



## Major Economic News

- The Saudi Customs Authority announced the launch of a new service, through which importers will be allowed to file for postponing the payment of customs tariffs and tax for 30 days as of the date of clearing. It added that the postponement will be either through the provision of a bank guarantee or a promissory note. (Source: Argaam)

## Major Corporate News

- Al Mashaar REIT Fund signed an MoU to invest SAR 135mn in a commercial building, i-Offices, in Riyadh. The REIT intends to acquire three towers on a fully occupied basis, with total annual rent of SAR 10.5mn. (Source: Argaam)
- Saudi Real Estate Co.'s affiliate, Saudi Real Estate Infrastructure Co. signed a contract with Saudi Entertainment Ventures Co. to carry out the preparatory work on the entertainment complex project in Riyadh. The contract is valued at SAR 104.7mn for 7.5 months. The project's financial impact will be reflected on the company's Q1-21 to Q4-21 statements. (Source: Argaam)
- Middle East Paper Co. renewed a Shariah-compliant bank facility agreement worth SAR 93mn with Samba Financial Group. The revolving credit facility agreement is renewable every year at the end of June. The facility is secured by a promissory note, equivalent to facility value, in favor of the bank. (Source: Argaam)
- Shareholders of National Commercial Bank (NCB) and Samba Financial Group approved the merger of both banks. Shareholders also approved increasing NCB's capital from SAR 30bn to SAR 44.8bn, as per the agreement. (Source: Argaam)

## Market Analysis

- The Saudi Stock Exchange decreased 0.1% to 9,138.4. The value traded stood at SAR 13.1bn (up 11.0% over previous day), while the advance-decline ratio stood at 119/74. The parallel market index increased 1.5% to 25,824.7 points. The value traded stood at SAR 46.8mn (up 12.9% over previous day). Most sectors in the main market ended in the green. Diversified Financials and Insurance (up 5.7% and 1.7%, respectively) advanced the most; Software & Services and Telecom (down 2.3% and 1.4%, respectively) led the laggards.

## Earnings update (Net Profit) (SAR mn)

Company	Q4-20	Q4-19	Y/Y %	Q3-20	Q/Q %
Saudi Paper Mfg, Co.	6.2	-11.4	NM	4.0	56.8

## Top Gainers

Company	Price	Change%
AWPT	93.60	30.0
ALABDULLATIF	17.18	10.0
SAIC	28.20	9.9
ASEER	24.56	9.9
ALAKARIA	17.04	9.9

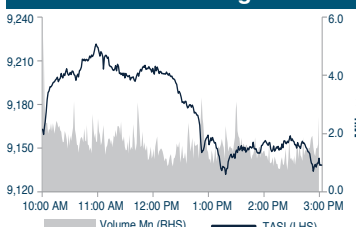
## Top Losers

Company	Price	Change%
FITAIHI GROUP	20.32	-4.6
ALBILAD	31.15	-4.3
ACC	40.80	-3.9
YCC	44.60	-3.8
ALJOUF	77.00	-3.6

## Saudi Stock Exchange

Index	Closing	High	Low	Daily Change%	YTD %
TASI	9,138	9,223	9,132	(0.1)	5.2
NomuC	25,825	25,881	25,467	1.5	(1.6)

## TASI movement during session



## TASI P/E Ratios

P/E (Tadawul)	29.2
P/E (Bloomberg)	35.7
P/E*	43.5
P/E after exclusions*	41.9
P/E ex. loss-making comp.*	24.6
P/E: top 50 MCAP*	29.9

\*Source: Argaam (Excluding Aramco)

Index	Close	Daily Change%	YTD %	PE (TTM)
Energy	5,340	0.1	(0.9)	32.8
Materials	6,184	0.6	7.6	High
Capital Goods	7,147	0.4	9.3	Neg
Commercial Service	4,103	(0.0)	1.1	High
Transportation	5,267	0.6	8.7	Neg
Consumer Durables	6,269	0.4	9.6	Neg
Consumer Services	4,171	1.0	(2.3)	29.4
Media	10,208	(0.3)	(0.1)	38.9
Retailing	8,638	0.5	1.0	Neg
Food & Staples	10,472	(0.5)	(0.6)	33.0
Food & Beverages	5,225	(0.9)	(4.4)	28.8
Healthcare	5,833	0.6	3.2	35.4
Pharma & Bio Tech	5,356	0.9	3.6	Neg
Banks	8,260	(0.7)	8.8	19.3
Diversified Financials	5,718	5.7	24.4	Neg
Insurance	6,120	1.7	1.6	25.2
Telecom	7,334	(1.4)	6.3	23.0
Utilities	4,558	(0.4)	(1.1)	Neg
REITs	4,327	0.6	1.0	Neg
Real Estate	2,997	1.5	(0.8)	Neg
Software & Services	18,571	(2.3)	31.8	32.4

\*\*Neg: Negative

## Average Index Value

Average 5 days	Average 10 days	Average 20 days	Average value traded for the month (bn)
9,149	9,112	8,963	13.14

## Market Statistics

	Value Traded (SAR bn)	Volumes (mn shares)	No. of Trades ('000)
Current Week	25.0	906.3	1,026.8
Previous week	72.7	2,156.9	2,731.7

## Top Weighted Companies

Company	Price	Change%
Al Rajhi	87.30	-2.3
Saudi Aramco	34.50	0.1
NCB	48.30	2.2
SABIC	104.20	0.8
STC	115.60	-1.5



