

#### Major Economic News

- The aggregate sales of 17 Saudi cement firms rose 24.0% Y/Y to 4.8mn tons in December 2019. All cement producers, except Arabian Cement Co., reported higher sales, led by Eastern Cement Co with more than 175% Y/Y. Najran Cement came second with a 48% rise, followed by Riyadh Cement and Umm Al-Qura Cement Co. Clinker production rose 5.0% Y/Y to 4.6mn tons and inventories stood at 42.5mn tons down 0.4% Y/Y. (Source: Argaam)
- KSA's Index of Industrial Production (IIP) fell 4.3% Y/Y to 125.1 points in November 2019. The mining and quarrying activity index retreated 4.0% Y/Y. The manufacturing industry activity declined 3.0% Y/Y. In addition, the electricity supply activity dropped 21.0% Y/Y. (Source: Argaam)
- The Ministry of Industry and Mineral Resources announced in a recent report that 72 new factories opened in December 2019 for the total value of SAR 707.0mn. The report added the total number of workers increased by 3,803, out of whom 2,350 were Saudis. The number of existing and under construction factories reached 8,807 across KSA. (Source: Argaam)
- Ministry of Finance inked an agreement with the National Project Management, Operation, and Maintenance Organization in Public Entities (Mashroat) to help improve its asset and facility management. Under the agreement, Mashroat will provide consultancy services and technical support to the ministry. (Source: Argaam)

#### Major Corporate News

- Saudi Industrial Investment Group (SIIG) said that its 50% owned joint ventures, Saudi Chevron Phillips (SCP) and Jubail Chevron Phillips (JCP), decided to cut their capital. The share capital of SCP has been reduced from SAR 655.0mn to SAR 244.0mn, while the share capital of JCP has been reduced from SAR 1.5bn to SAR 484.0mn. (Source: Argaam)

#### Market Analysis

- The Saudi Stock Exchange decreased 0.9% to 8,124.1 on Wednesday. The value traded stood at SAR 4.0bn (up 8.0% over previous day), while the advance-decline ratio stood at 20/171. The parallel market index decreased 2.3% to 6,359.9 points. The value traded stood at SAR 7.5mn (down 33.0% over previous day). Most sectors in the main market ended in the red. Food & Staples and Retailing (up 1.4% and 0.5%, respectively) were the only gainers; Diversified Financials and Media (down 2.2% and 2.1%, respectively) led the laggards.

#### Top Gainers

Company	Price	Change%
SAUDI CERAMICS	36.90	5.1
CITY CEMENT	17.90	3.7
TECO	25.55	3.4
TAWUNIYA	76.00	2.0
A.OTHAIM MARKET	84.10	1.9

#### Top Losers

Company	Price	Change%
SHARQIYAH DEV	49.35	-9.3
ANAAM HOLDING	156.60	-9.0
ALLIANZ SF	25.70	-6.6
SFICO	48.25	-6.3
WAFRAH	13.52	-6.0

#### Saudi Stock Exchange

Index	Closing	High	Low	Daily Change%	YTD %
TASI	8,124	8,169	8,077	(0.9)	(3.2)
NomuC	6,360	6,484	6,209	(2.3)	(11.4)

#### TASI movement during session



Index	Close	Daily Change%	YTD %	PE (TTM)
Energy	5,269	(0.6)	(3.2)	18.4
Materials	4,960	(1.2)	(4.0)	34.0
Capital Goods	4,297	(0.1)	(0.8)	-11.5
Commercial Service	4,518	(0.5)	(5.3)	18.2
Transportation	4,293	(1.5)	(2.3)	20.5
Consumer Durables	3,426	(2.0)	(2.3)	-44.8
Consumer Services	3,885	(1.5)	(1.9)	37.3
Media	8,787	(2.1)	(6.5)	33.5
Retailing	7,685	0.5	(0.2)	32.9
Food & Staples	6,793	1.4	2.7	209.6
Food & Beverages	4,235	(1.3)	(2.7)	228.7
Healthcare	3,600	(1.3)	(3.5)	24.5
Pharma & Bio Tech	3,496	(1.5)	(2.8)	-21.4
Banks	7,877	(1.0)	(2.8)	13.8
Diversified Financials	3,267	(2.2)	(1.1)	594.1
Insurance	4,370	(0.8)	(3.2)	-280.7
Telecom	6,266	(0.2)	(3.2)	19.8
Utilities	4,303	(1.0)	(2.2)	-67.7
REITs	4,112	(1.4)	(2.0)	20.2
Real Estate	2,977	(1.1)	(4.9)	73.4
Software & Services	5,111	(1.8)	3.6	N.A

#### Average Index Value

Average 5 days	Average 10 days	Average 20 days	Average value traded for the month (bn)
8,224	8,298	8,270	3.79

#### Market Statistics

	Value Traded (SAR bn)	Volumes (mn shares)	No. of Trades ('000)
Current Week	16.0	638.2	704.6
Previous week	19.3	820.0	852.3

#### Top Weighted Companies

Company	Price	Change%
Al Rajhi	64.30	-0.9
Saudi Aramco	34.20	-0.4
NCB	46.30	-0.4
SABIC	90.50	-0.5
STC	97.50	0.2

