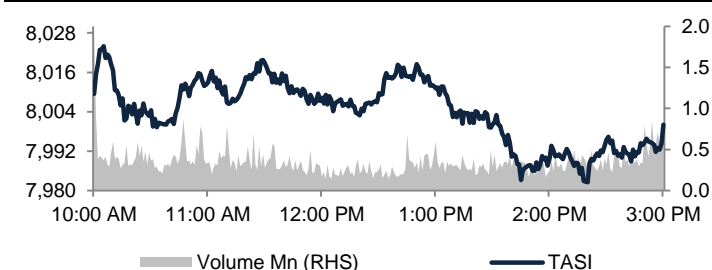


Saudi Stock Exchange

Index	Closing	High	Low	Daily Change %	YTD %
TASI	7,998	8,028	7,982	(0.1)	10.7
NOMU	2,609	2,610	2,590	0.4	(16.9)

TASI movement during session



Index	Close	Daily Change %	% YTD	PE (TTM)
Energy	5,185	1.1	21.1	17.7
Materials	5,775	(0.2)	14.3	18.3
Capital Goods	3,652	0.8	(15.9)	-12.9
Commercial Service	4,301	(0.4)	2.3	18.6
Transportation	3,720	0.9	(7.3)	22.5
Consumer Durables	3,668	0.1	(11.4)	-33.5
Consumer Services	3,208	(0.6)	(12.9)	18.1
Media	12,075	(0.5)	56.1	72.5
Retailing	6,244	1.6	10.8	23.4
Food & Staples	5,842	(0.6)	4.1	32.4
Food & Beverages	4,023	0.9	(17.9)	25.7
Healthcare	3,924	(0.4)	(11.7)	18.7
Pharma & Bio Tech	4,136	(0.5)	4.2	26.7
Banks	7,038	(0.3)	27.9	12.9
Diversified Financials	3,477	(0.1)	(13.7)	-30.1
Insurance	3,914	(0.4)	(17.1)	31.8
Telecom	5,130	(0.6)	20.6	32.1
Utilities	3,567	(0.1)	(21.8)	100.5
REITs	3,672	(0.1)	(20.7)	54.1
Real Estate	3,563	0.2	(24.2)	29.2

Average Index Value

Average 5 days	Average 10 days	Average 20 days	Average value traded for the month (bn)
8,005	7,922	7,794	2.70

Market Statistics

	Value Traded (SAR bn)	Volumes (mn shares)	No. of Trades ('000 shares)
Current Week	-	-	-
Previous week	15.1	607.9	459.0

Top Gainers

Company	Price	Change%
SCC	27.30	9.8
U C A	12.50	5.6
Extra	55.10	4.4
Allianz SF	25.15	3.8
Petro Rabigh	24.42	3.5

Top Losers

Company	Price	Change%
Alujain	29.10	-2.8
samba	31.45	-2.5
WALAA	21.96	-2.1
BONYAN REIT	8.91	-2.1
Petrochem	26.75	-2.0

Top Weighted Companies

Company	Price	Change%
Al Rajhi	87.80	0.0
SABIC	125.80	-0.2
NCB	45.90	0.4
SAMBA	31.45	-2.5
STC	84.20	-0.9

Major Economic News

- According to a report by S&P Global, GCC banks' profitability is likely to stabilize in 2019 due to rising interest rates and a substantial amount of non-interest-bearing deposits on the banks' balance sheets. The report further added that Gulf banks' financial profiles could stabilize next year, provided there are no unexpected geopolitical or oil-price shocks. (Source: Argaam)
- As reported by Reuters, KSA plans to invest USD 20.0bn over the next few years to sustain and increase its spare oil-production capacity. Currently, the kingdom's oil production capacity is 12.0 mbpd. (Source: Argaam)
- According to Reuters, KSA has "agreed in principle" to invest in a new oil refinery in Pakistan's deep-water port of Gwadar. Saudi Aramco is to partner with Pakistan State Oil on this project. Details of the refinery's costs and capacity are yet to be finalized as Aramco awaits the finalization of a formal memorandum of understanding from Pakistan's cabinet. (Source: Argaam)
- According to University of Washington's Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME), KSA ranks 65 out of 195 countries for investment in education and healthcare. Furthermore, according to the study analyzing the 195 countries for their levels of human capital, KSA registered the second highest rise, following Turkey. (Source: Argaam)

Major Corporate News

- The Saudi British Bank (SABB) and Alawwal Bank have entered into a binding merger agreement, according to which the assets and liabilities of Alawwal would be transferred to SABB. The deal is likely to create the third-largest bank in the kingdom and is expected to be finalized during 1H 2019. (Source: Argaam)

Market Analysis

- The Saudi Stock Exchange decreased 0.1% to 7,997.6 on Thursday. The value traded stood at SAR 2.6bn (down 14.7% over previous day), while the advance-decline ratio stood at 62/93. The parallel market index increased 0.4% to 2,609.3 points. The value traded stood at SAR 0.4mn (up 27.7% over previous day). Most sectors in the main market ended in the red. Retailing and Energy (up 1.6% and 1.1%, respectively) advanced the most; Consumer Services and Food & Staples (down 0.6% each) led the laggards.

