



## Major Economic News

- Minister of Industry and Mineral Resources and chairman of the Saudi Export Development Authority, Bandar Alkhorayef, will launch "Made in Saudi Arabia" program on March 28. The program aims to support domestic products and services at both local and global levels. (Source: Argaam)
- The point-of-sale transactions dropped 13% to SAR 8.6bn in the week ending March 13, 2021, from SAR 9.9bn in the previous week. A total of 87.8mn transactions were processed during the week. (Source: Argaam)

## Major Corporate News

- Arabian Centres is planning a sale of USD 500mn sukuk, which is expected to be issued before the month of Ramadan. Proceeds from the planned debt sale will be used to refinance outstanding debt and to back expansion plans. (Source: Argaam)
- National Building & Marketing Co. (NBM) completed the full acquisition of Ajeej Steel Manufacturing Co. Ltd. for a total value of SAR 180mn. The acquisition is part of NBM's strategy to develop its investments in industrial projects. (Source: Argaam)
- Middle East Paper Co.'s achieved record levels of production and sales in FY20, as per chief executive officer Sami Ali Al Safran. He added that the company's operating rates exceeded 92% to meet the surprise increase in demand in H1-20 compared to 82% for peers in FY20. (Source: Argaam)
- Jarir Marketing Co.'s board of directors recommended a 23.5% cash dividend for Q4-20, at SAR 2.35 per share, amounting to SAR 282mn. (Source: Argaam)

## Market Analysis

- The Saudi Stock Exchange decreased 0.6% to 9,602.3. The value traded stood at SAR 11.2bn (down 31.9% over previous day), while the advance-decline ratio stood at 71/118. The parallel market index increased 0.5% to 23,828.7 points. The value traded stood at SAR 24.6mn (down 17.9% over previous day). Most sectors in the main market ended in the red. Commercial Service and Consumer Services (up 0.9% and 0.6%, respectively) advanced the most; Software & Services and Telecom (down 2.7% and 2.0%, respectively) led the laggards.

## Top Gainers

Company	Price	Change%
ALHOKAIR GROUP	24.06	10.0
ALJAZIRA REIT	24.00	4.2
EIC	28.80	4.0
SAUDI RE	14.40	3.6
ALOMRAN	108.00	3.3

## Top Losers

Company	Price	Change%
SAPTCO	25.85	-8.7
ALJOUF	74.20	-7.4
ALYAMAMAH STEEL	40.00	-6.5
KEC	17.70	-5.7
SAIC	40.15	-3.8

## Saudi Stock Exchange

Index	Closing	High	Low	Daily Change%	YTD %
TASI	9,602	9,674	9,567	(0.6)	10.5
NomuC	23,829	24,205	23,619	0.5	(9.2)

## TASI movement during session



## TASI Ratios

P/E (x)	37.4
Price-to-Book (x)	2.3
Dividend Yield (%)	2.2
Return on Equity (%)	6.0

\*Source: Bloomberg

Index	Close	Daily Change%	YTD %	PE (TTM)
Energy	5,510	(0.5)	2.3	33.8
Materials	6,406	(0.7)	11.5	High
Capital Goods	7,384	0.2	12.9	Neg
Commercial Service	4,125	0.9	1.6	High
Transportation	5,547	(1.9)	14.5	Neg
Consumer Durables	6,583	(1.0)	15.0	Neg
Consumer Services	4,344	0.6	1.8	30.2
Media	10,066	(0.7)	(1.5)	38.3
Retailing	8,925	0.5	4.3	Neg
Food & Staples	10,952	(1.4)	3.9	34.1
Food & Beverages	5,338	0.4	(2.3)	29.4
Healthcare	5,877	(0.1)	4.0	35.5
Pharma & Bio Tech	5,231	0.4	1.1	Neg
Banks	8,976	(0.7)	18.3	20.9
Diversified Financials	6,292	(1.7)	36.9	Neg
Insurance	6,086	0.5	1.0	24.7
Telecom	7,430	(2.0)	7.7	23.2
Utilities	4,664	0.3	1.2	Neg
REITs	4,411	0.0	2.9	Neg
Real Estate	3,197	(0.0)	5.9	Neg
Software & Services	18,310	(2.7)	29.9	32.2

\*\*Neg: Negative

## Average Index Value

Average 5 days	Average 10 days	Average 20 days	Average value traded for the month (bn)
9,632	9,520	9,334	14.30

## Market Statistics

	Value Traded (SAR bn)	Volumes (mn shares)	No. of Trades ('000)
Current Week	55.1	2,158.3	2,103.9
Previous week	73.8	2,719.4	2,846.9

## Top Weighted Companies

Company	Price	Change%
Al Rajhi	95.30	-0.9
Saudi Aramco	35.50	-0.6
NCB	51.50	-0.6
SABIC	110.00	-1.3
STC	116.00	-2.5



