



Major Economic News

- Remittances from expatriates in Saudi Arabia rose by 12% Y/Y to SAR 12.1bn in January. Compared to December 2020, remittances from expatriates in Saudi Arabia declined around 10%, or SAR 1.4bn. Expat remittances in January were the lowest since May 2020. (Source: Argaam)
- The Saudi Council of Cooperative Health Insurance announced exempting merged entities from qualification fees for maximum three years as per certain regulations. The new entities are those resulting from the merger between small and medium-sized healthcare services providers. (Source: Argaam)

Major Corporate News

- Fitaihi Holding Group announced that the total value of selling its 9% stake in Al-Jouf Agricultural Development Co. is SAR 200mn. The deal was made through the stock market and without any special conditions. (Source: Argaam)
- The board of directors of Jadwa REIT Saudi Fund approved increasing the fund's total asset value by SAR 370mn to buy a target new real estate asset in Riyadh. (Source: Argaam)
- National Metal Manufacturing and Casting Co. is eyeing new markets in the GCC region, Europe and the US, and exports account for up to 70% of the company's total sales, as per CEO Shaker Al Otaibi. (Source: Argaam)

Market Analysis

- The Saudi Stock Exchange increased 0.7% to 9,310.3. The value traded stood at SAR 14.8bn (down 3.0% over previous day), while the advance-decline ratio stood at 113/77. The parallel market index increased 1.1% to 26,165.6 points. The value traded stood at SAR 27.2mn (unchanged from previous day). Most sectors in the main market ended in the green. Diversified Financials and Real Estate (up 3.1% and 2.2%, respectively) advanced the most; Media and Pharma & Bio Tech (down 0.7% each) led the laggards.

Earnings update (Net Profit) (SAR mn)

Company	Q4-20	Q4-19	Y/Y %	Q3-20	Q/Q %
Bawan Co.	29.9	5.3	464.7	29.6	1.2
Alandalus Property Co.	5.5	14.8	-63.3	3.1	74.1
Southern Province Cement	141.0	162.0	-13.0	150.0	-6.0
Amlak International	22.4	22.0	2.0	23.2	-3.4
Baazeem Trading Company	5.9	5.1	14.4	4.9	20.2

Top Gainers

Company	Price	Change%
SAIC	34.10	10.0
FITAIHI GROUP	22.26	10.0
SSP	30.65	9.9
GACO	28.45	9.9
JAZADCO	23.00	7.1

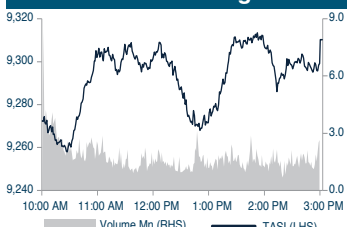
Top Losers

Company	Price	Change%
AWPT	108.80	-6.9
ALYAMAMAH STEEL	38.00	-3.3
ATHEEB TELECOM	36.60	-3.1
DUR	30.25	-3.0
TAPRCO	56.20	-2.9

Saudi Stock Exchange

Index	Closing	High	Low	Daily Change%	YTD %
TASI	9,310	9,315	9,257	0.7	7.1
NomuC	26,166	26,166	25,704	1.1	(0.3)

TASI movement during session



TASI P/E Ratios

P/E (Tadawul)	29.7
P/E (Bloomberg)	36.8
P/E*	44.2
P/E after exclusions*	42.6
P/E ex. loss-making comp.*	25.1
P/E: top 50 MCAP*	30.5

*Source: Argaam (Excluding Aramco)

Index	Close	Daily Change%	YTD %	PE (TTM)
Energy	5,422	1.5	0.7	33.3
Materials	6,280	0.9	9.3	High
Capital Goods	7,126	(0.6)	9.0	Neg
Commercial Service	4,148	(0.0)	2.2	High
Transportation	5,343	(0.6)	10.3	Neg
Consumer Durables	6,377	1.8	11.4	Neg
Consumer Services	4,229	(0.4)	(0.9)	29.8
Media	10,235	(0.7)	0.2	39.0
Retailing	8,833	1.4	3.2	Neg
Food & Staples	10,494	0.5	(0.4)	33.0
Food & Beverages	5,313	0.3	(2.8)	29.1
Healthcare	5,901	(0.0)	4.4	35.9
Pharma & Bio Tech	5,310	(0.7)	2.7	Neg
Banks	8,461	0.3	11.5	19.8
Diversified Financials	5,981	3.1	30.2	Neg
Insurance	6,144	0.4	2.0	25.0
Telecom	7,437	0.2	7.8	23.4
Utilities	4,641	1.3	0.7	Neg
REITs	4,396	0.8	2.6	Neg
Real Estate	3,090	2.2	2.3	Neg
Software & Services	18,757	0.8	33.1	32.9

**Neg: Negative

Average Index Value

Average 5 days	Average 10 days	Average 20 days	Average value traded for the month (bn)
9,168	9,127	8,994	14.40

Market Statistics

	Value Traded (SAR bn)	Volumes (mn shares)	No. of Trades ('000)
Current Week	55.0	2,007.9	2,215.9
Previous week	72.7	2,156.9	2,731.7

Top Weighted Companies

Company	Price	Change%
Al Rajhi	89.70	0.2
Saudi Aramco	35.05	1.7
NCB	49.85	-0.1
SABIC	107.20	2.3
STC	117.80	0.3



