



Major Economic News

- The headline lease rates in prime shopping malls across Saudi Arabia fell between 1% and 5% over the last 18 months, according to Faisal Durrani, Partner and Head of Middle East Research at Knight Frank. (Source: Argaam)

Major Corporate News

- Riyad REIT Fund acquired an office building worth SAR 184.4mn in Riyadh by securing a Shariah-compliant bank debt. The property reflects an initial acquisition yield of 8%. (Source: Argaam)
- Saudi Cable Co. submitted a request for capital reduction followed by an increase via rights issue to CMA. The company's board of directors has recommended to cut capital by 27.3% from SAR 360.6mn to SAR 262.3mn and also proposed to increase capital via a SAR 500mn rights issue. (Source: Argaam)
- Majid Al Futtaim will commence works at the Mall of Saudi in Riyadh in November at a total cost of USD 4bn, as per CEO, Alain Bejjani. (Source: Argaam)
- The Red Sea Development Company signed more than 600 contracts worth SAR 17bn with local and international companies till date. Saudi companies received 70% of the total value of the contracts awarded. (Source: Argaam)
- The Shatirah House Restaurant Co. (Burgerizzr) targets 200 new branches by FY25, as the fast-food industry reports outstanding growth rates, according to Board Chairman, Mohammad Al Ruwaigh. (Source: Argaam)
- Emaar The Economic City invested nearly SAR 18bn in the development of King Abdullah Economic City in equity and funding since its inception. (Source: Argaam)

Market Analysis

- The Saudi Stock Exchange decreased 0.1% to 11,063.0. The value traded stood at SAR 5.8bn (up 12.6% over previous day), while the advance-decline ratio stood at 79/105. The parallel market index decreased 1.4% to 24,486.3 points. The value traded stood at SAR 20.2mn (down 91.1% over previous day). Most sectors in the main market ended in the red. Pharma & Bio Tech and Capital Goods (up 2.7% and 1.1%, respectively) advanced the most; Telecom and Utilities (down 1.8% and 1.7%, respectively) led the laggards.

Top Gainers

Company	Price	Change%
TECO	62.90	5.7
ZAMIL INDUST	37.85	5.1
TANMIAH	111.00	4.7
BAWAN	40.20	3.2
SAUDI CERAMICS	65.20	3.2

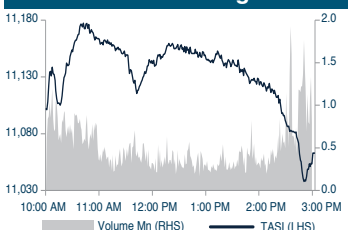
Top Losers

Company	Price	Change%
FITAIHI GROUP	31.60	-3.4
QACCO	83.70	-3.4
ATHEEB TELECOM	29.30	-3.3
SAIC	49.70	-2.9
MAADEN	67.00	-2.8

Saudi Stock Exchange

Index	Closing	High	Low	Daily Change%	YTD %
TASI	11,063	11,179	11,033	(0.1)	27.3
NomuC	24,486	24,824	24,298	(1.4)	(6.7)

TASI movement during session



TASI Ratios

P/E* (x)	27.1
Price-to-Book (x)	2.4
Dividend Yield (%)	1.9
Return on Equity (%)	16.8

Source: Argaam
* Excluding Aramco

Index	Close	Daily Change%	YTD %	PE (TTM)
Energy	5,437	(0.9)	0.9	34.2
Materials	7,224	(0.8)	25.7	49.9
Capital Goods	8,824	1.1	35.0	High
Commercial Service	4,308	(0.9)	6.1	Neg
Transportation	6,080	0.3	25.5	Neg
Consumer Durables	7,784	(1.2)	36.0	High
Consumer Services	4,953	0.1	16.0	Neg
Media	19,219	(0.9)	88.1	High
Retailing	10,685	0.6	24.9	Neg
Food & Staples	9,743	0.1	(7.5)	30.6
Food & Beverages	5,589	(0.2)	2.3	31.3
Healthcare	8,160	(0.6)	44.3	46.9
Pharma & Bio Tech	6,966	2.7	34.7	High
Banks	10,952	0.8	44.3	27.6
Diversified Financials	7,400	(0.8)	61.0	Neg
Insurance	7,122	0.6	18.2	31.0
Telecom	8,083	(1.8)	17.2	24.1
Utilities	5,731	(1.7)	24.3	15.4
REITs	4,978	(0.4)	16.2	High
Real Estate	3,510	(1.0)	16.2	Neg
Software & Services	28,178	(1.1)	100.0	High

**Neg: Negative

Average Index Value

Average 5 days	Average 10 days	Average 20 days	Average value traded for the month (bn)
11,216	11,270	11,189	7.10

Market Statistics

	Value Traded (SAR bn)	Volumes (mn shares)	No. of Trades ('000)
Current Week	10.9	310.9	515.8
Previous week	31.8	844.5	1,437.1

Top Weighted Companies

Company	Price	Change%
Al Rajhi	121.20	1.0
SNB	59.30	1.2
Saudi Aramco	34.50	-1.1
SABIC	120.20	-0.7
STC	128.60	-2.4



REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MARKETS

- Among other regional markets, Dubai and Abu Dhabi increased 0.7% and 0.1%, respectively. Egypt and Qatar rose 1.8% and 0.5%, respectively; while Bahrain and Oman declined 0.4% and 0.3%, respectively. Meanwhile, Kuwait remained flat.
- US Food and Drug Administration granted full approval to Pfizer and BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine. This is first full approval in the US for any COVID-19 vaccine. (Source: CNBC)
- US existing home sales rose 2.0% M/M to annual rate of 5.990mn in July (consensus: 5.830mn) compared to prior revised 5.870mn in June. (Source: Econoday)
- UK's flash manufacturing PMI fell to a five-month low of 60.1 in August (consensus: 59.5) versus 60.4 in the previous month. (Source: RTT News)
- Oil prices surged 5.5% due to weaker US dollar and signs of easing COVID-19 situation in China.
- Gold prices increased 1.4%, as weakness in US dollar boosted demand for the yellow metal, further supported by diminishing fears of early tapering by the US Fed amid rising COVID-19 cases in the US.

Forex / Currency

Currency	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Dollar Index	93.0	-0.6	0.9	3.4
Euro	1.17	0.4	-1.1	-3.8
Japanese Yen	109.7	-0.1	0.0	6.2
Sterling Pound	1.37	0.7	-1.3	0.3
Chinese Yuan	6.48	-0.3	0.3	-0.7
Indian Rupee	74.1	-0.3	-0.3	1.5
UAE Dirham	3.67	0.0	0.0	0.0
Qatari Rial	3.70	0.2	1.5	1.5
Kuwaiti Dinar	0.30	-0.1	0.2	-1.0
Omani Rial	0.38	0.1	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
24 th Aug	NORTHERN CEMENT	Cash Dividend Distribution
24 th Aug	Sadr	OGM
24 th Aug	Red Sea	EGM
25 th Aug	JARIR	Cash Dividend Distribution
25 th Aug	ALANDALUS	EGM
25 th Aug	Atheeb Telecom	OGM

*EGM: Extra Ordinary Meeting

*OGM: Ordinary General Meeting

Regional Markets

Market	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dubai (DFM)	2,888	0.7	4.4	15.9	21.3
Abu Dhabi (ADX)	7,684	0.1	5.0	52.3	21.3
Kuwait (KSE)	5,446	0.0	0.2	19.6	15.0
Qatar (QE)	11,134	0.5	3.5	6.7	16.2
Oman (MSM)	3,960	-0.3	-1.7	8.2	10.3
Bahrain (BSE)	1,642	-0.4	2.8	10.2	12.8
Egypt (EGX30)	10,884	1.8	1.3	0.4	8.3

International Markets

Index	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dow Jones	35,336	0.6	1.1	15.5	21.4
Nasdaq	14,943	1.5	1.8	15.9	31.1
S&P 500	4,480	0.9	1.9	19.3	26.5
FTSE 100	7,109	0.3	1.1	10.0	14.8
Germany DAX 30	15,853	0.3	2.0	15.6	15.2
France CAC 40	6,683	0.9	1.1	20.4	25.2
Japan Nikkei 225	27,494	1.8	0.8	0.2	14.7
Russia MOEX	3,883	1.3	3.0	18.1	10.0
Hong Kong Hang Seng	25,110	1.0	-3.3	-7.8	12.7
South Korea KOSPI	3,090	1.0	-3.5	7.5	16.1
China Shanghai Composite	3,477	1.5	2.3	0.1	11.8
Australia ASX 200	7,490	0.4	1.3	13.7	19.0
India Sensex	55,556	0.4	5.6	16.3	26.6
MSCI EM	1,238	1.4	-3.2	-4.2	15.9
MSCI World	3,113	1.1	1.4	15.7	24.3

Commodity Markets

Commodity	Price	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Arab Light Crude (\$/bbl)	68.5	1.2	-9.1	37.3
Brent Crude (\$/bbl)	68.8	5.5	-9.9	32.7
Texas crude (\$/bbl)	65.6	5.3	-11.2	35.3
Natural Gas (\$/mmbtu)	3.95	2.4	0.8	55.4
Gold (\$/oz)	1,805	1.4	-0.5	-4.9
Silver (\$/oz)	23.7	2.8	-7.1	-10.2
Steel (\$/ton)	1,884	0.2	-0.2	87.5
Iron Ore (CNY/MT)	895	1.8	-13.2	-17.1
Wheat (\$/bu)	720	0.8	2.3	12.4
Corn (\$/bu)	538	-0.1	-1.6	11.2
Sugar (\$/lb)	19.6	0.0	9.3	26.4
SMP* (EUR/MT)	2,505	0.0	1.8	12.6

*SMP: Skimmed Milk Powder

Interbank Rates

Region	Rate*	Daily Change(bps)	MTD (bps)	YTD (bps)
USD LIBOR	0.128	-0.2	1.1	-11.0
Saudi Arabia (SAIBOR)	0.796	0.0	0.1	-2.2
UAE (EIBOR)	0.334	0.0	-3.6	-17.8
Qatar (QIBOR)	1.110	3.0	16.0	-1.1
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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