



Major Economic News

- Saudi Arabia opened its airspace as well as land and sea borders to Qatar starting January 04, 2021, according to Kuwait's Foreign Minister, Sheikh Ahmad Nasser Al-Sabah. He added that Both parties have agreed to handle all relevant issues. (Source: Argaam)

Major Corporate News

- AlRaha AlSafi Food Co, consisting of Almutlaq Group, AlSafi Holding Co., Abunayyan Trading Co. and Essa Al-Ghurair Investment LLC, announced the completion of First Milling Company through the Phase-1 competitive tender of the Saudi flour mills privatization for SAR 2.0bn. (Source: Argaam)
- Middle East Paper Co. signed a Shariah-compliant credit facility agreement worth SAR 340mn with Bank Albilad. The facilities, to be used as a bridge loan, include a medium-term loan worth SAR 136mn for seven years and a short-term loan worth SAR 204mn for two years. (Source: Argaam)
- Aramco Gulf Operations Co. plans to launch a number of investment opportunities related to the development of the Dorra gas field and the construction of an industrial energy, gas and petrochemicals complex in Al-Khafji, as per assistant chairman and COO, Al Dosari. (Source: Argaam)
- Al Moammar Information Systems Co.'s board of directors recommended a 25% capital increase to SAR 250mn through issuing one bonus share for every 4 shares held. It also recommended distributing 11% cash dividend for H2-20. (Source: Argaam)
- Al-Samaani Factory for Metal Industries Co.'s board of directors recommended a capital hike through SAR 150mn rights issue. The capital hike aims to finance strategic and operational plans, and the expansion of logistics services. (Source: Argaam)
- CMA approved Alkhabeer REIT Fund's request to increase total asset value by issuing additional units for acquiring real estate assets. (Source: Argaam)

Market Analysis

- The Saudi Stock Exchange increased 0.6% to 8,667.7. The value traded stood at SAR 7.4bn (down 3.5% over previous day), while the advance-decline ratio stood at 164/25. The parallel market index remained flat at 25,025.2 points. The value traded stood at SAR 39.5mn (up 35.7% over previous day). Most sectors in the main market ended in the green. Consumer Durables and Software & Services (up 4.3% and 2.7%, respectively) advanced the most; Food & Staples (down 0.1%) was the only laggard.

Top Gainers

Company	Price	Change%
ALSAMAANI	246.40	10.0
WAFRAH	169.40	10.0
HB	96.10	10.0
NASEEJ	104.60	9.9
UCA	18.58	9.8

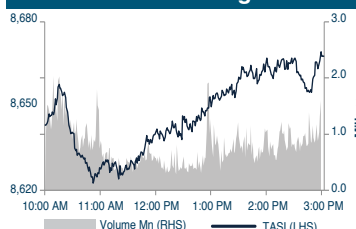
Top Losers

Company	Price	Change%
ALANDALUS	20.70	-1.3
MEFIC REIT	7.18	-0.8
SHARQIYAH	98.90	-0.8
SIIG	26.25	-0.8
SABB TAK.	29.80	-0.7

Saudi Stock Exchange

Index	Closing	High	Low	Daily Change%	YTD %
TASI	8,668	8,671	8,622	0.6	(0.3)
NomuC	25,025	25,220	24,162	0.0	(4.6)

TASI movement during session



TASI P/E Ratios

P/E (Tadawul)	29.1
P/E (Bloomberg)	34.8
P/E*	43.5
P/E after exclusions*	41.9
P/E ex. loss-making comp.*	18.9
P/E: top 50 MCAP*	30.2

*Source: Argaam (Excluding Aramco)

Index	Close	Daily Change%	YTD %	PE (TTM)
Energy	5,364	0.1	(0.4)	33.1
Materials	5,725	1.0	(0.4)	High
Capital Goods	6,454	1.4	(1.3)	Neg
Commercial Service	4,078	1.0	0.5	High
Transportation	4,848	1.3	0.1	Neg
Consumer Durables	5,774	4.3	0.9	Neg
Consumer Services	4,286	0.5	0.4	29.9
Media	10,043	0.9	(1.7)	38.2
Retailing	8,579	0.8	0.3	Neg
Food & Staples	10,517	(0.1)	(0.2)	34.1
Food & Beverages	5,437	1.6	(0.5)	30.2
Healthcare	5,628	1.6	(0.4)	33.5
Pharma & Bio Tech	5,132	1.0	(0.8)	Neg
Banks	7,568	0.3	(0.3)	17.8
Diversified Financials	4,525	0.7	(1.5)	Neg
Insurance	5,945	0.5	(1.3)	24.5
Telecom	6,972	0.9	1.1	21.7
Utilities	4,586	(0.0)	(0.5)	Neg
REITs	4,285	0.2	(0.0)	Neg
Real Estate	3,012	0.6	(0.3)	Neg
Software & Services	14,467	2.7	2.7	25.3

**Neg: Negative

Average Index Value

Average 5 days	Average 10 days	Average 20 days	Average value traded for the month (bn)
8,695	8,704	8,679	7.49

Market Statistics

	Value Traded (SAR bn)	Volumes (mn shares)	No. of Trades ('000)
Current Week	15.0	510.4	660.0
Previous week	41.7	1,463.7	1,755.1

