



Major Economic News

- Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Education announced that a royal decree was issued on approving the return-to-school mechanisms for the academic year 2021-22. (Source: Argaam)

Major Corporate News

- Saudi Aramco is looking to raise at least USD 17bn from the sale of a significant minority stake in its gas pipelines, according to a Reuters report. The deal size may include USD 3.5bn of equity and the remainder will be funded by bank debt. (Source: Argaam)
- Alkhorayef Water and Power Technologies Co. received an operation and maintenance contract for Hail Al Hamamah water treatment plant from the Ministry of Environment, Water & Agriculture, worth SAR 42.9mn. (Source: Argaam)
- Alujain Holding Corp. signed an agreement with some shareholders at its 57.4% owned subsidiary, National Petrochemical Industrial Company (NATPET), to buy 16%, or 17.2mn shares, of NATPET's share capital for SAR 814.6mn. The transaction will be financed through a Sharia-compliant Murabaha loan facility with Alinma Bank. (Source: Argaam)

Market Analysis

- The Saudi Stock Exchange decreased 0.3% to 11,321.9. The value traded stood at SAR 6.7 bn (up 3.5% over previous day), while the advance-decline ratio stood at 42/145. The parallel market index increased 0.7% to 24,958.7 points. The value traded stood at SAR 39.5mn (down 26.5% over previous day). Most sectors in the main market ended in the red. Media and Retailing (up 1.6% and 0.2%, respectively) advanced the most; Pharma & Bio Tech and Healthcare (down 2.8% and 2.0%, respectively) led the laggards.

Earnings update (Net Profit) (SAR mn)

Company	Q2-21	Q2-20	Y/Y %	Q1-21	Q/Q %
SIDC	-4.3	4.3	NM	-1.7	NM
SAICO	-15.1	37.2	NM	-15.2	NM
Aljazira Takaful	1.8	14.1	-87.5	14.0	-87.3
Enaya	-8.6	-1.8	NM	-21.1	NM
Seera Group Holding	-98.0	-172.0	NM	-131.0	NM
Alinma Tokio M	-2.5	12.4	NM	-0.8	NM
Buruj	9.3	20.0	-53.4	-5.8	NM
Gulf General	-19.7	18.8	NM	-23.4	NM
Herfy Food Services Co.	26.7	-34.2	NM	25.5	4.7
Batic	3.9	-7.2	NM	-3.8	NM
ACIG	-5.5	7.1	NM	3.4	NM
Alahli Takaful Co.	1.4	3.9	-65.1	5.7	-76.2

Top Gainers

Company	Price	Change%
AMANA INSURANCE	60.00	6.6
ENAYA	45.00	4.2
ALUJAIN	66.50	3.7
GASCO	47.95	2.8
SIPCHEM	34.10	2.3

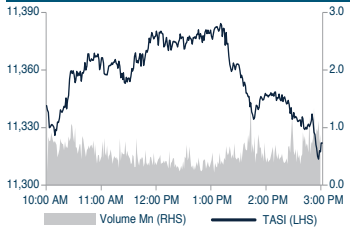
Top Losers

Company	Price	Change%
ALSAGR INSURANCE	17.04	-3.6
NCLE	67.70	-3.6
MOUWASAT	195.60	-3.6
ATAA	69.70	-3.5
SPCC	75.30	-3.2

Saudi Stock Exchange

Index	Closing	High	Low	Daily Change%	YTD %
TASI	11,322	11,385	11,312	(0.3)	30.3
NomuC	24,959	25,259	24,699	0.7	(4.9)

TASI movement during session



TASI Ratios

P/E* (x)	28.3
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	5,520	(1.0)	2.5	34.7
Materials	7,522	(0.3)	30.9	High
Capital Goods	9,040	(0.6)	38.3	High
Commercial Service	4,379	(1.1)	7.9	Neg
Transportation	6,233	(0.9)	28.7	Neg
Consumer Durables	8,102	(0.8)	41.6	High
Consumer Services	5,124	(1.3)	20.0	Neg
Media	20,411	1.6	99.8	High
Retailing	10,853	0.2	26.8	Neg
Food & Staples	9,972	(0.4)	(5.4)	31.1
Food & Beverages	5,760	(0.4)	5.4	32.2
Healthcare	8,246	(2.0)	45.8	47.6
Pharma & Bio Tech	6,821	(2.8)	31.9	High
Banks	11,084	0.2	46.1	28.0
Diversified Financials	7,740	(0.7)	68.4	Neg
Insurance	7,144	(1.3)	18.6	31.0
Telecom	8,425	(0.1)	22.1	25.3
Utilities	6,048	0.0	31.2	16.3
REITs	5,052	(0.2)	17.9	High
Real Estate	3,589	(0.6)	18.9	Neg
Software & Services	27,976	(0.8)	98.5	High

**Neg: Negative

Average Index Value

Average 5 days	Average 10 days	Average 20 days	Average value traded for the month (bn)
11,324	11,262	11,089	7.60

Market Statistics

	Value Traded (SAR bn)	Volumes (mn shares)	No. of Trades ('000)
Current Week	13.2	336.5	576.1
Previous week	39.8	1,048.0	1,634.8

Top Weighted Companies

Company	Price	Change%
Al Rajhi	120.80	-0.8
SNB	60.30	2.0
Saudi Aramco	35.00	-1.0
SABIC	123.00	-0.5
STC	135.40	0.0



REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MARKETS

- Among other regional markets, Dubai and Abu Dhabi increased 0.3% and 0.8%, respectively. Egypt and Qatar rose 0.2% each, while Oman and Kuwait declined 0.2% and 0.1%, respectively. Meanwhile, Bahrain remained flat.
- US President Joe Biden's administration reportedly plans to begin administering COVID-19 booster shots to Americans as early as mid or late September, depending on authorization from the US Food and Drug Administration. (Source: Reuters)
- China's industrial production grew by 6.4% Y/Y in July (consensus: 7.8% Y/Y increase) compared to a rise of 8.3% in June. The production growth slowed due to supply chain disruption and new COVID-19 outbreaks. (Source: RTT News)
- Japan's GDP expanded an annualized 1.3% Y/Y in Q2-21 (consensus: an increase of 0.7%) compared to 3.9% contraction in Q1-21. On a seasonally adjusted Q/Q basis, GDP rose 0.3% (consensus: 0.2% growth) following a 1.0% drop in the previous quarter. Capital expenditure increased 1.7% Q/Q after falling by 1.2% in Q1-21. (Source: RTT News)
- Oil prices fell 1.5% due to weaker-than-expected economic data from China.
- Gold prices increased 0.4%, as investors resorted to the safe haven metal amid continued COVID-19 concerns, further supported by lower treasury yields.

Forex / Currency

Currency	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Dollar Index	92.6	0.1	0.5	3.0
Euro	1.18	-0.1	-0.8	-3.6
Japanese Yen	109.2	-0.3	-0.4	5.8
Sterling Pound	1.39	-0.1	-0.4	1.3
Chinese Yuan	6.47	0.0	0.2	-0.8
Indian Rupee	74.2	-0.1	-0.2	1.5
UAE Dirham	3.67	0.0	0.0	0.0
Qatari Rial	3.67	0.9	0.9	0.9
Kuwaiti Dinar	0.30	-0.2	-0.1	-1.3
Omani Rial	0.38	0.1	0.0	0.1
Bahraini Dinar	0.38	0.1	0.0	0.1
Egyptian Pound	15.64	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3

Corporate Calendar

Date	Company	Event
17 th Aug	ASLAK	Cash Dividend Distribution
17 th Aug	YCC	Cash Dividend Distribution
18 th Aug	UCA	OGM
19 th Aug	DERAYAH REIT	Cash Dividend Distribution
19 th Aug	SABB	Cash Dividend Distribution
22 nd Aug	SPCC	Cash Dividend Distribution

*EGM: Extra Ordinary Meeting

*OGM: Ordinary General Meeting

Regional Markets

Market	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dubai (DFM)	2,825	0.3	2.1	13.4	20.1
Abu Dhabi (ADX)	7,663	0.8	4.7	51.9	19.5
Kuwait (KSE)	5,437	-0.1	0.0	19.4	14.5
Qatar (QE)	10,951	0.2	1.8	4.9	15.9
Oman (MSM)	4,011	-0.2	-0.5	9.6	10.4
Bahrain (BSE)	1,637	0.0	2.5	9.9	12.9
Egypt (EGX30)	11,046	0.2	2.8	1.9	8.5

International Markets

Index	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dow Jones	35,625	0.3	2.0	16.4	21.5
Nasdaq	14,794	-0.2	0.8	14.8	31.4
S&P 500	4,480	0.3	1.9	19.3	26.7
FTSE 100	7,154	-0.9	1.7	10.7	15.1
Germany DAX 30	15,926	-0.3	2.5	16.1	15.3
France CAC 40	6,839	-0.8	3.4	23.2	25.8
Japan Nikkei 225	27,523	-1.6	0.9	0.3	14.7
Russia MOEX	3,895	0.6	3.3	18.4	9.7
Hong Kong Hang Seng	26,181	-0.8	0.8	-3.9	13.5
South Korea KOSPI	3,171	0.0	-1.0	10.4	16.8
China Shanghai Composite	3,517	0.0	3.5	1.3	12.0
Australia ASX 200	7,583	-0.6	2.6	15.1	19.8
India Sensex	55,583	0.3	5.7	16.4	26.6
MSCI EM	1,272	-0.7	-0.4	-1.5	16.7
MSCI World	3,122	-0.1	1.7	16.1	24.6

Commodity Markets

Commodity	Price	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Arab Light Crude (\$/bbl)	71.8	-1.5	-4.8	43.8
Brent Crude (\$/bbl)	69.5	-1.5	-8.9	34.2
Texas crude (\$/bbl)	67.3	-1.7	-9.0	38.7
Natural Gas (\$/mmbtu)	3.95	2.2	0.8	55.4
Gold (\$/oz)	1,787	0.4	-1.5	-5.9
Silver (\$/oz)	23.8	0.4	-6.4	-9.6
Steel (\$/ton)	1,895	0.8	0.4	88.6
Iron Ore (CNY/MT)	968	-13.5	-6.2	-10.3
Wheat (\$/bu)	761	-0.2	8.1	18.7
Corn (\$/bu)	565	-0.6	3.2	16.7
Sugar (\$/lb)	20.0	0.4	11.8	29.3
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	0.124	-0.1	0.7	-11.4
Saudi Arabia (SAIBOR)	0.796	0.0	0.1	-2.2
UAE (EIBOR)	0.373	0.8	0.3	-13.9
Qatar (QIBOR)	1.025	-12.5	7.5	-9.6
Bahrain (BHIBOR)	1.592	1.7	0.0	-65.8

Data Sources: Tadawul, Bloomberg, Reuters

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

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