



Major Economic News

- Saudi Arabia's inflation grew to 1.1% in November as against 0.8% in October. The cost-of-living index for November rose to 105.2 points compared to 104.0 points the year before. (Source: Argaam)
- Mortgage loans provided to retail and corporate clients by commercial banks in Saudi Arabia rose 36.0% Y/Y to SAR 533.5bn in Q3-21 from SAR 392.1bn in a year earlier period. Loans to retail clients, accounting for 77.0% of total mortgage loans, jumped 48.0% to SAR 412.6bn in Q3-21 from SAR 279.2bn in Q3-20. (Source: Argaam)

Major Corporate News

- Almarai Co.'s board of directors approved the investment plan to enter the branded local beef segment. The plan will enable Almarai to offer its consumers with high-quality local meat and entails an initial investment of SAR 250.0mn, financed from the company's operating cashflows, to build a new end-to-end production plant. (Source: Argaam)
- Yamama Cement Co. made an early repayment of SAR 130.0mn worth of two loan installments to Saudi Industrial Development Fund. Accordingly, the company has an outstanding debt balance of SAR 1.2bn. (Source: Argaam)
- Alandalus Property Co. inked a contract with AlAhli REIT Fund 1 to build and expand parking lots at Alandalus Mall in Jeddah, at an estimated value of SAR 131.0mn. The company's fees account for 10% or not more than SAR 11.5mn of the development cost. (Source: Argaam)
- Filling and Packing Materials Manufacturing Co. inked a financing agreement at a total value of SAR 15.1mn with Saudi Industrial Development Fund. (Source: Argaam)

Market Analysis

- The Saudi Stock Exchange increased 1.1% to 11,143.4. The value traded stood at SAR 7.4bn (up 2.7% over previous day), while the advance-decline ratio stood at 125/71. The parallel market index increased 3.0% to 25,208.9 points. The value traded stood at SAR 108.2mn (up 86.7% over previous day). Most sectors in the main market ended in the green. Retailing and Pharma & Bio Tech (up 2.9% and 1.6%, respectively) advanced the most; Food & Staples and Healthcare (down 0.5% and 0.2%, respectively) led the laggards.

Top Gainers

Company	Price	Change%
SIDC	21.36	9.2
ALJAZIRA REIT	24.44	5.9
JARIR	202.00	3.9
SIPCHEM	44.35	3.9
ATHEEB TELECOM	31.15	3.8

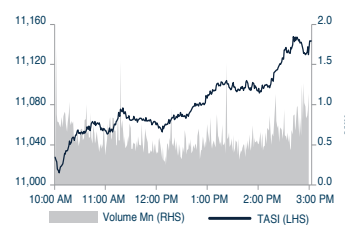
Top Losers

Company	Price	Change%
ALINMA TOKIO M	33.20	-3.1
RAYDAN	22.68	-2.6
SVCP	84.00	-1.9
ABO MOATI	42.75	-1.8
MALATH INSURANCE	25.25	-1.8

Saudi Stock Exchange

Index	Closing	High	Low	Daily Change%	YTD %
TASI	11,143	11,150	11,012	1.1	28.2
NomuC	25,209	25,494	24,451	3.0	(3.9)

TASI movement during session



TASI Ratios

P/E* (x)	22.5
Price-to-Book (x)	2.3
Dividend Yield (%)	1.8
Return on Equity (%)	19.9

Source: Argaam
*Excluding Aramco

Index	Close	Daily Change%	YTD %	PE (TTM)
Energy	5,461	0.4	1.4	20.5
Materials	7,390	1.6	28.6	18.6
Capital Goods	7,725	0.2	18.2	High
Commercial Service	4,818	0.2	18.7	Neg
Transportation	5,542	0.1	14.4	Neg
Consumer Durables	6,818	1.3	19.1	High
Consumer Services	5,037	1.0	18.0	Neg
Media	19,960	0.2	95.4	33.1
Retailing	10,142	2.9	18.5	38.3
Food & Staples	9,472	(0.5)	(10.1)	39.5
Food & Beverages	4,935	0.1	(9.7)	38.6
Healthcare	7,228	(0.2)	27.8	38.6
Pharma & Bio Tech	5,389	1.6	4.2	High
Banks	11,734	1.4	54.6	21.1
Diversified Financials	7,233	0.3	57.4	High
Insurance	6,231	(0.1)	3.4	49.9
Telecom	7,140	0.5	3.5	20.5
Utilities	5,865	1.5	27.2	8.3
REITs	4,802	0.9	12.1	Neg
Real Estate	3,300	0.2	9.3	Neg
Software & Services	27,751	1.2	96.9	31.8

**Neg: Negative

Average Index Value

Average 5 days	Average 10 days	Average 20 days	Average value traded for the month (bn)
11,019	11,024	11,087	8.48

Market Statistics

	Value Traded (SAR bn)	Volumes (mn shares)	No. of Trades ('000)
Current Week	42.6	907.8	1,562.6
Previous week	39.3	1,027.6	1,907.7

Top Weighted Companies

Company	Price	Change%
Al Rajhi	139.00	1.6
SNB	61.90	2.0
Saudi Aramco	35.15	0.4
SABIC	114.40	2.0
STC	109.60	0.6



REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MARKETS

- Among other regional markets, Dubai and Abu Dhabi decreased 0.7% and 0.3%, respectively. Qatar and Oman declined 0.7% and 0.1%, respectively; while Kuwait and Bahrain fell 0.2% each. Meanwhile, Egypt remained flat.
- US Federal Reserve indicated that it would speed up the reduction of its monthly bond purchases. The central bank will be buying USD 60bn of bonds each month starting in January, USD 30bn less than that in December. Additionally, Fed officials see as many as three rate hikes coming in FY22, with two each in FY23 and FY24. (Source: CNBC)
- According to EIA, oil inventories in the US fell 4.6mn barrels (prior: down 0.2mn) to 428.3mn in the week ended December 10. Gasoline inventories decreased 0.7mn barrels (prior: up 3.9mn) to 218.6mn, while distillate inventories declined 2.9mn barrels (prior: up 2.7mn) to 123.8mn. (Source: EIA, Econoday)
- US retail sales rose 0.3% in November (consensus: an increase of 0.8%) compared with an upwardly revised 1.8% growth in October. (Source: RTT News)
- Oil prices increased 0.2%, after data revealed that US oil inventories decreased last week.
- Gold prices rose 0.3%, as the weaker US dollar boosted demand for the yellow metal.

Forex / Currency

Currency	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Dollar Index	96.5	-0.1	0.5	7.3
Euro	1.13	0.2	-0.4	-7.6
Japanese Yen	114.0	0.3	0.8	10.4
Sterling Pound	1.33	0.2	-0.2	-3.0
Chinese Yuan	6.37	0.0	0.1	-2.4
Indian Rupee	76.3	0.4	1.7	4.5
UAE Dirham	3.67	0.0	0.0	0.0
Qatari Rial	3.64	0.0	0.0	0.0
Kuwaiti Dinar	0.30	0.1	0.2	-0.2
Omani Rial	0.38	0.0	0.0	0.0
Bahraini Dinar	0.38	0.0	0.0	0.1
Egyptian Pound	15.72	0.1	-0.1	0.2

Corporate Calendar

Date	Company	Event
16 th Dec	Nayifat	Cash Dividend Distribution
19 th Dec	SPCC	OGM
20 th Dec	SAPTCO	OGM
21 st Dec	TANMIAH	EGM
23 rd Dec	HCC	Cash Dividend Distribution
29 th Dec	QACCO	OGM

*EGM: Extra Ordinary Meeting

*OGM: Ordinary General Meeting

Regional Markets

Market	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dubai (DFM)	3,255	-0.7	5.9	30.6	21.4
Abu Dhabi (ADX)	8,819	-0.3	3.2	74.8	22.1
Kuwait (KSE)	5,869	-0.2	2.6	28.9	9.6
Qatar (QE)	11,642	-0.7	2.2	11.6	15.0
Oman (MSM)	4,021	-0.1	0.5	9.9	10.6
Bahrain (BSE)	1,782	-0.2	3.0	19.6	10.1
Egypt (EGX30)	11,622	0.0	2.0	7.2	7.8

International Markets

Index	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dow Jones	35,927	1.1	4.2	17.4	20.3
Nasdaq	15,566	2.2	0.2	20.8	30.5
S&P 500	4,710	1.6	3.1	25.4	25.7
FTSE 100	7,171	-0.7	1.6	11.0	14.8
Germany DAX 30	15,476	0.1	2.5	12.8	14.7
France CAC 40	6,928	0.5	3.1	24.8	21.0
Japan Nikkei 225	28,460	0.1	2.3	3.7	15.3
Russia MOEX	3,622	0.1	-6.9	10.1	5.9
Hong Kong Hang Seng	23,421	-0.9	-0.2	-14.0	10.9
South Korea KOSPI	2,989	0.0	5.3	4.0	13.9
China Shanghai Composite	3,648	-0.4	2.3	5.0	12.0
Australia ASX 200	7,327	-0.7	1.0	11.2	16.6
India Sensex	57,788	-0.6	1.3	21.0	24.9
MSCI EM	1,215	-0.6	0.2	-5.9	13.8
MSCI World	3,175	1.2	2.4	18.0	22.8

Commodity Markets

Commodity	Price	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Arab Light Crude (\$/bbl)	74.2	-2.2	1.9	48.6
Brent Crude (\$/bbl)	73.9	0.2	4.7	42.6
Texas crude (\$/bbl)	70.9	0.2	7.1	46.1
Natural Gas (\$/mmbtu)	3.80	1.5	-16.8	49.7
Gold (\$/oz)	1,777	0.3	0.1	-6.4
Silver (\$/oz)	22.1	0.6	-3.3	-16.3
Steel (\$/ton)	1,630	1.4	1.2	62.2
Iron Ore (CNY/MT)	669	11.0	11.8	-38.0
Wheat (\$/bu)	756	-3.8	-2.3	18.0
Corn (\$/bu)	586	-0.5	3.3	21.0
Sugar (\$/lb)	19.3	-1.8	3.7	24.5
SMP* (EUR/MT)	3,251	-1.2	-0.3	46.1

*SMP: Skimmed Milk Powder

Interbank Rates

Region	Rate*	Daily Change(bps)	MTD (bps)	YTD (bps)
USD LIBOR	0.211	0.8	3.8	-2.8
Saudi Arabia (SAIBOR)	0.876	0.9	3.0	5.8
UAE (EIBOR)	0.305	-13.3	-4.4	-20.8
Qatar (QIBOR)	1.100	0.0	-7.0	-2.1
Bahrain (BHIBOR)	1.517	0.0	0.0	-73.3

Data Sources: Tadawul, Bloomberg, Reuters

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

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