



Major Economic News

- S&P Global Ratings affirmed Saudi Arabia's sovereign credit ratings at 'A-/A-2' with a stable outlook. The credit ratings agency said that the Kingdom's strong net asset-stock position continues to be a major support for its ratings. Meanwhile, the agency lowered its forecast of the Saudi economy to shrink from 5% to 4.5% in FY20. It also lowered its forecast for the deficit rate in the Kingdom's budget this year from 12.6% to 11% of GDP. (Source: Argaam)
- The Saudi Ministry of Environment, Water & Agriculture said that it was planning to provide SAR 3.5bn worth of loans to finance the agricultural projects across the Kingdom. The ministry seeks to become the world's largest dates exporter during FY21 through increasing annual exports by 12% at SAR 1.75bn and 222,000 tons. (Source: Argaam)
- BinDawood Holding announced the delay in retail part of the IPO as it requires disclosing a development in the supplementary prospectus. The supplementary prospectus will contain certain additional information regarding, among others, the institutional book-building and the retail offering period, which will no longer commence on

Major Corporate News

- SACO opened a new store in Jeddah, bringing up the total number of stores to 35 across 18 Saudi cities. Located at Town Square in Al Jamiah district, the store spans over 5,517 sqm. (Source: Argaam)
- Arabian Centres Co. announced the soft opening of the phase 1 of Nakheel Mall extension in Riyadh. The SAR 255mn extension building has been developed on a leased land, bringing the additional gross lease area (GLA) to 16,000 sqm. It will boast a large cineplex, with 13 screens and 1,520 seats, which is officially opened as well, occupying 5,000 sqm. (Source: Argaam)

Market Analysis

- The Saudi Stock Exchange decreased 0.1% to 8,236.2 on Thursday. The value traded stood at SAR 10.1bn (up 3.3% over previous day), while the advance-decline ratio stood at 110/76. The parallel market index increased 3.8% to 14,509.8 points. The value traded stood at SAR 49.7mn (down 7.8% over previous day). Most sectors in the main market ended in the green. Diversified Financials and Insurance (up 1.9% and 1.6%, respectively) advanced the most; Food & Staples and Pharma & Bio Tech (down 2.8% and 2.0%, respectively) led the laggards.

Top Gainers

Company	Price	Change%
ALSAGR INS.	14.96	10.0
WATANIYA	58.40	10.0
ALAHLIA	14.78	10.0
TAPRCO	55.30	9.9
NAJRAN CE.	15.56	9.9

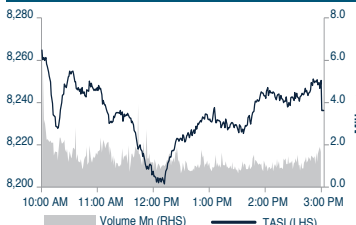
Top Losers

Company	Price	Change%
A.OTHAIM	128.20	-3.0
BCI	28.40	-2.9
CARE	55.70	-2.3
SPIMACO	33.80	-2.0
SARCO	82.90	-2.0

Saudi Stock Exchange

Index	Closing	High	Low	Daily Change%	YTD %
TASI	8,236	8,265	8,199	(0.1)	(1.8)
NomuC	14,510	14,510	13,285	3.8	102.1

TASI movement during session



TASI P/E Ratios

P/E (Tadawul)	26.7
P/E (Bloomberg)	30.3
P/E*	38.8
P/E after exclusions*	37.2
P/E ex. loss-making comp.*	17.8
P/E: top 50 MCAP*	27.9

*Source: Argaam (Excluding Aramco)

Index	Close	Daily Change%	YTD %	PE (TTM)
Energy	5,600	0.0	2.9	29.4
Materials	5,095	(0.2)	(1.4)	Neg
Capital Goods	5,128	0.7	18.4	Neg
Commercial Service	4,139	0.4	(13.3)	30.7
Transportation	4,429	0.8	0.8	High
Consumer Durables	4,635	(0.1)	32.2	Neg
Consumer Services	4,102	0.2	3.6	18.0
Media	9,565	1.1	1.7	37.6
Retailing	8,438	0.9	9.6	High
Food & Staples	10,475	(2.8)	58.3	34.5
Food & Beverages	5,712	0.0	31.2	32.2
Healthcare	5,175	0.6	38.7	33.6
Pharma & Bio Tech	4,459	(2.0)	24.0	Neg
Banks	7,053	(0.3)	(13.0)	16.2
Diversified Financials	4,369	1.9	32.3	Neg
Insurance	5,811	1.6	28.7	24.5
Telecom	6,548	(0.4)	1.2	20.2
Utilities	3,656	(0.5)	(16.9)	Neg
REITs	4,168	0.4	(0.7)	Neg
Real Estate	3,330	0.2	6.3	Neg
Software & Services	10,093	0.2	104.6	17.9

**Neg: Negative

Average Index Value

Average 5 days	Average 10 days	Average 20 days	Average value traded for the month (bn)
8,295	8,270	8,138	12.52

Market Statistics

	Value Traded (SAR bn)	Volumes (mn shares)	No. of Trades ('000)
Current Week	-	-	-
Previous week	43.2	1,767.2	1,680.5

Top Weighted Companies

Company	Price	Change%
Al Rajhi	66.60	-0.3
Saudi Aramco	36.65	-0.1
NCB	37.50	0.5
SABIC	89.60	0.9
STC	100.60	0.6



