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Major Economic News

- The unemployment rate among Saudis decreased to 14.9% in Q3-20 from 15.4% in Q2-20. Unemployment rate among males and females stood at 7.9% and 30.2%, respectively. Meanwhile, unemployment rate among all residents (≥15 years) dropped from 9% to 8.5% by the end of Q3-20. (Source: Argaam)
- The number of expatriates working in Saudi Arabia fell by 257,200 during Q3-20 compared to Q2-20. On the other hand, the number of Saudi employees in the labor market rose by 81,900 Q/Q, reaching 3.3mn, during the same period. (Source: Argaam)

Major Corporate News

- Saudi Basic Industries Corp. and Plastic Energy Ltd. announced plans to commence construction on the first commercial unit to produce its flagship certified circular polymers. The construction phase for the unit, located in the Netherlands, is expected to become operational in H2-22. (Source: Argaam)
- The National Shipping Company of Saudi Arabia's subsidiary, National Chemical Carriers Co., inked a SAR 1.2bn Murabaha financing agreement with Samba Financial Group. The financing facility tenor will extend for 12 years and will finance 80% of the costs of building 10 chemical tankers, with a capacity of 49,999 deadweight tonnage each. (Source: Argaam)
- Abdullah Al Othaim Markets Co. opened two new stores, one in Taif and another in Riyadh, bringing the total number of branches across Saudi Arabia to 252. (Source: Argaam)

Market Analysis

• The Saudi Stock Exchange remained flat at 8,876.5 on Thursday. The value traded stood at SAR 5.8bn (down 8.5% over previous day), while the advance-decline ratio stood at 86/92. The parallel market index decreased 0.9% to 26,045.6 points. The value traded stood at SAR 19.3mn (up 4.5% over previous day). Most sectors in the main market ended in the red. Utilities and Transportation (up 1.4% and 0.4%, respectively) advanced the most; Commercial Service and Media (down 0.8% and 0.7%, respectively) led the laggards.

Earnings update (Net Profit) (SAR mn)						
Company	Q4-20	Q4-19	Y/Y %	Q3-20	Q/Q %	
Almarai Company	335.9	311.9	7.7	621.5	-46.0	
SABIC Agri-Nutrients Co.	233.6	343.8	-32.1	397.5	-41.2	
Saudi Telecom Company	2,683	2,321	15.6	2,766	-3.0	
Saudi Kayan Petrochemical Co.	158.4	-167.4	NM	-28.2	NM	
Herfy Food Service Company	21.3	49.6	-57.1	41.4	-48.5	

'Indicates	Q3-20	results

Top Gainers		
Company	Price	Change%
SAICO	22.18	7.7
ZOUJAJ	31.15	4.9
JAZADCO	18.90	4.3
ALRAJHI TAKAFUL	88.50	4.0
GACO	19.52	3.5

Top Losers		
Company	Price	Change%
ACIG	60.10	-2.0
ALINMA T	24.30	-1.9
ALETIHAD	25.35	-1.9
TAWUNIYA	79.50	-1.7
SADAFCO	165.40	-1.7

Saudi Stock Exchange						
Index	Closing	High	Low	Daily Change%	YTD %	
TASI	8,876	8,910	8,876	0.0	5.8	
NomuC	26,046	26,279	25,731	(0.9)	262.8	



TASI P/E Ratios	
P/E (Tadawul)	29.2
P/E (Bloomberg)	34.9
P/E*	45.8
P/E after exclusions*	44.1
P/E ex. loss-making comp.*	19.4
P/E: top 50 MCAP*	30.7
*Source: Argaam (Excluding Ara	mco)

Index	Close	Daily Change%	YTD %	PE (TTM)
Energy	5,351	(0.0)	(0.7)	33.1
Materials	5,946	(0.0)	3.5	High
Capital Goods	6,689	0.4	2.3	Neg
Commercial Service	4,193	(8.0)	3.3	High
Transportation	4,921	0.4	1.6	Neg
Consumer Durables	5,956	(0.4)	4.1	Neg
Consumer Services	4,233	0.1	(8.0)	29.5
Media	10,053	(0.7)	(1.6)	38.3
Retailing	8,635	(0.3)	0.9	Neg
Food & Staples	10,634	0.2	0.9	34.2
Food & Beverages	5,374	(0.3)	(1.6)	29.8
Healthcare	5,845	(0.3)	3.4	35.1
Pharma & Bio Tech	5,079	(0.1)	(1.8)	Neg
Banks	7,809	(0.0)	2.9	18.4
Diversified Financials	4,554	0.4	(0.9)	Neg
Insurance	6,112	(0.1)	1.5	25.1
Telecom	7,186	(0.1)	4.2	22.5
Utilities	4,899	1.4	6.3	Neg
REITs	4,306	(0.0)	0.5	Neg
Real Estate	3,000	(0.1)	(0.7)	Neg
Software & Services	14,498	(0.1)	2.9	25.3

Average Index Value

Average Average Average Average value traded for the month (bn)

8,895 8,886 8,794 8.16

**Neg: Negative

Market Statistics					
	Value Traded (SAR bn)	Volumes (mn shares)	No. of Trades ('000)		
Current Week	-	-	-		
Previous week	37.7	1,187.7	1,598.8		

Top Weighted Companies				
Company	Price	Change%		
Al Rajhi	73.90	-0.1		
Saudi Aramco	34.80	0.0		
NCB	45.30	-0.1		
SABIC	103.80	0.0		
STC	111.40	-0.2		

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Regional and International Markets

