

March 15, 2024

Market Summary

Index Level (% Change)	14-Mar	1d Δ	1m Δ	3m Δ	6m Δ	12m Δ
KSE 30	21,712	1.2%	3.6%	-0.7%	35.1%	39.3%
KSE 100	65,064	1.6%	4.7%	-0.6%	42.5%	55.6%
KSE All Share	43,263	1.65%	3.3%	-0.5%	42.3%	58.1%

Equities	Avg. Volume(mn shares)			Avg. Mkt Cap (mn)		
	1d	1m Avg.	6m Avg.	1d	1m Avg.	6m Avg.
KSE 30	21,712	21,431	19,772	5,281	6,794	8,685
KSE 100	65,064	63,650	58,546	7,545	9,264	12,062
KSE All Share	43,263	42,454	39,185	33,170	14,039	16,436

Portfolio inv (USD mn)	Portfolio inv (USD mn)					
	14-Mar	1m	3m	6m	12m	CYTD
FIPI Net	(0.11)	24.38	1.32	8.22	59.75	(1.37)
LIPI Net	0.11	(24.38)	(1.32)	(8.22)	(59.75)	1.37
Ind.	1.61	(7.95)	22.79	23.29	18.32	(5.66)
Banks/DFIs	(1.25)	(13.79)	21.24	76.26	72.01	(9.57)
Co's	(0.54)	(4.44)	4.34	17.03	(75.57)	(5.22)
M.Funds	0.11	(0.07)	1.57	1.65	1.34	(0.32)
Brokers	(0.02)	8.12	(44.70)	(76.01)	(87.63)	(3.32)
Others	0.09	(0.70)	(4.57)	(2.56)	(20.82)	(1.77)
Ins.	0.14	(0.50)	4.87	(6.24)	(20.96)	27.21
NBFC	(0.02)	(5.05)	(6.87)	(41.63)	53.57	0.02

Sector wise (USD mn)	FIPI	Ind.	Banks	M.Funds	Ins.	Other
Gross Buy	5.06	40.53	0.74	1.31	0.37	9.43
Gross Sell	(5.17)	(38.92)	(1.99)	(1.20)	(0.24)	(9.89)
All other Sectors	(0.29)	0.76	(0.31)	0.09	0.04	(0.30)
Cement	0.39	(0.02)	(0.06)	(0.10)	0.02	(0.23)
Commercial Banks	(0.27)	0.44	(0.37)	(0.09)	(0.01)	0.29
Fertilizer	(0.03)	0.69	(0.51)	0.05	(0.00)	(0.20)
Food and Personal Care	(0.04)	(0.01)	0.01	0.08	(0.00)	(0.05)
E&P Companies	0.02	(0.26)	0.09	0.03	0.10	0.02
OMC	0.00	(0.18)	0.01	0.10	(0.00)	0.06
Power Generation	(0.14)	0.05	(0.02)	0.03	(0.05)	0.12
Technology and Comm.	0.25	0.02	(0.10)	0.00	0.03	(0.21)
Textile Composite	(0.02)	0.03	0.00	(0.02)	0.00	0.00
Total	(0.11)	1.61	(1.25)	0.11	0.14	(0.49)

Commodities

Commodity	Exchange	Last Price	1d Δ
WTI (bbl)	Nymex	81.26	1.9%
Brent (bbl)	ICEEC	85.42	1.7%
Arab Light (bbl)	Opex Basket	85.21	1.5%
Ethanol	CBOT	2.16	0.0%
Polypropylene	Nymex	0.57	0.0%
DAP (m.tons)	CBOT	630.00	0.0%
Urea (m.tons)	CBOT	365.00	0.0%
Cotton [37.32 Kg]	ExGin Price	21,735.00	0.0%
Gold	Spot	2,167.50	-0.6%
Silver	Spot	25.06	-0.4%
Copper	COMEX	4.05	-0.36%
Iron ore	DCE	833.00	-16.2%
Rubber	MCX	168.20	2.6%

Foreign Exchange

	Current	Previous	Change	1d Δ
PKR/USD	278.77	278.79	(0.0)	0.0%
PKR/GBP	356.97	356.66	0.3	0.1%
PKR/EUR	304.89	304.74	0.2	0.1%
PKR/JPY	1.89	1.89	(0.0)	-0.1%
PKR/AUD	184.49	184.39	0.1	0.1%
PKR/CAD	206.97	206.69	0.3	0.1%
PKR/AED	75.90	75.90	(0.0)	0.0%

