



Major Economic News

- Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Investment issued 506 new licenses to foreign companies in H1-20, compared to 586 licenses a year earlier. The number of foreign investment licenses rose 20% Y/Y in Q1-20 and fell 47% Y/Y in Q2-20 (the first quarterly drop in three years) to 165 licenses. (Source: Argaam)

Major Corporate News

- The National Shipping Co. of Saudi Arabia (Bahri) boosted its dry-bulk fleet with the addition of newbuild Alanood tanker. 'Alanood' is the second newbuild vessel to join the company's fleet this year. The Kamsarmax-class carrier lifts the number of Bahri's dry-bulk fleet to seven. (Source: Argaam)
- National Company for Learning & Education (NCLE) signed today, Sept. 3, a non-binding MoU with Aaj Real Estate Investments Company and Yamami Holdings Company, owners of Refan Company for Operation & Maintenance Limited (Refan Company). On completion of the deal, Refan Company will be 100% owned by NCLE. (Source: Argaam)
- Gulf Union Cooperative Insurance Co. issued a circular, offer document and timetable of its capital hike to complete the merger with Al-Ahlia Insurance Co. (Source: Argaam)
- Al Moammar Information Systems Co. signed a SAR 50mn contract with a legal entity to set up a highly secured and reliable communications system. The contract has a term of three years while the implementation period is six months. The impact of the contract will be reflected on the company's financials for Q3-20 and Q4-20. (Source: Argaam)
- Zahrat Al Waha for Trading Co. renewed a SAR 63.5mn credit facility with Alinma Bank in line with the Sharia regulations. The credit term starts from September 3, 2020 and ends June 30, 2021 and is guaranteed by an order note of 100% of total facilities. (Source: Argaam)

Market Analysis

- The Saudi Stock Exchange increased 0.4% to 8,045.1 on Thursday. The value traded stood at SAR 12.6bn (up 17.3% over previous day), while the advance-decline ratio stood at 105/72. The parallel market index increased 1.1% to 9,512.2 points. The value traded stood at SAR 15.9mn (down 39.4% over previous day). Most sectors in the main market ended in the green. Software & Services and Food & Staples (up 2.8% and 1.5%, respectively) advanced the most; Pharma & Bio Tech and Insurance (down 2.6% and 0.2%, respectively) led the laggards.

Top Gainers

Company	Price	Change%
SARCO	83.40	9.9
GULF GENERAL	14.92	9.9
ABO MOATI	28.10	6.6
WAFRAH	74.50	4.8
ALHOKAIR	23.12	4.6

Top Losers

Company	Price	Change%
SABB	26.00	-3.2
SPIMACO	33.50	-2.6
TADCO	24.96	-2.5
KEC	11.00	-2.5
ALABDULLATIF	14.90	-2.0

Saudi Stock Exchange

Index	Closing	High	Low	Daily Change%	YTD %	PE (TTM)
TASI	8,045	8,054	8,001	0.4	(4.1)	37.4
NomuC	9,512	9,516	9,269	1.1	32.5	High

TASI movement during session



Index	Close	Daily Change%	YTD %	PE (TTM)
Energy	5,478	(0.0)	0.7	23.4
Materials	4,984	0.5	(3.5)	High
Capital Goods	4,705	(0.0)	8.6	Neg
Commercial Service	4,181	0.9	(12.4)	17.3
Transportation	4,359	0.7	(0.8)	25.9
Consumer Durables	4,287	(0.1)	22.2	Neg
Consumer Services	3,937	0.8	(0.5)	12.6
Media	8,776	0.5	(6.7)	30.4
Retailing	7,946	1.1	3.2	48.2
Food & Staples	10,461	1.5	58.1	43.5
Food & Beverages	5,569	0.6	27.9	38.9
Healthcare	4,919	(0.1)	31.9	33.8
Pharma & Bio Tech	4,420	(2.6)	22.9	Neg
Banks	7,035	0.6	(13.2)	13.2
Diversified Financials	3,721	0.3	12.7	High
Insurance	5,301	(0.2)	17.4	37.1
Telecom	6,393	(0.0)	(1.2)	19.6
Utilities	3,589	1.3	(18.4)	High
REITs	3,999	0.1	(4.7)	24.9
Real Estate	3,094	0.1	(1.2)	Neg
Software & Services	9,659	2.8	95.8	17.6

**Neg: Negative

Average Index Value

Average 5 days	Average 10 days	Average 20 days	Average value traded for the month (bn)
7,976	7,957	7,834	11.43

Market Statistics

	Value Traded (SAR bn)	Volumes (mn shares)	No. of Trades ('000)
Current Week	-	-	-
Previous week	56.9	2,492.0	2,065.5

Top Weighted Companies

Company	Price	Change%
Al Rajhi	66.00	2.3
Saudi Aramco	36.00	0.0
NCB	37.10	0.0
SABIC	89.80	0.4
STC	97.70	0.0



