



Major Economic News

- Saudi Arabia aims to boost its crude oil exports to more than 10mn bpd from May while burning less crude for power generation. The gas produced by the Fadhili gas plant will be utilized to compensate for around 250,000 bpd of domestic oil consumption. (Source: Argaam)
- The Ministry of Human Resources and Social Development announced to suspend attendance at work headquarters in all entities in the private sector for a period of 15 days, as part of the government's efforts to prevent the spread of Coronavirus. (Source: Argaam)

Major Corporate News

- Makkah Construction and Development Co. inked an agreement with the General Authority of Zakat and Tax to settle zakat claims for the years 2010- 2015. Under the agreement, the Zakat claims were reduced to SAR 31.6mn from SAR 67.2mn. (Source: Argaam)
- Saudi Telecom Co.'s board of directors approved the purchase of a number of company's shares, with a maximum of 5.5mn, and an amount not to exceed SAR 300mn. The purchased shares will be allocated within the Employee Stock Incentive Plan. (Source: Argaam)
- Saudi Airlines Catering Co. announced that the precautionary measures taken by the authorities in the Kingdom to prevent the spread of coronavirus may impact its expected financial revenues, as well as its cash flow levels. (Source: Argaam)
- The Capital Market Authority approved a request from United Electronics Co. to raise its capital to SAR 600mn from SAR 500mn through the issue of one bonus share for every five shares held. (Source: Argaam)

Market Analysis

- The Saudi Stock Exchange increased 2.5% to 6,107.1. The value traded stood at SAR 5.7bn (up 3.7% over previous day), while the advance-decline ratio stood at 162/29. The parallel market index increased 4.9% to 5,157.9 points. The value traded stood at SAR 10.0mn (down 8.0% over previous day). Most sectors in the main market ended in the green. Consumer Services and Consumer Durables (up 4.8% and 4.6%, respectively) advanced the most; Utilities (down 0.5%) was the only laggard.

Earnings update (Net Profit) (SAR mn)

| Company | Q4-19 (SAR bn) | Q4-18 (SAR bn) | Y/Y % | Q3-19 (SAR bn) | Q/Q % |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------|-------------------|-------|
| Middle East Paper Co. | 3.5 | 12.3 | -71.4 | 0.9 | 309.7 |
| Eastern Province Cement | 67.0 | 26.0 | 157.7 | 36.0 | 86.1 |

**NA: Not Meaningful

Top Gainers

| Company | Price | Change% |
|------------------|--------|---------|
| SULAIMAN ALHABIB | 55.00 | 10.0 |
| WATANIYA | 16.94 | 10.0 |
| ATAA | 34.85 | 9.9 |
| ANAAM HOLDING | 125.00 | 9.8 |
| FITNESS TIME | 51.50 | 9.6 |

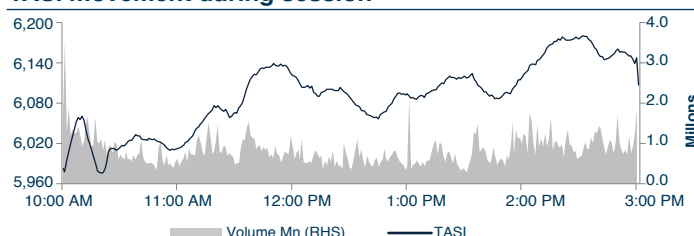
Top Losers

| Company | Price | Change% |
|-----------------|-------|---------|
| SAICO | 8.51 | -5.3 |
| ALRAJHI TAKAFUL | 47.55 | -5.1 |
| ALKHALEEJ TRNG | 13.80 | -4.2 |
| AXA COOPERATIVE | 20.64 | -3.1 |
| MUSHARAKA REIT | 8.20 | -2.2 |

Saudi Stock Exchange

| Index | Closing | High | Low | Daily Change% | YTD % | PE (TTM) |
|-------|---------|-------|-------|---------------|--------|----------|
| TASI | 6,107 | 6,182 | 5,972 | 2.5 | (27.2) | 15.7 |
| NomuC | 5,158 | 5,206 | 4,924 | 4.9 | (28.2) | High |

