



Major Economic News

- Saudi Arabian Airlines will allow full passenger seating capacity on domestic flights as of September after obtaining the approval of the General Authority of Civil Aviation. The airline will increase seating capacity for domestic flights by 52%. Domestic flights have a weekly seating capacity of more than 245,000 – given the social distancing guidelines. It will rise to more than 372,000 after the new procedure comes into force. (Source: Argaam)
- Saudi Minister of Education, Hamad Al-Sheikh, said, KSA targets to accept 33% of the general secondary school students in the technical and vocational education and training programs by FY25 and 40% by FY30. (Source: Argaam)
- Saudi Arabia has administered 35.6mn doses of the COVID-19 vaccine as of August 28. The number of persons who received the first and second doses reached 21.8mn and 13.8mn, respectively. (Source: Argaam)
- The new academic year 2021-22 in Saudi Arabia is beginning on August 29, as classroom learning resumes for students who are vaccinated. (Source: Argaam)

Major Corporate News

- Makkah Municipality concluded agreements with STC, Zain KSA, Mobily, Salam and Tawal to solve the problem of failure to collect the due rents of sites, given the dispute about the rental value. These agreements include the collection of rents for more than 600 sites at a total value of nearly SAR 200mn. (Source: Argaam)
- Alandalus Property Co.'s shareholders approved the board of directors' recommendation to increase capital by 33.33%. Capital will increase to SAR 933.3mn from SAR 700mn via one-for-three bonus share distribution. (Source: Argaam)

Market Analysis

- The Saudi Stock Exchange decreased 0.3% to 11,128.6. The value traded stood at SAR 4.4bn (down 13.8% over previous day), while the advance-decline ratio stood at 118/73. The parallel market index increased 0.5% to 24,521.7 points. The value traded stood at SAR 31.5mn (up 52.4% over previous day). Most sectors in the main market ended in the green. Insurance and Consumer Durables (up 1.1% and 1.0%, respectively) advanced the most; Pharma & Bio Tech and Transportation (down 3.3% and 0.7%, respectively) led the laggards.

Top Gainers

Company	Price	Change%
ALSAGR INSURANCE	16.66	9.9
TECO	67.20	9.3
WATANIYA	49.75	6.8
ALALAMIYA	30.30	6.1
GULF GENERAL	16.64	3.9

Top Losers

Company	Price	Change%
SPIMACO	52.10	-3.3
BAAZEEM	128.60	-3.3
NGC	47.20	-3.3
BUDGET SAUDI	50.20	-3.3
BATIC	39.00	-2.5

Saudi Stock Exchange

Index	Closing	High	Low	Daily Change%	YTD %
TASI	11,129	11,170	11,104	(0.3)	28.1
NomuC	24,522	24,586	24,176	0.5	(6.6)

TASI movement during session



TASI Ratios

P/E* (x)	27.3
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	5,496	0.1	2.0	34.6
Materials	7,287	(0.2)	26.8	High
Capital Goods	8,880	0.3	35.8	High
Commercial Service	4,388	0.7	8.1	Neg
Transportation	6,218	(0.7)	28.4	Neg
Consumer Durables	7,908	1.0	38.2	High
Consumer Services	5,050	0.5	18.3	Neg
Media	18,950	(0.6)	85.5	High
Retailing	10,567	(0.5)	23.5	Neg
Food & Staples	9,865	(0.3)	(6.4)	31.0
Food & Beverages	5,702	0.2	4.4	32.0
Healthcare	8,157	(0.0)	44.3	46.9
Pharma & Bio Tech	6,873	(3.3)	32.9	High
Banks	10,954	(0.6)	44.3	27.7
Diversified Financials	7,448	(0.3)	62.1	Neg
Insurance	7,272	1.1	20.7	31.7
Telecom	8,155	(0.3)	18.2	24.4
Utilities	5,915	0.9	28.3	15.8
REITs	4,974	0.5	16.1	High
Real Estate	3,523	0.2	16.7	Neg
Software & Services	28,161	0.6	99.8	High

**Neg: Negative

Average Index Value

Average 5 days	Average 10 days	Average 20 days	Average value traded for the month (bn)
11,113	11,218	11,217	6.75

Market Statistics

	Value Traded (SAR bn)	Volumes (mn shares)	No. of Trades ('000)
Current Week	-	-	-
Previous week	25.2	702.5	1,220.1

Top Weighted Companies

Company	Price	Change%
Al Rajhi	119.40	-1.3
SNB	58.70	-0.5
Saudi Aramco	34.85	0.1
SABIC	120.40	-0.5
STC	130.00	-0.5



REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MARKETS

- Among other regional markets, Dubai and Abu Dhabi decreased 0.1% and 0.5%, respectively. Egypt, Bahrain, Kuwait and Oman rose 0.6%, 0.3%, 0.2% and 0.1%, respectively; while Qatar declined 0.3%.
- According to Baker Hughes, North America's rig count decreased to 655 in the week ended August 27 from 659 earlier. The rig count rose to 508 in the US from 503 earlier, while remained unchanged at 14 in the Gulf of Mexico. The rig count in Canada decreased to 147 from 156 earlier. (Source: Baker Hughes).
- US Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell said that the central bank is likely to begin tapering some of its spending before the end of FY21. However, he added that he still feels there's "much ground to cover" before interest rate hikes. (Source: RTT News)
- US GDP expanded 6.6% in Q2-21 (consensus: an increase of 6.7%) compared to earlier estimate of 6.5% growth. The upward revision was primarily attributed to higher growth in nonresidential fixed investment and exports. (Source: FX Street)
- Oil prices surged 2.3% on Friday, ahead of major tropical hurricane Ida in the Gulf of Mexico, as energy firms began shutting production.
- Gold prices rose 1.4%, reaching three-week high, as treasury yields, and US dollar declined after US Fed Chairman did not provide clear schedule for tapering stimulus spending.

Forex / Currency

Currency	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Dollar Index	92.7	-0.4	0.6	3.1
Euro	1.18	0.4	-0.6	-3.4
Japanese Yen	109.8	-0.2	0.1	6.4
Sterling Pound	1.38	0.4	-1.0	0.6
Chinese Yuan	6.47	-0.2	0.2	-0.8
Indian Rupee	73.5	-0.9	-1.2	0.6
UAE Dirham	3.67	0.0	0.0	0.0
Qatari Rial	3.68	1.2	1.2	1.2
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
29 th Aug	UACC	Cash Dividend Distribution
30 th Aug	SULAIMAN ALHABIB	Cash Dividend Distribution
30 th Aug	Advanced	Cash Dividend Distribution
31 st Aug	Theeb	EGM
01 st Sep	Saudi Aramco	Cash Dividend Distribution
01 st Sep	Bawan	Cash Dividend Distribution

*EGM: Extra Ordinary Meeting

*OGM: Ordinary General Meeting

Regional Markets

Market	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dubai (DFM)	2,900	-0.1	4.9	16.4	21.4
Abu Dhabi (ADX)	7,625	-0.5	4.2	51.1	21.1
Kuwait (KSE)	5,486	0.2	0.9	20.5	15.0
Qatar (QE)	11,103	-0.3	3.2	6.4	16.1
Oman (MSM)	3,963	0.1	-1.7	8.3	10.3
Bahrain (BSE)	1,667	0.3	4.4	11.9	12.9
Egypt (EGX30)	11,126	0.6	3.6	2.6	8.4

International Markets

Index	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dow Jones	35,456	0.7	1.5	15.8	21.6
Nasdaq	15,130	1.2	3.1	17.4	31.4
S&P 500	4,509	0.9	2.6	20.1	26.7
FTSE 100	7,148	0.3	1.6	10.6	14.8
Germany DAX 30	15,852	0.4	2.0	15.5	15.2
France CAC 40	6,682	0.2	1.0	20.4	23.3
Japan Nikkei 225	27,641	-0.4	1.3	0.7	14.8
Russia MOEX	3,887	0.9	3.1	18.2	9.4
Hong Kong Hang Seng	25,408	0.0	-2.1	-6.7	12.6
South Korea KOSPI	3,134	0.2	-2.1	9.1	16.4
China Shanghai Composite	3,522	0.6	3.7	1.4	11.7
Australia ASX 200	7,488	0.0	1.3	13.7	17.8
India Sensex	56,125	0.3	6.7	17.5	26.9
MSCI EM	1,273	0.5	-0.4	-1.4	16.1
MSCI World	3,134	0.8	2.1	16.5	24.2

Commodity Markets

Commodity	Price	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Arab Light Crude (\$/bbl)	72.2	0.7	-4.3	44.6
Brent Crude (\$/bbl)	72.7	2.3	-4.8	40.3
Texas crude (\$/bbl)	68.7	2.0	-7.0	41.7
Natural Gas (\$/mmbtu)	4.37	4.4	11.7	72.1
Gold (\$/oz)	1,818	1.4	0.2	-4.3
Silver (\$/oz)	24.0	1.9	-5.8	-9.0
Steel (\$/ton)	1,941	0.3	2.8	93.1
Iron Ore (CNY/MT)	951	0.3	-7.8	-11.9
Wheat (\$/bu)	719	-0.9	2.1	12.2
Corn (\$/bu)	558	0.9	2.0	15.3
Sugar (\$/lb)	20.0	1.8	11.9	29.4
SMP* (EUR/MT)	2,560	0.0	4.1	15.1

*SMP: Skimmed Milk Powder

Interbank Rates

Region	Rate*	Daily Change(bps)	MTD (bps)	YTD (bps)
USD LIBOR	0.121	-0.3	0.3	-11.8
Saudi Arabia (SAIBOR)	0.796	0.0	0.1	-2.2
UAE (EIBOR)	0.394	14.2	2.4	-11.8
Qatar (QIBOR)	1.150	0.0	20.0	2.9
Bahrain (BHIBOR)	1.550	0.8	-4.2	-70.0

Data Sources: Tadawul, Bloomberg, Reuters

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

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