in 2024. Authorities will be strengthening policies to improve youth employment and help small private firms. (Source: Reuters)

Forex / Currency

| Currency / USD | Close | Daily Change% | MTD % | YTD % |
|----------------|--------|---------------|-------|-------|
| Dollar Index | 102.71 | 0.0 | -1.4 | 1.4 |
| Euro | 1.09 | 0.0 | 1.2 | -0.9 |
| Japanese Yen | 147.06 | 0.0 | -1.9 | 4.3 |
| Sterling Pound | 1.29 | 0.0 | 1.8 | 1.0 |
| Chinese Yuan | 7.20 | 0.0 | -0.1 | 1.0 |
| Indian Rupee | 82.79 | 0.0 | -0.2 | -0.5 |
| 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 | -0.1 |
| Omani Rial | 0.38 | 0.0 | -0.0 | -0.0 |
| Bahraini Dinar | 0.38 | 0.0 | -0.0 | -0.0 |
| Egyptian Pound | 49.39 | 0.0 | 59.9 | 59.8 |

Corporate Calendar

| Date | Company | Event |
|--------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| 12-Mar | ALKHALEEJ | EGM |
| 12-Mar | JAMJHOOM PHARMA | EGM |
| 13-Mar | TAQAT MINERAL | End of IPO |
| 14-Mar | STC | Cash Dividend Distribution |
| 14-Mar | YANSAB | Cash Dividend Distribution |
| 14-Mar | HCC | Cash Dividend Distribution |

EGM: Extra Ordinary Meeting*

OGM: Ordinary General Meeting*

Regional Markets

| Market | Close | Daily Change% | MTD % | YTD % | P/E |
|-----------------|--------|---------------|-------|-------|------|
| Dubai (DFM) | 4,253 | 0.0 | -1.3 | 4.8 | 8.8 |
| Abu Dhabi (ADX) | 9,234 | 0.0 | -0.2 | -3.6 | 19.8 |
| Kuwait (KSE) | 8,141 | 0.4 | -0.2 | 8.9 | 18.8 |
| Qatar (QE) | 10,235 | 0.0 | -2.3 | -5.5 | 11.8 |
| Oman (MSM) | 4,760 | -0.4 | 4.5 | 5.4 | 12.9 |
| Bahrain (BSE) | 2,016 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 2.2 | 7.8 |
| Egypt (EGX30) | 32,920 | 5.2 | 13.7 | 32.2 | 12.5 |

International Markets

| Index | Close | Daily Change% | MTD % | YTD % | P/E |
|--------------------------|--------|---------------|-------|-------|------|
| Dow Jones | 38,723 | 0.0 | -0.7 | 2.7 | 22.2 |
| Nasdaq | 18,018 | 0.0 | -0.1 | 7.1 | 33.2 |
| S&P 500 | 5,124 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 7.4 | 24.5 |
| FTSE 100 | 7,660 | 0.0 | 0.4 | -1.0 | 11.6 |
| Germany DAX 30 | 17,815 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 6.3 | 14.9 |
| France CAC 40 | 8,028 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 6.4 | 14.4 |
| Japan Nikkei 225 | 39,689 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 18.6 | 28.4 |
| Russia MOEX | 3,316 | 0.0 | 1.8 | 7.0 | 3.0 |
| Hong Kong Hang Seng | 16,353 | 0.0 | -1.0 | -4.1 | 8.6 |
| South Korea KOSPI | 2,680 | 0.0 | 1.4 | 0.9 | 18.7 |
| China Shanghai Composite | 3,046 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 2.4 | 14.0 |
| Australia ASX 200 | 7,847 | 0.0 | 1.9 | 3.4 | 19.6 |
| India Sensex | 74,119 | 0.0 | 2.2 | 2.6 | 23.5 |
| MSCI EM | 1,037 | 0.0 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 15.5 |
| MSCI World | 3,380 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 6.7 | 21.2 |

Commodity Markets

| Commodity | Price | Daily Change% | MTD % | YTD % |
|---------------------------|----------|---------------|-------|-------|
| Arab Light Crude (\$/bbl) | 85.38 | 0.0 | 3.5 | 6.2 |
| Brent Crude (\$/bbl) | 82.08 | 0.0 | -1.8 | 6.5 |
| Texas crude (\$/bbl) | 78.01 | 0.0 | -0.3 | 8.9 |
| Natural Gas (\$/mmbtu) | 1.81 | 0.0 | -3.0 | -21.7 |
| Gold (\$/oz) | 2,178.95 | 0.0 | 6.6 | 5.6 |
| Silver (\$/oz) | 24.31 | 0.0 | 7.2 | 2.2 |
| Steel (\$/ton) | 814.00 | 0.0 | 2.4 | -28.3 |
| Iron Ore (CNY/MT) | 994.00 | 0.0 | 3.1 | -4.7 |
| Wheat (\$/bu) | 537.75 | 0.0 | -6.7 | -15.9 |
| Corn (\$/bu) | 439.75 | 0.0 | 2.4 | -9.1 |
| Sugar (\$/lb) | 21.15 | 0.0 | -2.5 | 3.6 |
| SMP* (EUR/MT) | 2,460.00 | 0.0 | -1.6 | -4.5 |

*SMP: Skimmed Milk Powder

Interbank Rates

| Region | Rate* | Daily Change(bps) | MTD (bps) | YTD (bps) |
|------------------|-------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|
| KSA (SAIBOR 1M) | 5.95 | 3.0 | 6.6 | 4.0 |
| KSA (SAIBOR 3M) | 6.21 | -3.4 | -1.9 | -2.2 |
| KSA (SAIBOR 6M) | 6.11 | 1.5 | 2.7 | 3.0 |
| KSA (SAIBOR 12M) | 5.90 | 1.1 | -3.4 | -9.4 |
| USA (SOFR 3M) | 5.32 | 0.0 | -1.3 | -1.1 |
| UAE (EIBOR 3M) | 5.24 | 0.0 | -4.6 | -8.6 |