## Regional and International Markets

- Among other regional markets, Dubai and Abu Dhabi remained flat. Qatar, Kuwait, Bahrain and Oman rose 0.6%, 0.5%, 0.4% and 0.3%, respectively. Meanwhile, Egypt remained flat.
- US ISM manufacturing PMI rose to 60.8 in February (consensus: 58.9) from 58.7 in January. The higher-than-expected increase by the headline index was driven by rise in the new orders index to 64.8 in February versus 61.1 in January. (Source: Econoday, RTT News)
- UK's seasonally adjusted CIPS PMI rose to 55.1 in February (consensus: 54.9) compared to 54.1 in January. Output growth was the slowest in past nine months, as supply chain disruptions and raw material shortages pushed input cost inflation to its highest rate for over four years (Source: Econoday, RTT News)
- The unemployment rate in Japan remained unchanged at a seasonally adjusted 2.9% in January (consensus: 3.0%). The jobs-to-applicant ratio stood at 1.10 (consensus: 1.06). The participation rate was 61.8% in January compared to 62.0% a month earlier. (Source: Econoday, RTT News)
- Oil prices plunged 3.7% due to concerns that OPEC+ will increase output levels for April during their meeting scheduled later this week.
- Gold prices fell 0.5%, as the yellow metal continued to show weakness amid increased levels of bond yields.

## Forex / Currency

Currency	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Dollar Index	91.0	0.2	0.2	1.2
Euro	1.20	-0.2	-0.2	-1.4
Japanese Yen	106.8	0.2	0.2	3.4
Sterling Pound	1.39	-0.1	-0.1	1.8
Chinese Yuan	6.46	-0.1	-0.1	-0.9
Indian Rupee	73.4	-0.7	-0.7	0.5
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	0.1	0.1	0.1
Bahraini Dinar	0.38	0.1	0.1	0.1
Egyptian Pound	15.68	0.2	0.2	-0.1

## Corporate Calendar

Date	Company	Event
03 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	ASLAK	Cash Dividend Distribution
03 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	APC	EGM
04 <sup>th</sup> Mar	ALJOUF	OGM
04 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Enaya	OGM
08 <sup>th</sup> Mar	ALANDALUS	OGM
09 <sup>th</sup> Mar	TADCO	EGM

\*EGM: Extra Ordinary Meeting

\*OGM: Ordinary General Meeting

## Regional Markets

Market	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dubai (DFM)	2,552	0.0	0.0	2.4	20.9
Abu Dhabi (ADX)	5,663	0.0	0.0	12.2	16.4
Kuwait (KSE)	4,673	0.5	0.5	2.7	14.6
Qatar (QE)	10,210	0.6	0.6	-2.2	18.0
Oman (MSM)	3,622	0.3	0.3	-1.0	9.2
Bahrain (BSE)	1,472	0.4	0.4	-1.2	9.1
Egypt (EGX30)	11,521	0.0	0.0	6.2	9.3

## International Markets

Index	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dow Jones	31,536	1.9	1.9	3.0	23.6
Nasdaq	13,589	3.0	3.0	5.4	34.6
S&P 500	3,902	2.4	2.4	3.9	29.0
FTSE 100	6,589	1.6	1.6	2.0	18.8
Germany DAX 30	14,013	1.6	1.6	2.1	22.6
France CAC 40	5,793	1.6	1.6	4.3	54.5
Japan Nikkei 225	29,664	2.4	2.4	8.1	25.1
Russia MICEX	3,386	1.2	1.2	3.0	13.5
Hong Kong Hang Seng	29,453	1.6	1.6	8.2	16.1
South Korea KOSPI	3,013	0.0	0.0	4.9	27.6
China Shanghai Composite	3,551	1.2	1.2	2.3	14.7
Australia ASX 200	6,790	1.7	1.7	3.1	22.1
India Sensex	49,850	1.5	1.5	4.4	31.0
MSCI EM	1,362	1.7	1.7	5.5	24.9
MSCI World	2,784	2.1	2.1	3.5	34.0

## Commodity Markets

Commodity	Price	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Arab Light Crude (\$/bbl)	65.1	1.3	1.3	30.4
Brent Crude (\$/bbl)	63.7	-3.7	-3.7	23.0
Texas crude (\$/bbl)	60.6	-1.4	-1.4	25.0
Natural Gas (\$/mmbtu)	2.78	0.2	0.2	9.4
Gold (\$/oz)	1,725	-0.5	-0.5	-9.1
Silver (\$/oz)	26.5	-0.4	-0.4	0.6
Steel (\$/ton)	1,260	-0.3	-0.3	25.4
Iron Ore (CNY/MT)	1,257	0.4	0.4	16.5
Wheat (\$/bu)	644	-1.7	-1.7	0.5
Corn (\$/bu)	548	-1.4	-1.4	13.1
Sugar (\$/lb)	16.2	-7.5	-7.5	4.6
SMP* (EUR/MT)	2,393	0.3	0.3	7.6

\*SMP: Skimmed Milk Powder

## Interbank Rates

Region	Rate*	Daily Change(bps)	MTD (bps)	YTD (bps)
USD LIBOR	0.188	0.0	0.0	-5.0
Saudi Arabia(SAIBOR)	0.800	0.0	0.0	-1.8
UAE (EIBOR)	0.335	2.9	2.9	-17.7
Qatar (QIBOR)	1.033	6.4	6.4	-8.7
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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