Regional and International Markets

- Among other regional markets, Dubai increased 0.8%, while Abu Dhabi decreased 0.2%. Oman and Bahrain rose 0.6% and 0.3%, respectively; while Egypt and Qatar declined 0.7% and 0.2%, respectively. Meanwhile, Kuwait remained flat.
- According to EIA, oil inventories in the US rose 21.6mn barrels (prior: up 1.3mn) to 484.6mn in the week ended February 26. Distillate inventories decreased 9.7mn barrels (prior: down 5.0mn) to 143.0mn, while gasoline inventories fell 13.6mn barrels (prior: unchanged) to 243.5mn. (Source: EIA, Econoday)
- US ISM services PMI fell to 55.3 in February (consensus: 58.7) from 58.7 in January. The decrease was partly due to a slower growth in new orders, as the new orders index dropped to 51.9 in February from 61.8 in January. (Source: Econoday, RTT News)
- UK's services PMI increased to 49.5 in February (consensus: 49.7) compared to an eight-month low of 39.5 in January. Although the contraction continued in services sector, it was the slowest in last four months. (Source: Econoday, RTT News)
- Oil prices jumped 2.2% driven by a decrease in US fuel inventories and expectations that OPEC+ may not increase output levels in April.
- Gold prices declined 1.6% due to continued pressure from higher bond yields and stronger US dollar.

Forex / Currency

Currency	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Dollar Index	90.9	0.2	0.1	1.1
Euro	1.21	-0.2	-0.1	-1.2
Japanese Yen	107.0	0.3	0.4	3.6
Sterling Pound	1.40	0.0	0.2	2.0
Chinese Yuan	6.47	0.0	-0.1	-0.9
Indian Rupee	72.9	-0.4	-1.3	-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	0.0	0.0	-0.4
Omani Rial	0.38	0.0	0.0	0.1
Bahraini Dinar	0.38	0.0	0.1	0.1
Egyptian Pound	15.62	-0.1	-0.2	-0.4

Corporate Calendar

Date	Company	Event
04 th Mar	ALJOUF	OGM
04 th Mar	Enaya	OGM
08 th Mar	ALANDALUS	OGM
09 th Mar	TADCO	EGM
10 th Mar	SWICORP WABEL REIT	OGM
15 th Mar	YCC	Cash Dividend Distribution

*EGM: Extra Ordinary Meeting

*OGM: Ordinary General Meeting

Regional Markets

Market	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dubai (DFM)	2,590	0.8	1.5	3.9	21.2
Abu Dhabi (ADX)	5,700	-0.2	0.6	13.0	16.6
Kuwait (KSE)	4,662	0.0	0.2	2.4	14.7
Qatar (QE)	10,044	-0.2	-1.0	-3.8	17.7
Oman (MSM)	3,645	0.6	0.9	-0.4	9.2
Bahrain (BSE)	1,474	0.3	0.5	-1.1	9.1
Egypt (EGX30)	11,393	-0.7	-1.1	5.1	9.5

International Markets

Index	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dow Jones	31,270	-0.4	1.1	2.2	23.8
Nasdaq	12,998	-2.7	-1.5	0.8	35.1
S&P 500	3,820	-1.3	0.2	1.7	29.5
FTSE 100	6,675	0.9	3.0	3.3	18.9
Germany DAX 30	14,080	0.3	2.1	2.6	22.6
France CAC 40	5,830	0.3	2.2	5.0	55.0
Japan Nikkei 225	29,559	0.5	2.0	7.7	25.0
Russia MICEX	3,416	0.2	2.1	3.9	13.2
Hong Kong Hang Seng	29,880	2.7	3.1	9.7	16.3
South Korea KOSPI	3,083	1.3	2.3	7.3	28.3
China Shanghai Composite	3,577	1.9	1.9	3.0	14.8
Australia ASX 200	6,818	0.8	2.2	3.5	22.2
India Sensex	51,445	2.3	4.8	7.7	32.0
MSCI EM	1,378	1.4	2.9	6.7	25.1
MSCI World	2,742	-1.0	0.5	1.9	33.5

Commodity Markets

Commodity	Price	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Arab Light Crude (\$/bbl)	62.2	-0.8	-3.1	24.7
Brent Crude (\$/bbl)	64.1	2.2	-3.1	23.7
Texas crude (\$/bbl)	61.3	2.6	-0.4	26.3
Natural Gas (\$/mmbtu)	2.82	-0.8	1.6	10.9
Gold (\$/oz)	1,711	-1.6	-1.3	-9.9
Silver (\$/oz)	26.1	-2.5	-2.0	-1.1
Steel (\$/ton)	1,266	-0.3	0.2	26.0
Iron Ore (CNY/MT)	1,238	0.0	-1.1	14.7
Wheat (\$/bu)	652	-1.7	-0.5	1.8
Corn (\$/bu)	550	-1.9	-0.9	13.7
Sugar (\$/lb)	16.1	-1.8	-7.9	4.2
SMP* (EUR/MT)	2,400	0.3	0.5	7.9

*SMP: Skimmed Milk Powder

Interbank Rates

Region	Rate*	Daily Change(bps)	MTD (bps)	YTD (bps)
USD LIBOR	0.183	-0.1	-0.5	-5.5
Saudi Arabia(SAIBOR)	0.799	-0.1	-0.1	-1.9
UAE (EIBOR)	0.349	4.4	4.2	-16.4
Qatar (QIBOR)	0.952	-0.9	-1.8	-16.8
Bahrain (BHIBOR)	1.942	0.0	0.0	-30.8

Data Sources: Tadawul, Bloomberg, Reuters

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

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