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Market Summary

Index Level (% Change)	7-Mar	1d Δ	1m Δ	3m Δ	6m Δ	12m Δ
KSE 30	22,113	-0.5%	1.9%	2.4%	36.8%	42.4%
KSE 100	65,603	-0.1%	2.3%	1.4%	43.4%	58.7%
KSE All Share	43,470	0.04%	0.4%	1.0%	42.5%	60.8%

Equities	Avg. Volume(mn shares)			Avg. Mkt Cap (mn)		
	1d	1m Avg.	6m Avg.	1d	1m Avg.	6m Avg.
KSE 30	22,113	21,234	19,546	5,369	7,870	8,631
KSE 100	65,603	62,928	57,771	7,641	10,097	11,940
KSE All Share	43,470	42,117	38,674	33,407	14,329	16,125

Portfolio inv (USD mn)

	7-Mar	1m	3m	6m	12m	CYTD
FIPI Net	3.49	27.23	1.32	8.22	54.62	(4.12)
LIPI Net	(3.49)	(27.23)	(1.32)	(8.22)	(54.62)	4.12
Ind.	1.64	(2.72)	22.79	23.29	13.33	(3.36)
Banks/DFIs	(0.02)	(13.10)	21.24	76.26	97.15	(9.62)
Co's	(3.91)	(6.15)	4.34	17.03	(77.89)	(2.43)
M.Funds	0.07	(0.05)	1.57	1.65	1.32	(1.33)
Brokers	(0.29)	2.14	(44.70)	(76.01)	(90.01)	(2.81)
Others	(0.18)	(2.31)	(4.57)	(2.56)	(21.59)	(2.49)
Ins.	(0.79)	(1.89)	4.87	(6.24)	(25.62)	26.16
NBFC	(0.02)	(3.16)	(6.87)	(41.63)	48.69	(0.00)

Sector wise (USD mn)

	FIPI	Ind.	Banks	M.Funds	Ins.	Other
Gross Buy	6.74	52.19	1.28	1.56	0.32	10.57
Gross Sell	(3.25)	(50.55)	(1.29)	(1.48)	(1.11)	(14.91)
All other Sectors	0.14	0.76	0.15	0.23	(0.81)	(0.46)
Cement	0.26	0.30	0.01	0.03	0.06	(0.66)
Commercial Banks	3.22	0.23	(0.17)	0.02	0.00	(3.31)
Fertilizer	0.02	0.14	(0.15)	0.06	(0.01)	(0.05)
Food and Personal Care	0.05	(0.11)	0.04	0.03	0.00	(0.01)
E&P Companies	(0.24)	0.30	0.05	(0.15)	(0.04)	0.08
OMC	0.11	0.08	(0.17)	(0.02)	(0.00)	(0.01)
Power Generation	(0.03)	(0.03)	0.01	(0.06)	0.05	0.07
Technology and Comm.	(0.03)	0.01	0.22	(0.11)	(0.07)	(0.03)
Textile Composite	0.00	(0.03)	0.00	0.03	0.02	(0.02)
Total	3.49	1.64	(0.02)	0.07	(0.79)	(4.40)

Commodities

Commodity	Exchange	Last Price	1d Δ
WTI (bbl)	Nymex	78.93	-0.3%
Brent (bbl)	ICEEC	82.96	0.0%
Arab Light (bbl)	Opec Basket	83.50	0.8%
Ethanol	CBOT	2.16	0.0%
Polypropylene	Nymex	0.56	0.0%
DAP (m.tons)	CBOT	625.00	1.6%
Urea (m.tons)	CBOT	366.50	0.0%
Cotton (37.32 Kg)	ExGin Price	21,735.00	0.0%
Gold	Spot	2,165.20	0.3%
Silver	Spot	24.58	0.3%
Copper	COMEX	3.93	1.32%
Iron ore	DCE	994.00	4.9%
Rubber	MCX	159.90	-0.2%

