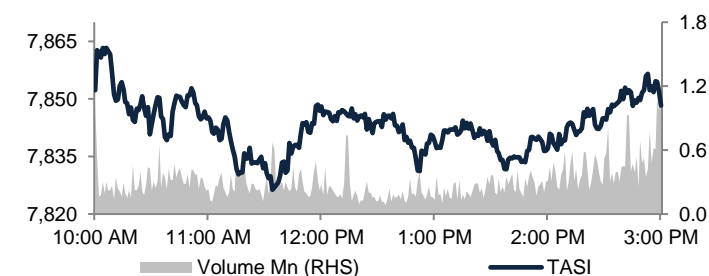


Saudi Stock Exchange

Index	Closing	High	Low	Daily Change %	YTD %
TASI	7,867	7,867	7,826	0.0	8.9
NOMU	2,628	2,674	2,588	1.6	(16.3)

TASI movement during session



Index	Close	Daily Change %	% YTD	PE (TTM)
Energy	4,704	(0.8)	9.9	16.0
Materials	5,733	(0.5)	13.4	21.1
Capital Goods	3,793	0.4	(12.6)	-27.9
Commercial Service	4,576	(0.5)	8.8	19.6
Transportation	3,766	(0.1)	(6.1)	17.9
Consumer Durables	3,764	1.0	(9.1)	-18.3
Consumer Services	3,275	0.7	(11.1)	14.2
Media	11,952	(0.1)	54.5	492.4
Retailing	6,218	(0.1)	10.4	20.4
Food & Staples	6,158	0.2	9.8	18.2
Food & Beverages	4,229	(0.0)	(13.7)	25.7
Healthcare	4,171	(1.1)	(6.1)	19.0
Pharma & Bio Tech	3,958	(1.5)	(0.3)	23.7
Banks	6,809	0.4	23.8	12.8
Diversified Financials	3,634	1.0	(9.8)	-34.3
Insurance	3,853	(0.2)	(18.4)	31.2
Telecom	4,845	(0.5)	13.9	29.2
Utilities	3,970	0.7	(13.0)	70.5
REITs	3,749	0.1	(19.1)	55.3
Real Estate	3,457	0.1	(26.4)	28.1

Average Index Value

Average 5 days	Average 10 days	Average 20 days	Average value traded for the month (bn)
7,913	8,067	8,210	3.69

Market Statistics

	Value Traded (SAR bn)	Volumes (mn shares)	No. of Trades ('000 shares)
Current Week	15.2	585.5	445.3
Previous week	21.7	760.0	496.5

Top Gainers

Company	Price	Change%
SABB Takaful	20.50	5.1
ALYAMAMAH	17.20	3.2
Sagr Insurance	13.82	2.7
AICC	20.10	2.7
AlAbdullatif	11.80	2.6

Top Losers

Company	Price	Change%
SWICORP WABEL	8.85	-3.8
Mouwasat	88.00	-3.2
SEDCO CAPITAL REIT	7.70	-2.5
MAADEN	54.70	-2.5
Saudi German Hosptl	40.90	-2.5

Top Weighted Companies

Company	Price	Change%
Al Rajhi	84.00	1.0
SABIC	123.00	-0.6
NCB	41.45	0.0
SAMBA	29.80	-0.7
STC	78.40	-0.8

Major Economic News

- According to Reuters, Federal Reserve officials have indicated raising the benchmark US interest rates shortly to counter excessive economic expansion. The Fed is now concerned that the economy is so robust that inflation could rise persistently above its 2.0% target and, hence, it has been raising rates gradually off near-zero since 2015. (Source: Argaam)
- According to Reuters, KSA's Public Investment Fund (PIF) is in discussions to invest in Lucid Motors, a US luxury electric vehicle start-up. PIF is likely to invest more than USD 1.0bn in Lucid Motors, and obtain majority ownership. (Source: Argaam)
- According to the Saudi Ministry of Communications and Information Technology and the Communications and Information Technology Commission, for the two million pilgrims performing Hajj in 2018, a total of two million gigabytes would be offered. The move is aimed at enabling pilgrims to communicate with their families and access digital services available in the Smart Hajj initiative. (Source: Argaam)
- According to the commerce ministry, KSA's new bankruptcy law came into effect on Saturday, August 18, and would be implemented after the Eid Al Adha holidays. The law was approved in February to regulate bankruptcy procedures that include preventive settlement, financial restructuring, liquidation, preventive settlement of small debtors, financial restructuring of small debtors, liquidation of small debtors, and administrative liquidation. (Source: Argaam)

Major Corporate News

- Saudi Telecom Co. (STC) posted a record-high growth rate of more than 53.0% YoY on the day of Arafah. The telecom company also witnessed a 160.0% YoY rise in 4G services because of a 9.0% YoY increase in the number of pilgrims using the network. (Source: Argaam)

Market Analysis

- The Saudi Stock Exchange remained flat at 7,867.2 on Thursday. The value traded stood at SAR 2.5bn (up 5.6% over previous day), while the advance-decline ratio stood at 97/73. The parallel market index increased 1.6% to 2,627.5 points. The value traded stood at SAR 2.9mn (up 105.5% over previous day). Most sectors in the main market ended in the red. Consumer Durables and Diversified Financials (up 1.0% each) advanced the most; Pharma & Bio Tech and Healthcare (down 1.5% and 1.1%, respectively) led the laggards.

