



Major Economic News

- COVID-19 immunization will be mandatory as of August 1, 2021, to enter any social, economic, commercial, cultural, scientific, entertainment or sports event in Saudi Arabia, according to an official at the Ministry of Interior. (Source: Argaam)

Major Corporate News

- The Red Sea Development Co. (TRSDC) could consider an IPO, asset sales, or tap debt markets to fund second phase, as per CEO of Amaala and TRSDC, John Pagano. Proceeds of SAR 14.1bn from the green credit facility obtained by the project will be used to fund the first phase, scheduled for completion by the end of FY23. (Source: Argaam)
- Saudi Arabia's domestic bookings rose between 50-60% during the COVID-19 pandemic, as foreign travel declined, on the back of the Kingdom's large geographical area and its diverse tourist offerings, according to CEO of Seera Group Holding, Majed Al Nefae. He added that the total rate of reservations retreated by more than 30% during FY20-21, when compared to FY19. (Source: Argaam)
- Saudi Paper Manufacturing Co. signed an agreement worth SAR 58mn with Italy-based Toscotec to manufacture and supply a tissue paper rolls production line. (Source: Argaam)

Market Analysis

- The Saudi Stock Exchange increased 0.3% to 10,423.5. The value traded stood at SAR 8.7bn (up 11.3% over previous day), while the advance-decline ratio stood at 107/81. The parallel market index decreased 0.5% to 25,092.2 points. The value traded stood at SAR 30.1mn (down 31.0% over previous day). Most sectors in the main market ended in the green. Diversified Financials and Consumer Durables (up 4.9% and 0.8%, respectively) advanced the most; Retailing and Consumer Services (down 1.2% and 0.7%, respectively) led the laggards.

Earnings update (Net Profit) (SAR mn)

Company	Q1-21	Q1-20	Y/Y %	Q4-20	Q/Q %
Taiba Investments Co.	-1.9	50.6	NM	-8.1	NM
Aljazira Takaful	14.0	13.4	4.3	4.5	207.7
Maadaniyah	-7.1	-7.5	NM	-19.8	NM
Baazeem Trading Co.	9.8	8.9	9.9	5.9	66.4
Al Abdullatif	-4.4	-7.7	NM	8.1	NM

Top Gainers

Company	Price	Change%
KINGDOM	9.20	9.3
SAIC	39.90	6.3
NORTHERN CEMENT	18.00	5.9
ALABDULLATIF	21.74	5.2
SIPCHEM	28.85	3.8

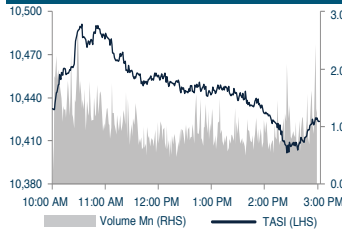
Top Losers

Company	Price	Change%
SIIG	37.05	-2.8
BSFR	35.80	-2.6
AL MAATHER REIT	9.38	-2.3
CARE	61.70	-2.2
GULF UNION ALAHLIA	18.90	-2.2

Saudi Stock Exchange

Index	Closing	High	Low	Daily Change%	YTD %
TASI	10,424	10,493	10,401	0.3	20.0
NomuC	25,092	25,280	24,997	(0.5)	(4.4)

TASI movement during session



TASI Ratios

P/E (x)	31.2
Price-to-Book (x)	2.3
Dividend Yield (%)	2.0
Return on Equity (%)	7.1

*Source: Bloomberg

Index	Close	Daily Change%	YTD %	PE (TTM)
Energy	5,570	(0.1)	3.4	39.4
Materials	7,132	0.6	24.1	High
Capital Goods	8,229	0.3	25.9	Neg
Commercial Service	4,312	0.6	6.2	Neg
Transportation	5,913	0.1	22.1	Neg
Consumer Durables	6,829	0.8	19.3	Neg
Consumer Services	4,772	(0.7)	11.8	Neg
Media	12,737	0.3	24.7	47.3
Retailing	10,127	(1.2)	18.4	Neg
Food & Staples	10,831	0.1	2.8	29.2
Food & Beverages	5,716	(0.3)	4.6	30.9
Healthcare	7,324	(0.6)	29.5	43.5
Pharma & Bio Tech	5,759	0.5	11.4	47.8
Banks	9,769	0.5	28.7	26.5
Diversified Financials	6,576	4.9	43.1	Neg
Insurance	6,052	0.5	0.4	26.4
Telecom	7,858	(0.0)	13.9	23.2
Utilities	5,421	(0.4)	17.6	33.4
REITs	4,888	0.0	14.1	High
Real Estate	3,445	0.0	14.1	Neg
Software & Services	18,863	0.7	33.9	High

**Neg: Negative

Average Index Value

Average 5 days	Average 10 days	Average 20 days	Average value traded for the month (bn)
10,320	10,326	10,246	7.04

Market Statistics

	Value Traded (SAR bn)	Volumes (mn shares)	No. of Trades ('000)
Current Week	16.4	616.0	691.4
Previous week	10.9	394.5	460.7

Top Weighted Companies

Company	Price	Change%
Al Rajhi	103.00	1.4
Saudi Aramco	35.55	0.0
NCB	54.50	0.9
SABIC	123.80	0.2
STC	121.00	-0.2



REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MARKETS

- Among other regional markets, Dubai and Abu Dhabi increased 1.2% and 0.8%, respectively. Egypt, Bahrain, Oman and Qatar rose 1.0%, 0.5%, 0.2% and 0.1%, respectively. Meanwhile, Kuwait remained flat.
- The US Treasury postponed a ban on trading shares of companies with alleged links to the Chinese military. The new restrictions will now take effect from June 11, versus the prior announced date of May 27. (Source: CNBC)
- US housing starts plunged 9.5% to an annual rate of 1.569mn in April (consensus: 1.710mn) compared to the revised rate of 1.733mn in March. (Source: Econoday)
- UK's unemployment rate fell to 4.8% in Q1-21 (consensus: 4.9%) compared to the rate of 4.5% in Q4-20. The employment rate was estimated at 75.2% versus 75.0% in previous quarter. (Source: RTT News)
- Eurozone GDP fell 0.6% in Q1-21 (in line with consensus) compared to decline of 0.6% in Q4-20. On Y/Y basis, GDP contracted 1.8% in Q1-21, which was in line with consensus. (Source: Econoday)
- Oil prices fell 1.1% driven by reports that Iran is close to sign a nuclear deal with the US, which may lead to lifting sanctions on exports from Iran.
- Gold prices rose 0.1% to four-month high amid weaker US dollar.

Forex / Currency

Currency	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Dollar Index	89.8	-0.5	-1.7	-0.2
Euro	1.22	0.6	1.7	0.1
Japanese Yen	108.9	-0.3	-0.4	5.5
Sterling Pound	1.42	0.4	2.7	3.8
Chinese Yuan	6.43	-0.2	-0.7	-1.5
Indian Rupee	73.1	-0.4	-1.4	0.0
UAE Dirham	3.67	0.0	0.0	0.0
Qatari Rial	3.64	-0.9	0.0	0.0
Kuwaiti Dinar	0.30	-0.2	-0.3	-1.2
Omani Rial	0.38	0.0	0.1	0.1
Bahraini Dinar	0.38	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
Egyptian Pound	15.63	-0.1	0.1	-0.4

Corporate Calendar

Date	Company	Event
19 th May	AWPT	EGM
19 th May	ALKHODARI	OGM
19 th May	ALHAMMADI	OGM
20 th May	SAUDI ELECTRICITY	Cash Dividend Distribution
20 th May	Sadr	Cash Dividend Distribution
23 rd May	NGC	Cash Dividend Distribution

*EGM: Extra Ordinary Meeting

*OGM: Ordinary General Meeting

Regional Markets

Market	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dubai (DFM)	2,705	1.2	3.8	8.5	20.3
Abu Dhabi (ADX)	6,528	0.8	8.0	29.4	17.6
Kuwait (KSE)	5,301	0.0	3.4	16.4	14.6
Qatar (QE)	10,809	0.1	-0.9	3.6	18.1
Oman (MSM)	3,847	0.2	2.3	5.2	10.0
Bahrain (BSE)	1,536	0.5	3.5	3.1	9.1
Egypt (EGX30)	10,781	1.0	2.9	-0.6	8.6

International Markets

Index	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dow Jones	34,061	-0.8	0.5	11.3	22.8
Nasdaq	13,304	-0.6	-4.7	3.2	31.9
S&P 500	4,128	-0.9	-1.3	9.9	27.7
FTSE 100	7,034	0.0	0.9	8.9	18.1
Germany DAX 30	15,387	-0.1	1.7	12.2	18.7
France CAC 40	6,354	-0.2	1.3	14.5	45.7
Japan Nikkei 225	28,407	2.1	-1.4	3.5	16.8
Russia MOEX	3,688	1.3	4.1	12.1	13.8
Hong Kong Hang Seng	28,594	1.4	-0.5	5.0	14.2
South Korea KOSPI	3,173	1.2	0.8	10.4	20.3
China Shanghai Composite	3,529	0.3	2.4	1.6	12.9
Australia ASX 200	7,066	0.6	0.6	7.3	21.8
India Sensex	50,193	1.2	2.9	5.1	28.5
MSCI EM	1,333	1.7	-1.1	3.2	19.8
MSCI World	2,929	-0.2	-0.3	8.9	29.4

Commodity Markets

Commodity	Price	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Arab Light Crude (\$/bbl)	70.2	2.5	6.3	40.6
Brent Crude (\$/bbl)	68.7	-1.1	2.2	32.6
Texas crude (\$/bbl)	65.5	-1.2	3.0	35.0
Natural Gas (\$/mmbtu)	3.01	-3.1	2.8	18.6
Gold (\$/oz)	1,869	0.1	5.7	-1.5
Silver (\$/oz)	28.2	0.1	8.9	7.0
Steel (\$/ton)	1,496	0.4	-0.6	48.9
Iron Ore (CNY/MT)	1,284	2.1	4.0	19.0
Wheat (\$/bu)	698	-0.3	-6.0	9.0
Corn (\$/bu)	658	0.9	-11.0	36.0
Sugar (\$/lb)	17.2	1.3	-1.3	11.1
SMP* (EUR/MT)	2,580	0.0	0.4	16.0

*SMP: Skimmed Milk Powder

Interbank Rates

Region	Rate*	Daily Change(bps)	MTD (bps)	YTD (bps)
USD LIBOR	0.150	-0.5	-2.7	-8.9
Saudi Arabia(SAIBOR)	0.791	0.0	-0.4	-2.6
UAE (EIBOR)	0.350	-1.9	-0.6	-16.2
Qatar (QIBOR)	1.175	0.0	8.4	5.4
Bahrain (BHIBOR)	1.450	1.7	12.5	-80.0

Data Sources: Tadawul, Bloomberg, Reuters

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

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