



Major Economic News

- Saudi Arabia has received 5.0mn Umrah pilgrims and worshippers since the gradual resumption of the rituals from September 22, as per Minister of Hajj and Umrah Mohammed Saleh Benten. He added that no cases of COVID-19 infections were reported among pilgrims and worshippers. (Source: Argaam)
- Ahmad Al-Rajhi, Minister of Human Resources and Social Development, issued a decision to Saudize 30% of the accounting jobs. The decision to be effective as of June 12, 2021, is applicable to all local private entities with at least five accounting professionals. (Source: Argaam)
- The first phase of the idle land fees program will start for the land plots located within the geographical scope of Madinah, as well as the two cities of Khamis Mushait and Abha in Aseer, as per the Ministry of Housing. (Source: Argaam)
- Fitch Ratings said that the strong loan growth of 12.7% seen in the first ten months of FY20 from the sustained momentum in retail mortgages, combined with an operating environment showing signs of recovery supported Saudi banks' financial metrics in the face of the repercussions of COVID-19 pandemic and the decline in oil prices. (Source: Argaam)

Major Corporate News

- CMA approved Aljazira Takaful Taawuni Co.'s request to increase its capital from SAR 350mn to SAR 470.7mn by issuing 12.1mn ordinary shares to merge with Solidarity Saudi Takaful Co., and transfer Aljazira Takaful's assets and liabilities to Solidarity through a securities exchange offer. (Source: Argaam)
- Al Jouf Cement Co. signed a SAR 60mn sales contract with Soliman bin Saleh Almohileb and his Sons Holding Co. The agreement is valid until August 30, 2021 and will have a positive financial impact. (Source: Argaam)

Market Analysis

- The Saudi Stock Exchange increased 0.5% to 8,720.7. The value traded stood at SAR 11.5bn (up 5.6% over previous day), while the advance-decline ratio stood at 136/47. The parallel market index decreased 2.8% to 21,085.6 points. The value traded stood at SAR 30.9mn (down 28.7% over previous day). Most sectors in the main market ended in the green. Consumer Durables and Real Estate (up 4.1% and 1.4%, respectively) advanced the most; Retailing and Telecom (down 0.5% and 0.4%, respectively) led the laggards.

Top Gainers

Company	Price	Change%
FARM SUPERSTORES	32.45	10.0
ZOUJAJ	28.80	9.9
ALASEEL	83.30	9.5
SABB TAKAFUL	29.35	9.1
ATC	36.55	6.3

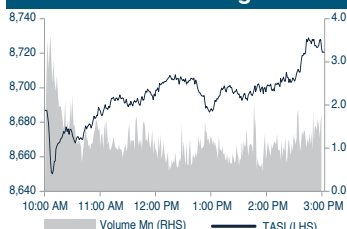
Top Losers

Company	Price	Change%
BAAZEEM	95.50	-5.1
SVCP	97.30	-3.3
WATANIYA	47.25	-1.9
WAFRAH	165.00	-1.4
SARCO	111.80	-1.4

Saudi Stock Exchange

Index	Closing	High	Low	Daily Change%	YTD %
TASI	8,721	8,731	8,648	0.5	4.0
NomuC	21,086	21,698	20,856	(2.8)	193.7

TASI movement during session



TASI P/E Ratios

P/E (Tadawul)	29.2
P/E (Bloomberg)	35.0
P/E*	43.6
P/E after exclusions*	41.9
P/E ex. loss-making comp.*	18.9
P/E: top 50 MCAP*	29.8

*Source: Argaam (Excluding Aramco)

Index	Close	Daily Change%	YTD %	PE (TTM)
Energy	5,377	(0.3)	(1.2)	33.2
Materials	5,766	0.8	11.6	High
Capital Goods	6,532	0.8	50.8	High
Commercial Service	4,009	(0.1)	(16.0)	High
Transportation	4,775	0.9	8.6	Neg
Consumer Durables	6,048	4.1	72.5	Neg
Consumer Services	4,196	0.4	6.0	29.0
Media	10,083	(0.0)	7.2	38.4
Retailing	8,592	(0.5)	11.6	Neg
Food & Staples	10,633	(0.1)	60.7	33.9
Food & Beverages	5,496	0.1	26.2	30.3
Healthcare	5,562	0.3	49.1	33.1
Pharma & Bio Tech	5,264	0.3	46.4	Neg
Banks	7,648	0.6	(5.7)	17.9
Diversified Financials	4,578	0.3	38.6	Neg
Insurance	6,005	1.1	33.0	24.7
Telecom	6,928	(0.4)	7.0	21.5
Utilities	4,523	(0.1)	2.8	Neg
REITs	4,290	0.0	2.2	Neg
Real Estate	3,063	1.4	(2.2)	Neg
Software & Services	13,088	0.2	165.3	22.6

**Neg: Negative

Average Index Value

Average 5 days	Average 10 days	Average 20 days	Average value traded for the month (bn)
8,668	8,667	8,670	11.88

Market Statistics

	Value Traded (SAR bn)	Volumes (mn shares)	No. of Trades ('000)
Current Week	47.4	1,564.8	1,912.6
Previous week	58.6	1,782.1	2,215.2

Top Weighted Companies

Company	Price	Change%
Al Rajhi	75.00	0.8
Saudi Aramco	34.90	-0.3
NCB	43.50	1.0
SABIC	101.60	0.6
STC	106.00	-0.6