TASI movement during session



| Index | Close | Daily Change% | YTD % | PE (TTM) |
|------------------------|-------|---------------|--------|----------|
| Energy | 4,440 | 4.5 | (18.4) | 15.5 |
| Materials | 3,545 | 2.3 | (31.4) | 22.5 |
| Capital Goods | 3,029 | 1.1 | (30.1) | Neg |
| Commercial Service | 3,234 | 0.1 | (32.2) | 13.3 |
| Transportation | 2,980 | 3.0 | (32.2) | 13.2 |
| Consumer Durables | 2,827 | 4.6 | (19.4) | Neg |
| Consumer Services | 2,893 | 4.8 | (26.9) | 22.4 |
| Media | 6,626 | 0.9 | (29.5) | 25.4 |
| Retailing | 5,660 | 1.5 | (26.5) | 18.7 |
| Food & Staples | 6,418 | 2.5 | (3.0) | 27.2 |
| Food & Beverages | 3,783 | 2.4 | (13.1) | 39.8 |
| Healthcare | 3,307 | 2.0 | (11.3) | 23.0 |
| Pharma & Bio Tech | 3,100 | 0.9 | (13.8) | Neg |
| Banks | 5,523 | 2.6 | (31.9) | 9.6 |
| Diversified Financials | 2,577 | 1.3 | (22.0) | High |
| Insurance | 3,389 | 1.2 | (24.9) | High |
| Telecom | 5,174 | 1.5 | (20.1) | 14.5 |
| Utilities | 3,282 | (0.5) | (25.4) | Neg |
| REITs | 3,702 | 0.6 | (11.8) | 19.9 |
| Real Estate | 2,394 | 1.7 | (23.6) | High |
| Software & Services | 4,600 | 3.2 | (6.8) | 12.5 |

**Neg: Negative

Average Index Value

| Average 5 days | Average 10 days | Average 20 days | Average value traded for the month (bn) |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---|
| 6,253 | 6,618 | 7,162 | 5.48 |

Market Statistics

| | Value Traded (SAR bn) | Volumes (mn shares) | No. of Trades ('000) |
|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Current Week | 15.7 | 723.8 | 740.1 |
| Previous week | 33.7 | 1,463.7 | 1,333.7 |

Top Weighted Companies

| Company | Price | Change% |
|--------------|-------|---------|
| Al Rajhi | 51.80 | 1.6 |
| Saudi Aramco | 29.10 | 4.7 |
| NCB | 32.25 | 5.7 |
| SABIC | 64.10 | 3.4 |
| STC | 81.30 | 1.8 |



Regional and International Markets

- Among other regional markets, Dubai and Abu Dhabi decreased 5.0% and 6.3%, respectively. Qatar rose 1.1%; while Egypt, Bahrain, Kuwait and Oman declined 2.4%, 1.1%, 0.9% and 0.6%, respectively.
- US Federal Reserve announced a special credit facility to purchase corporate paper from issuers that are having a difficult time finding buyers on the open market. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said that the program could total USD1tn. (Source: CNBC)
- US industrial production increased 0.6% M/M in February (consensus: 0.4%) from a revised 0.5% decline in January, while manufacturing rose 0.1% M/M in February (consensus: 0.2%) against a fall of 0.2% in January. The capacity utilization rate level rose to 77.0% in February (in-line with the consensus). (Source: Econoday)
- US retail sales declined 0.5% M/M in February (consensus: 0.2% increase) compared to an increase of 0.6% in January. The decline was primarily due to sharp fall in sales by gas stations. (Source: Econoday)
- Oil prices plunged 4.4%, as Saudi Arabia plans to increase its oil export to a record 10mn bpd in May.
- Gold prices rose 0.9%, following the action from US Fed to reinstate liquidity in short-term funding markets.

Forex / Currency

| Currency | Close | Daily Change% | MTD % | YTD % |
|----------------|-------|---------------|-------|-------|
| Dollar Index | 99.6 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 3.3 |
| Euro | 1.10 | -1.7 | -0.3 | -1.9 |
| Japanese Yen | 107.7 | 1.7 | -0.4 | -0.9 |
| Sterling Pound | 1.21 | -1.8 | -6.0 | -9.1 |
| Chinese Yuan | 7.01 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.6 |
| Indian Rupee | 74.1 | 0.1 | 2.1 | 3.8 |
| UAE Dirham | 3.67 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Qatari Rial | 3.64 | -0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Kuwaiti Dinar | 0.31 | 0.2 | 1.2 | 2.2 |
| Omani Rial | 0.38 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Bahraini Dinar | 0.38 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Egyptian Pound | 15.70 | 0.0 | 0.7 | -1.9 |

