



Major Economic News

- Saudi oil exports decreased by about 2.0% M/M to 6.8mn barrels per day (bpd) in June. Compared to June 2022, oil exports dropped 5.0% from 7.2mn bpd. The Kingdom's crude output was unchanged M/M at 10.0mn bpd in June. Local crude consumption grew 4.0% to 3.2mn bpd in the same month. (Source: Argaam)
- Saudi Arabia and China signed 12 cooperation agreements. Some agreements were signed for the development of infrastructure and financing, including five for housing at a total value of more than SAR 5.0bn. (Source: Argaam)
- Point-of-sale transactions reached nearly SAR 12.0bn in the week ended August 12, compared to SAR 12.7bn in the week before. Data showed that about 179.0mn transactions were processed during the week. (Source: Argaam)
- Housing rental deals in Saudi Arabia rose 15.0% M/M in July, while commercial rentals saw an increase of 11.0%. Ejar Index recorded more than 275,000 rental deals in July. (Source: Argaam)

Major Corporate News

- ACWA Power said it was selected as the "Preferred Bidder" to develop, finance, build, own, operate and maintain Hassyan Sea Water Reverse Osmosis (SWRO) Independent Water Producer (IWP) project. The company will develop the 180.0mn imperial gallon per day capacity plant. (Source: Tadawul)
- Umm Al-Qura Cement Co. announced rescheduling an outstanding loan from the Saudi Industrial Development Fund, which came to support the company's financial position in line with its cash flows. The loan value is SAR 656.9mn, with the rescheduled part amounting to SAR 323.0mn. (Source: Tadawul)

Market Analysis

- The Saudi Stock Exchange decreased 0.2% to 11,392.8. The value traded stood at SAR 5.3bn (up 3.3% over previous day), while the advance-decline ratio stood at 83/127. The parallel market index decreased 0.4% to 23,312.5 points. The value traded stood at SAR 22.0mn (down 36.9% over previous day). Most sectors in the main market ended in the red. Media and Pharma & Bio Tech (up 3.7% and 2.3%, respectively) advanced the most; Commercial Service and Healthcare (down 1.6% and 1.3%, respectively) led the laggards.

Top Gainers

Company	Price	Change%
ATHEEB TELECOM	96.00	8.1
ALBAHA	0.16	6.7
ALARABIA	220.00	4.9
MESC	17.62	4.3
ALMUNAJEM	72.60	3.9

Top Losers

Company	Price	Change%
TADCO	16.38	-3.9
ALBABTAIN	30.95	-3.7
SFICO	27.70	-3.5
SADR	3.35	-3.2
MARAFIQ	74.20	-3.0

Saudi Stock Exchange

Index	Closing	High	Low	Daily Change%	YTD %
TASI	11,393	11,488	11,349	(0.2)	8.7
NomuC	23,313	23,495	23,197	(0.4)	20.1

TASI movement during session



TASI Ratios

P/E* (x)	23.5
Price-to-Book (x)	2.3
Dividend Yield (%)	2.7
Return on Equity (%)	22.1

*Source: Argaam (Excluding Aramco)

Index	Close	Daily Change%	YTD %	PE (TTM)
Energy	6,447	0.1	18.8	14.6
Materials	6,396	(0.2)	1.7	21.1
Capital Goods	7,519	-	43.9	21.6
Commercial Service	4,623	(1.6)	34.5	35.2
Transportation	5,762	(1.2)	26.9	High
Consumer Durables	5,112	(0.3)	21.0	Neg
Consumer Services	5,194	(0.4)	40.7	High
Media	25,013	3.7	16.4	27.5
Retailing	7,947	(0.8)	10.8	23.0
Food & Staples	10,226	(0.3)	19.7	20.8
Food & Beverages	6,026	0.6	29.9	34.3
Healthcare	10,880	(1.3)	19.4	48.0
Pharma & Bio Tech	5,303	2.3	84.6	Neg
Banks	10,927	(0.6)	(5.3)	13.6
Diversified Financial	6,699	(0.4)	5.3	31.7
Insurance	8,176	2.2	53.8	38.9
Telecom	7,499	(0.1)	17.4	16.6
Utilities	8,318	0.2	15.9	15.0
REITs	3,706	0.2	(6.8)	32.7
Real Estate	3,352	-	34.1	High
Software & Services	63,033	(0.8)	75.6	45.2

Average Index Value

Average days 5	Average days 10	Average days 20	Average value traded for the month (bn)
11,454	11,380	11,567	5.49

Market Statistics

	Value Traded (SAR bn)	Volumes (mn shares)	No. of Trades ('000)
Current Week	20.9	856.5	1,499.8
Previous week	28.5	1,129.0	1,953.9

Top Weighted Companies

Company	Price	Change%
Saudi Aramco	34.45	0.1
Al Rajhi	72.30	-0.4
SNB	35.10	-1.0
SABIC	86.40	0.3
STC	40.55	-0.6

