



Major Economic News

- Saudi Arabia posted a trade surplus of SAR 59.9bn in October, according to GASTAT. Trade surplus in October was the highest since January 2017. Total exports rose 90% Y/Y in October to SAR 106.2bn. Meanwhile, imports grew by 8% Y/Y to SAR 46.3bn during the same period. Oil exports surged by 123% to SAR 82.4bn in October. Non-oil exports increased by 25% to SAR 23.8bn. (Source: Argaam)
- AME Company for Medical Supplies announced December 27 as the date for direct listing of its shares on Nomu Parallel Market. The company's current capital is SAR 70mn, divided into 7mn shares with a nominal value of SAR 10 per share. The company set the price guidance per share at SAR 50 per share. (Source: Argaam)

Major Corporate News

- Arabian Cement Co. (ACC) is expected to start commercial operations at Rabigh clinker line in Q4-22, instead of Q4-21. (Source: Argaam)
- GASCO's board of directors approved, negotiating with Best Gas Carrier Co., a sole proprietorship, on acquiring shares of the latter. (Source: Argaam)
- Saudi Chemical Company Holding and Eli Lilly signed an acquisition agreement, whereby the former will acquire all prescription rights of Cialis (5mg and 20mg) in Saudi Arabia. (Source: Argaam)
- Saudi Industrial Export Co.'s (SIECO) board of directors amended its previous proposal of a capital increase via a rights issue to a capital cut, to be followed with a capital increase. The board of directors proposed to slash capital by 66.66%, or two shares for every three outstanding shares, from SAR 64.8mn to SAR 21.6mn. (Source: Argaam)

Market Analysis

- The Saudi Stock Exchange decreased 0.1% to 11,161.0. The value traded stood at SAR 4.5bn (up 8.8% over previous day), while the advance-decline ratio stood at 78/117. The parallel market index decreased 1.2% to 26,236.9 points. The value traded stood at SAR 100.3mn (up 8.0% over previous day). Most sectors in the main market ended in the red. Software & Services and Food & Beverages (up 1.5% and 0.7%, respectively) advanced the most; Pharma & Bio Tech and Media (down 1.1% and 1.0%, respectively) led the laggards.

Top Gainers

Company	Price	Change%
WAFRAH	146	9
DAR ALARKAN	10.24	4.5
ARABIAN SHIELD	26	4
SHARQIYAH DEV	97.5	3.7
MIS	145.2	3.7

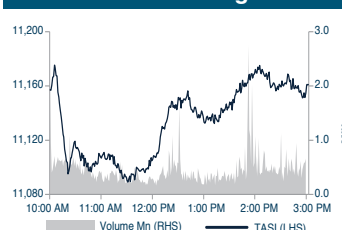
Top Losers

Company	Price	Change%
WATANIYA	41.95	-3.6
ASTRA INDUSTRIAL	39.45	-3.1
ALINMA TOKIO M	32.05	-2.9
SADR	115.2	-2.5
MESC	20.86	-2.2

Saudi Stock Exchange

Index	Closing	High	Low	Daily Change%	YTD %
TASI	11,161	11,176	11,087	(0.10)	28.4
NomuC	26,237	26,640	26,188	(1.20)	0.0

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	5,466	-0.2	1.5	20.6
Materials	7,317	-0.1	27.3	18.7
Capital Goods	7,496	-0.5	14.7	High
Commercial Service	4,507	-0.7	11	Neg
Transportation	5,256	0.5	8.5	Neg
Consumer Durables	6,408	0.1	12	47.5
Consumer Services	4,702	-0.3	10.2	Neg
Media	21,675	-1.0	112.1	36
Retailing	9,794	0.0	14.5	36.9
Food & Staples	9,184	0.1	-12.8	44
Food & Beverages	4,848	0.7	-11.3	38
Healthcare	7,287	0.1	28.9	38.7
Pharma & Bio Tech	5,191	-1.1	0.4	High
Banks	12,015	-0.1	58.3	21.7
Diversified Financials	6,893	0.6	50	High
Insurance	5,997	-0.6	-0.5	48.2
Telecom	7,124	-0.5	3.3	20.5
Utilities	5,785	0.2	25.5	8.2
REITs	4,661	-0.6	8.8	Neg
Real Estate	3,168	0.4	4.9	Neg
Software & Services	28,215	1.5	100.2	32.1

**Neg: Negative

Average Index Value

Average 5 days	Average 10 days	Average 20 days	Average value traded for the month (bn)
11,213	11,188	11,078	7.49

Market Statistics

	Value Traded (SAR bn)	Volumes (mn shares)	No. of Trades ('000)
Current Week	8.7	252.5	521.5
Previous week	29.5	801.9	1,595.80

Top Weighted Companies

Company	Price	Change%
Al Rajhi	139	-0.7
SNB	63.7	1.1
Saudi Aramco	35.4	-0.3
SABIC	115	0.3
STC	109.8	-0.5



REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MARKETS

- Among other regional markets, Dubai and Abu Dhabi increased 0.9% and 0.1%, respectively. Oman and Qatar declined 0.4% and 0.3%, respectively; while Kuwait and Egypt fell 0.1% each. Meanwhile, Bahrain remained flat.
- Germans across large parts of the country face a tightening of rules to slow down the wave of coronavirus infections led by the Omicron variant. Indoor and outdoor gatherings are restricted from December 27. (Source: The Guardian)
- The production index of Texas Manufacturing outlook survey, a key measure of state manufacturing conditions fell to 26.7 in December from 27.4 in November, indicating that the output continued to expand rapidly. (Source: Morningstar)
- Oil prices increased 3.2% on Monday, hitting the highest level since late November on optimism that Omicron variant of coronavirus would not have a significant impact on global demand in 2022.
- Gold prices rose 0.1% on Monday as slightly weaker US treasury yields offset increase in the dollar price.

Forex / Currency

Currency	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Dollar Index	96.1	0.1	0.1	6.8
Euro	1.13	0.1	-0.1	-7.3
Japanese Yen	114.9	0.4	1.5	11.3
Sterling Pound	1.34	0.4	1.1	-1.7
Chinese Yuan	6.38	0.0	0.1	-2.0
Indian Rupee	75.0	0.0	-0.2	2.6
UAE Dirham	3.67	0.0	0.0	0.0
Qatari Rial	3.67	-0.1	0.0	0.0
Kuwaiti Dinar	0.30	0.0	0.0	-0.5
Omani Rial	0.38	-0.1	-0.1	0.0
Bahraini Dinar	0.38	0.0	0.0	0.0
Egyptian Pound	15.7	0.1	0.0	-0.2

Corporate Calendar

Date	Company	Event
29 th Dec	QACCO	OGM
29 th Dec	Allianz SF	EGM
30 th Dec	YCC	Cash Dividend Distribution
30 th Dec	Dallah Health	Cash Dividend Distribution
30 th Dec	Sipchem	Cash Dividend Distribution
05 th Jan	ACWA Power	EGM

*EGM: Extra Ordinary Meeting

*OGM: Ordinary General Meeting

Regional Markets

Market	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dubai (DFM)	3,188	0.9	3.7	27.9	21
Abu Dhabi (ADX)	8,404	0.1	-1.7	66.6	21
Kuwait (KSE)	5,839	-0.1	2.1	28.3	9.5
Qatar (QE)	11,620	-0.3	2.0	11.3	15
Oman (MSM)	4,105	-0.4	2.6	12.2	10.8
Bahrain (BSE)	1,787	0.0	3.3	19.9	10.2
Egypt (EGX30)	11,850	-0.1	4.0	9.3	7.9

International Markets

Index	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dow Jones	36,302	1.0	5.3	18.6	20.3
Nasdaq	16,568	1.6	2.7	28.5	40.6
S&P 500	4,791	1.4	4.9	27.6	26.3
FTSE 100	7,372	0.0	4.4	14.1	17.7
Germany DAX 30	15,835	0.5	4.9	15.4	15.3
France CAC 40	7,140	0.8	6.2	28.6	21.6
Japan Nikkei 225	28,676	-0.4	3.1	4.5	16.5
Russia MOEX	3,741	1.0	-3.9	13.7	7.1
Hong Kong Hang Seng	23,224	0.0	-1.1	-14.7	9.3
South Korea KOSPI	3,000	-0.4	5.7	4.4	13.9
China Shanghai Composite	3,616	-0.1	1.5	4.1	15.4
Australia ASX 200	7,420	0.0	2.3	12.6	23.3
India Sensex	57,420	0.5	0.6	20.2	27.2
MSCI EM	1,222	0.1	0.8	-5.4	13.9
MSCI World	3,238	1.0	4.4	20.4	23.2

Commodity Markets

Commodity	Price	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Arab Light Crude (\$/bbl)	77.0	0.0	5.8	54.3
Brent Crude (\$/bbl)	78.6	2.3	11.4	51.7
Texas crude (\$/bbl)	75.6	2.4	14.2	55.8
Natural Gas (\$/mmbtu)	4.1	2.1	-11.1	35.1
Gold (\$/oz)	1,812	0.1	2.1	-4.5
Silver (\$/oz)	23.1	0.2	1.0	-12.6
Steel (\$/ton)	1,615	-0.1	0.3	60.7
Iron Ore (CNY/MT)	696	-0.6	16.3	-35.5
Wheat (\$/bu)	804.0	-1.3	2.1	25.1
Corn (\$/bu)	614.8	1.5	8.3	39.6
Sugar (\$/lb)	19.2	-0.2	3.3	34.6
SMP* (EUR/MT)	3,365	0.0	3.2	51.2

*SMP: Skimmed Milk Powder

Interbank Rates

Region	Rate*	Daily Change(bps)	MTD (bps)	YTD (bps)
USD LIBOR	0.218	-0.9	25.8	-8.6
Saudi Arabia (SAIBOR)	0.901	0.8	6.6	10.3
UAE (EIBOR)	0.464	0.6	33.1	-9.5
Qatar (QIBOR)	1.150	0.0	-1.7	2.6
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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