Top Weighted Companies

Company	Price	Change%
Al Rajhi	73.50	1.1
Saudi Aramco	34.85	0.0
NCB	42.95	-0.2
SABIC	101.00	0.4
STC	107.20	1.1



Regional and International Markets

- Among other regional markets, Dubai and Abu Dhabi increased 2.9% and 0.7%, respectively. Qatar and Oman rose 0.4% each, while Kuwait gained 0.2%. Meanwhile, Bahrain and Egypt declined 0.4% and 0.3%, respectively.
- British Prime Minister Boris Johnson imposed a new national lockdown to limit a surge in COVID-19 cases before a vaccine program reaches a critical mass. (Source: CNBC)
- UK IHS Markit manufacturing PMI rose to a 3-year high of 57.5 in December (consensus: 57.3) compared to 55.6 in November. (Source: Econoday, RTT News)
- Eurozone manufacturing PMI increased to 55.2 in December (consensus: 55.5) from 53.8 in November. The increase was driven by strong growth in output and new orders. (Source: Econoday, RTT News)
- Oil prices declined 1.4% on Monday due to concerns over rising crude oil production and continued subdued demand.
- Gold prices jumped 2.3% on Monday driven by expectations of uninhibited economic stimulus amid hopes Democrats gaining control of US Senate.

Forex / Currency

Currency	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Dollar Index	89.9	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Euro	1.22	0.3	0.3	0.3
Japanese Yen	103.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Sterling Pound	1.36	-0.7	-0.8	-0.8
Chinese Yuan	6.46	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0
Indian Rupee	73.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0
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	0.1	0.1
Omani Rial	0.38	0.0	0.1	0.1
Bahraini Dinar	0.38	0.0	0.1	0.1
Egyptian Pound	15.69	0.0	0.0	0.0

Corporate Calendar

Date	Company	Event
06 th Jan	Sipchem	Cash Dividend Distribution
07 th Jan	SEERA	OGM
11 th Jan	ATAA	OGM
13 th Jan	NCLE	OGM
13 th Jan	SAUDI CABLE	OGM
13 th Jan	UCA	EGM

*EGM: Extra Ordinary Meeting

*OGM: Ordinary General Meeting

Regional Markets

Market	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dubai (DFM)	2,579	2.9	3.5	3.5	12.0
Abu Dhabi (ADX)	5,115	0.7	1.4	1.4	15.0
Kuwait (KSE)	4,561	0.2	0.2	0.2	17.1
Qatar (QE)	10,477	0.4	0.4	0.4	16.8
Oman (MSM)	3,695	0.4	1.0	1.0	9.3
Bahrain (BSE)	1,483	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	9.1
Egypt (EGX30)	10,814	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	8.1

International Markets

Index	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dow Jones	30,224	-1.3	-1.3	-1.3	23.8
Nasdaq	12,698	-1.5	-1.5	-1.5	36.5
S&P 500	3,701	-1.5	-1.5	-1.5	29.6
FTSE 100	6,572	1.7	1.7	1.7	17.4
Germany DAX 30	13,727	0.1	0.1	0.1	24.6
France CAC 40	5,589	0.7	0.7	0.7	57.7
Japan Nikkei 225	27,258	-0.7	-0.7	-0.7	27.3
Russia MICEX	3,351	1.9	1.9	1.9	14.8
Hong Kong Hang Seng	27,473	0.9	0.9	0.9	15.0
South Korea KOSPI	2,944	2.5	2.5	2.5	34.0
China Shanghai Composite	3,503	0.9	0.9	0.9	14.6
Australia ASX 200	6,684	1.5	1.5	1.5	22.5
India Sensex	48,177	0.6	0.9	0.9	30.2
MSCI EM	1,304	1.0	1.0	1.0	25.7
MSCI World	2,670	-0.7	-0.7	-0.7	33.0

Commodity Markets

Commodity	Price	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Arab Light Crude (\$/bbl)	49.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Brent Crude (\$/bbl)	51.1	-1.4	-1.4	-1.4
Texas crude (\$/bbl)	47.6	-1.9	-1.9	-1.9
Natural Gas (\$/mmbtu)	2.58	1.7	1.7	1.7
Gold (\$/oz)	1,943	2.3	2.3	2.3
Silver (\$/oz)	27.2	3.2	3.2	3.2
Steel (\$/ton)	1,023	1.8	1.8	1.8
Iron Ore (CNY/MT)	1,084	0.5	0.5	0.5
Wheat (\$/bu)	642	0.2	0.2	0.2
Corn (\$/bu)	484	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Sugar (\$/lb)	15.8	1.7	1.7	1.7
SMP* (EUR/MT)	2,225	0.0	0.0	0.0

*SMP: Skimmed Milk Powder

Interbank Rates

Region	Rate*	Daily Change(bps)	MTD (bps)	YTD (bps)
USD LIBOR	0.238	0.0	0.0	0.0
Saudi Arabia(SAIBOR)	0.816	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
UAE (EIBOR)	0.450	2.5	-6.2	-6.2
Qatar (QIBOR)	0.955	-1.5	-16.6	-16.6
Bahrain (BHIBOR)	2.250	0.0	0.0	0.0

Data Sources: Tadawul, Bloomberg, Reuters

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

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