International Market News

- According to EIA, oil inventories in the US fell 6.0mn barrels (prior: up 5.9mn) to 439.7mn in the week ended August 11. Gasoline inventories decreased 0.3mn barrels (prior: down 2.7mn) to 216.2mn, while distillate inventories rose 0.3mn barrels (prior: down 1.7mn) to 115.7mn. (Source: EIA, Econoday)
- The minutes of the US Federal Reserve's latest meeting showed the officials expressed concern about the pace of inflation and indicated more rate hikes could be necessary in the future unless conditions change. (Source: Baker Hughes)
- US industrial production increased 1.0% M/M in July (consensus: 0.3% rise) from a prior revised decline of 0.8% in June. Manufacturing rose 0.5% M/M in July (consensus: unchanged M/M) as against a 0.5% decrease in June. The capacity utilization rate stood at 79.3% in July. (Source: Econoday)
- US housing starts grew 3.9% to an annual rate of 1.452mn in July (consensus: 1.455mn), after plunging 11.7% to the revised rate of 1.398mn in June. (Source: Econoday, RTT News)
- Oil prices declined 1.7%, as worries over Chinese economy outweighed a large drawdown in US oil inventories.
- Gold prices fell 0.5%, as the US dollar rebounded impacting demand for the yellow metal.

Forex / Currency

Currency / USD	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Dollar Index	103.43	0.2	1.5	-0.1
Euro	1.09	-0.2	-1.1	1.6
Japanese Yen	146.35	0.5	2.9	11.6
Sterling Pound	1.27	0.2	-0.8	5.4
Chinese Yuan	7.34	0.2	2.7	6.0
Indian Rupee	82.95	0.0	0.8	0.3
UAE Dirham	3.67	0.0	0.0	0.0
Qatari Rial	3.65	0.0	0.0	-0.6
Kuwaiti Dinar	0.31	0.0	0.2	0.5
Omani Rial	0.39	0.0	0.0	0.0
Bahraini Dinar	0.38	0.0	0.0	0.0
Egyptian Pound	30.89	-0.1	-0.1	24.8

Corporate Calendar

Date	Company	Event
17 th Aug	ALBABTAIN	EGM
17 th Aug	SAUDI GERMAN	EGM
17 th Aug	Ds Rent	End of IPO
17 th Aug	MULKIA REIT	Cash Dividend Distribution
17 th Aug	City Cement	Eligibility for Cash Dividend
17 th Aug	ADITF	Eligibility for Cash Dividend

*EGM: Extra Ordinary Meeting

*OGM: Ordinary General Meeting

Regional Markets

Market	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dubai (DFM)	4,046	-0.1	-0.3	21.5	9.3
Abu Dhabi (ADX)	9,781	-0.3	-0.1	-4.7	32.3
Kuwait (KSE)	7,823	-0.1	-3.0	-3.6	18.6
Qatar (QE)	10,664	-0.1	-2.7	-0.2	13.4
Oman (MSM)	4,766	0.1	-0.2	-1.9	13.1
Bahrain (BSE)	1,960	0.0	-1.6	3.4	7.4
Egypt (EGX30)	18,063	0.5	2.7	23.7	9.6

International Markets

Index	Close	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %	P/E
Dow Jones	34,766	-0.5	-2.2	4.9	20.8
Nasdaq	14,876	-1.1	-5.6	36.0	31.2
S&P 500	4,404	-0.8	-4.0	14.7	21.5
FTSE 100	7,357	-0.4	-4.4	-1.3	10.6
Germany DAX 30	15,789	0.1	-4.0	13.4	12.5
France CAC 40	7,260	-0.1	-3.2	12.1	12.5
Japan Nikkei 225	31,767	-1.5	-4.2	21.7	25.3
Russia MOEX	3,049	-2.1	-0.8	41.6	2.3
Hong Kong Hang Seng	18,329	-1.4	-8.7	-7.3	9.4
South Korea KOSPI	2,526	-1.8	-4.1	12.9	17.8
China Shanghai Composite	3,150	-0.8	-4.3	2.0	14.0
Australia ASX 200	7,195	-1.5	-2.9	2.2	14.7
India Sensex	65,539	0.2	-1.5	7.7	22.9
MSCI EM	976	-0.6	-6.8	2.0	12.9
MSCI World	2,926	-0.8	-4.5	12.4	20.1

Commodity Markets

Commodity	Price	Daily Change%	MTD %	YTD %
Arab Light Crude (\$/bbl)	89.42	-1.3	0.7	6.1
Brent Crude (\$/bbl)	83.45	-1.7	-2.5	-2.9
Texas crude (\$/bbl)	79.38	-2.0	-3.0	-1.1
Natural Gas (\$/mmbtu)	2.59	-2.5	-1.6	-36.9
Gold (\$/oz)	1,891.81	-0.5	-3.7	3.7
Silver (\$/oz)	22.42	-0.5	-9.4	-6.4
Steel (\$/ton)	811.00	0.9	-1.7	9.0
Iron Ore (CNY/MT)	825.00	0.5	-8.1	-3.7
Wheat (\$/bu)	623.00	-0.1	-9.9	-24.0
Corn (\$/bu)	481.50	1.3	-6.1	-21.2
Sugar (\$/lb)	24.19	1.8	0.3	35.7
SMP* (EUR/MT)	2,260.00	0.2	-4.4	-18.6

