



## Major Economic News

- The unemployment rate in Saudi Arabia remained unchanged at 11.3% in Q3-21, compared with the previous quarter. Unemployment rate among males and females stood at 5.9% and 21.9%, respectively. The unemployment rate declined by 1.9% in Q3-21, compared with the same period a year earlier. (Source: Argaam)
- SAMA mandated insurance companies to settle vehicle claims to the third party and compensate them for the VAT according to the repair invoices issued in accordance with the requirements of the competent authority, in addition to compensation based on the repair costs issued by the vehicle damage assessment entity. (Source: Argaam)

## Major Corporate News

- Rabigh Refining and Petrochemical Co. announced that it completed the full repayment of commercial loans related to Phase 1 of the industrial complex, amounting to SAR 21.9bn. (Source: Argaam)
- The board of directors of Etihad Atheeb Telecommunication Co. approved to increase the capital through SAR 350mn rights issue. The main objective of the capital increase is to pay off obligations and to develop and modernize systems and networks. (Source: Argaam)
- Sumou Real Estate Co. signed a development and marketing agreement with related parties Adeer Holding Co. and Adeer Real Estate Co. for 251 residential villas in Areen project, Al Khobar. In return, Sumou will receive a 10% fee of the total development cost, paid during the agreement period of 30 months. (Source: Argaam)

## Market Analysis

- The Saudi Stock Exchange increased 0.1% to 11,170.5. The value traded stood at SAR 7.1bn (up 18.0% over previous day), while the advance-decline ratio stood at 58/141. The parallel market index increased 1.2% to 27,377.1 points. The value traded stood at SAR 114.5mn (down 27.1% over previous day). Most sectors in the main market ended in the red. Telecom and Pharma & Bio Tech (up 1.1% and 0.6%, respectively) advanced the most; Real Estate and Consumer Durables (down 1.6% and 1.4%, respectively) led the laggards.

## Top Gainers

Company	Price	Change%
ALMUNAJEM	63.40	5.7
ALJOUF	64.00	5.4
ALINMA TOKIO M	34.40	4.9
BSFR	44.00	4.5
ZOUJAJ	41.40	3.9

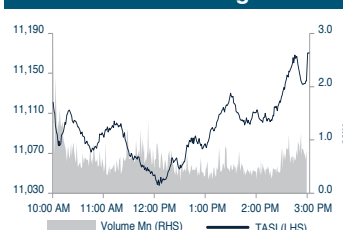
## Top Losers

Company	Price	Change%
ARABIAN SHIELD	25.50	-4.1
PETRO RABIGH	20.72	-3.8
JABAL OMAR	26.90	-3.1
BATIC	25.95	-3.0
ALUJAIN	57.30	-2.9

## Saudi Stock Exchange

Index	Closing	High	Low	Daily Change%	YTD %
TASI	11,170	11,171	11,036	0.1	28.6
NomuC	27,377	27,415	26,953	1.2	4.3

## TASI movement during session



## TASI Ratios

P/E* (x)	22.6
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	5,455	0.3	1.3	20.5
Materials	7,352	(0.3)	27.9	18.6
Capital Goods	7,606	(0.8)	16.3	High
Commercial Service	4,664	(0.5)	14.9	Neg
Transportation	5,425	(1.0)	12.0	Neg
Consumer Durables	6,698	(1.4)	17.1	49.6
Consumer Services	4,886	(0.2)	14.4	Neg
Media	19,787	(0.9)	93.7	32.7
Retailing	9,882	(0.8)	15.5	37.3
Food & Staples	9,383	(0.7)	(10.9)	45.3
Food & Beverages	4,889	(0.5)	(10.5)	38.3
Healthcare	7,241	(0.6)	28.1	38.5
Pharma & Bio Tech	5,211	0.6	0.8	High
Banks	11,923	0.6	57.1	21.4
Diversified Financials	7,016	(0.3)	52.7	High
Insurance	6,147	(0.3)	2.0	49.4
Telecom	7,245	1.1	5.0	20.9
Utilities	5,858	(0.6)	27.1	8.3
REITs	4,736	(0.6)	10.5	Neg
Real Estate	3,224	(1.6)	6.8	Neg
Software & Services	27,202	(0.7)	93.0	31.2

\*\*Neg: Negative

## Average Index Value

Average 5 days	Average 10 days	Average 20 days	Average value traded for the month (bn)
11,162	11,084	11,051	8.38

## Market Statistics

	Value Traded (SAR bn)	Volumes (mn shares)	No. of Trades ('000)
Current Week	13.1	364.6	698.9
Previous week	53.5	1,162.9	1,964.5

## Top Weighted Companies

Company	Price	Change%
Al Rajhi	139.60	-0.1
SNB	62.30	0.6
Saudi Aramco	35.25	0.6
SABIC	114.80	0.9
STC	112.00	1.6



## REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MARKETS

- Among other regional markets, Dubai remained flat, while Abu Dhabi decreased 1.1%. Oman rose 0.2%, while Egypt and Qatar declined 0.7% and 0.2%, respectively. Meanwhile, Kuwait and Bahrain fell 0.6% each.
- Omicron is now the dominant COVID-19 strain in the US, representing 73% of sequenced cases, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Omicron has displaced the previously dominant delta variant, which now consists of an estimated 26.6% of sequenced cases for the week ending December 18. (Source: CNBC)
- Emerging markets will face challenges in managing their economic recovery, but Asia is likely to fare better than other regions, according to Moody's Investor Service. (Source: CNBC)
- China reduced the one-year loan prime rate (LPR) to 3.80% from 3.85%. This was first reduction in prime rates since April 2020. The five-year LPR was maintained at 4.65%. (Source: RTT News)
- Oil prices plunged 2.7% due to worries over rising spread of Omicron variant of COVID-19 globally.
- Gold prices fell 0.4% amid ambiguity over the impact of soaring Omicron coronavirus cases.