Regional and International Markets

- Among other regional markets, Dubai and Abu Dhabi decreased 1.5% and 0.5%, respectively. Oman rose 0.1%, while Egypt and Kuwait declined 0.6% and 0.2%, respectively. Meanwhile, Qatar and Bahrain remained flat.
- According to Baker Hughes, North America's rig count increased to 332 in the week ended September 25 from 319 earlier. The rig count rose to 261 in the US from 255 earlier, while remain unchanged at 14 in the Gulf of Mexico. The rig count in Canada increased to 71 from 64 earlier. (Source: Baker Hughes)
- US initial jobless claims increased to 870,000, representing a rise of 4,000 from the previous week's revised level of 866,000. Economists had expected jobless claims to dip to 850,000. (Source: Marketwatch)
- Oil prices remained flat on Friday. The oil prices declined initially as coronavirus infections continued to increase, with new restrictions being put in place, which could limit travel and fuel demand. However, the prices recovered to end flat towards the end of the day.
- Gold prices fell 1.9% to on Friday, as the US Fed monetary policy boosted the dollar index, leading to decline in demand for the yellow metal.

Forex / Currency

Currency	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Dollar Index	94.6	0.3	2.7	-1.8
Euro	1.16	-0.4	-2.6	3.7
Japanese Yen	105.6	0.2	-0.3	-2.8
Sterling Pound	1.27	0.0	-4.7	-3.9
Chinese Yuan	6.82	-0.1	-0.4	-2.0
Indian Rupee	73.7	-0.3	0.6	3.3
UAE Dirham	3.67	0.0	0.0	0.0
Qatari Rial	3.64	0.0	0.0	0.0
Kuwaiti Dinar	0.31	0.0	0.4	1.1
Omani Rial	0.38	-0.1	-0.1	0.0
Bahraini Dinar	0.38	-0.1	0.1	0.0
Egyptian Pound	15.75	0.0	-0.4	-1.6

Corporate Calendar

Date	Company	Event
27 th Sep	SAUDI CABLE	OGM
28 th Sep	SVCP	OGM
28 th Sep	TAPRCO	OGM
30 th Sep	Amlak	EGM
30 th Sep	ALMRAKEZ	OGM
4 th Oct	ARDCO	Cash Dividend Distribution

*EGM: Extra Ordinary Meeting

*OGM: Ordinary General Meeting

Regional Markets

Market	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dubai (DFM)	2,252	-1.5	0.3	-18.5	8.5
Abu Dhabi (ADX)	4,467	-0.5	-1.2	-12.0	12.7
Kuwait (KSE)	4,391	-0.2	4.9	-10.6	5.7
Qatar (QE)	9,788	0.0	-0.6	-6.1	15.1
Oman (MSM)	3,627	0.1	-3.8	-8.9	8.5
Bahrain (BSE)	1,450	0.0	5.0	-9.9	9.1
Egypt (EGX30)	10,911	-0.6	-4.0	-21.8	8.2

International Markets

Index	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dow Jones	27,174	1.3	-4.4	-4.8	22.0
Nasdaq	10,914	2.3	-7.3	21.6	33.0
S&P 500	3,298	1.6	-5.8	2.1	26.0
FTSE 100	5,843	0.3	-2.0	-22.5	17.8
Germany DAX 30	12,469	-1.1	-3.7	-5.9	22.4
France CAC 40	4,730	-0.7	-4.4	-20.9	42.0
Japan Nikkei 225	23,346	-0.1	0.9	-1.3	23.3
Hong Kong Hang Seng	23,235	-0.3	-7.7	-17.6	11.9
China Shanghai Composite	3,219	-0.1	-5.2	5.6	13.4
Australia ASX 200	5,965	1.5	-1.6	-10.8	18.9
India Sensex	37,389	2.3	-3.2	-9.4	22.0

Commodity Markets

Commodity	Price	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Arab Light Crude (\$/bbl)	42.6	2.0	-9.3	-38.2
Brent Crude (\$/bbl)	41.9	0.0	-7.4	-36.5
Texas crude (\$/bbl)	40.3	-0.1	-5.5	-34.2
Natural Gas (\$/mmbtu)	2.14	-4.8	-18.7	-2.3
Gold (\$/oz)	1,863	-1.9	-5.3	22.8
Silver (\$/oz)	22.9	-1.5	-19.0	28.2
Steel (\$/ton)	550	0.4	6.2	-6.5
Iron Ore (CNY/MT)	910	0.4	-2.7	30.9
Wheat (\$/bu)	544	-1.0	0.0	-2.6
Corn (\$/bu)	365	0.5	4.8	-5.8
Sugar (\$/lb)	13.0	1.2	2.7	-3.1
SMP* (EUR/MT)	2,163	-0.1	1.5	-15.8

*SMP: Skimmed Milk Powder

Interbank Rates

Region	Rate*	Daily Change(bps)	MTD (bps)	YTD (bps)
USD LIBOR	0.233	0.8	-0.8	-167.5
Saudi Arabia(SAIBOR)	0.873	0.0	-1.8	-135.9
UAE (EIBOR)	0.464	-5.2	-6.3	-174.4
Qatar (QIBOR)	0.948	-14.6	-0.6	-130.2
Bahrain (BHIBOR)	2.250	-1.7	-3.3	-41.7

Data Sources: Tadawul, Bloomberg, Reuters

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

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