Important Board Meetings

Company	Date	Time	Company	Date	Time
First Fidelity Leasing Mod.	20-Mar-24	11:00 AM	Askari Life Assurance Co.	21-Mar-24	10:30 AM
EFG Hermes Pakistan	20-Mar-24	2:30 PM	Premier Insurance Ltd.	21-Mar-24	10:30 AM
IGI Life Insurance Co.	20-Mar-24	3:30 PM	IGI Holdings Ltd.	21-Mar-24	11:30 AM

Regional markets

	Close	Previous	Change	1d Δ
SHCOMP: Shanghai	16,962	17,082	(120.5)	-0.7%
SENSEX: India	73,097	72,762	335.4	0.5%
NIKKEI 225 - Japan	38,807	38,696	111.4	0.3%
UKX: FTSE 100 Index	7,743	7,772	(29.0)	-0.4%
Heng Seng - HK	16,962	17,082	(120.5)	-0.7%
KLCI - Malaysia	1,539	1,538	0.6	0.0%
CCMP - NASDAQ	16,129	16,178	(49.2)	-0.3%
S&P 500 Index	5,150	5,165	(14.8)	-0.3%

Last day closing.

Source: Mettis, PSX, NCCPL, Next Research

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International

Asian Shares Decline After US Stock, Bond Selloff: Markets Wrap (Bloomberg): Equities in Asia opened Friday lower after declines on Wall Street as new data weakened the case for imminent Federal Reserve interest rate cuts.

Oil dips on profit taking after price crosses \$85 (Reuters): Oil prices edged lower on Friday but were on track to gain nearly 4% for the week as sharp declines in U.S. crude and fuel inventories, drone strikes on Russian refineries and a rise in energy demand forecasts buoyed prices.

Political

Hearing on bilateral relations by US Congress panel: FO expresses its optimism about outcome (BR): The Foreign Office on Thursday expressed the optimism that the US Congress subcommittee's forthcoming hearing on US-Pakistan relations in the wake of February 8 general elections will contribute to promoting positive dynamics in bilateral ties based on mutual respect and understanding between the two countries.

Economy

SBP expected to hold rates, cut in Q2 2024, Reuters poll finds (The News): Pakistan's central bank is widely expected to hold its key interest rate at a record 22 percent for the sixth straight policy meeting on Monday as inflation risks continue to loom, but a majority of analysts expect rate cuts from the second quarter of this year. Monday's policy decision would be the last ahead of the April expiry of a \$3 billion Stand by Arrangement with the International Monetary Fund. The median estimate in a Reuters poll of 17 analysts predicts the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) will hold rates steady.

Economic indicators, other related matters; IMF team takes stock (BR): The International Monetary Fund and Pakistan kick-started talks on Thursday during the second and last review of Pakistan's ongoing bailout programme, its finance ministry said. In a statement, the ministry said the IMF and Islamabad discussed Pakistan's overall macro-economic indicators, efforts on fiscal consolidation, structural reforms, energy sector viability and state-owned entity governance.

IMF assails ministry declaration all targets have been achieved (The News): The IMF team has expressed its displeasure over the Ministry of Finance verdict that it had materialised all structural benchmarks, quantitative and indicative targets even prior to scrutinising and completion of the review by the Fund staff.

\$600m social protection project; WB describes implementation progress as 'satisfactory' (BR): The World Bank (WB) has rated the overall implementation progress of the "Pakistan Crisis-Resilient Social Protection", of around \$600 million as satisfactory. The Crisis Resilient Social Protection program became effective on March 29, 2021. It is a 4-year, \$600 million program for results operation, which includes a \$5 million Technical Assistance component.

Upcoming visit of Iranian president to Pakistan could seal FTA, says envoy (Nation): Ambassador of Iran to Pakistan Dr Reza Amiri Moghadam on Thursday said that there is a strong possibility that the bilateral Free Trade Agreement (FTA) will be finalised in the upcoming visit of the President of Iran, Ebrahim Raisi to Pakistan, which is likely to increase the mutual trade between the two countries.

SOEs: three-phased privatisation programme being chalked out (BR): Privatisation Commission is said to be chalking out a three-phased privatisation programme of State-Owned Entities (SOEs) excluding entities with some national or strategic interest, official sources told.

SBP reserves rise, still face external financing challenge (The News): The foreign exchange reserves held by the central bank saw a modest increase of \$17 million to \$7.913 billion in the week ending March 8, according to the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP). The country's total forex reserves, including holdings by commercial banks, rose by \$131 million to \$13.151 billion, with commercial banks' reserves increasing by \$114 million to \$5.238 billion. Despite the rise, the SBP's reserves, which are sufficient to cover roughly two months of imports, remain below the levels required to meet the country's external financing needs for the coming years.