Regional Markets

Market	Close	Daily Change %	MTD %	YTD %
Dubai (DFM)	2,792	-0.8	-1.5	-17.2
Abu Dhabi (ADX)	5,007	0.1	1.5	13.8
Kuwait (KSE)	4,742	0.0	0.1	**NA
Qatar (QE)	9,902	0.1	0.9	16.2
Oman (MSM)	4,526	0.2	-0.4	-11.2
Bahrain (BSE)	1,325	-0.4	-1.0	-0.5
Egypt (EGX30)	14,105	-1.5	-3.5	-6.1

International Markets

Index	Close	Daily Change %	MTD %	YTD %
Dow Jones	26,447	-0.7	0.0	7.0
Nasdaq	7,399	-1.2	-3.0	15.7
S&P 500	2,886	-0.6	-1.0	7.9
FTSE 100	7,319	-1.3	-2.6	-4.8
Germany DAX 30	12,112	-1.1	-1.1	-6.2
France CAC 40	5,359	-1.0	-2.4	0.9
Japan Nikkei 225	24,111	-0.7	0.0	5.9
Hong Kong Hang Seng	26,573	-0.2	-4.4	-11.2
China Shanghai Composite	2,821	0.0	0.0	-14.7
Australia ASX 200	6,186	0.1	-0.4	2.0
India Sensex	34,377	-2.3	-5.1	0.9

Commodity Markets

Commodity	Price	Daily Change %	MTD %	YTD %
Arab Light Crude (\$/bbl)	85.9	1.3	5.1	31.9
Brent Crude (\$/bbl)	84.2	-0.5	1.7	25.9
Texas crude (\$/bbl)	74.3	-0.2	1.5	22.8
Natural Gas (\$/mmbtu)	3.14	-0.7	4.5	6.4
Gold (\$/oz)	1,202	0.3	0.9	-7.7
Silver (\$/oz)	14.6	0.2	-0.1	-13.9
Steel (\$/ton)	828	-0.2	-1.5	25.1
Iron Ore (CNY/MT)	506	0.0	0.0	3.6
Wheat (\$/bu)	521	0.6	2.4	22.0
Corn (\$/bu)	368	0.2	3.4	5.0
Sugar (\$/lb)	12.6	2.4	21.2	-16.7
SMP* (EUR/MT)	1,625	-1.5	3.0	16.6

*SMP: Skimmed Milk Powder

Interbank Rates

Region	Rate*	Daily Change (bps)	MTD (bps)	YTD (bps)
USD LIBOR	2.408	-0.2	1.0	71.4
Saudi Arabia (SAIBOR)	2.730	0.0	1.0	83.4
UAE (EIBOR)	2.696	-2.3	25.1	90.1
Kuwait (KIBOR)	2.063	0.0	0.0	18.8
Qatar (QIBOR)	2.784	-0.2	2.9	13.6
Bahrain (BHIBOR)	3.725	0.0	0.0	100.0

* 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 decreased 0.8%, while Abu Dhabi increased 0.1%. Qatar and Oman increased 0.1% and 0.2%, respectively, while Bahrain and Egypt decreased 0.4% and 1.5%, respectively. Meanwhile, Kuwait remained flat.
- According to Baker Hughes, North America's rig count increased to 1,234 from 1,232 in the week ended October 05. Rig count declined to 1,052 from 1,054 in the US and rose to 22 from 18 in the Gulf of Mexico. Rig count in Canada increased to 182 from 178 earlier. (Source: Econoday)
- US Unemployment decreased to 3.7% (consensus: 3.8%) in September as compared to 3.9% in prior month. However, employers are having to pay less to workers as average hourly earnings fell by 0.1% to 2.8%. Moreover, labour participation rate remained unchanged at 62.7% in September. However, average working hours in a week remained unchanged at 34.5 hours. (Source: Econoday)
- Oil prices fell 0.5% on Thursday, as the gains washed-out by settlement, despite data showing another weekly drop in the U.S. oil rig count.
- Gold prices rose 0.3% as the dollar gave up earlier gains after September's payroll numbers came in lower than expected.

Forex / Currency

Currency	Close	Daily Change %	MTD %	YTD %
Dollar Index	95.6	-0.1	0.5	3.8
Euro	1.15	0.1	-0.7	-3.9
Japanese Yen	113.7	-0.2	0.0	0.9
Sterling Pound	1.31	0.8	0.7	-2.9
Chinese Yuan	6.87	0.0	0.0	5.6
Indian Rupee	73.8	0.2	1.7	15.6
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	0.7
Omani Rial	0.38	0.0	0.0	0.1
Bahraini Dinar	0.38	0.0	0.0	0.0
Egyptian Pound	17.84	0.0	0.3	0.6

Corporate Calendar

Date	Company	Event
07 th Oct	Aseer	OGM
09 th Oct	SIECO	EGM
10 th Oct	Al Alamiya	OGM
11 th Oct	Alujain	EGM
14 th Oct	Southern Cement	Cash Dividend Distribution
14 th Oct	Tihama	OGM

*EGM: Extra Ordinary Meeting

*OGM: Ordinary General Meeting

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