## Regional and International Markets

- Among other regional markets, Dubai and Abu Dhabi decreased 0.8% and 0.1%, respectively. Kuwait rose 0.4%, while Egypt, Qatar, Bahrain and Oman declined 1.1%, 0.8%, 0.4% and 0.1%, respectively.
- US Federal Reserve estimated GDP growth of 6.5% in FY21, while inflation is expected to increase to 2.4% this year. However, the central bank indicated that it did not expect to hike the interest rate through FY23. (Source: Reuters)
- According to EIA, oil inventories in the US rose 2.4mn barrels (prior: up 13.8mn) to 500.8mn in the week ended March 12. Distillate inventories increased 0.3mn barrels (prior: down 5.5mn) to 137.7mn, while gasoline inventories rose 0.5mn barrels (prior: down 11.9mn) to 232.1mn. (Source: EIA, Econoday)
- US housing starts declined 10.3% to an annual rate of 1.421mn in February (consensus: 1.570mn) compared to 1.584mn in January. The steep decline in housing starts was on account of a fall of 8.5% single-family starts and 15.0% decrease in multi-family starts. (Source: Econoday, RTT News)
- Oil prices fell 0.6%, as IEA said that it will take at least two years more for global demand to return to pre-pandemic levels.
- Gold prices increased 0.8% driven by the decline in bond yields, as US Fed signaled that it will not hike the interest rates till FY23.

## Forex / Currency

Currency	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Dollar Index	91.4	-0.5	0.6	1.7
Euro	1.20	0.7	-0.8	-1.9
Japanese Yen	108.8	-0.1	2.1	5.4
Sterling Pound	1.40	0.5	0.2	2.1
Chinese Yuan	6.50	0.0	0.5	-0.3
Indian Rupee	72.6	0.1	-1.8	-0.7
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	-0.2	-0.6
Omani Rial	0.38	0.0	0.1	0.1
Bahraini Dinar	0.38	0.0	0.1	0.1
Egyptian Pound	15.66	0.1	0.1	-0.2

## Corporate Calendar

Date	Company	Event
21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	City Cement	Cash Dividend Distribution
28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	NORTHERN CEMENT	Cash Dividend Distribution
29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Taiba	OGM
30 <sup>th</sup> Mar	ANB	OGM
30 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Saudi Ceramics	OGM
30 <sup>th</sup> Mar	APC	OGM

\*EGM: Extra Ordinary Meeting

\*OGM: Ordinary General Meeting

## Regional Markets

Market	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dubai (DFM)	2,601	-0.8	1.9	4.4	21.3
Abu Dhabi (ADX)	5,746	-0.1	1.5	13.9	16.7
Kuwait (KSE)	4,692	0.4	0.9	3.1	14.9
Qatar (QE)	10,211	-0.8	0.6	-2.2	18.2
Oman (MSM)	3,738	-0.1	3.5	2.2	9.4
Bahrain (BSE)	1,459	-0.4	-0.5	-2.0	9.1
Egypt (EGX30)	11,068	-1.1	-4.0	2.1	9.3

## International Markets

Index	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dow Jones	33,015	0.6	6.7	7.9	24.8
Nasdaq	13,525	0.4	2.5	4.9	35.3
S&P 500	3,974	0.3	4.3	5.8	30.0
FTSE 100	6,763	-0.6	4.3	4.7	19.2
Germany DAX 30	14,597	0.3	5.9	6.4	22.6
France CAC 40	6,055	0.0	6.2	9.1	57.3
Japan Nikkei 225	29,914	0.0	3.3	9.0	25.2
Russia MICEX	3,508	-2.3	4.8	6.7	14.3
Hong Kong Hang Seng	29,034	0.0	0.2	6.6	15.9
South Korea KOSPI	3,048	-0.6	1.1	6.1	28.3
China Shanghai Composite	3,446	0.0	-1.8	-0.8	14.2
Australia ASX 200	6,795	-0.5	1.8	3.2	22.0
India Sensex	49,802	-1.1	1.4	4.3	31.0
MSCI EM	1,343	-0.5	0.3	4.0	24.5
MSCI World	2,827	0.1	3.7	5.1	34.4

## Commodity Markets

Commodity	Price	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Arab Light Crude (\$/bbl)	67.0	-0.3	4.3	34.2
Brent Crude (\$/bbl)	68.0	-0.6	2.8	31.3
Texas crude (\$/bbl)	64.6	-0.3	5.0	33.1
Natural Gas (\$/mmbtu)	2.53	-1.3	-8.8	-0.4
Gold (\$/oz)	1,745	0.8	0.7	-8.1
Silver (\$/oz)	26.3	1.4	-1.1	-0.1
Steel (\$/ton)	1,258	0.0	-0.5	25.2
Iron Ore (CNY/MT)	1,174	0.3	-6.2	8.8
Wheat (\$/bu)	640	-1.1	-2.3	-0.1
Corn (\$/bu)	558	0.7	0.5	15.3
Sugar (\$/lb)	16.0	-1.9	-8.8	3.2
SMP* (EUR/MT)	2,484	1.4	4.1	11.6

\*SMP: Skimmed Milk Powder

## Interbank Rates

Region	Rate*	Daily Change(bps)	MTD (bps)	YTD (bps)
USD LIBOR	0.190	0.8	0.2	-4.8
Saudi Arabia(SAIBOR)	0.796	0.0	-0.4	-2.1
UAE (EIBOR)	0.375	2.5	6.8	-13.7
Qatar (QIBOR)	0.975	-0.8	0.2	-14.6
Bahrain (BHIBOR)	1.658	0.0	-28.3	-59.2

Data Sources: Tadawul, Bloomberg, Reuters

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

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