Regional and International Markets

- Among other regional markets, Dubai and Abu Dhabi increased 1.2% and 0.6%, respectively. Kuwait rose 0.3%, while Egypt and Bahrain gained 0.2% each. Qatar and Oman fell 0.3% and 0.1%, respectively.
- US initial jobless claims dropped to 803,000 (consensus: 875,000), representing a fall of 89,000 from the previous week's revised level of 892,000. (Source: Econoday)
- According to EIA, oil inventories in the US decreased 0.6mn barrels (prior: down 3.1mn) to 499.5mn in the week ended December 18. Distillate inventories fell 2.3mn barrels (prior: up 0.2mn) to 148.9mn, and gasoline inventories declined 1.1mn barrels (prior: up 1.0mn) to 237.8mn. (Source: EIA, Econoday)
- US new home sales declined by 11.0% to an annual rate of 841,000 in November (consensus: 989,000) compared to a fall of 2.1% to a revised rate of 945,000 in October. (Source: Econoday, RTT News)
- Oil prices jumped 2.2% driven by a decline in US oil inventories last week.
- Gold prices rose 0.6% on account of weaker US dollar, as US president Trump refused to sign COVID-19 relief bill without additional payouts.

Forex / Currency

Currency	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Dollar Index	90.4	-0.3	-1.6	-6.2
Euro	1.22	0.2	2.2	8.7
Japanese Yen	103.6	-0.1	-0.7	-4.7
Sterling Pound	1.35	1.0	1.3	1.8
Chinese Yuan	6.54	0.0	-0.5	-6.1
Indian Rupee	73.8	-0.1	-0.3	3.4
UAE Dirham	3.67	0.0	0.0	0.0
Qatari Rial	3.64	0.0	-0.9	0.0
Kuwaiti Dinar	0.30	0.1	-0.1	0.6
Omani Rial	0.38	0.1	0.1	0.0
Bahraini Dinar	0.38	0.1	0.1	0.1
Egyptian Pound	15.65	0.2	0.3	-2.2

Corporate Calendar

Date	Company	Event
24 th Dec	SPCC	OGM
27 th Dec	SAUDI ELECTRICITY	OGM
28 th Dec	Salama	OGM
29 th Dec	YANSAB	EGM
30 th Dec	SFICO	OGM
30 th Dec	BJAZ	EGM

*EGM: Extra Ordinary Meeting

*OGM: Ordinary General Meeting

Regional Markets

Market	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dubai (DFM)	2,511	1.2	3.8	-9.2	12.1
Abu Dhabi (ADX)	5,142	0.6	3.6	1.3	15.1
Kuwait (KSE)	4,545	0.3	3.9	-7.4	17.1
Qatar (QE)	10,504	-0.3	2.4	0.8	16.8
Oman (MSM)	3,599	-0.1	-1.2	-9.6	9.1
Bahrain (BSE)	1,496	0.2	1.3	-7.1	9.1
Egypt (EGX30)	10,678	0.2	-2.4	-23.5	7.9

International Markets

Index	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dow Jones	30,130	0.4	1.7	5.6	23.3
Nasdaq	12,771	-0.3	4.7	42.3	36.4
S&P 500	3,690	0.1	1.9	14.2	29.1
FTSE 100	6,496	0.7	3.7	-13.9	17.1
Germany DAX 30	13,587	1.3	2.2	2.6	24.4
France CAC 40	5,528	1.1	0.2	-7.5	57.1
Japan Nikkei 225	26,525	0.3	0.3	12.1	26.6
Russia MICEX	3,252	0.5	4.7	6.8	14.4
Hong Kong Hang Seng	26,343	0.9	0.0	-6.6	14.4
South Korea KOSPI	2,760	1.0	6.5	25.6	31.7
China Shanghai Composite	3,382	0.8	-0.3	10.9	14.1
Australia ASX 200	6,643	0.7	1.9	-0.6	22.4
India Sensex	46,444	1.0	5.2	12.6	29.1
MSCI EM	1,258	0.8	4.4	12.9	24.8
MSCI World	2,651	0.3	2.6	12.4	32.8

Commodity Markets

Commodity	Price	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Arab Light Crude (\$/bbl)	48.8	0.2	4.8	-29.1
Brent Crude (\$/bbl)	51.2	2.2	7.6	-22.4
Texas crude (\$/bbl)	48.1	2.3	6.1	-21.3
Natural Gas (\$/mmbtu)	2.61	-6.2	-9.5	19.1
Gold (\$/oz)	1,873	0.6	5.4	23.5
Silver (\$/oz)	25.5	1.6	12.9	43.2
Steel (\$/ton)	885	1.6	10.6	50.5
Iron Ore (CNY/MT)	1,093	-5.3	16.9	57.3
Wheat (\$/bu)	630	2.1	8.5	12.7
Corn (\$/bu)	447	0.8	6.6	15.3
Sugar (\$/lb)	14.8	2.0	2.2	10.5
SMP* (EUR/MT)	2,228	0.2	2.0	-13.3

*SMP: Skimmed Milk Powder

Interbank Rates

Region	Rate*	Daily Change(bps)	MTD (bps)	YTD (bps)
USD LIBOR	0.238	-0.7	1.1	-167.0
Saudi Arabia(SAIBOR)	0.819	0.0	-1.3	-141.3
UAE (EIBOR)	0.428	-1.8	9.5	-178.1
Qatar (QIBOR)	0.950	2.5	-27.1	-130.0
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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