Foreign Exchange

	Current	Previous	Change	1d Δ
PKR/USD	279.29	279.35	(0.1)	0.0%
PKR/GBP	355.59	355.06	0.5	0.1%
PKR/EUR	304.23	303.41	0.8	0.3%
PKR/JPY	1.89	1.87	0.0	1.0%
PKR/AUD	184.02	182.05	2.0	1.1%
PKR/CAD	206.75	205.57	1.2	0.6%
PKR/AED	76.04	76.06	(0.0)	0.0%

Important Board Meetings

Company	Date	Time	Company	Date	Time
Sui Southern Gas Co.	9-Mar-24	11:00 AM	Ansari Sugar Mills Limited	11-Mar-24	11:00 AM
United Insurance Co.	9-Mar-24	12:00 PM	Cyan Limited	11-Mar-24	12:00 PM
Dawood Hercules Corp.	11-Mar-24	10:00 AM	Century Insurance Co	13-Mar-24	3:30 PM

Regional markets

	Close	Previous	Change	1d Δ
SHCOMP- Shanghai	16,230	16,438	(208.3)	-1.3%
SENSEX- India	74,119	74,086	33.4	0.0%
NIKKEI 225 - Japan	39,599	40,091	(492.1)	-1.2%
UKX- FTSE 100 Index	7,692	7,679	13.1	0.2%
Heng Seng - HK	16,230	16,438	(208.3)	-1.3%
KLCI - Malaysia	1,539	1,536	3.0	0.2%
CCMP - NASDAQ	16,273	16,032	241.8	1.5%
S&P 500 Index	5,157	5,105	52.6	1.0%

Last day closing.

Source: Mettis, PSX, NCCPL, Next Research

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International

Asian Stocks Rally Ahead of Jobs Data, Yen Firms: Markets Wrap (Bloomberg): Asian shares tracked Wall Street's gains on dovish signs from central banks, with focus on US jobs data due later Friday. The yen rose on speculation the Bank of Japan will soon tighten policy.

Oil prices up as world's top consumers boost demand (Reuters): Oil prices rose on Friday, driven by growing demand in the United States and China, the world's biggest oil consumers, and as the U.S. Federal Reserve gave a positive signal on possibility of rate cuts.

Political

Dar likely to be foreign minister (The News): Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz Senator Ishaq Dar, who held the portfolio of finance minister in the last federal government, will be given the portfolio of foreign minister this time.

Grand alliance to be formed to protest 'rigging' in elections: PTI (The News): Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) has said that it would make a grand alliance to protest against alleged rigging in the General Elections 2024 held on February 8.

Economy

IMF ready to send mission to Pakistan after cabinet formation (The News): The IMF stands ready to send its mission to Pakistan after the formation of a new cabinet under the \$3 billion Standby Arrangement (SBA) programme. In a press briefing held at the IMF headquarters in Washington, DC, on Thursday, Fund's Communications Director Julie Kozak was asked about IMF's assessment of Pakistan's external financial needs for 2024 fiscal year, calendar year and what would be the size of the next IMF programme for the country and what kind of risks the Fund was assessing while dealing with Pakistan at this point in time.

Washington tells Islamabad to engage IMF, bring economic reforms (Dawn): The US State Department has conveyed a clear message to Pakistan's new rulers, emphasising the importance of collaboration with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and economic reforms for stability.

IMF asks FBR for timeline to bring 3m retailers into tax net (The News): The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has inquired from the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) for ascertaining the exact timeframe for unveiling the simplified retailers scheme in order to bring 3 million shopkeepers into the tax net. The FBR replied to the IMF that it would be the decision of the incoming minister for finance, who would take the final decision on this subject.

SBP reserves post second straight fall (Dawn): The foreign exchange reserves of the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) experienced a further decline of \$54 million during a week, exacerbating the vulnerability of the exchange rate. As of March 1, the SBP reported reserves of \$7.895 billion, while commercial banks held \$5.124bn, summing up to a total country reserve of \$13.020bn.