## Forex / Currency

Currency	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Dollar Index	96.6	0.0	0.6	7.4
Euro	1.13	0.3	-0.5	-7.7
Japanese Yen	113.6	0.0	0.4	10.0
Sterling Pound	1.32	-0.3	-0.7	-3.4
Chinese Yuan	6.38	-0.1	0.2	-1.8
Indian Rupee	75.9	-0.2	1.0	3.9
UAE Dirham	3.67	0.0	0.0	0.0
Qatari Rial	3.67	0.0	0.0	0.0
Kuwaiti Dinar	0.30	0.0	0.2	-0.3
Omani Rial	0.38	0.0	0.0	0.1
Bahraini Dinar	0.38	0.0	0.0	0.0
Egyptian Pound	15.74	0.0	0.2	0.0

## Corporate Calendar

Date	Company	Event
21st Dec	TANMIAH	EGM
23rd Dec	HCC	Cash Dividend Distribution
29th Dec	QACCO	OGM
29th Dec	Allianz SF	EGM
30th Dec	YCC	Cash Dividend Distribution
30th Dec	Dallah Health	Cash Dividend Distribution

\*EGM: Extra Ordinary Meeting

\*OGM: Ordinary General Meeting

## Regional Markets

Market	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dubai (DFM)	3,157	0.0	2.7	26.7	20.7
Abu Dhabi (ADX)	8,557	-1.1	0.1	69.6	21.6
Kuwait (KSE)	5,807	-0.6	1.5	27.6	9.5
Qatar (QE)	11,659	-0.2	2.4	11.7	15.1
Oman (MSM)	4,050	0.2	1.2	10.7	10.6
Bahrain (BSE)	1,771	-0.6	2.4	18.9	10.1
Egypt (EGX30)	11,482	-0.7	0.8	5.9	7.8

## International Markets

Index	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dow Jones	34,932	-1.2	1.3	14.1	19.5
Nasdaq	15,628	-1.1	-3.1	21.3	38.3
S&P 500	4,568	-1.1	0.0	21.6	25.1
FTSE 100	7,198	-1.0	2.0	11.4	17.3
Germany DAX 30	15,240	-1.9	0.9	11.1	14.7
France CAC 40	6,870	-0.8	2.2	23.8	20.8
Japan Nikkei 225	27,938	-2.1	0.4	1.8	16.2
Russia MOEX	3,669	-1.5	-5.7	11.6	7.0
Hong Kong Hang Seng	22,745	-1.9	-3.1	-16.5	9.1
South Korea KOSPI	2,963	-1.8	4.4	3.1	13.8
China Shanghai Composite	3,594	-1.1	0.8	3.5	15.4
Australia ASX 200	7,292	-0.2	0.5	10.7	23.0
India Sensex	55,822	-2.1	-2.2	16.9	26.7
MSCI EM	1,190	-2.2	-1.8	-7.8	13.5
MSCI World	3,101	-1.3	0.0	15.3	22.2

## Commodity Markets

Commodity	Price	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Arab Light Crude (\$/bbl)	71.6	-4.7	-1.6	43.5
Brent Crude (\$/bbl)	71.5	-2.7	1.3	38.1
Texas crude (\$/bbl)	68.2	-3.7	3.1	40.6
Natural Gas (\$/mmbtu)	3.8	3.9	-16.0	27.5
Gold (\$/oz)	1,790.9	-0.4	0.9	-5.7
Silver (\$/oz)	22.3	-0.4	-2.5	-15.6
Steel (\$/ton)	1,636.0	-0.7	1.6	62.8
Iron Ore (CNY/MT)	681.5	-0.7	14.0	-36.8
Wheat (\$/bu)	777.8	0.4	-1.2	21.1
Corn (\$/bu)	591.0	-0.4	4.1	34.2
Sugar (\$/lb)	18.6	-2.7	-0.1	30.3
SMP* (EUR/MT)	3,450.0	0.3	5.8	55.1

\*SMP: Skimmed Milk Powder

## Interbank Rates

Region	Rate*	Daily Change(bps)	MTD (bps)	YTD (bps)
USD LIBOR	0.213	0.0	22.7	-10.8
Saudi Arabia (SAIBOR)	0.889	0.0	5.1	8.7
UAE (EIBOR)	0.365	0.0	4.7	-28.8
Qatar (QIBOR)	1.125	0.0	-3.8	0.4
Bahrain (BHIBOR)	1.517	0.0	0.0	-32.6

Data Sources: Tadawul, Bloomberg, Reuters

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

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