



Major Economic News

- Saudi Minister of Commerce Majid Al Qasabi issued the executive regulations of the commercial chambers law, which provide for exempting the commercial entities from chamber subscription in the first three years, as well as reducing the subscription in the subsequent years. (Source: Argaam)

Major Corporate News

- Raydan Food Co.'s rights issue shares were 97.3% subscribed, as subscribers injected SAR 109.4mn to subscribe to 10.9mn shares. The remaining shares will be reoffered to institutional investors on a pro rata basis from August 24-25. (Source: Argaam)
- Advanced Electronics Co., a subsidiary of Saudi Arabian Military Industries, signed an agreement with Prince Sultan Advanced Technology Research Institute to manufacture Sky Guard drone. (Source: Argaam)

Market Analysis

- The Saudi Stock Exchange decreased 1.3% to 11,201.6 on Thursday. The value traded stood at SAR 6.9bn (up 25.6% over previous day), while the advance-decline ratio stood at 30/160. The parallel market index increased 0.1% to 24,931.2 points. The value traded stood at SAR 21.1mn (down 50.0% over previous day). Most sectors in the main market ended in the red. Pharma & Bio Tech and Software & Services (up 1.0% and 0.7%, respectively) advanced the most; Telecom and Healthcare (down 2.4% and 2.0%, respectively) led the laggards.

Earnings update (Net Profit) (SAR mn)

Company	Q2-21	Q2-20	Y/Y %	Q1-21	Q/Q %
Budget Saudi	56.2	22.6	149.1	55.2	2.0
Amana Insurance	-39.6	4.6	NM	-23.3	NM
National Gypsum Co.	5.7	5.2	9.7	14.2	-60.0
Middle East Healthcare Co.	9.1	16.4	-44.1	12.1	-24.5
Alkhaleej Training	0.0	4.7	NM	-7.6	NM
Knowledge Economic City	4.7	-0.3	NM	-4.8	NM
Raydan Food Co.	-4.1	-8.8	NM	-8.9	NM
Naseej	-5.0	-17.3	NM	-5.3	NM
Alhokair Group	-70.0	2.1	NM	-60.1	NM
Jouf Cement	8.1	7.2	12.0	19.4	-58.2
Tourism Enterprise Co.	-13.2	-2.0	NM	-0.9	NM
SIECO	-1.9	-11.6	NM	-2.6	NM
Tanmiah Food Co.	3.4	10.5	-67.6	18.8	-81.9
Sadr Logistics Co.	0.2	1.5	-84.2	0.6	-59.2
Wafrah	-2.6	-0.7	NM	0.3	NM
Farm Superstores	4.5	19.2	-76.5	4.3	6.1

Top Gainers

Company	Price	Change%
MALATH INSURANCE	32.30	3.2
ALHOKAIR	22.02	3.1
SAUDI CERAMICS	62.80	2.8
ATC	38.40	2.4
BUDGET SAUDI	48.75	2.2

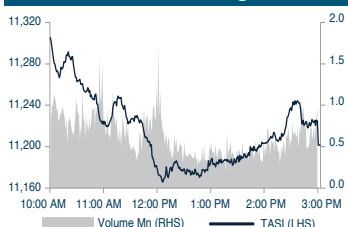
Top Losers

Company	Price	Change%
ZAMIL INDUST	35.15	-4.9
ACC	44.90	-4.7
APC	18.56	-4.6
SFICO	55.00	-3.9
SHARQIYAH DEV	99.90	-3.8

Saudi Stock Exchange

Index	Closing	High	Low	Daily Change%	YTD %
TASI	11,202	11,305	11,165	(1.3)	28.9
NomuC	24,931	24,993	24,457	0.1	(5.0)

TASI movement during session



TASI Ratios

P/E* (x)	27.9
Price-to-Book (x)	2.4
Dividend Yield (%)	1.8
Return on Equity (%)	16.8

Source: Argaam
* Excluding Aramco

Index	Close	Daily Change%	YTD %	PE (TTM)
Energy	5,502	(0.5)	2.1	34.7
Materials	7,378	(1.8)	28.4	High
Capital Goods	8,869	(0.2)	35.7	High
Commercial Service	4,386	(0.1)	8.0	Neg
Transportation	6,192	0.4	27.9	Neg
Consumer Durables	7,929	(0.6)	38.6	High
Consumer Services	5,030	(1.6)	17.8	Neg
Media	19,619	(1.0)	92.0	High
Retailing	10,583	(0.8)	23.7	Neg
Food & Staples	9,885	(1.2)	(6.2)	30.9
Food & Beverages	5,671	(1.7)	3.8	31.7
Healthcare	8,241	(2.0)	45.8	47.4
Pharma & Bio Tech	6,834	1.0	32.1	High
Banks	11,062	(1.1)	45.8	27.9
Diversified Financials	7,550	(1.9)	64.3	Neg
Insurance	7,153	(0.2)	18.7	31.1
Telecom	8,213	(2.4)	19.1	24.6
Utilities	5,851	(1.7)	26.9	15.7
REITs	5,017	(0.5)	17.1	High
Real Estate	3,518	(1.2)	16.5	Neg
Software & Services	28,332	0.7	101.1	High

**Neg: Negative

Average Index Value

Average 5 days	Average 10 days	Average 20 days	Average value traded for the month (bn)
11,323	11,297	11,171	7.32

Market Statistics

	Value Traded (SAR bn)	Volumes (mn shares)	No. of Trades ('000)
Current Week	-	-	-
Previous week	31.8	844.5	1,437.1

Top Weighted Companies

Company	Price	Change%
Al Rajhi	122.20	-0.2
SNB	59.00	-1.7
Saudi Aramco	34.95	-0.3
SABIC	121.60	-1.8
STC	131.20	-2.8



REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MARKETS

- Among other regional markets, Dubai and Abu Dhabi decreased 0.8% and 1.0%, respectively. Kuwait and Qatar rose 0.3% each, while Egypt and Oman declined 0.9% and 0.2%, respectively. Meanwhile, Bahrain remained closed.
- According to Baker Hughes, North America's rig count decreased to 659 in the week ended August 20 from 664 earlier. The rig count rose to 503 in the US from 500 earlier and to 14 in the Gulf of Mexico from 13 earlier. The rig count in Canada fell to 156 from 164 earlier. (Source: Baker Hughes)
- US initial jobless claims dropped to 348,000 (consensus: 360,000), representing a fall of 29,000 from the previous week's revised level of 377,000. (Source: Econoday)
- Japan's CPI fell 0.3% Y/Y in July (consensus: 0.5% decline) compared to a revised 0.5% in June. On a seasonally adjusted M/M basis, CPI was up 0.2% in July (in line with consensus) versus an increase of 0.3% in the previous month. (Source: RTT News)
- Oil prices fell 1.9% on Friday due to anticipation of weakened fuel demand globally amid rising cases COVID-19.
- Gold prices remained flat, as safe haven demand amid COVID-19 concerns was offset by recovery in treasury yields.

Forex / Currency

Currency	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Dollar Index	93.5	-0.1	1.4	4.0
Euro	1.17	0.2	-1.5	-4.2
Japanese Yen	109.8	0.1	0.1	6.4
Sterling Pound	1.36	-0.1	-2.0	-0.4
Chinese Yuan	6.50	0.1	0.6	-0.4
Indian Rupee	74.3	0.0	0.0	1.8
UAE Dirham	3.67	0.0	0.0	0.0
Qatari Rial	3.69	1.3	1.3	1.3
Kuwaiti Dinar	0.30	0.0	0.2	-1.0
Omani Rial	0.38	-0.1	-0.1	0.0
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
22 nd Aug	SPCC	Cash Dividend Distribution
22 nd Aug	Alinma	Cash Dividend Distribution
23 rd Aug	SNB	Cash Dividend Distribution
23 rd Aug	EPCCO	Cash Dividend Distribution
23 rd Aug	BJAZ	Cash Dividend Distribution
24 th Aug	NORTHERN CEMENT	Cash Dividend Distribution

*EGM: Extra Ordinary Meeting

*OGM: Ordinary General Meeting

Regional Markets

Market	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dubai (DFM)	2,838	-0.8	2.6	13.9	21.0
Abu Dhabi (ADX)	7,620	-1.0	4.1	51.0	21.1
Kuwait (KSE)	5,435	0.3	0.0	19.4	15.4
Qatar (QE)	11,033	0.3	2.6	5.7	16.0
Oman (MSM)	3,983	-0.2	-1.2	8.9	10.4
Bahrain (BSE)	1,638	0.0	2.6	10.0	12.8
Egypt (EGX30)	10,809	-0.9	0.6	-0.3	8.3

International Markets

Index	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dow Jones	35,120	0.6	0.5	14.7	21.4
Nasdaq	14,715	1.2	0.3	14.2	31.1
S&P 500	4,442	0.8	1.1	18.3	26.5
FTSE 100	7,088	0.4	0.8	9.7	14.7
Germany DAX 30	15,808	0.3	1.7	15.2	15.2
France CAC 40	6,626	0.3	0.2	19.4	25.0
Japan Nikkei 225	27,013	-1.0	-1.0	-1.6	14.4
Russia MOEX	3,833	-0.6	1.6	16.5	9.8
Hong Kong Hang Seng	24,850	-1.8	-4.3	-8.7	12.5
South Korea KOSPI	3,061	-1.2	-4.4	6.5	16.0
China Shanghai Composite	3,427	-1.1	0.9	-1.3	11.7
Australia ASX 200	7,461	0.0	0.9	13.3	19.0
India Sensex	55,329	-0.5	5.2	15.9	26.5
MSCI EM	1,221	-0.9	-4.5	-5.5	15.7
MSCI World	3,080	0.5	0.4	14.5	24.1

Commodity Markets

Commodity	Price	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Arab Light Crude (\$/bbl)	67.8	-0.2	-10.2	35.7
Brent Crude (\$/bbl)	65.2	-1.9	-14.6	25.8
Texas crude (\$/bbl)	62.3	-2.2	-15.7	28.4
Natural Gas (\$/mmbtu)	3.85	0.5	-1.6	51.7
Gold (\$/oz)	1,781	0.0	-1.8	-6.2
Silver (\$/oz)	23.0	-0.9	-9.6	-12.7
Steel (\$/ton)	1,880	0.0	-0.4	87.1
Iron Ore (CNY/MT)	880	-1.3	-14.7	-18.5
Wheat (\$/bu)	714	-1.8	1.5	11.5
Corn (\$/bu)	539	-2.0	-1.5	11.3
Sugar (\$/lb)	19.6	-1.1	9.3	26.4
SMP* (EUR/MT)	2,505	0.2	1.8	12.6

*SMP: Skimmed Milk Powder

Interbank Rates

Region	Rate*	Daily Change(bps)	MTD (bps)	YTD (bps)
USD LIBOR	0.131	0.0	1.3	-10.8
Saudi Arabia (SAIBOR)	0.796	0.0	0.1	-2.2
UAE (EIBOR)	0.344	-1.3	-2.6	-16.8
Qatar (QIBOR)	0.990	-2.0	4.0	-13.1
Bahrain (BHIBOR)	1.592	0.0	0.0	-65.8

Data Sources: Tadawul, Bloomberg, Reuters

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

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