



Major Economic News

- The value of Saudi Arabia's oil exports fell 40% Y/Y to around SAR 108.4bn in Q3-20. Oil exports accounted for 67% of total exports for the quarter, which reached SAR 161.8bn. Compared to Q2-20, oil exports rose by 45% or SAR 33.7bn. (Source: Argaam)
- No cases of the new strain have been recorded in the Kingdom so far and studies are ongoing to inspect the genetic sequence of the virus, as per Mohammed Al-Abdulaali, assistant minister of the Ministry of Health. (Source: Argaam)

Major Corporate News

- Vodafone Group said that it ended talks with Saudi Telecom Co. on selling 55% stake in Vodafone Egypt. (Source: Argaam)
- The General Authority for Competition imposed a fine of SAR 10mn on STC Group, on violating Article 5 of the competition law. The telecom operator took advantage of its dominant position, imposing certain conditions on sale and purchase processes while dealing with another entity (Source: Argaam)
- Naseej International Trading Co.'s shareholders approved a 65.4% capital cut to SAR 61.6mn from SAR 178.2mn. The capital cut is intended to offset accumulated losses through writing off 11.7mn shares. (Source: Argaam)
- Al Rajhi REIT Fund signed a SAR 254.5mn Shariah-compliant loan facility agreement with Al Rajhi Bank. The loan duration is five years and during the tenure of the loan, profit will be paid on a semi-annual basis with a bullet principal repayment at the end of the five years. (Source: Argaam)
- Advanced Petrochemical Co.'s board of directors recommended a 6.5% cash dividend for Q4-20, at SAR 0.65 per share, amounting to SAR 140.7mn. (Source: Argaam)

Market Analysis

- The Saudi Stock Exchange decreased 1.7% to 8,538.7. The value traded stood at SAR 13.7bn (up 22.1% over previous day), while the advance-decline ratio stood at 5/192. The parallel market index decreased 1.6% to 20,664.2 points. The value traded stood at SAR 49.6mn (up 68.0% over previous day). Most sectors in the main market ended in the red. Food & Staples (up 2.6%) was the only gainer; Consumer Services and Diversified Financials (down 6.4% and 6.0%, respectively) led the laggards.

Top Gainers

Company	Price	Change%
A.OTHAIM MARKET	125.60	4.2
MALATH INSURANCE	21.10	3.6
BAAZEEM	91.50	2.7
MOUWASAT	129.00	0.8
NCB	42.65	0.1

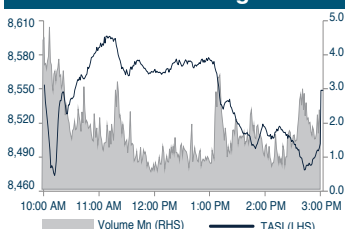
Top Losers

Company	Price	Change%
TECO	53.40	-10.0
WAFRAH	152.20	-9.9
ALHOKAIR GROUP	20.20	-9.5
TADCO	30.80	-8.7
SPPC	23.20	-8.5

Saudi Stock Exchange

Index	Closing	High	Low	Daily Change%	YTD %
TASI	8,539	8,586	8,464	(1.7)	1.8
NomuC	20,664	20,785	19,960	(1.6)	187.8

TASI movement during session



TASI P/E Ratios

P/E (Tadawul)	29.0
P/E (Bloomberg)	34.3
P/E*	42.9
P/E after exclusions*	41.2
P/E ex. loss-making comp.*	18.6
P/E: top 50 MCAP*	29.4

*Source: Argaam (Excluding Aramco)

Index	Close	Daily Change%	YTD %	PE (TTM)
Energy	5,348	(1.4)	(1.7)	33.1
Materials	5,578	(2.6)	8.0	High
Capital Goods	6,153	(5.5)	42.0	High
Commercial Service	3,954	(3.8)	(17.1)	High
Transportation	4,557	(4.9)	3.7	Neg
Consumer Durables	5,510	(3.4)	57.1	Neg
Consumer Services	4,022	(6.4)	1.6	27.8
Media	9,717	(3.8)	3.4	37.0
Retailing	8,393	(2.8)	9.0	Neg
Food & Staples	10,653	2.6	61.0	33.6
Food & Beverages	5,404	(1.7)	24.1	29.9
Healthcare	5,481	(1.4)	46.9	32.7
Pharma & Bio Tech	5,112	(4.3)	42.2	Neg
Banks	7,508	(0.6)	(7.4)	17.6
Diversified Financials	4,374	(6.0)	32.5	Neg
Insurance	5,749	(3.1)	27.4	23.7
Telecom	6,931	(0.7)	7.1	21.6
Utilities	4,504	(0.7)	2.4	Neg
REITs	4,231	(1.5)	0.8	Neg
Real Estate	2,961	(3.7)	(5.5)	Neg
Software & Services	12,415	(4.8)	151.7	21.4

**Neg: Negative

Average Index Value

Average 5 days	Average 10 days	Average 20 days	Average value traded for the month (bn)
8,664	8,654	8,666	11.97

Market Statistics

	Value Traded (SAR bn)	Volumes (mn shares)	No. of Trades ('000)
Current Week	25.0	848.1	1,054.7
Previous week	58.6	1,782.1	2,215.2

Top Weighted Companies

Company	Price	Change%
Al Rajhi	73.20	-0.8
Saudi Aramco	34.80	-1.1
NCB	42.65	0.1
SABIC	99.00	-2.8
STC	106.60	-0.6



