

March 18, 2024

Market Summary

Index Level (% Change)	15-Mar	1d Δ	1m Δ	3m Δ	6m Δ	12m Δ
KSE 30	21,557	-0.7%	5.3%	-2.2%	34.0%	38.3%
KSE 100	64,816	-0.4%	6.2%	-2.0%	41.7%	54.8%
KSE All Share	43,157	-0.24%	4.8%	-2.0%	41.6%	57.5%

Equities	Avg. Volume(mn shares)			Avg. Mkt Cap (mn)		
	1d	1m Avg.	6m Avg.	1d	1m Avg.	6m Avg.
KSE 30	21,557	21,483	19,816	5,239	6,701	8,650
KSE 100	64,816	63,830	58,698	7,496	9,149	12,027
KSE All Share	43,157	42,549	39,286	33,015	13,956	16,428

Portfolio inv (USD mn)

	15-Mar	1m	3m	6m	12m	CYTD
FIPI Net	(0.29)	24.54	1.32	8.22	59.60	(1.66)
LIPI Net	0.29	(24.54)	(1.32)	(8.22)	(59.59)	1.66
Ind.	1.56	(5.56)	22.79	23.29	18.03	(4.10)
Banks/DFIs	(0.41)	(12.98)	21.24	76.26	69.47	(9.98)
Co's	(0.17)	(6.08)	4.34	17.03	(75.41)	(5.39)
M.Funds	0.08	(0.07)	1.57	1.65	1.34	(0.24)
Brokers	(1.04)	6.30	(44.70)	(76.01)	(86.60)	(4.36)
Others	0.07	(0.48)	(4.57)	(2.56)	(20.38)	(1.69)
Ins.	0.20	(0.97)	4.87	(6.24)	(22.05)	27.41
NBFC	(0.00)	(4.71)	(6.87)	(41.63)	56.00	0.02

Sector wise (USD mn)	FIPI	Ind.	Banks	M.Funds	Ins.	Other
Gross Buy	4.41	36.33	0.69	1.16	0.44	7.52
Gross Sell	(4.70)	(34.77)	(1.11)	(1.08)	(0.24)	(8.63)
All other Sectors	0.15	0.37	(0.04)	(0.10)	(0.09)	(0.29)
Cement	0.54	(0.38)	(0.13)	(0.02)	0.07	(0.09)
Commercial Banks	0.17	(0.12)	(0.07)	0.15	0.11	(0.24)
Fertilizer	0.07	(0.08)	(0.03)	0.12	0.00	(0.10)
Food and Personal Care	(0.03)	0.12	(0.05)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.04)
E&P Companies	(1.34)	1.47	(0.04)	0.08	0.09	(0.25)
OMC	(0.02)	0.07	0.05	(0.09)	0.00	(0.01)
Power Generation	0.17	0.06	(0.03)	(0.11)	0.02	(0.11)
Technology and Comm.	0.01	0.00	(0.07)	0.06	(0.00)	0.00
Textile Composite	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	(0.02)
Total	(0.29)	1.56	(0.41)	0.08	0.20	(1.14)

Commodities

Commodity	Exchange	Last Price	1d Δ
WTI (bbl)	Nymex	80.58	-0.8%
Brent (bbl)	ICEEC	85.34	-0.1%
Arab Light (bbl)	Opec Basket	86.30	1.3%
Ethanol	CBOT	2.16	0.0%
Polypropylene	Nymex	0.57	0.0%
DAP (m.tons)	CBOT	632.50	0.4%
Urea (m.tons)	CBOT	365.00	0.0%
Cotton [37.32 Kg]	ExGin Price	21,735.00	0.0%
Gold	Spot	2,161.50	-0.3%
Silver	Spot	25.38	1.3%
Copper	COMEX	4.12	1.95%
Iron ore	DCE	820.00	-1.6%
Rubber	MCX	170.60	1.4%

Foreign Exchange

	Current	Previous	Change	1d Δ
PKR/USD	278.74	278.77	(0.0)	0.0%
PKR/GBP	355.17	356.97	(1.8)	-0.5%
PKR/EUR	303.33	304.89	(1.6)	-0.5%
PKR/JPY	1.88	1.89	(0.0)	-0.4%
PKR/AUD	183.13	184.49	(1.4)	-0.7%
PKR/CAD	205.91	206.97	(1.1)	-0.5%
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	16,721	16,962	(240.8)	-1.4%
SENSEX- India	72,643	73,097	(453.8)	-0.6%
NIKKEI 225 - Japan	38,708	38,807	(99.7)	-0.3%
UKX- FTSE 100 Index	7,727	7,743	(15.7)	-0.2%
Heng Seng - HK	16,721	16,962	(240.8)	-1.4%
KLCI - Malaysia	1,553	1,539	14.1	0.9%
CCMP - NASDAQ	15,973	16,129	(155.4)	-1.0%
S&P 500 Index	5,117	5,150	(33.4)	-0.6%

Last day closing.