Regional and International Markets

- Among other regional markets, Dubai and Abu Dhabi increased 1.0% and 0.1%, respectively. Bahrain, Kuwait and Qatar rose 0.9%, 0.8% and 0.3%, respectively; while Oman and Egypt declined 0.6% and 0.3%, respectively.
- US non-farm payroll employment increased by 1.371mn jobs M/M in August (consensus: 1.4mn rise) compared to 1.734mn jobs in July. Unemployment rate fell to 8.4% in August (consensus: 9.8mn) from 10.2% in July. (Source: Econoday, RTT News)
- According to Baker Hughes, North America's rig count remained unchanged at 308 in the week ended September 04. The rig count rose to 256 in the US from 254 earlier and to 15 in the Gulf of Mexico from 13. The rig count in Canada decreased to 52 from 54 earlier. (Source: Baker Hughes)
- US initial jobless claims dropped to 881,000 (consensus: 950,000), representing a fall of 130,000 from the previous week's revised level of 1.011mn. (Source: Econoday)
- Oil prices plunged 3.2% on Thursday, driven by decline in equities and US dollar regaining the strength.
- Gold prices rose 0.2% as the US dollar remained stable ending the rally on previous day.

Forex / Currency

Currency	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Dollar Index	92.7	0.0	0.6	-3.8
Euro	1.18	-0.1	-0.8	5.6
Japanese Yen	106.2	0.1	0.3	-2.2
Sterling Pound	1.33	0.0	-0.7	0.2
Chinese Yuan	6.84	0.0	-0.1	-1.7
Indian Rupee	73.3	-0.1	0.0	2.7
UAE Dirham	3.67	0.0	0.0	0.0
Qatari Rial	3.64	0.0	0.0	0.0
Kuwaiti Dinar	0.31	0.2	0.2	1.0
Omani Rial	0.38	-0.1	-0.1	0.0
Bahraini Dinar	0.38	0.1	0.1	0.0
Egyptian Pound	15.76	0.0	-0.4	-1.5

Corporate Calendar

Date	Company	Event
06 th Sep	SULAIMAN ALHABIB	Cash Dividend Distribution
06 th Sep	Atheeb Telecom	EGM
09 th Sep	QACCO	Cash Dividend Distribution
09 th Sep	ABO MOATI	OGM
10 th Sep	A.Othaim Market	Cash Dividend Distribution
10 th Sep	ALJOUF	Cash Dividend Distribution

*EGM: Extra Ordinary Meeting

*OGM: Ordinary General Meeting

Regional Markets

Market	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dubai (DFM)	2,283	1.0	1.7	-17.4	8.6
Abu Dhabi (ADX)	4,552	0.1	0.7	-10.3	13.0
Kuwait (KSE)	4,260	0.8	1.8	-13.2	5.5
Qatar (QE)	9,836	0.3	-0.1	-5.7	15.1
Oman (MSM)	3,746	-0.6	-0.7	-5.9	8.8
Bahrain (BSE)	1,410	0.9	2.1	-12.4	9.1
Egypt (EGX30)	11,181	-0.3	-1.6	-19.9	8.4

International Markets

Index	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dow Jones	28,133	-0.6	-1.0	-1.4	22.9
Nasdaq	11,313	-1.3	-3.9	26.1	35.1
S&P 500	3,427	-0.8	-2.1	6.1	25.6
FTSE 100	5,799	-0.9	-2.8	-23.1	17.3
Germany DAX 30	12,843	-1.6	-0.8	-3.1	23.1
France CAC 40	4,965	-0.9	0.4	-16.9	46.0
Japan Nikkei 225	23,205	-1.1	0.3	-1.9	23.2
Hong Kong Hang Seng	24,695	-1.2	-1.9	-12.4	11.2
China Shanghai Composite	3,355	-0.9	-1.2	10.0	13.8
Australia ASX 200	5,926	-3.1	-2.2	-11.3	18.8
India Sensex	38,357	-1.6	-0.7	-7.0	22.4

Commodity Markets

Commodity	Price	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Arab Light Crude (\$/bbl)	44.4	0.7	-5.3	-35.4
Brent Crude (\$/bbl)	42.7	-3.2	-5.8	-35.4
Texas crude (\$/bbl)	39.8	-3.9	-6.7	-35.0
Natural Gas (\$/mmbtu)	2.59	4.1	-1.6	18.2
Gold (\$/oz)	1,934	0.2	-1.7	27.5
Silver (\$/oz)	26.9	1.0	-4.7	50.8
Steel (\$/ton)	532	0.9	2.7	-9.5
Iron Ore (CNY/MT)	942	0.3	0.6	35.5
Wheat (\$/bu)	540	-0.6	-0.8	-3.4
Corn (\$/bu)	347	0.8	-0.4	-10.4
Sugar (\$/lb)	11.9	-1.2	-5.8	-11.1
SMP* (EUR/MT)	2,130	0.0	0.0	-17.1

*SMP: Skimmed Milk Powder

Interbank Rates

Region	Rate*	Daily Change(bps)	MTD (bps)	YTD (bps)
USD LIBOR	0.248	-0.2	0.7	-166.0
Saudi Arabia(SAIBOR)	0.890	0.0	0.0	-134.1
UAE (EIBOR)	0.531	8.3	0.3	-167.8
Qatar (QIBOR)	1.031	-9.4	7.7	-121.9
Bahrain (BHIBOR)	2.283	0.0	0.0	-38.3

Data Sources: Tadawul, Bloomberg, Reuters

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

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