



## Major Economic News

- Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Investment issued 478 new licenses to foreign companies in Q1-21, a rise of 39% from 351 licenses a year earlier. The number of new foreign investment projects in Saudi Arabia increased by 26% on a Q/Q basis from 446. This was the fourth consecutive rise in the number of new foreign investment projects since Q2-20. (Source: Argaam)

## Major Corporate News

- Albilad Capital, the investment arm of Bank Albilad, announced its success in participating in arranging sukuk issuances for major Saudi companies with a value exceeding SAR 28.0bn during H1-21. (Source: Argaam)
- The continuation of global shipping crisis for a longer-than-expected period since the onset of the pandemic, is beginning to impact the availability of some goods, according to Chief Executive Officer of Saudi Company for Hardware. (Source: Argaam)
- Al Kathiri Holding Co. said that its subsidiary, Alian Industry Co., signed a Shariah-compliant agreement worth SAR 6mn with Riyad Bank to provide credit facilities. The facility will be used to finance the company's working capital and to meet other requirements. (Source: Argaam)

## Market Analysis

- The Saudi Stock Exchange increased 0.9% to 11,299.9. The value traded stood at SAR 7.4bn (down 13.4% over previous day), while the advance-decline ratio stood at 89/91. The parallel market index increased 0.5% to 24,621.0 points. The value traded stood at SAR 63.7mn (up 152.8% over previous day). Most sectors in the main market ended in the green. Consumer Services and Banks (up 2.1% and 1.7%, respectively) advanced the most; Insurance and Pharma & Bio Tech (down 2.1% and 0.5%, respectively) led the laggards.

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

Company	Q2-21	Q2-20	Y/Y %	Q1-21	Q/Q %
National Medical Care Co.	30.7	25.8	19.2	35.7	-14.0
Qassim Cement Co.	100.2	85.5	17.2	100.9	-0.7
Methanol Chemicals Co.	60.2	-313	NM	29.9	101.4
Abo Moati*	1.9	-1.8	NM	0.8	130.1
Jarir Marketing Company	189.2	208.4	-9.2	267.6	-29.3
Al Rajhi Takaful	45.7	95.7	-52.3	68.5	-33.3
Tawuniya	165.9	210.1	-21.0	80.8	105.3

## Top Gainers

Company	Price	Change%
TANMIAH	107.40	9.9
ATAA	65.50	9.9
NCLE	68.80	8.2
ALBILAD	41.20	5.2
ALKHALEEJ TRNG	31.00	4.0

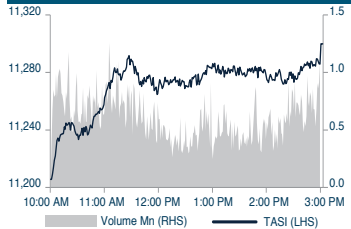
## Top Losers

Company	Price	Change%
TAWUNIYA	95.30	-4.5
BUPA ARABIA	162.00	-4.1
MEDGULF	25.50	-3.4
ATC	38.70	-3.1
ALHAMMADI	41.65	-2.9

## Saudi Stock Exchange

Index	Closing	High	Low	Daily Change%	YTD %
TASI	11,300	11,300	11,198	0.9	30.0
NomuC	24,621	24,621	24,258	0.5	(6.2)

## TASI movement during session



## TASI Ratios

P/E* (x)	28.0
Price-to-Book (x)	2.4
Dividend Yield (%)	1.8
Return on Equity (%)	16.7

Source: Argaam  
\* Excluding Aramco

Index	Close	Daily Change%	YTD %	PE (TTM)
Energy	5,542	(0.0)	2.9	34.9
Materials	7,512	0.8	30.7	High
Capital Goods	9,244	(0.1)	41.4	High
Commercial Service	4,393	0.9	8.2	Neg
Transportation	6,345	0.3	31.0	Neg
Consumer Durables	8,184	0.0	43.0	High
Consumer Services	5,160	2.1	20.9	Neg
Media	20,105	(0.3)	96.8	High
Retailing	10,855	1.5	26.9	Neg
Food & Staples	10,053	0.1	(4.6)	31.3
Food & Beverages	5,877	1.0	7.6	32.8
Healthcare	8,600	1.0	52.1	49.6
Pharma & Bio Tech	7,335	(0.5)	41.8	High
Banks	10,910	1.7	43.8	27.6
Diversified Financials	7,977	(0.1)	73.6	Neg
Insurance	7,413	(2.1)	23.0	32.2
Telecom	8,535	0.1	23.7	25.6
Utilities	5,729	1.0	24.3	15.4
REITs	5,083	(0.2)	18.6	High
Real Estate	3,629	0.3	20.2	Neg
Software & Services	27,169	(1.8)	92.8	High

\*\*Neg: Negative

## Average Index Value

Average 5 days	Average 10 days	Average 20 days	Average value traded for the month (bn)
11,217	11,146	10,982	7.69

## Market Statistics

	Value Traded (SAR bn)	Volumes (mn shares)	No. of Trades ('000)
Current Week	23.3	620.9	946.2
Previous week	38.2	1,186.4	1,589.2

## Top Weighted Companies

Company	Price	Change%
Al Rajhi	119.00	0.7
SNB	59.60	3.5
Saudi Aramco	35.15	0.0
SABIC	123.20	1.1
STC	137.20	0.1



## REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MARKETS

- Among other regional markets, Dubai and Abu Dhabi decreased 0.2% each. Egypt, Bahrain and Kuwait rose 0.5%, 0.4% and 0.3%, respectively; while Qatar declined 0.3%. Meanwhile, Oman remained closed.
- US labor productivity jumped by 2.3% in Q2-21 (consensus: a rise of 3.5%) compared to an increase of a downwardly revised 4.3% in Q1-21. The Lower-than-expected increase in productivity was due to a 5.5% jump in number of hours worked. Total output increased by 7.9%. (Source: RTT News)
- UK's total retail sales grew 6.4% Y/Y in July, while like-for-like sales increased 4.7% Y/Y. The growth in retail sales slowed down despite the lifting of restrictions, as consumers were reluctant to visit shops amid wet weather. The reopening of the hospitality and leisure sectors also weighed on consumer spending in the retail sector. (Source: RTT News)
- Oil prices jumped 2.3% due to rising fuel demand in the US, despite increasing COVID-19 cases. Moreover, expectations of a drawdown in US oil inventories also supported the prices.
- Gold prices fell 0.1%, as firmer US dollar and rising bond yields weakened demand for the yellow metal.

## Forex / Currency

Currency	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Dollar Index	93.1	0.1	1.0	3.5
Euro	1.17	-0.2	-1.3	-4.1
Japanese Yen	110.6	0.3	0.8	7.1
Sterling Pound	1.38	0.0	-0.4	1.2
Chinese Yuan	6.49	0.0	0.4	-0.6
Indian Rupee	74.4	-0.1	0.1	1.9
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	-1.0
Omani Rial	0.38	0.0	0.0	0.1
Bahraini Dinar	0.38	0.0	0.0	0.1
Egyptian Pound	15.65	0.0	-0.1	-0.3

## Corporate Calendar

Date	Company	Event
15 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Saudi Ceramics	Cash Dividend Distribution
17 <sup>th</sup> Aug	ASLAK	Cash Dividend Distribution
17 <sup>th</sup> Aug	YCC	Cash Dividend Distribution
18 <sup>th</sup> Aug	UCA	OGM
19 <sup>th</sup> Aug	DERAYAH REIT	Cash Dividend Distribution
19 <sup>th</sup> Aug	SABB	Cash Dividend Distribution

\*EGM: Extra Ordinary Meeting

\*OGM: Ordinary General Meeting

## Regional Markets

Market	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dubai (DFM)	2,817	-0.2	1.8	13.0	20.4
Abu Dhabi (ADX)	7,559	-0.2	3.3	49.8	19.2
Kuwait (KSE)	5,431	0.3	-0.1	19.3	14.8
Qatar (QE)	10,913	-0.3	1.5	4.6	15.8
Oman (MSM)	4,000	0.0	-0.8	9.3	10.3
Bahrain (BSE)	1,618	0.4	1.3	8.6	13.0
Egypt (EGX30)	10,854	0.5	1.0	0.1	8.6

## International Markets

Index	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dow Jones	35,265	0.5	0.9	15.2	20.6
Nasdaq	14,788	-0.5	0.8	14.7	31.5
S&P 500	4,437	0.1	0.9	18.1	26.3
FTSE 100	7,161	0.4	1.8	10.8	15.0
Germany DAX 30	15,771	0.2	1.5	15.0	15.5
France CAC 40	6,820	0.1	3.1	22.9	23.9
Japan Nikkei 225	27,888	0.2	2.2	1.6	15.0
Russia MOEX	3,862	0.7	2.4	17.4	9.8
Hong Kong Hang Seng	26,606	1.2	2.5	-2.3	13.8
South Korea KOSPI	3,243	-0.5	1.3	12.9	17.4
China Shanghai Composite	3,530	1.0	3.9	1.6	12.2
Australia ASX 200	7,563	0.3	2.3	14.8	21.5
India Sensex	54,555	0.3	3.7	14.2	27.4
MSCI EM	1,300	0.5	1.8	0.7	17.4
MSCI World	3,099	0.1	1.0	15.2	24.6

## Commodity Markets

Commodity	Price	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Arab Light Crude (\$/bbl)	71.4	-2.6	-5.4	43.0
Brent Crude (\$/bbl)	70.6	2.3	-7.5	36.4
Texas crude (\$/bbl)	68.3	2.7	-7.7	40.7
Natural Gas (\$/mmbtu)	4.09	0.7	4.5	61.0
Gold (\$/oz)	1,729	-0.1	-4.7	-8.9
Silver (\$/oz)	23.3	-0.5	-8.4	-11.5
Steel (\$/ton)	1,883	-0.1	-0.3	87.4
Iron Ore (CNY/MT)	1,135	0.0	10.0	5.2
Wheat (\$/bu)	727	2.2	3.3	13.5
Corn (\$/bu)	549	-0.2	0.4	13.5
Sugar (\$/lb)	19.6	6.1	9.4	26.5
SMP* (EUR/MT)	2,500	0.0	1.6	12.4

\*SMP: Skimmed Milk Powder

## Interbank Rates

Region	Rate*	Daily Change(bps)	MTD (bps)	YTD (bps)
USD LIBOR	0.127	-0.1	1.0	-11.1
Saudi Arabia (SAIBOR)	0.794	0.0	0.0	-2.3
UAE (EIBOR)	0.347	-1.9	-2.4	-16.6
Qatar (QIBOR)	1.097	5.3	14.7	-2.3
Bahrain (BHIBOR)	1.575	0.0	-1.7	-67.5

Data Sources: Tadawul, Bloomberg, Reuters

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

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