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International

Stocks Gain Led by Japan on BOJ Rate Hike Momentum: Markets Wrap (Bloomberg): Asian stocks climbed, led by Japanese shares into a week that includes policy decisions from the Bank of Japan and Federal Reserve which will likely set the near-term direction for global markets.

Oil Holds Weekly Advance After More Russian Refineries Attacked (Bloomberg): Oil steadied after its biggest weekly advance in a month as Ukrainian attacks on Russian refineries heightened geopolitical risks.

Political

NA extends 7 ordinances promulgated by caretakers (The News): The National Assembly on Friday extended seven ordinances which were promulgated by the caretaker regime to meet conditions of the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Economy

Monetary Policy Committee to meet on Monday: SBP (BR): The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) will meet on Monday, March 18, 2024 to decide about the monetary policy, the central bank announced on Friday.

Pakistan likely to sign staff-level agreement with IMF next week (BR): Pakistan is likely to sign the staff-level agreement with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) next week, sources said on Saturday. The signing of staff level agreement with the IMF will clear the way for Pakistan to receive the last tranche of \$1.1 billion under the SBA Agreement, the sources said.

Pakistan to make request for fresh IMF package next month (The News): Pakistan has decided to make a formal request to the IMF for securing a longer and larger size of fresh bailout package under the Extended Fund Facility (EFF) on the occasion of upcoming spring meetings of IMF/World Bank, scheduled to be held in Washington, DC, next month. It is expected that Pakistan would make a formal request to the IMF for granting a fresh bailout package of over \$8 billion with the possibility of augmentation through climate finance.

IMF assured: No more funds for CPEC (ET): Pakistan has assured the International Monetary Fund that it does not plan to allocate additional budget to settle the Rs493 billion dues of Chinese power plants. The global lender is also questioning the efficacy of the power sector's anti-theft campaign. The government also faced questions about a record Rs7 per unit increase in electricity prices in March due to the energy ministry's faulty policy of using expensive imported fuels.

IMF wants cryptocurrencies brought into tax net (The News): The IMF has recommended the FBR for an expansion in the scope of Capital Gains Tax (CGT) by bringing cryptocurrencies into the tax net. It also asked for reviewing slabs of real estate as well as listed securities to ensure all gains are taxed, instead of holding assets for any time periods.

Saudi crown prince reaffirms kingdom's support for Pakistan (ET): Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman reaffirmed on Saturday the kingdom's support for Pakistan during a congratulatory telephone call to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif.

PM directs Ministry to explore possibility of Panda Bonds (BR): Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has directed Ministry of Finance (MoF) to immediately explore possibility of Panda Bonds to shore up depleting foreign exchange reserves, well informed sources told.

Industrial sector faces uneven growth; LSM barely rises in January (The News): Industrial sector showed a mixed performance in January 2024, with some sectors showing signs of robust growth while others lagged behind, data released by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) showed on Friday. Industrial output, however, expanded for the second consecutive month in January, rising by 1.84 percent compared to the same month a year earlier. Key sectors such as garments, automobiles, fertilizers, pharmaceuticals, and beverages reported increased output during the period.

Budgetary borrowing surges 59pc in July-Feb (Dawn): The budgetary borrowing surged by 59 per cent during the first eight months of the current fiscal year, reflecting the higher government spending. The State Bank's latest data shows that the government borrowed Rs3.395 trillion during July-Feb FY24 compared to Rs2.136tr in the same period last year, an increase of 59pc or Rs1.259tr.



Company & Sector

Diesel price cut by Rs1.77 per litre (The News): The Shehbaz Sharif-led government, in its first fortnightly review after coming into power, maintained the price of petrol for the next fortnight at Rs279.75 per litre, Geo News reported. In a statement, the Finance Division said the price of diesel had been slashed by Rs1.77 per litre, dropping it to Rs285.56 per litre.