*SMP: Skimmed Milk Powder

Interbank Rates

Region	Rate*	Daily Change(bps)	MTD (bps)	YTD (bps)
KSA (SAIBOR 1M)	5.79	-1.0	7.9	106.4
KSA (SAIBOR 3M)	6.10	-0.8	9.5	76.3
KSA (SAIBOR 6M)	6.07	0.1	4.8	46.9
KSA (SAIBOR 12M)	6.07	0.7	2.9	19.8
USA (SOFR 3M)	5.38	0.3	1.4	79.2
UAE (EIBOR 3M)	5.35	1.0	9.0	104.3

Data Sources: Tadawul, Bloomberg, Reuters
Closes as of August 17, 2023



Technical observations

Index	TASI
Ticker	SASEIDX Index
Last Close	11,393
Short-term view	Profit Booking
52 weeks high/low	13,949 – 9,931

Market data

Exchange Market Cap. (SAR bn)	11,387.1
Value (SAR mn)	5,284.3
Volume (mn)	194.4
Number of Transactions	381,469
Market Breadth	83 : 127

Key statistics

1D return %	-0.18%
MTD return %	-2.56%
QTD return	-0.58%
YTD return	8.73%
ADT vol. 3M* (mn)	246.2
ADT val. 3M (SARmn)	6,225.1

*ADT stands for Average Daily Traded

TASI market commentary

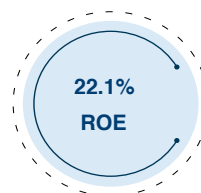
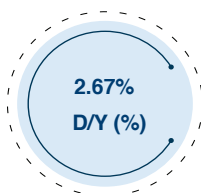
- TASI witnessed a decline on Wednesday which was led by index heavyweight Banks (-0.60% D/D) and Materials (-0.21% D/D) sectors. At close, the Saudi market ended the day with a change of -0.18% at 11,393. In terms of activity, total volumes and value traded were ~194mn and ~SAR 5.3bn, respectively. The advance-decline ratio came in at 83/127.

Technical outlook

- TASI lost another 20 points to close near 11,393. The index witnessed a powerful buying attitude in the first half of the session, however, the dominant selling power forced the index to surrender all session's gains and close near the open. TASI recorded another session with below-average liquidity indicating the lack of buying power. This continued the downtrend in average liquidity that began in mid-July. Moreover, the convergence of the 20 and 50 SMAs suggests a possible dead cross. If occurred; would confirm the index's weakness and indicate a possible, further decline toward the 200-day SMA. Additionally, the RSI indicator is still moving down after hitting the level of 50. TASI has immediate support at around the level of 11,350. If breached, the index would be expected to meet the next level of support near 11,170 followed by 11,100. On the other hand, immediate resistance is seen at around 11,460 followed by 11,550. If penetrated, the next resistance is expected to lay near 11,650. The profit booking sentiment is still dominating the scene, and it may continue as long as the index is maintained trading below its 50 & 20-day SMAs which lie near the significant resistance zone of 11,550 – 11,650.

Key price levels

S3	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2	R3
11,100	11,170	11,350	11,460	11,550	11,650	11,775



Source: Bloomberg, Argaam

TASI daily chart



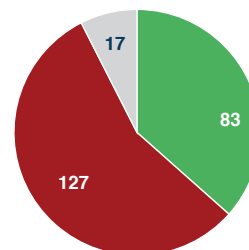
Source: Tradingview, Aljazira Capital

Our view



Market depth

Unchanged
Up
Down



SAUDI MARKET - TOP PICKS FOR THE WEEK

Code	Company	Close*	Buy range	Target 1	Target 2	Reward %	Stop loss
No stocks recommendations due to market volatility							

* As of 16th Aug 2023

* Note – Stop loss is based on an intraday basis

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Candlestick: A candlestick (candle) is a type of price chart used to display the high, low, opening, and closing prices of a security for the period under consideration.

Support: This is the price level at which demand is strong enough to avoid any further price decline.

Resistance: This is the price level at which supply is strong enough to stop any further price increase.

Pattern/formation: This is a plot of a security's price activity over a certain period that can be used to identify potential trends, reversal of trends, price targets, entry and exit points, etc. There are various formations – such as head & shoulders, triangles, flags, etc.

Simple moving average: A simple moving average is formed by computing the average price of a security over a specific number of periods. Moving averages are based on closing prices.

Relative strength index (RSI): RSI is a momentum indicator that compares a security's price gains to its losses for a predetermined number of periods (generally, 14 periods are used). The RSI attempts to point out how security, in relative terms, is in the overbought/oversold zone.

Moving average convergence/divergence (MACD): MACD is a trading indicator that shows changes in the strength, direction, momentum, and duration of a trend in a stock's price through a collection of three- time series calculated from historical closing prices.

Fibonacci retracements: These are horizontal lines that indicate the expected areas of support/resistance for a security based on a predetermined price movement. These are usually indicated by Fibonacci ratios of 23.6%, 38.2%, 50.0%, 61.8%, and 100% from that movement.

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