



Major Economic News

- The Saudization rate in the industrial sector rose to more than 30% exceeding the previous target of 25% as investors are convinced of employing nationals, as per Bandar AlKhorayef, Minister of Industry and Mineral Resources. He added that the industrial sector created over 35,000 jobs in FY20, more than one third of which was occupied by Saudi nationals. (Source: Argaam)
- Saudi Arabia is studying other COVID-19 vaccines and might register another one before the end of FY20, according to Abdullah Al-Asiri, assistant deputy minister for preventive health at the Ministry of Health. (Source: Argaam)

Major Corporate News

- Yamama Cement Co. made an early repayment of the loan installment amounting to SAR 738mn from its available cash balance. The loan was secured from the Saudi Industrial Development Fund, National Commercial Bank and Samba Financial Group. Accordingly, the cement maker has so far repaid SAR 792mn of the total loan, while the remaining debt amounts to SAR 1.3bn. (Source: Argaam)
- Saudi Electricity Co. signed an MoU with Japan Bank for International Cooperation to finance its existing and future projects, and promote energy conversion, environmental and social responsibility in the local energy sector. The MoU is valid for a renewable period of three years from the signing date. (Source: Argaam)
- Etihad Etisalat Co.'s board of directors recommended a 5% cash dividend for FY20, at SAR 0.5 per share, amounting to SAR 385mn. (Source: Argaam)
- Rabigh Refining and Petrochemical Co. signed an agreement with TAQAT Co. to build and operate a new high-quality petroleum coke plant at the company's complex. Production is expected to start in early FY24. (Source: Argaam)

Market Analysis

- The Saudi Stock Exchange decreased 0.1% to 8,711.6 on Thursday. The value traded stood at SAR 13.6bn (up 15.0% over previous day), while the advance-decline ratio stood at 89/95. The parallel market index increased 3.4% to 20,650.3 points. The value traded stood at SAR 38.4mn (up 82.6% over previous day). Most sectors in the main market ended in the green. Transportation and Retailing (up 2.1% and 1.5%, respectively) advanced the most; Energy and Pharma & Bio Tech (down 1.1% and 1.0%, respectively) led the laggards

Top Gainers

Company	Price	Change%
ADVANCED	68.90	9.9
SAFCO	85.90	6.3
SAPTCO	18.16	5.5
SGS	33.75	4.8
ZAMIL INDUST	22.50	4.5

Top Losers

Company	Price	Change%
SARCO	115.00	-5.0
BCI	35.20	-3.0
CHUBB	33.85	-2.9
BSFR	30.85	-2.8
HB	76.90	-2.8

Saudi Stock Exchange

Index	Closing	High	Low	Daily Change%	YTD %
TASI	8,712	8,766	8,712	(0.1)	3.8
NomuC	20,650	20,673	19,910	3.4	187.6

TASI movement during session



TASI P/E Ratios

P/E (Tadawul)	29.6
P/E (Bloomberg)	35.2
P/E*	43.7
P/E after exclusions*	41.9
P/E ex. loss-making comp.*	18.8
P/E: top 50 MCAP*	29.7

*Source: Argaam (Excluding Aramco)

Index	Close	Daily Change%	YTD %	PE (TTM)
Energy	5,431	(1.1)	(0.2)	33.9
Materials	5,775	0.7	11.8	High
Capital Goods	6,635	0.7	53.1	High
Commercial Service	4,128	0.5	(13.5)	High
Transportation	4,885	2.1	11.2	Neg
Consumer Durables	5,608	0.7	59.9	Neg
Consumer Services	4,328	1.1	9.3	29.7
Media	10,381	(0.4)	10.4	39.7
Retailing	8,675	1.5	12.7	Neg
Food & Staples	10,398	(0.6)	57.2	33.8
Food & Beverages	5,537	(0.1)	27.2	30.5
Healthcare	5,605	(0.1)	50.3	33.6
Pharma & Bio Tech	5,455	(1.0)	51.7	Neg
Banks	7,545	(0.7)	(6.9)	17.8
Diversified Financials	4,770	0.4	44.4	neg
Insurance	5,853	(0.0)	29.7	24.1
Telecom	6,942	0.4	7.2	21.5
Utilities	4,505	0.1	2.4	Neg
REITs	4,324	0.6	3.0	Neg
Real Estate	3,125	0.5	(0.2)	Neg
Software & Services	13,372	(0.5)	171.0	23.1

**Neg: Negative

Average Index Value

Average 5 days	Average 10 days	Average 20 days	Average value traded for the month (bn)
8,679	8,653	8,665	11.89

Market Statistics

	Value Traded (SAR bn)	Volumes (mn shares)	No. of Trades ('000)
Current Week	-	-	-
Previous week	58.6	1,782.1	2,215.2

Top Weighted Companies

Company	Price	Change%
Al Rajhi	74.00	0.1
Saudi Aramco	35.20	-1.1
NCB	42.10	-1.9
SABIC	101.00	-0.4
STC	106.40	0.6



