



Major Economic News

- Saudi Arabia's trade balance surplus reported a 27% Y/Y decline in December to SAR 35.4bn from SAR 48.5bn. Total exports stood at SAR 85bn in December, a decline of 6% Y/Y, while imports rose by 18% Y/Y to SAR 49.6bn. (Source: Argam)
- Health insurance in Saudi Arabia is expected to grow substantially in FY20 following the introduction of temporary insurance for overseas religious visitors, Fitch Ratings noted in a recent report. The ratings agency expects the policies to account for over USD 800mn of premiums (about 8% of total insurance premiums) and cover around 17mn people annually. (Source: Argam)
- Assets held by SAMA grew by SAR 1.0bn M/M to about SAR 1.9tn in January. On Y/Y basis, assets rose SAR 47.4mn. (Source: Argam)

Major Corporate News

- Rabigh Refining & Petrochemical Company will shut down its operations as well as production units for 60-day regular maintenance works starting March 1, 2020. The relevant financial impact, which cannot be accurately determined at present, is expected to appear in Q1-20 and Q2-20. (Source: Argam)
- The Middle East Healthcare Co. announced the opening of the new Saudi German Hospital in Dammam. The 30,000 sq. m. hospital (150 beds), will offer specialized healthcare services. (Source: Argam)
- Methanex Corp., the world's largest producer and supplier of methanol, cut its Asian contract price for March by USD 25/ ton to USD 310/ ton, compared to February. (Source: Argam)

Market Analysis

- The Saudi Stock Exchange decreased 1.1% to 7,628.3 on Thursday. The value traded stood at SAR 4.8bn (up 21.1% over previous day), while the advance-decline ratio stood at 32/157. The parallel market index fell 1.1% to 7,546.7 points. The value traded stood at SAR 7.4mn (down 61.4% over previous day). Most sectors in the main market ended in the red. Healthcare and Pharma & Bio Tech (up 1.5% and 1.4%, respectively) advanced the most; Media and Transportation (down 4.4% and 4.2%, respectively) led the laggards.

Earnings update (Net Profit) (SAR mn)

Company	Q4-19 (SAR bn)	Q4-18 (SAR bn)	Y/Y %	Q3-19 (SAR bn)	Q/Q %
Saudi Industrial Services Co.	5.9	23.0	-74.3	6.7	-11.9
Alandalus Property Co.	14.8	2.7	457.5	14.6	1.6
Tabuk Cement Co.	6.6	-32.5	NM	5.0	30.4
Batic Inv and Logistics Co.	1.1	4.6	-75.9	2.1	-46.7
Methanol Chemicals Co.	-42.8	2.3	NM	-32.3	NM

**NA: Not Meaningful

Top Gainers

Company	Price	Change%
ALINMA TOKIO M	14.84	9.9
DALLAH HEALTH	51.30	9.7
OASIS	48.00	6.6
MEDGULF	21.30	5.2
SADAFICO	138.20	3.3

Top Losers

Company	Price	Change%
METLIFE AIG ANB	14.30	-7.7
UACC	24.42	-6.8
JABAL OMAR	28.90	-6.6
NCLE	32.00	-6.4
GULF UNION	12.36	-6.4

Saudi Stock Exchange

Index	Closing	High	Low	Daily Change%	YTD %	PE (TTM)
TASI	7,628	7,679	7,562	(1.1)	(9.1)	19.1
NomuC	7,547	7,628	7,463	(1.1)	5.1	High

TASI movement during session



Index	Close	Daily Change%	YTD %	PE (TTM)
Energy	5,032	(0.5)	(7.5)	18.6
Materials	4,548	(1.3)	(12.0)	29.5
Capital Goods	4,235	(1.2)	(2.2)	Neg
Commercial Service	4,286	(2.4)	(10.2)	18.0
Transportation	4,281	(4.2)	(2.6)	20.3
Consumer Durables	3,405	(2.7)	(2.9)	Neg
Consumer Services	3,892	(3.3)	(1.7)	31.5
Media	8,446	(4.4)	(10.2)	34.1
Retailing	7,369	(1.5)	(4.3)	25.7
Food & Staples	6,702	(2.7)	1.3	29.9
Food & Beverages	4,192	0.3	(3.7)	45.2
Healthcare	3,786	1.5	1.5	26.4
Pharma & Bio Tech	3,694	1.4	2.8	Neg
Banks	7,326	(0.8)	(9.6)	13.4
Diversified Financials	3,376	(1.1)	2.2	High
Insurance	4,324	(0.6)	(4.2)	High
Telecom	5,402	(0.5)	(16.5)	15.2
Utilities	3,724	(1.4)	(15.4)	Neg
REITs	4,123	(0.5)	(1.8)	22.2
Real Estate	3,049	(3.4)	(2.7)	High
Software & Services	6,111	(2.7)	23.9	17.5

**Neg: Negative

Average Index Value

Average 5 days	Average 10 days	Average 20 days	Average value traded for the month (bn)
7,766	7,837	7,927	3.58

Market Statistics

	Value Traded (SAR bn)	Volumes (mn shares)	No. of Trades ('000)
Current Week	-	-	-
Previous week	19.9	784.6	894.1

Top Weighted Companies

Company	Price	Change%
Al Rajhi	61.90	-1.4
Saudi Aramco	33.35	-0.3
NCB	44.30	-2.4
SABIC	78.70	-1.9
STC	82.60	0.1



