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Weekly Market Brief
Week Ending November 15th, 2024

SAUDI ARABIAN MARKET

Saudi Arabia Macroeconomic Developments

- Saudi Arabia's annual inflation rate reached 1.9 percent in October YoY, primarily driven by higher housing costs, as reported by the General Authority for Statistics (GASStat). Housing rents rose 11.6 percent, with apartment rents increasing by 11.3 percent. Expenses for housing, utilities, and fuels grew 9.6 percent YoY.
- Saudi Arabia's official reserve assets rose 4 percent YoY to SAR1.71 trillion (\$456.97 billion) in September, according to Saudi Central Bank (SAMA). Foreign reserves, including currency, deposits abroad, and foreign securities, accounted for 94.5 percent of the total, amounting to SAR1.62 trillion (\$431.29 billion), and grew by 4.11 percent.
- Saudi Arabia's Industrial Production Index (IPI) fell 0.3 percent YoY in September, with manufacturing down 0.5 percent. A 12.3 percent drop in refined petroleum output drove the decline, while chemicals rose 2 percent and food manufacturing grew 12.3 percent. Mining and quarrying remained stable.

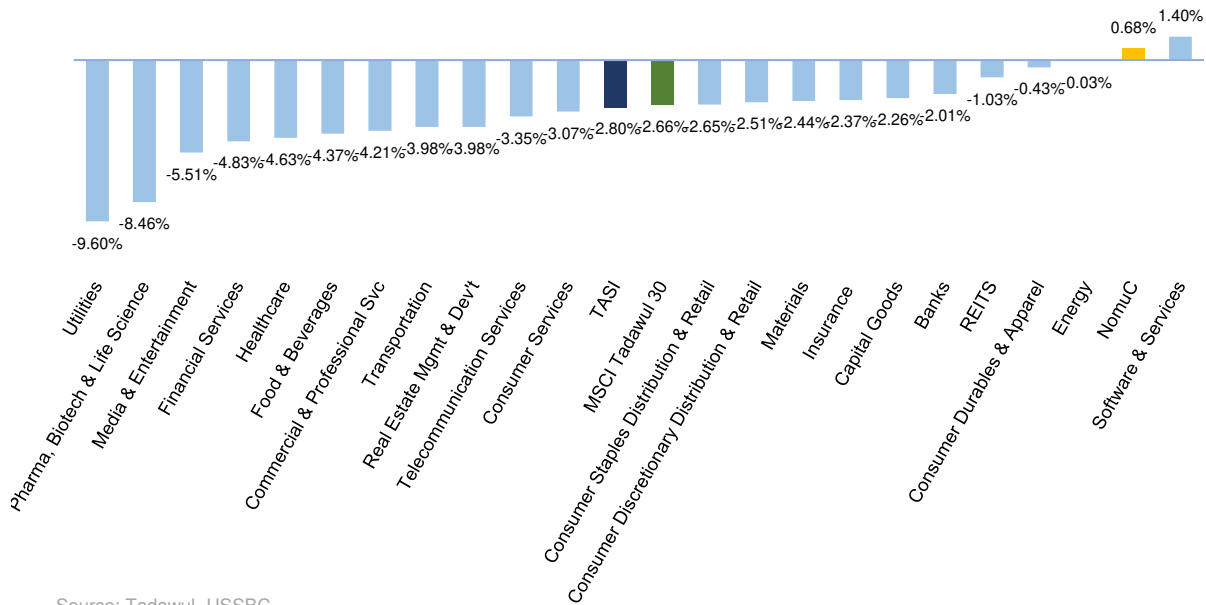


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Tadawul

The TASI declined by 2.80 percent compared to last week and closed at 11,791 points. ‘Software and Services’ led the gains as it grew 1.40 percent. ‘Utilities’ fell the most as it dropped by 9.60 percent. The NomuC parallel market index grew 0.68 percent and closed at 29,467 points, while the MSCI Tadawul 30 fell by 2.66 percent and closed the week at 1,481 points.

Tadawul Weekly Index Performance - November 15th, 2024



Source: Tadawul, USSBC



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Business, Trade, & Investment

- The Public Investment Fund (PIF) raised SAR3.86 billion (\$1.03 billion) from selling a 2 percent stake in Saudi Telecom Company (STC), retaining 62 percent ownership. The sale aims to support PIF's capital reinvestment strategy and marked the largest accelerated bookbuild in Saudi Arabia and MENA, with strong demand from institutional investors.
- Over SAR35.4 billion (\$9.42 billion) in agreements were signed at Biban 24 in Riyadh, organized by Monsha'at. The five-day event, themed "A Global Destination for Opportunities," drew more than 182,000 visitors, highlighting Saudi Arabia's rapid growth in the SME and entrepreneurship sectors.
- According to SAMA, Saudi banks issued SAR60.92 billion (\$16.24 billion) in residential mortgages during the first nine months of 2024, up 4.88 percent YoY. House purchases made up 64 percent of the total, or SAR38.85 billion (\$10.35 billion).

Banking

Money supply M1 rose by 0.05 percent, while M2 and M3 also increased by 0.32 percent and 0.32 percent, respectively during the week ending November 7th.



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U.S. MARKETS

U.S. Macroeconomic Developments

- Consumer prices rose 0.2 percent in October, pushing the YoY change up to 2.6 percent. Excluding food and energy, core CPI rose 0.3 percent for a third straight month, with the three-month annualized rate of 3.6 percent running faster than the 12-month rate of 3.3 percent.
- The U.S. budget deficit rose to \$257 billion in October 2024, up from \$67 billion a year earlier, largely due to one-off factors and timing of benefit payments. Adjusted for these factors, the deficit would have been \$47 billion. Federal revenues dropped 19 percent, while spending increased 24 percent.
- According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the U.S. Producer Price Index (PPI) for final demand rose 0.2 percent in October, bringing the YoY increase to 2.4 percent. The rise was driven mainly by a 0.3 percent increase in final demand services, while goods rose 0.1 percent.

Fixed Income

The yield on the ten-year U.S. Treasury increased to 4.43 percent.

Equity Markets

The Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA) decreased by 1.24 percent and finished the week at 43,444. The S&P 500 declined by 2.08 percent and finished at 5,870 points. The NASDAQ fell by 3.15 percent and ended the week at 18,680 points.



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GLOBAL OIL MARKETS

- Arab light crude decreased by 4.51 percent and finished the week at \$72.28. Global benchmark Brent crude decreased by 3.83 percent to \$71.04 a barrel, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude decreased by 4.92 percent and closed at \$66.92.
- Oil prices fell as investors reacted to concerns over weaker demand from China and uncertainty around the pace of U.S. Federal Reserve interest rate cuts.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- U.S. releases Building Permits for October on November 19
 - U.S. releases weekly Initial Jobless Claims on November 21
 - Saudi Arabia releases Balance of Trade for September on November 24
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