Regional and International Markets

- Among other regional markets, Dubai increased 0.3%, while Abu Dhabi decreased 0.4%. Kuwait and Oman rose 0.5% and 0.3%, respectively; while Egypt declined 1.3%. Meanwhile, Bahrain and Qatar remained closed.
- US FDA has approved Moderna's coronavirus vaccine for emergency use. The vaccine is the second approved for use in the US. (Source: CNBC)
- US housing starts increased 1.2% to an annual rate of 1.547mn in November (consensus: 1.530mn) compared to a revised rate of 1.528mn in October. Building permits jumped 6.2% to an annual rate of 1.639mn in November (consensus: 1.553mn) from 1.544mn in October. (Source: Econoday, RTT News)
- According to Baker Hughes, North America's rig count decreased to 448 in the week ended December 18 from 449 earlier. The rig count rose to 346 in the US from 338 earlier and to 16 in the Gulf of Mexico from 13 earlier. The rig count in Canada fell to 102 from 111 earlier. (Source: Econoday)
- Oil prices increased 1.5% on Friday, driven by expectations that US congress will soon pass the COVID-19 relief package worth around USD 1tn.
- Gold prices fell 0.2% due to the strength in the US dollar on hopes of US fiscal stimulus.

Forex / Currency

Currency	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Dollar Index	90.0	0.2	-2.0	-6.6
Euro	1.23	-0.1	2.7	9.3
Japanese Yen	103.3	0.2	-0.9	-4.9
Sterling Pound	1.35	-0.5	1.5	2.0
Chinese Yuan	6.53	0.0	-0.6	-6.1
Indian Rupee	73.6	0.1	-0.6	3.1
UAE Dirham	3.67	0.0	0.0	0.0
Qatari Rial	3.67	0.7	-0.3	0.7
Kuwaiti Dinar	0.30	0.1	-0.4	0.3
Omani Rial	0.38	-0.1	0.0	0.0
Bahraini Dinar	0.38	-0.1	0.0	0.0
Egyptian Pound	15.66	0.0	0.3	-2.1

Corporate Calendar

Date	Company	Event
21st Dec	ALKHALEEL TRNG	OGM
22nd Dec	LAZURDE	EGM
23rd Dec	MESC	OGM
24th Dec	SPCC	OGM
27th Dec	SAUDI ELECTRICITY	OGM
28th Dec	Salama	OGM

*EGM: Extra Ordinary Meeting

*OGM: Ordinary General Meeting

Regional Markets

Market	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dubai (DFM)	2,550	0.3	5.4	-7.8	12.2
Abu Dhabi (ADX)	5,135	-0.4	3.4	1.2	15.0
Kuwait (KSE)	4,589	0.5	4.9	-6.5	17.5
Qatar (QE)	10,479	0.0	2.1	0.5	16.8
Oman (MSM)	3,613	0.3	-0.8	-9.3	9.1
Bahrain (BSE)	1,493	0.0	1.1	-7.3	9.1
Egypt (EGX30)	10,845	-1.3	-0.9	-22.3	8.1

International Markets

Index	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dow Jones	30,179	-0.4	1.8	5.7	23.4
Nasdaq	12,756	-0.1	4.6	42.2	36.2
S&P 500	3,709	-0.4	2.4	14.8	28.7
FTSE 100	6,529	-0.3	4.2	-13.4	17.4
Germany DAX 30	13,631	-0.3	2.6	2.9	24.3
France CAC 40	5,528	-0.4	0.2	-7.5	57.1
Japan Nikkei 225	26,763	-0.2	1.2	13.1	26.8
Russia MICEX	3,274	-0.3	5.3	7.5	14.5
Hong Kong Hang Seng	26,499	-0.7	0.6	-6.0	14.4
South Korea KOSPI	2,772	0.1	7.0	26.1	31.7
China Shanghai Composite	3,395	-0.3	0.1	11.3	14.2
Australia ASX 200	6,676	-1.2	2.4	-0.1	22.5
India Sensex	46,961	0.2	6.4	13.8	29.4
MSCI EM	1,268	-0.4	5.3	13.8	25.0
MSCI World	2,666	-0.3	3.2	13.1	33.0

Commodity Markets

Commodity	Price	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Arab Light Crude (\$/bbl)	50.3	-1.4	8.0	-26.9
Brent Crude (\$/bbl)	52.3	1.5	9.8	-20.8
Texas crude (\$/bbl)	49.1	1.5	8.3	-19.7
Natural Gas (\$/mmbtu)	2.70	2.4	-6.3	23.3
Gold (\$/oz)	1,881	-0.2	5.9	24.0
Silver (\$/oz)	25.8	-1.1	14.0	44.5
Steel (\$/ton)	870	-0.6	8.7	48.0
Iron Ore (CNY/MT)	1,094	2.7	17.0	57.3
Wheat (\$/bu)	608	-0.1	4.8	8.9
Corn (\$/bu)	438	1.2	4.2	12.8
Sugar (\$/lb)	14.4	-1.6	-0.5	7.6
SMP* (EUR/MT)	2,235	0.2	2.3	-13.0

*SMP: Skimmed Milk Powder

Interbank Rates

Region	Rate*	Daily Change(bps)	MTD (bps)	YTD (bps)
USD LIBOR	0.239	0.2	1.1	-167.0
Saudi Arabia(SAIBOR)	0.820	-0.1	-1.1	-141.1
UAE (EIBOR)	0.433	-2.7	10.0	-177.6
Qatar (QIBOR)	1.267	0.0	4.6	-98.3
Bahrain (BHIBOR)	2.250	0.0	0.0	-41.7

Data Sources: Tadawul, Bloomberg, Reuters

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

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