



Major Economic News

- Saudi Arabia's general reserves rose by SAR 143mn M/M to SAR 355.5bn in July. Meanwhile, the Kingdom's current account retreated by SAR 905mn M/M to SAR 85bn in July. (Source: Argaam)
- The point-of-sale transactions rose by 23% to SAR 38.9bn in July, from SAR 31.5bn in the same month last year. A total of 448.8mn transactions were processed through 859,300 points-of-sale in the month. (Source: Argaam)

Major Corporate News

- Alkhaleej Training and Education Co. signed a sale and purchase agreement to acquire a 60% stake in Al-Raqi National Schools Co. for a total value of SAR 12.8mn. Both parties also agreed to expand the construction of the girls and boys complexes with an expected amount of SAR 36.5mn. (Source: Argaam)
- Zamil Air Conditioners and Home Appliances Co., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Zamil Industrial Investment Co., signed a contract with Tatweer Buildings Co. for SAR 44.0mn to manufacture and supply more than 13,570 air conditioners. (Source: Argaam)
- Al Moammar Information Systems Co. signed an MoU with Al Rajhi Capital to launch a special Shariah-compliant investment fund worth SAR 1bn. The fund will be launched as a first phase in accordance with the Investment Funds Regulations of CMA. (Source: Argaam)
- The General Authority for Competition approved the economic concentration between Saudi Arabian Industrial Investments Co., Saudi Arabian Military Industries Co., and France's Figeac Aéro in the field of manufacturing airframes. Accordingly, a plant will be established in the Kingdom for the manufacturing of airframes. (Source: Argaam)

Market Analysis

- The Saudi Stock Exchange increased 0.7% to 11,255.1. The value traded stood at SAR 5.9bn (up 27.0% over previous day), while the advance-decline ratio stood at 147/42. The parallel market index decreased 1.2% to 24,270.3 points. The value traded stood at SAR 21.4mn (down 44.5% over previous day). All sectors in the main market ended in the green. Media and Diversified Financials (up 2.9% and 2.1%, respectively) advanced the most.

Top Gainers

Company	Price	Change%
ALJOUF	78.70	9.9
TADCO	38.95	8.8
EXTRA	144.20	5.6
MEPCO	39.50	5.3
GACO	30.95	5.3

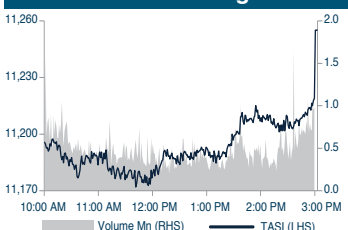
Top Losers

Company	Price	Change%
SSP	30.55	-1.5
ALHOKAIR GROUP	24.14	-1.3
EPCCO	51.30	-1.2
SPCC	74.20	-0.9
APC	19.22	-0.8

Saudi Stock Exchange

Index	Closing	High	Low	Daily Change%	YTD %
TASI	11,255	11,255	11,170	0.7	29.5
NomuC	24,270	24,619	24,189	(1.2)	(7.5)

TASI movement during session



TASI Ratios

P/E* (x)	27.6
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	5,531	0.4	2.7	25.6
Materials	7,383	0.8	28.5	24.0
Capital Goods	9,034	1.5	38.2	High
Commercial Service	4,431	0.1	9.2	Neg
Transportation	6,328	0.2	30.7	Neg
Consumer Durables	8,111	1.5	41.7	High
Consumer Services	5,109	0.6	19.7	Neg
Media	19,515	2.9	91.0	High
Retailing	11,021	1.7	28.8	48.2
Food & Staples	10,077	0.5	(4.4)	40.6
Food & Beverages	5,812	1.0	6.4	38.7
Healthcare	8,218	0.4	45.4	43.7
Pharma & Bio Tech	6,953	1.2	34.4	High
Banks	11,057	0.5	45.7	21.3
Diversified Financials	7,631	2.1	66.1	High
Insurance	7,249	0.2	20.3	44.6
Telecom	8,233	1.5	19.3	24.6
Utilities	5,995	0.0	30.1	8.4
REITs	4,979	0.2	16.2	Neg
Real Estate	3,551	0.2	17.6	Neg
Software & Services	29,432	0.6	108.9	High

**Neg: Negative

Average Index Value

Average 5 days	Average 10 days	Average 20 days	Average value traded for the month (bn)
11,172	11,194	11,228	6.62

Market Statistics

	Value Traded (SAR bn)	Volumes (mn shares)	No. of Trades ('000)
Current Week	10.6	292.4	512.5
Previous week	25.2	702.5	1,220.1

Top Weighted Companies

Company	Price	Change%
Al Rajhi	120.60	-0.2
SNB	60.00	1.9
Saudi Aramco	35.05	0.4
SABIC	122.00	0.8
STC	131.20	1.9



REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MARKETS

- Among other regional markets, Dubai remained flat, while Abu Dhabi increased 0.4%. Kuwait, Egypt, Qatar and Oman rose 0.5%, 0.4%, 0.2% and 0.1%, respectively; while Bahrain declined 0.5%.
- Eurozone's economic confidence index fell to 117.5 in August (consensus: 117.9) from 119.0 in July. Economic confidence in services, industry and consumers dipped, while confidence picked up in construction and remained unchanged in retail trade. (Source: Econoday, RTT News)
- China's official manufacturing PMI fell to 50.1 in August (consensus: 50.2) compared to 50.4 in July. The services PMI dropped to 47.5 in August, first contraction since 2000, versus 53.3 in July. (Source: CNBC, Econoday)
- Japan's retail sales grew 2.4% Y/Y in July (consensus: 2.1% increase), recording fifth consecutive rise in retail sales, compared to 0.1% rise in June. On M/M basis, retail sales were up 1.1% in July. (Source: RTT News)
- Oil prices rose 1.0% amid uncertainty over resumption of US refineries and pipelines after Hurricane Ida.
- Gold prices fell 0.4% due to weakness in US dollar ahead of release of US Job data later this week.

Forex / Currency

Currency	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Dollar Index	92.7	0.0	0.5	3.0
Euro	1.18	0.0	-0.6	-3.4
Japanese Yen	109.9	0.1	0.2	6.5
Sterling Pound	1.38	0.0	-1.0	0.6
Chinese Yuan	6.47	-0.1	0.1	-0.9
Indian Rupee	73.3	-0.2	-1.4	0.4
UAE Dirham	3.67	0.0	0.0	0.0
Qatari Rial	3.69	0.1	1.3	1.3
Kuwaiti Dinar	0.30	0.0	0.1	-1.1
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
31 st Aug	Theeb	EGM
01 st Sep	Saudi Aramco	Cash Dividend Distribution
01 st Sep	Bawan	Cash Dividend Distribution
02 nd Sep	Maharah	Cash Dividend Distribution
02 nd Sep	City Cement	Cash Dividend Distribution
02 nd Sep	ALBABTAIN	OGM

*EGM: Extra Ordinary Meeting

*OGM: Ordinary General Meeting

Regional Markets

Market	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dubai (DFM)	2,900	0.0	4.8	16.4	21.4
Abu Dhabi (ADX)	7,685	0.4	5.0	52.3	21.2
Kuwait (KSE)	5,514	0.5	1.4	21.1	14.9
Qatar (QE)	11,108	0.2	3.3	6.4	16.2
Oman (MSM)	3,970	0.1	-1.5	8.5	10.4
Bahrain (BSE)	1,657	-0.5	3.8	11.2	12.9
Egypt (EGX30)	11,163	0.4	3.9	2.9	8.4

International Markets

Index	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dow Jones	35,400	-0.2	1.3	15.7	21.8
Nasdaq	15,266	0.9	4.0	18.4	31.8
S&P 500	4,529	0.4	3.0	20.6	26.9
FTSE 100	7,148	0.0	1.6	10.6	14.8
Germany DAX 30	15,887	0.2	2.2	15.8	15.2
France CAC 40	6,687	0.1	1.1	20.5	23.3
Japan Nikkei 225	27,789	0.5	1.9	1.3	14.8
Russia MOEX	3,929	1.1	4.2	19.4	9.4
Hong Kong Hang Seng	25,540	0.5	-1.6	-6.2	11.8
South Korea KOSPI	3,144	0.3	-1.8	9.4	16.4
China Shanghai Composite	3,528	0.2	3.8	1.6	11.6
Australia ASX 200	7,505	0.2	1.5	13.9	17.3
India Sensex	56,890	1.4	8.2	19.1	27.3
MSCI EM	1,285	1.0	0.6	-0.5	16.2
MSCI World	3,147	0.4	2.5	17.0	24.3

Commodity Markets

Commodity	Price	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Arab Light Crude (\$/bbl)	72.0	-0.2	-4.5	44.3
Brent Crude (\$/bbl)	73.4	1.0	-3.8	41.7
Texas crude (\$/bbl)	69.2	0.7	-6.4	42.6
Natural Gas (\$/mmbtu)	4.31	-1.5	10.0	69.6
Gold (\$/oz)	1,810	-0.4	-0.2	-4.7
Silver (\$/oz)	24.1	0.3	-5.5	-8.7
Steel (\$/ton)	1,939	-0.1	2.7	92.9
Iron Ore (CNY/MT)	961	1.0	-6.9	-11.0
Wheat (\$/bu)	709	-1.4	0.7	10.7
Corn (\$/bu)	540	-3.2	-1.2	11.6
Sugar (\$/lb)	20.2	0.9	12.9	30.5
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	0.120	-0.1	0.2	-11.9
Saudi Arabia (SAIBOR)	0.796	0.0	0.1	-2.2
UAE (EIBOR)	0.355	-0.9	-1.5	-15.8
Qatar (QIBOR)	1.125	-2.5	17.5	0.4
Bahrain (BHIBOR)	1.550	0.0	-4.2	-70.0

Data Sources: Tadawul, Bloomberg, Reuters

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

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