## Regional and International Markets

- Among other regional markets, Dubai and Abu Dhabi decreased 1.2% and 0.7%, respectively. Egypt rose 2.5%. Qatar and Bahrain declined 0.4% each, while both Kuwait and Oman fell 0.1%.
- According to EIA, oil inventories in the US rose 1.2mn barrels to 431.1mn in the week ended January 3. Distillate inventories rose 5.3mn barrels to 139.1mn, and gasoline inventories jumped 9.1mn barrels to 251.6mn. (Source: Econoday)
- US President Donald Trump stated Iran appears to be standing down after it fired missiles at US targets in Iraq in retaliation for the demise of Iranian Gen. Qasem Soleimani. He added that the US is looking at options, and would levy additional punishing economic sanctions on Iran. (Source: Econoday)
- China's CPI growth remained flat M/M in December (consensus: 0.3%) compared with a prior change of 0.4% M/M. (Source: Econoday)
- US Private sector employment rose 202,000 jobs (consensus: 160,000) in December compared with 124,000 jobs in November. (Source: Econoday)
- Oil prices declined 4.1%, as the US abstained from taking further military actions against Iran.
- Gold prices fell 1.2%, as the US refrained from further escalating the conflict with Iran.

## Forex / Currency

Currency	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Dollar Index	97.3	0.3	0.9	0.9
Euro	1.11	-0.4	-1.0	-1.0
Japanese Yen	109.1	0.6	0.5	0.5
Sterling Pound	1.31	-0.2	-1.2	-1.2
Chinese Yuan	6.94	0.0	-0.2	-0.2
Indian Rupee	71.5	-0.5	0.2	0.2
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	0.0	0.0
Omani Rial	0.38	0.0	0.0	0.0
Bahraini Dinar	0.38	0.0	0.0	0.0
Egyptian Pound	15.98	-0.4	-0.1	-0.1

## Corporate Calendar

Date	Company	Event
12 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	SIIG	Cash Dividend Distribution
12 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Bahri	OGM
14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	NCLE	Cash Dividend Distribution
19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Wafa Insurance	OGM
20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Sharqiya Dev Co.	EGM
20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Ataa Educational	EGM

\*EGM: Extra Ordinary Meeting  
\*OGM: Ordinary General Meeting

## Regional Markets

Market	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dubai (DFM)	2,713	-1.2	-1.9	-1.9	6.7
Abu Dhabi (ADX)	5,019	-0.7	-1.1	-1.1	12.8
Kuwait (KSE)	4,782	-0.1	-2.6	-2.6	11.0
Qatar (QE)	10,337	-0.4	-0.8	-0.8	14.4
Oman (MSM)	3,944	-0.1	-0.9	-0.9	8.1
Bahrain (BSE)	1,585	-0.4	-1.5	-1.5	11.0
Egypt (EGX30)	13,542	2.5	-3.0	-3.0	9.4

## International Markets

Index	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dow Jones	28,745	0.6	0.7	0.7	20.8
Nasdaq	8,912	0.7	2.1	2.1	28.6
S&P 500	3,253	0.5	0.7	0.7	23.2
FTSE 100	7,575	0.0	0.4	0.4	15.9
Germany DAX 30	13,320	0.7	0.5	0.5	17.9
France CAC 40	6,031	0.3	0.9	0.9	19.9
Japan Nikkei 225	23,205	-1.6	-1.9	-1.9	18.2
Hong Kong Hang Seng	28,088	-0.8	-0.4	-0.4	11.3
China Shanghai Composite	3,067	-1.2	0.5	0.5	12.2
Australia ASX 200	6,818	-0.1	2.0	2.0	17.8
India Sensex	40,818	-0.1	-1.1	-1.1	22.9

## Commodity Markets

Commodity	Price	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Arab Light Crude (\$/bbl)	72.3	0.3	5.0	5.0
Brent Crude (\$/bbl)	65.4	-4.1	-0.8	-0.8
Texas crude (\$/bbl)	59.7	-4.9	-2.4	-2.4
Natural Gas (\$/mmbtu)	2.14	-1.0	-2.2	-2.2
Gold (\$/oz)	1,556	-1.2	2.6	2.6
Silver (\$/oz)	18.1	-1.7	1.4	1.4
Steel (\$/ton)	581	-1.7	-1.2	-1.2
Iron Ore (CNY/MT)	742	3.4	6.8	6.8
Wheat (\$/bu)	553	0.5	-1.1	-1.1
Corn (\$/bu)	384	-0.1	-0.9	-0.9
Sugar (\$/lb)	13.5	-0.9	0.4	0.4
SMP* (EUR/MT)	2,550	0.0	-0.8	-0.8

\*SMP: Skimmed Milk Powder

## Interbank Rates

Region	Rate*	Daily Change(bps)	MTD (bps)	YTD (bps)
USD LIBOR	1.878	0.0	-3.0	-3.0
Saudi Arabia(SAIBOR)	2.231	0.0	0.0	0.0
UAE (EIBOR)	2.155	4.2	-5.4	-5.4
Qatar (QIBOR)	2.321	2.9	7.1	7.1
Bahrain (BHIBOR)	2.667	0.0	0.0	0.0

Data Sources: Tadawul, Bloomberg, Reuters  
\* Three-month Interbank rate \*\*NA: Not Available  
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