Regional Markets

Market	Close	Daily Change %	MTD %	YTD %
Dubai (DFM)	2,816	0.4	-4.7	-16.4
Abu Dhabi (ADX)	4,885	-0.4	0.5	11.1
Kuwait (KSE)	4,894	-0.2	-0.8	**NA
Qatar (QE)	9,448	-1.5	-3.8	10.8
Oman (MSM)	4,390	0.0	1.2	-13.9
Bahrain (BSE)	1,347	0.3	-0.8	1.2
Egypt (EGX30)	15,296	-0.4	-1.8	1.8

International Markets

Index	Close	Daily Change %	MTD %	YTD %
Dow Jones	25,790	0.5	1.5	4.3
Nasdaq	7,485	1.0	3.5	17.0
S&P 500	2,875	0.6	2.1	7.5
FTSE 100	7,577	0.2	-2.2	-1.4
Germany DAX 30	12,395	0.2	-3.2	-4.0
France CAC 40	5,433	0.2	-1.4	2.3
Japan Nikkei 225	22,602	0.9	1.3	-0.7
Hong Kong Hang Seng	27,672	-0.4	-3.2	-7.5
China Shanghai Composite	2,729	0.2	-5.1	-17.5
Australia ASX 200	6,247	0.0	-0.5	3.0
India Sensex	38,252	-0.2	1.7	12.3

Commodity Markets

Commodity	Price	Daily Change %	MTD %	YTD %
Arab Light Crude (\$/bbl)	75.5	-0.7	-2.7	15.9
Brent Crude (\$/bbl)	75.8	1.5	2.1	13.4
Texas crude (\$/bbl)	69.7	0.8	-0.2	15.3
Natural Gas (\$/mmbtu)	2.92	-1.6	4.9	-1.2
Gold (\$/oz)	1,206	1.7	-1.5	-7.4
Silver (\$/oz)	14.8	2.3	-4.6	-12.7
Steel (\$/ton)	901	0.0	-1.0	36.1
Iron Ore (CNY/MT)	494	-0.1	13.3	1.1
Wheat (\$/bu)	515	-1.4	-7.0	20.6
Corn (\$/bu)	349	0.5	-6.4	-0.6
Sugar (\$/lb)	10.2	1.1	-3.0	-32.5
SMP* (EUR/MT)	1,650	0.0	12.2	18.4

*SMP: Skimmed Milk Powder

Interbank Rates

Region	Rate*	Daily Change (bps)	MTD (bps)	YTD (bps)
USD LIBOR	2.311	0.0	-3.7	61.7
Saudi Arabia (SAIBOR)	2.608	0.0	-0.1	71.1
UAE (EIBOR)	2.582	13.6	-3.7	78.7
Kuwait (KIBOR)	2.000	0.0	-6.3	12.5
Qatar (QIBOR)	2.650	0.2	0.6	0.2
Bahrain (BHIBOR)	3.500	0.0	0.0	77.5

* Three-month Interbank rate **NA: Not Available

Data Sources: Tadawul, Bloomberg, Reuters

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Regional and International Markets

- Among other regional markets, Dubai increased 0.4%, while Abu Dhabi decreased 0.4%. Kuwait, Qatar and Egypt decreased 0.2%, 1.5% and 0.4%, respectively; while Bahrain increased 0.3%. Meanwhile, Oman remained flat.
- According to Baker Hughes, North America's rig count improved to 1,273 from 1,269 in the week ended August 24. The rig count decreased to 1,044 from 1,057 in the US, and to 16 in the Gulf of Mexico. The rig count in Canada increased to 229 from 212 earlier. (Source: Econoday)
- According to the EIA Natural Gas Report, natural gas in storage rose 48.0bn cubic feet to 2,435 bcf in the week ended August 17. Gas stocks were below the five-year historical range for this time of the year, and down 21.9% from last year's level and 19.7% against the five-year average for the period. (Source: Econoday)
- Oil prices increased 1.5% on Friday, as trade discussions between the U.S. and China halted and upcoming sanctions against Iran weighed.
- Gold prices rose 1.7% on Friday, after a plunge in the dollar supported a broad-based rally in metals following a dovish speech from Fed Chairman Jerome Powell.

Forex / Currency

Currency	Close	Daily Change %	MTD %	YTD %
Dollar Index	95.1	-0.5	0.7	3.3
Euro	1.16	0.7	-0.6	-3.1
Japanese Yen	111.2	-0.1	-0.6	-1.3
Sterling Pound	1.28	0.3	-2.1	-5.0
Chinese Yuan	6.80	-1.0	0.0	4.6
Indian Rupee	70.0	-0.2	2.2	9.6
UAE Dirham	3.67	0.0	0.0	0.0
Qatari Rial	3.64	0.0	0.0	0.0
Kuwaiti Dinar	0.30	0.0	0.1	0.5
Omani Rial	0.38	0.0	-0.1	0.0
Bahraini Dinar	0.38	0.0	-0.2	0.1
Egyptian Pound	17.82	0.0	0.0	0.5

Corporate Calendar

Date	Company	Event
26 th Aug	Taiba	Cash Dividend Distribution
29 th Aug	QACO	EGM
02 nd Sep	SCC	EGM
02 nd Sep	Wafrah	OGM
02 nd Sep	Wafa Insurance	EGM
03 rd Sep	QACCO	Cash Dividend Distribution

*EGM: Extra Ordinary Meeting

*OGM: Ordinary General Meeting

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