



## Major Economic News

- Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman launched the master plan and main features of Jeddah Central project (formerly New Jeddah Downtown) at a total investment value of SAR 75.0bn. These investments were allocated for the development of 5.7mn sq.m. to create a world-class destination in Jeddah, financed by PIF as well as local and foreign investors. (Source: Argaam)

## Major Corporate News

- United Electronics Co.'s board of directors approved establishing a wholly-owned subsidiary in Egypt, the company's first expansion outside the GCC. The home appliance producer will inject initial direct investments of EGP 1.0bn into the Egyptian market, funded through internal cash flows and loans. (Source: Argaam)
- Dar Al Arkan Real Estate Development Co. is planning to list the shares of Saudi Home Loans Co. on the Saudi market, as per Chairman Yousef Al Shelash. The company plans to invest USD 2.0bn in a real estate tourism project in Oman over 10 years. (Source: Argaam)
- Banan Real Estate Co. signed a contract to acquire a commercial building (Plaza 46) in Qurtoba district, Riyadh, for SAR 73.1mn. The total land area is 6,400 sq.m. while the total rental area is 5,200 sq.m. with annual income of SAR 6.0mn. (Source: Argaam)
- Walaa Cooperative Insurance Co. signed an insurance policy with STC at a total value of SAR 19.0mn to provide general insurance coverage. (Source: Argaam)
- Sadr Logistics Co.'s rights issue was 98.85% covered, as subscribers injected SAR 148.3mn in 14.8mn new shares. (Source: Argaam)

## Market Analysis

- The Saudi Stock Exchange increased 1.5% to 11,311.9 on Thursday. The value traded stood at SAR 10.9bn (up 46.6% over previous day), while the advance-decline ratio stood at 114/80. The parallel market index increased 3.0% to 25,954.2 points. The value traded stood at SAR 136.1mn (up 25.8% over previous day). Most sectors in the main market ended in the green. Banks and Media (up 2.7% and 1.7%, respectively) advanced the most; Food & Staples and REITs (down 1.2% and 0.8%, respectively) led the laggards.

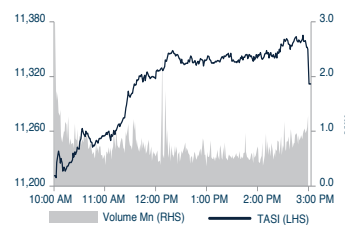
Top Gainers		
Company	Price	Change%
APC	18.50	8.1
SABB	31.00	7.5
BSFR	44.40	6.7
AWPT	108.60	6.5
CHEMANOL	36.35	5.4

Top Losers		
Company	Price	Change%
ARAB SEA	182.60	-5.9
JADWA REIT SAUDI	15.30	-4.4
ZOUJAJ	41.60	-3.0
NGC	47.20	-2.7
ALJAZIRA REIT	23.80	-2.6

## Saudi Stock Exchange

Index	Closing	High	Low	Daily Change%	YTD %
TASI	11,312	11,365	11,200	1.5	30.2
NomuC	25,954	25,980	25,233	3.0	(1.1)

## TASI movement during session



## TASI Ratios

P/E* (x)	22.8
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	5,476	0.3	1.7	20.5
Materials	7,474	1.1	30.1	18.9
Capital Goods	7,775	0.6	18.9	High
Commercial Service	4,821	0.0	18.8	Neg
Transportation	5,587	0.8	15.4	Neg
Consumer Durables	6,924	1.6	21.0	High
Consumer Services	5,026	(0.2)	17.7	Neg
Media	20,299	1.7	98.7	33.6
Retailing	10,136	(0.1)	18.5	38.2
Food & Staples	9,363	(1.2)	(11.1)	39.2
Food & Beverages	4,938	0.1	(9.6)	38.6
Healthcare	7,321	1.3	29.5	39.3
Pharma & Bio Tech	5,363	(0.5)	3.7	High
Banks	12,047	2.7	58.7	21.6
Diversified Financials	7,201	(0.4)	56.7	High
Insurance	6,282	0.8	4.3	High
Telecom	7,219	1.1	4.6	20.7
Utilities	5,965	1.7	29.4	8.4
REITs	4,763	(0.8)	11.2	Neg
Real Estate	3,313	0.4	9.7	Neg
Software & Services	27,574	(0.6)	95.7	31.9

\*\*Neg: Negative

## Average Index Value

Average 5 days	Average 10 days	Average 20 days	Average value traded for the month (bn)
11,094	11,067	11,067	8.68

## Market Statistics

	Value Traded (SAR bn)	Volumes (mn shares)	No. of Trades ('000)
Current Week	-	-	-
Previous week	53.5	1,162.9	1,964.5

## Top Weighted Companies

Company	Price	Change%
Al Rajhi	142.00	2.2
SNB	62.80	1.5
Saudi Aramco	35.25	0.3
SABIC	116.80	2.1
STC	110.80	1.1



## REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MARKETS

- Among other regional markets, Dubai and Abu Dhabi increased 0.6% and 0.4%, respectively. Qatar and Egypt rose 0.4% each, while Oman gained 0.2%. Meanwhile, Kuwait ended flat, and Bahrain remained closed.
- According to Baker Hughes, North America's rig count decreased to 746 in the week ended December 17 from 753 earlier. The rig count rose to 579 in the US from 576 earlier and to 15 in the Gulf of Mexico from 14 earlier. The rig count in Canada fell to 167 from 177 earlier. (Source: Baker Hughes)
- US initial jobless claims rose to 206,000 (consensus: 200,000), representing an increase of 18,000 from the previous week's revised level of 188,000. (Source: Econoday)
- The Bank of England, in an unexpected move, increased its main interest rate to 0.25% from the historic low of 0.1% amid persistent inflation pressures and a tightening labor market. (Source: CNBC)
- Oil prices plunged 2.0% on Friday, as rising cases of Omicron coronavirus variant raised fears of new restrictions and their impact on oil demand.
- Gold prices fell 0.1%, as the stronger US dollar weighed on demand for the yellow metal.

## Forex / Currency

Currency	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Dollar Index	96.6	0.5	0.6	7.4
Euro	1.12	-0.8	-0.9	-8.0
Japanese Yen	113.7	0.0	0.5	10.1
Sterling Pound	1.32	-0.6	-0.4	-3.2
Chinese Yuan	6.37	0.1	0.2	-2.3
Indian Rupee	76.0	-0.2	1.2	4.0
UAE Dirham	3.67	0.0	0.0	0.0
Qatari Rial	3.64	0.0	0.0	0.0
Kuwaiti Dinar	0.30	0.0	0.2	-0.3
Omani Rial	0.38	0.0	0.0	0.0
Bahraini Dinar	0.38	0.0	0.0	0.1
Egyptian Pound	15.72	0.0	-0.1	0.2

## Corporate Calendar

Date	Company	Event
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	SPCC	OGM
20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	SAPTCO	OGM
21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	TANMIAH	EGM
23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	HCC	Cash Dividend Distribution
29 <sup>th</sup> Dec	QACCO	OGM
29 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Allianz SF	EGM

\*EGM: Extra Ordinary Meeting

\*OGM: Ordinary General Meeting

## Regional Markets

Market	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dubai (DFM)	3,273	0.6	6.5	31.3	21.5
Abu Dhabi (ADX)	8,856	0.4	3.6	75.5	22.2
Kuwait (KSE)	5,871	0.0	2.7	29.0	9.6
Qatar (QE)	11,687	0.4	2.6	12.0	15.1
Oman (MSM)	4,031	0.2	0.8	10.2	10.5
Bahrain (BSE)	1,782	0.0	3.0	19.6	10.1
Egypt (EGX30)	11,668	0.4	2.4	7.6	7.8

## International Markets

Index	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dow Jones	35,365	-1.5	2.6	15.5	20.1
Nasdaq	15,170	-0.1	-2.4	17.7	30.3
S&P 500	4,621	-1.0	1.2	23.0	25.6
FTSE 100	7,270	0.1	3.0	12.5	15.0
Germany DAX 30	15,532	-0.7	2.9	13.2	14.7
France CAC 40	6,927	-1.1	3.1	24.8	21.0
Japan Nikkei 225	28,546	-1.8	2.6	4.0	15.3
Russia MOEX	3,723	-0.7	-4.3	13.2	6.0
Hong Kong Hang Seng	23,193	-1.2	-1.2	-14.8	10.9
South Korea KOSPI	3,018	0.4	6.3	5.0	14.0
China Shanghai Composite	3,632	-1.2	1.9	4.6	12.0
Australia ASX 200	7,304	0.1	0.7	10.9	16.6
India Sensex	57,012	-1.5	-0.1	19.4	24.6
MSCI EM	1,216	-0.6	0.3	-5.8	13.8
MSCI World	3,140	-0.9	1.2	16.7	22.5

## Commodity Markets

Commodity	Price	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Arab Light Crude (\$/bbl)	75.1	-0.8	3.2	50.5
Brent Crude (\$/bbl)	73.5	-2.0	4.2	41.9
Texas crude (\$/bbl)	70.9	-2.1	7.1	46.0
Natural Gas (\$/mmbtu)	3.69	-2.0	-19.2	45.3
Gold (\$/oz)	1,798	-0.1	1.3	-5.3
Silver (\$/oz)	22.3	-0.5	-2.0	-15.2
Steel (\$/ton)	1,647	0.4	2.3	63.9
Iron Ore (CNY/MT)	687	1.3	14.8	-36.4
Wheat (\$/bu)	775	0.6	0.2	21.0
Corn (\$/bu)	593	0.3	4.6	22.6
Sugar (\$/lb)	19.1	-1.5	2.7	23.4
SMP* (EUR/MT)	3,440	0.5	5.5	54.6

\*SMP: Skimmed Milk Powder

## Interbank Rates

Region	Rate*	Daily Change(bps)	MTD (bps)	YTD (bps)
USD LIBOR	0.214	-0.2	4.0	-2.5
Saudi Arabia (SAIBOR)	0.880	0.4	3.4	6.3
UAE (EIBOR)	0.410	10.5	6.1	-10.3
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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