Company & Sector

Sanctions on IP gas line; Govt in talks with US Admin to secure waiver: Musadik (BR): Pakistan has been engaged with the US administration to secure a waiver from US sanctions on the Iran-Pakistan gas pipeline in order to meet its energy needs, while simultaneously fulfilling contractual obligations with Iran.

Govt sets timelines for energy projects, including Iran-Pipeline oversight (The News): The government has outlined strict timelines for its Petroleum and Power Divisions to expedite various energy projects, including the immediate formation of an inter-provincial committee to oversee the Iran-Pakistan Pipeline Project, according to an official document. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has directed the Petroleum Division to conduct an in-depth study and propose exploration activities for the offshore basin within three months. The division is also tasked with hiring a consultant within two months to assist in offshore gas exploration deals.

RE projects; PPIB willing to alter draft pact with Saudi Arabia (BR): The Private Power & Infrastructure Board (PPIB) has expressed willingness to alter draft framework agreement with Saudi Arabia to proceed further on renewable energy projects. Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Energy recently raised questions on the need for new agreement on development of renewable energy projects in the presence of existing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

Musadiq announces probe into coal procurement by power plant (BR): Minister for Petroleum and Power, Dr Musadiq Masood Malik on Thursday announced an investigation into coal procurement by one of the coal power plants in light of letter written by his predecessor, Muhammad Ali. On March 1, 2024, former caretaker Minister for Power and Petroleum, Muhammad Ali wrote a letter to Secretary Power Division, asking him to probe the allegations of procurement of imported coal at higher rates.

IMF Demands Pakistan to End Cheap Gas Supply to Fertilizer Companies (Propakistani): The International Monetary Fund (IMF) Mission has expressed concerns over Pakistan's supply of cheap gas to fertilizer plants and has demanded an end to this practice, Finance Ministry sources told.

Govt to directly subsidise fertiliser cost to help farmers (The News): The government has announced a significant policy shift aimed at directly assisting farmers by providing subsidies on fertilizers, bypassing traditional channels that often benefit manufacturers more than the intended recipients. In addition to subsidy reallocation, Malik unveiled plans to solarize agricultural tube wells as part of a comprehensive initiative to modernize farming practices and enhance energy efficiency in the agricultural sector.

PIACL sell-off plan termed 'priority' (BR): Federal Minister for Defence, Defence Production and Aviation Khawaja Muhammed Asif on Thursday said that the privatization of PIACL would be the priority of the government.

Minister, FAs discuss PIACL privatization (BR): Federal Minister for Privatisation Abdul Aleem Khan held a consultative meeting with the financial advisors for the privatisation of Pakistan International Airlines Company Limited (PIACL) on Thursday. The financial advisors, a consortium led by Earnest & Young, briefed the minister regarding the progress to date and the future course of action for the divestment of PIACL. The minister was apprised of the restructuring and segregation plan being carried out as per approval of the cabinet besides the timelines for the privatisation of the PIACL.

Sukuk IPO oversubscribed (The News): BankIslami has successfully completed the initial public offering (IPO) and the listing of BankIslami Ehad Sukuk II, a statement said on Thursday. This perpetual instrument, with an issue size of Rs1.0 billion structured on the basis of Islamic principles of Mudaraba, qualifies as additional tier 1 capital for the bank.

Construction sector; IMF asks FBR to abolish special tax regime (BR): The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has recommended the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) to abolish the special tax regime for the construction sector, bringing it into the ambit of the normal income tax regime.

15 to 20 institutions; Govt seeks swift privatisation (BR): Federal Minister for Privatisation and Board of Investment Abdul Aleem Khan has said that in the present circumstances of the economy, 15 to 20 institutions must be privatised immediately. He added that loss-making institutions were like termites for the economy as it was the national capital and exchequer which was being wasted every year for which there was no solution or cure.

Chabahar, Gwadar should be declared sister ports: Iranian envoy (The News): Ambassador of Iran to Pakistan Dr Reza Amiri Moghadam on Thursday said that Gwadar and Chabahar should be declared sister ports. The ambassador emphasized the closeness of maritime links between the two countries, especially Karachi and Gwadar and Chabahar and Bandar Abbas ports. He said that it was an era of trade links and at this time both countries need to connect with regional and global trade through these ports.

Covid-19 death figures in Pakistan higher than official figures: ADB (BR): The Covid-19 death figures are estimated at 664,000 in Pakistan, around 20 times the official figures, says the Asian Development Bank (ADB). The bank in its latest report, "What has Covid-19 taught us about Asia's health emergency preparedness and response?" stated that there is disagreement over data related to Covid-19 mortality.