Regional and International Markets

- Among other regional markets, Dubai decreased 1.2%, while Abu Dhabi rose 0.2%. Egypt, Qatar, Oman and Bahrain declined 1.5%, 0.6%, 0.2% and 0.1%, respectively. Meanwhile, Kuwait remained closed.
- US GDP growth stood at 2.1% (in-line with consensus) in Q4-19, unchanged from the earlier estimate. Lower imports aided the GDP growth. FY19 GDP growth was also unchanged from previous estimate at 2.3%. (Source: Econoday, CNBC)
- US initial jobless claims increased to 219,000 (consensus: 210,000), representing a rise of 8,000 from the previous week's revised level of 211,000. (Source: Econoday)
- According to Baker Hughes, North America's rig count decreased by 5 to 1,030 in the week ended February 28. The rig count fell to 790 from 791 in the US, and to 240 from 244 in Canada. The rig count remained unchanged at 22 in the Gulf of Mexico.
- Oil prices plunged 3.2% on Friday, as concerns over decline in demand due to COVID-19 continued to drag the prices.
- Gold prices declined 3.5% on Friday, as portfolio investors seemed to liquidate positions in favor of bonds and cash, as the movement from risky assets continued at rapid pace.

Forex / Currency

Currency	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Dollar Index	98.1	-0.4	0.8	1.8
Euro	1.10	0.2	-0.6	-1.7
Japanese Yen	108.1	-1.4	-0.3	-0.5
Sterling Pound	1.28	-0.5	-2.9	-3.3
Chinese Yuan	6.99	-0.2	0.8	0.4
Indian Rupee	72.5	1.2	1.4	1.7
UAE Dirham	3.67	0.0	0.0	0.0
Qatari Rial	3.64	0.0	-0.6	0.0
Kuwaiti Dinar	0.31	-0.1	0.7	0.9
Omani Rial	0.38	0.0	0.0	0.0
Bahraini Dinar	0.38	0.0	0.0	0.0
Egyptian Pound	15.60	0.0	-1.0	-2.5

Corporate Calendar

Date	Company	Event
04 th Mar	QACCO	OGM
05 th Mar	SFICO	EGM
08 th Mar	Sharqiya Dev Co.	EGM
09 th Mar	BCI	OGM
10 th Mar	Alujain Holding	OGM
11 th Mar	Al Kathiri Holding	EGM

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

Regional Markets

Market	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dubai (DFM)	2,590	-1.2	-7.2	-6.3	6.7
Abu Dhabi (ADX)	4,901	0.2	-4.9	-3.4	12.4
Kuwait (KSE)	4,769	0.0	-3.1	-2.9	10.6
Qatar (QE)	9,490	-0.6	-9.1	-9.0	13.6
Oman (MSM)	4,131	-0.2	1.3	3.8	8.7
Bahrain (BSE)	1,660	-0.1	0.2	3.1	12.4
Egypt (EGX30)	13,009	-1.5	-6.5	-6.8	9.4

International Markets

Index	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dow Jones	25,409	-1.4	-10.1	-11.0	18.9
Nasdaq	8,462	0.3	-5.9	-3.1	27.2
S&P 500	2,954	-0.8	-8.4	-8.6	21.9
FTSE 100	6,581	-3.2	-9.7	-12.8	16.1
Germany DAX 30	11,890	-3.9	-8.4	-10.3	17.1
France CAC 40	5,310	-3.4	-8.5	-11.2	19.2
Japan Nikkei 225	21,143	-3.7	-10.6	-10.6	18.6
Hong Kong Hang Seng	26,130	-2.4	-0.7	-7.3	11.3
China Shanghai Composite	2,880	-3.7	-3.2	-5.6	11.8
Australia ASX 200	6,441	-3.3	-8.2	-3.6	17.8
India Sensex	38,297	-3.6	-6.0	-7.2	21.8

Commodity Markets

Commodity	Price	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Arab Light Crude (\$/bbl)	52.7	-4.8	-23.5	-23.5
Brent Crude (\$/bbl)	50.5	-3.2	-13.1	-23.5
Texas crude (\$/bbl)	44.8	-5.0	-13.1	-26.7
Natural Gas (\$/mmbtu)	1.68	-3.9	-8.5	-23.1
Gold (\$/oz)	1,585	-3.5	-0.3	4.5
Silver (\$/oz)	16.7	-5.9	-7.6	-6.6
Steel (\$/ton)	590	1.7	0.3	0.3
Iron Ore (CNY/MT)	678	-3.6	-2.5	-2.5
Wheat (\$/bu)	529	0.0	-4.5	-5.3
Corn (\$/bu)	367	0.5	-3.9	-5.5
Sugar (\$/lb)	14.5	0.5	-1.0	7.7
SMP* (EUR/MT)	2,450	0.0	-4.7	-4.7

*SMP: Skimmed Milk Powder

Interbank Rates

Region	Rate*	Daily Change(bps)	MTD (bps)	YTD (bps)
USD LIBOR	1.580	-3.3	-17.1	-32.8
Saudi Arabia(SAIBOR)	2.087	-1.3	-9.1	-14.4
UAE (EIBOR)	1.890	0.5	-18.3	-31.9
Qatar (QIBOR)	2.300	0.1	-0.1	5.0
Bahrain (BHIBOR)	2.533	-3.3	-13.3	-13.3

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