Company & Sector

Iran firms ready to contribute to construction of Pakistan gas pipeline: Envoy (Nournews): The Iranian ambassador to Islamabad has said that Iran's technical and engineering companies are prepared to contribute to a joint gas pipeline project as well as the renovation of Steel Mills. Giving importance to the pipeline for transferring Iran's gas to Pakistan, Amiri Moghaddam described the recent decision by the Islamabad government to finalize the country's share of the gas pipeline as significant, noting that Iranian firms are ready to cooperate in this respect.

Pakistan says no basis for US objection to construction of Iran gas pipeline (Arab News): Pakistan said on Thursday it had decided to initiate work on an 80-kilometer-long segment of the Pakistan-Iran pipeline, with "no room for any objections" from a third party like the United States since the project was being constructed within Pakistani territory. The \$7.5-billion project for 2,775-kilometer (1,724 mi) pipeline has faced repeated delays since it was conceived in the 1990s to connect Iran's giant South Pars gas field to consumers in energy-hungry Pakistan and India.



SHC extends stay on hike in sale price of gas for industries (The News): The Sindh High Court (SHC) on Thursday extended the interim stay order with regard to the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority's (Ogra) notification on sale price of gas for textile manufacturers and other industries subject to depositing of differential amount before the Nazir of the court.

Handing over power cos to provinces (BR): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has directed to constitute a review committee on the proposal of handing over the power companies to the provinces with direction to submit recommendations to him.

884MW Suki Kinari hydropower project to start power generation by November (Nation): Suki Kinari hydropower project (884-megawatt), a China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) portfolio project, which will be completed at the cost of \$2 billion, will start power generation by November 2024.

Inclusion of hybrid energy project in IGCEP (BR): The Oracle Energy Limited (OEL) has sought the Power Division's support for the inclusion of its hybrid energy project in the Indicative Generation Capacity Expansion Plan (IGCEP) and NOC for use of NTDC (National Transmission Despatch Company) data for a study on the interconnection of grid. In Pakistan, the OEL is developing a 1.3 GW hybrid renewable energy power plant consisting of 500 MW of wind and 800 MW of solar, in Southern Pakistan in the designated Jhimpir wind corridor.

Sazgar's auto rickshaw sales drop 31.63% MoM to 1,524 units in February (Metis): Sazgar Engineering Works Limited (PSX: SAZEW) witnessed a substantial drop in the sale of its auto rickshaws in February 2024, with 1,524 units sold compared to the sale of 2,229 three-wheelers in the previous month, the company's filing on PSX revealed today. Concerning production, the company made 1,518 units of Auto Rickshaw in February, compared to 1,675 units produced during December, reflecting a decline of 9.37% MoM.

Urea makers plan \$300m investment to ensure gas (Dawn): A consortium of Engro Fertilisers Ltd (EFL), Fatima Fertilisers and Fauji Fertilisers will invest over \$300 million in the Gas Pressure Enhancement Facilities (GPEF) project at the Mari network to ensure the availability of gas for domestic urea production and safeguard the food security.

Fertilizer Companies to Renew Gas Contracts in June With Rates Likely to Rise (Propakistani): Contracts for purchasing affordable gas for fertilizer plants are set to expire in June 2024, sources told ProPakistani. The Ministry of Finance has directed the Energy Division to negotiate new terms for a quick resolution of the matter. Sources added that these new contracts will be subjected to conditions set by the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Moody's upgrades Pakistan's banking sector outlook (The News): Moody's has upgraded the outlook of Pakistan's banking sector from negative to stable amid macro challenges and easing fiscal pressures. "Persistent external pressures against a challenging operating backdrop will weigh slightly on the performance of Pakistani banks' loan portfolios," Moody's stated in its report released Thursday.

Trade deficit with Gulf nations narrows (Dawn): Pakistan's trade deficit with the Middle East narrowed 41.31 per cent to \$5.674 billion in the first seven months of the current fiscal year mainly due to low imports of petroleum products from the region.

Industries, CNG stations in Sindh; SSGC announces 48-hour gas holiday (BR): Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) has announced 48-hour gas holiday for all industries including their power generation units and all CNG stations in Sindh from 08:00am on Saturday, March 09, 2024 to 08:00am on Monday (March 11, 2024).