Petroleum group; Jul-Feb imports show 10.93pc negative growth YoY (BR): Petroleum group imports witnessed a negative growth of 10.93 per cent during the first eight months (July-February) of the current fiscal year and stood at \$10.578 billion when compared to \$11.876 billion during the same period of last fiscal year, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) said.

Additional recovery; PPL seeks revision in prices of gas from Kandhkot field (BR): Pakistan Petroleum Limited (PPL) has sought revision in gas prices for additional recovery of 100 BCF gas from Kandhkot Gas Field, well informed sources told.

Brownfield Refinery Policy: PM for arranging signing ceremony of refinery upgrade agreements (BR): Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif has directed Petroleum Division to arrange signing ceremony of refinery upgrade agreements under Brownfield Refinery Policy to be witnessed by him, well informed sources in Petroleum Division told.

Bloated bills in the offing as SSGC wants further increase in gas tariff (The News): Consumers should brace themselves for bloated bills amid the back-breaking inflation as the Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) has requested the fuel regulator — the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) — to further increase gas tariff from July 2024. The development comes just a month after the caretakers burdened the masses with gas price hike on the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) demand.

IMF assured of power tariff hike (ET): Pakistan has assured the International Monetary Fund of a timely increase in electricity prices, including the recovery of pending generation costs totalling over Rs210 billion — a move that may help the power sector achieve financial viability but at people's expense.

Neptra approves multi-year tariffs for 3 Discos (The News): The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Neptra) has approved Multi-Year Tariffs (MYTs) spanning five years for three significant power distribution companies (Discos) including Islamabad Electric Supply Company (Iesco), Lahore Electric Power Company (Lesco) and Faisalabad Electric Supply Company (Fesco).

RFPs of RE projects sans benchmark tariff; Neptra allows KEL to conduct bidding (BR): The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has allowed K-Electric Limited (KEL) to conduct competitive bidding for Request for Proposals (RFPs) of renewable energy projects without benchmark tariff for the subject projects. KEL was directed to include the criteria for rejection of the bids, in case the lowest bid is considered imprudent on the basis of the criteria detailed in the decision.

330MW Mine-Mouth Project at Thar coal fields; PPIB seeks update from KE on buying process (BR): Private Power & Infrastructure Board (PPIB) has urged K-Electric (KE) to share update on initiation of the procurement process for the development of 330mw Mine-mouth coal-fired project at Thar Coal fields.

Honda cuts City's prices (Dawn): Honda Atlas Cars Ltd (HACL) on Friday reduced the prices of City MT 1.2L and City CVT 1.2L by Rs50,000-140,000. After the price cut, the new prices of MT 1.2L and CVT 1.2L models are Rs4.649 million and Rs4.689m, respectively.

Fertilizer offtake grows 8.6% YoY in February'24 (Mettis): The country's overall nutrient offtake grew 8.6% YoY to 390,000 tons during February 2024 as compared to an offtake of 359,000 tons in the same month last year, the latest monthly report of fertilizer offtake issued by the National Fertilizer Development Company (NFDC) showed.

FBR's applications rejected; IHC asserts its jurisdiction (BR): The IHC had granted interim relief wherein it directed that the maximum rate of super tax that can be charged is four per cent (the tax rate applicable before the amendment made vide Finance Act 2023) and that no demand inconsistent with the judgment titled Fauji Fertilizer Company Limited and another vs Federation of Pakistan and others (W.P. 4027 of 2022 earlier passed by IHC shall be raised by the FBR.

Textile exports surge 19.2pc in Feb, marking third consecutive month of growth (The News): The textile industry has recorded a robust 19.20 percent increase in exports for February 2024, continuing a positive trend for the third month in a row, official data showed on Friday. The exports surge to \$1.407 billion from \$1.18 billion a year earlier underscores a resilient performance despite a slight 0.65 percent dip in the eight-month cumulative exports since July.

Karachi Gateway Terminal to invest \$75m in first two years (BR): Karachi Gateway Terminal Limited (KGTL) aims to invest USD 75 million in the first two years, including upfront fees, prepayments and investments in superstructure and equipment.

Food exports surge 35pc in February (Dawn): The export of raw food products recorded a growth of 35.38 per cent in February to \$702.46 million, up from \$518.87m over the corresponding month last year, forcing the local consumers to pay higher prices.

Foreign investment; Ministry under pressure to open up insurance sector (BR): Commerce Ministry is reportedly under pressure to open insurance sector for international investment and divestment of insurance companies, as SECP has tailored an Insurance Ordinance which is under consideration in the Ministry, well informed sources told.