Data Sources: Tadawul, Bloomberg, Reuters

Closes as of March 10, 2024





Technical observations

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|-------------------|----------------|
| Index | TASI |
| Ticker | SASEIDX Index |
| Last Close | 12,619 |
| Short-term view | Hold |
| 52 weeks high/low | 12,669 – 9,931 |

Market data

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|-------------------------------|----------|
| Exchange Market Cap. (SAR bn) | 11,284.8 |
| Value (SAR mn) | 7,596.0 |
| Volume (mn) | 312.3 |
| Number of Transactions | 479,145 |
| Market Breadth | 151 : 66 |

Key statistics

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|---------------------|---------|
| 1D return % | 0.32% |
| MTD return % | -0.10% |
| QTD return | 5.44% |
| YTD return | 5.44% |
| ADT vol. 3M* (mn) | 340.3 |
| ADT val. 3M (SARmn) | 8,379.9 |

*ADT stands for Average Daily Traded

TASI market commentary

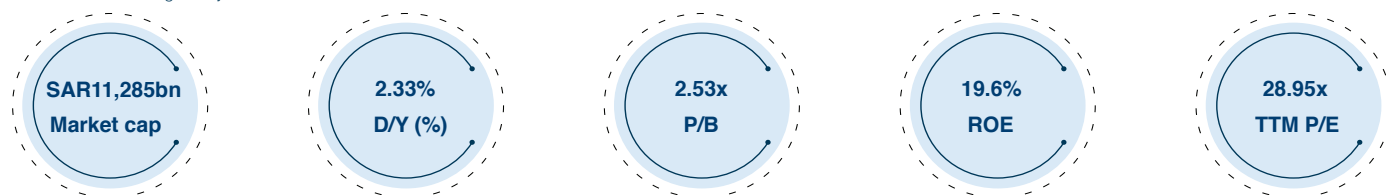
- TASI experienced a rise on Sunday; primarily driven by the performance of the Energy sector (up 1.39%), the Materials sector (up 0.71%). At close, the Saudi market ended the day with a change of 0.32% at 12,619. In terms of activity, total volumes and value traded were ~312mn and ~SAR 7.6bn, respectively. The advance-decline ratio came in at 151/66.

Technical outlook

- TASI closed the last session near 12,619, marking a gain of 41 points. The index approached to test the last peak with another coiled session. TASI formed a Doji candlestick, which would require a confirmation by a following bearish candlestick pattern to suggest a possible temporary profit-booking sentiment. However, it is important to note that the decisive close above the last peak near 12,670 would signify the end of the temporary profit-booking phase and pave the way toward a target of around 12,965. Furthermore, the RSI indicator is currently testing a declining trendline, and a breakthrough would indicate a positive sentiment in the short term. TASI has an immediate resistance level of around 12,670. If successfully surpassed, the subsequent resistance levels to watch for would be around 12,965 – 13,175. On the other hand, an immediate support level is observed at around 12,500. If breached, the subsequent support levels would be around 12,400 – 12,325. Traders are advised to closely monitor the significant support level of around 12,670, as a successful penetration of this level would potentially trigger further buying power in the short-term.

Key price levels

| S3 | S2 | S1 | Pivot | R1 | R2 | R3 |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 12,325 | 12,400 | 12,500 | 12,540 | 12,670 | 12,965 | 13,175 |



Source: Bloomberg, Argaam

TASI daily chart

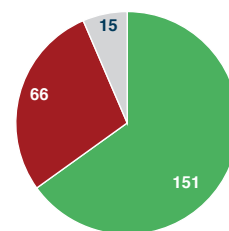


Source: Tradingview, Aljazira Capital

Our view



Market depth



Unchanged Up Down





SAUDI MARKET - TOP PICKS FOR THE DAY

| Code | Company | Close* | Buy range | Sell range | Stop loss |
|------|--------------------|--------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|
| 1831 | Maharah | 7.80 | 7.78 – 7.80 | 7.88 – 8.08 | 7.71 |
| 3008 | Al Kathiri Holding | 3.08 | 3.07 – 3.08 | 3.11 – 3.20 | 3.05 |
| 8190 | United Assurance | 8.99 | 8.97 – 8.99 | 9.08 – 9.30 | 8.89 |
| 8180 | Al Sagr Insurance | 28.60 | 28.50 – 28.60 | 28.90 – 29.35 | 28.25 |
| 4014 | Equipment House | 56.70 | 56.60 – 56.70 | 57.30 – 58.20 | 56.10 |
| 1830 | Fitness Time | 232.00 | 231.40 – 232.00 | 234.20 – 237.60 | 229.40 |
| 1211 | Maaden | 50.50 | 50.37 – 50.50 | 51.00 – 51.80 | 49.95 |

*As of 10th Mar 2024

* Note – Stop loss is based on an intraday basis

CHARTS OF THE DAY

Technical observations

Maharah has just penetrated the level of the last peak. Moreover, all the technical indicators show bullish structure.

Maharah Human Resources Company (Maharah)



Source: Tradingview, Aljazira Capital

Technical observations

ALKATHIRI has penetrated the level of the prior peak after bouncing off its 10-day SMA. Moreover, all the technical indicators show bullish structure.

Al Kathiri Holding Co. (ALKATHIRI)



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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