- Among other regional markets, Dubai and Abu Dhabi decreased 2.0% and 1.1%, respectively. Oman and Egypt rose 0.9% and 0.5%, respectively; while Kuwait and Bahrain gained 0.4% each. Meanwhile, Qatar declined 0.6%.
- According to EIA, oil inventories in the US rose 4.4mn barrels (prior: down 3.2mn) to 486.6mn in the week ended January 15. Distillate inventories increased 0.5mn barrels (prior: up 4.8mn) to 163.7mn, while gasoline inventories fell 0.3mn barrels (prior: up 4.4mn) to 245.2mn. (Source: EIA, Econoday)
- US housing starts surged 5.8% to an annual rate of 1.669mn (consensus: 1.558mn) in December, compared to a revised rate of 1.578mn in November. Building permits increased 4.5% to an annual rate of 1.709mn in December from the revised rate of 1.635mn in November. (Source: Econoday, RTT News)
- US initial jobless claims dropped to 900,000 (in line with consensus), representing a fall of 26,000 from the prior week's revised level of 926,000. (Source: Econoday)
- Oil prices declined 1.2% on Friday, as US crude oil inventories increased for the first time in six weeks.
- Gold prices fell 0.8%, weighed down by a stronger US dollar, partly offset by hopes of US fiscal stimulus.

Forex / Currency				
Currency	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Dollar Index	90.2	0.1	0.3	0.3
Euro	1.22	0.0	-0.4	-0.4
Japanese Yen	103.8	0.3	0.5	0.5
Sterling Pound	1.37	-0.3	0.1	0.1
Chinese Yuan	6.48	0.3	-0.7	-0.7
Indian Rupee	73.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
UAE Dirham	3.67	0.0	0.0	0.0
Qatari Rial	3.64	0.0	0.0	0.0
Kuwaiti Dinar	0.30	-0.1	-0.5	-0.5
Omani Rial	0.38	0.0	0.0	0.0
Bahraini Dinar	0.38	0.0	0.0	0.0
Egyptian Pound	15.68	0.0	-0.1	-0.1

Corporate Calendar		
Date	Company	Event
24 th Jan	NCLE	Cash Dividend Distribution
25 th Jan	SADAFCO	Cash Dividend Distribution
26 th Jan	ATAA	Cash Dividend Distribution
26 th Jan	SFICO	OGM
03 rd Feb	НВ	OGM
14 th Feb	DERAYAH REIT	Cash Dividend Distribution

^{*}EGM: Extra Ordinary Meeting

Regional Markets					
Market	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dubai (DFM)	2,736	-2.0	9.8	9.8	13.0
Abu Dhabi (ADX)	5,611	-1.1	11.2	11.2	16.8
Kuwait (KSE)	4,677	0.4	2.7	2.7	17.6
Qatar (QE)	10,736	-0.6	2.9	2.9	17.5
Oman (MSM)	3,748	0.9	2.4	2.4	9.4
Bahrain (BSE)	1,453	0.4	-2.5	-2.5	9.1
Egypt (EGX30)	11,655	0.5	7.5	7.5	8.5

International Markets								
Index	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E			
Dow Jones	30,997	-0.6	1.3	1.3	23.2			
Nasdaq	13,543	0.1	5.1	5.1	36.5			
S&P 500	3,841	-0.3	2.3	2.3	30.3			
FTSE 100	6,695	-0.3	3.6	3.6	17.5			
Germany DAX 30	13,874	-0.2	1.1	1.1	24.8			
France CAC 40	5,560	-0.6	0.1	0.1	60.1			
Japan Nikkei 225	28,631	-0.4	4.3	4.3	28.8			
Russia MICEX	3,383	-1.2	2.9	2.9	13.6			
Hong Kong Hang Seng	29,448	-1.6	8.1	8.1	16.2			
South Korea KOSPI	3,141	-0.6	9.3	9.3	36.2			
China Shanghai Composite	3,607	-0.4	3.8	3.8	15.0			
Australia ASX 200	6,800	-0.3	3.2	3.2	22.8			
India Sensex	48,879	-1.5	2.4	2.4	30.2			
MSCI EM	1,393	-0.9	7.9	7.9	27.3			
MSCI World	2,756	-0.4	2.4	2.4	34.1			

Commodity Markets				
Commodity	Price	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Arab Light Crude (\$/bbl)	55.0	-0.5	10.1	10.1
Brent Crude (\$/bbl)	55.4	-1.2	7.0	7.0
Texas crude (\$/bbl)	52.3	-1.6	7.7	7.7
Natural Gas (\$/mmbtu)	2.45	-1.8	-3.7	-3.7
Gold (\$/oz)	1,856	-0.8	-2.3	-2.3
Silver (\$/oz)	25.4	-2.1	-3.6	-3.6
Steel (\$/ton)	1,058	-0.5	5.3	5.3
Iron Ore (CNY/MT)	1,175	1.2	8.9	8.9
Wheat (\$/bu)	635	-4.0	-0.9	-0.9
Corn (\$/bu)	501	-4.5	3.4	3.4
Sugar (\$/lb)	15.9	-1.1	2.5	2.5
SMP* (EUR/MT)	2,278	0.0	2.4	2.4

*SMP: Skimmed Milk Powder

Interbank Rates				
Region	Rate*	Daily Change(bps)	MTD (bps)	YTD (bps)
USD LIBOR	0.218	-0.5	-2.1	-2.1
Saudi Arabia(SAIBOR)	0.818	0.0	0.0	0.0
UAE (EIBOR)	0.358	-6.9	-15.5	-15.5
Qatar (QIBOR)	1.130	10.9	1.0	1.0
Bahrain (BHIBOR)	2.233	0.0	-1.7	-1.7

Data Sources: Tadawul, Bloomberg, Reuters

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^{*}OGM: Ordinary General Meeting

^{*}Three-month Interbank rate **NA: Not Available

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