Corporate Calendar

| Date | Company | Event |
|----------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| 18 th Mar | TADCO | EGM |
| 18 th Mar | Al Yamamah Steel | OGM |
| 18 th Mar | Thob Al Aseel | Cash Dividend Distribution |
| 19 th Mar | Farm Superstore | OGM |
| 23 rd Mar | SFICO | EGM |
| 23 rd Mar | Saudi Investment | EGM |

*EGM: Extra Ordinary Meeting

*OGM: Ordinary General Meeting

Regional Markets

| Market | Close | Daily Change% | MTD % | YTD % | P/E |
|-----------------|-------|---------------|-------|-------|------|
| Dubai (DFM) | 1,751 | -5.0 | -32.4 | -36.7 | 4.4 |
| Abu Dhabi (ADX) | 3,323 | -6.3 | -32.2 | -34.5 | 8.3 |
| Kuwait (KSE) | 4,023 | -0.9 | -15.6 | -18.1 | 9.1 |
| Qatar (QE) | 8,521 | 1.1 | -10.2 | -18.3 | 12.1 |
| Oman (MSM) | 3,660 | -0.6 | -11.4 | -8.1 | 7.6 |
| Bahrain (BSE) | 1,379 | -1.1 | -16.9 | -14.3 | 10.4 |
| Egypt (EGX30) | 9,202 | -2.4 | -29.3 | -34.1 | 6.6 |

International Markets

| Index | Close | Daily Change% | MTD % | YTD % | P/E |
|--------------------------|--------|---------------|-------|-------|------|
| Dow Jones | 21,237 | 5.2 | -16.4 | -25.6 | 14.7 |
| Nasdaq | 7,474 | 6.5 | -11.7 | -14.4 | 21.7 |
| S&P 500 | 2,529 | 6.0 | -14.4 | -21.7 | 16.8 |
| FTSE 100 | 5,295 | 2.8 | -19.5 | -29.8 | 12.2 |
| Germany DAX 30 | 8,939 | 2.3 | -24.8 | -32.5 | 13.0 |
| France CAC 40 | 3,992 | 2.8 | -24.8 | -33.2 | 14.5 |
| Japan Nikkei 225 | 17,012 | 0.1 | -19.5 | -28.1 | 14.2 |
| Hong Kong Hang Seng | 23,264 | 0.9 | -11.0 | -17.5 | 9.8 |
| China Shanghai Composite | 2,780 | -0.3 | -3.5 | -8.9 | 11.1 |
| Australia ASX 200 | 5,293 | 5.8 | -17.8 | -20.8 | 14.3 |
| India Sensex | 30,579 | -2.6 | -20.2 | -25.9 | 16.7 |

Commodity Markets

| Commodity | Price | Daily Change% | MTD % | YTD % |
|---------------------------|-------|---------------|-------|-------|
| Arab Light Crude (\$/bbl) | 32.6 | -3.1 | -38.0 | -52.6 |
| Brent Crude (\$/bbl) | 28.7 | -4.4 | -43.1 | -56.5 |
| Texas crude (\$/bbl) | 27.0 | -6.9 | -39.9 | -55.9 |
| Natural Gas (\$/mmbtu) | 1.73 | -4.7 | 2.7 | -21.0 |
| Gold (\$/oz) | 1,528 | 0.9 | -3.6 | 0.7 |
| Silver (\$/oz) | 12.6 | -2.4 | -24.4 | -29.4 |
| Steel (\$/ton) | 575 | 0.9 | -2.5 | -2.2 |
| Iron Ore (CNY/MT) | 721 | 0.5 | 6.3 | 3.7 |
| Wheat (\$/bu) | 499 | 0.3 | -5.6 | -10.6 |
| Corn (\$/bu) | 344 | -3.0 | -6.1 | -11.3 |
| Sugar (\$/lb) | 10.9 | -1.8 | -24.7 | -18.9 |
| SMP* (EUR/MT) | 2,300 | 0.0 | -6.1 | -10.5 |

*SMP: Skimmed Milk Powder

Interbank Rates

| Region | Rate* | Daily Change(bps) | MTD (bps) | YTD (bps) |
|----------------------|-------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|
| USD LIBOR | 0.889 | 4.6 | -57.3 | -101.9 |
| Saudi Arabia(SAIBOR) | 0.893 | 2.4 | -119.4 | -133.9 |
| UAE (EIBOR) | 1.114 | 7.6 | -77.6 | -109.5 |
| Qatar (QIBOR) | 1.450 | -34.9 | -85.0 | -80.0 |
| Bahrain (BHIBOR) | 2.083 | 0.0 | -45.0 | -58.3 |

Data Sources: Tadawul, Bloomberg, Reuters

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

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