Regional and International Markets

- Among other regional markets, Dubai and Abu Dhabi decreased 3.8% and 0.8%, respectively. Egypt, Kuwait Qatar, Bahrain and Oman declined 2.8%, 1.3%, 0.4%, 0.3% and 0.2%, respectively.
- US Congress approved legislation with USD 900bn in coronavirus relief and USD 1.4tn to fund the government through September 30. The key provisions of the legislation include a USD 300 per week federal unemployment supplement, USD 284bn in Paycheck Protection Program loans, USD 600 direct payments and USD 8bn for Covid-19 vaccine distribution. (Source: CNBC)
- Eurozone flash consumer confidence index increased to -13.9 (consensus: -16.8) compared to -17.6 in November. (Source: RTT News)
- Oil prices plunged 2.6%, as demand concerns bounced back with identification of new coronavirus strain in several countries.
- Gold prices fell 0.2%, as investors turned to US dollar post approval of COVID-19 relief bill by US Congress.

Forex / Currency

Currency	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Dollar Index	90.0	0.0	-2.0	-6.6
Euro	1.22	-0.1	2.6	9.2
Japanese Yen	103.3	0.0	-0.9	-4.9
Sterling Pound	1.35	-0.4	1.1	1.5
Chinese Yuan	6.55	0.2	-0.4	-6.0
Indian Rupee	74.0	0.6	0.0	3.8
UAE Dirham	3.67	0.0	0.0	0.0
Qatari Rial	3.64	-0.7	-0.9	0.0
Kuwaiti Dinar	0.30	0.0	-0.3	0.4
Omani Rial	0.38	0.1	0.1	0.0
Bahraini Dinar	0.38	0.1	0.1	0.1
Egyptian Pound	15.61	-0.3	0.0	-2.4

Corporate Calendar

Date	Company	Event
22 nd Dec	LAZURDE	EGM
23 rd Dec	MESC	OGM
24 th Dec	SPCC	OGM
27 th Dec	SAUDI ELECTRICITY	OGM
28 th Dec	Salama	OGM
29 th Dec	YANSAB	EGM

*EGM: Extra Ordinary Meeting

*OGM: Ordinary General Meeting

Regional Markets

Market	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dubai (DFM)	2,461	-3.8	1.7	-11.0	11.8
Abu Dhabi (ADX)	5,073	-0.8	2.2	-0.1	14.9
Kuwait (KSE)	4,534	-1.3	3.7	-7.7	17.5
Qatar (QE)	10,540	-0.4	2.7	1.1	16.9
Oman (MSM)	3,604	-0.2	-1.1	-9.5	9.1
Bahrain (BSE)	1,493	-0.3	1.0	-7.3	9.1
Egypt (EGX30)	10,582	-2.8	-3.3	-24.2	8.1

International Markets

Index	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dow Jones	30,216	0.1	1.9	5.9	23.4
Nasdaq	12,743	-0.1	4.5	42.0	36.4
S&P 500	3,695	-0.4	2.0	14.4	29.2
FTSE 100	6,416	-1.7	2.4	-14.9	16.9
Germany DAX 30	13,246	-2.8	-0.3	0.0	23.8
France CAC 40	5,393	-2.4	-2.3	-9.8	55.7
Japan Nikkei 225	26,714	-0.2	1.1	12.9	26.7
Russia MICEX	3,247	-0.8	4.5	6.6	14.1
Hong Kong Hang Seng	26,307	-0.7	-0.1	-6.7	14.3
South Korea KOSPI	2,779	0.2	7.2	26.4	31.8
China Shanghai Composite	3,421	0.8	0.8	12.1	14.2
Australia ASX 200	6,670	-0.1	2.3	-0.2	22.5
India Sensex	45,554	-3.0	3.2	10.4	28.6
MSCI EM	1,257	-0.9	4.3	12.8	24.8
MSCI World	2,645	-0.8	2.4	12.1	32.7

Commodity Markets

Commodity	Price	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Arab Light Crude (\$/bbl)	49.1	-2.5	5.3	-28.7
Brent Crude (\$/bbl)	50.9	-2.6	7.0	-22.9
Texas crude (\$/bbl)	47.7	-2.8	5.3	-21.9
Natural Gas (\$/mmbtu)	2.71	0.2	-6.1	23.6
Gold (\$/oz)	1,877	-0.2	5.6	23.7
Silver (\$/oz)	26.2	1.5	15.7	46.7
Steel (\$/ton)	880	0.6	10.0	49.7
Iron Ore (CNY/MT)	1,152	5.3	23.2	65.7
Wheat (\$/bu)	611	0.5	5.3	9.4
Corn (\$/bu)	440	0.6	4.8	13.5
Sugar (\$/lb)	14.5	0.6	0.1	8.3
SMP* (EUR/MT)	2,229	-0.3	2.0	-13.3

*SMP: Skimmed Milk Powder

Interbank Rates

Region	Rate*	Daily Change(bps)	MTD (bps)	YTD (bps)
USD LIBOR	0.236	-0.3	0.8	-167.3
Saudi Arabia(SAIBOR)	0.819	0.0	-1.3	-141.3
UAE (EIBOR)	0.370	-6.8	3.8	-183.8
Qatar (QIBOR)	0.850	-25.0	-37.1	-140.0
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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