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## Market Summary

Index Level (% Change)	2-Apr	1d Δ	1m Δ	3m Δ	6m Δ	12m Δ
KSE 30	21,968	0.0%	-0.8%	1.9%	36.0%	47.9%
KSE 100	66,886	0.1%	2.4%	3.9%	43.4%	67.2%
KSE All Share	44,303	-0.15%	2.4%	3.1%	41.2%	67.6%

Equities	Avg. Volume(mn shares)			Avg. Mkt Cap (mn)		
	1d	1m Avg.	6m Avg.	1d	1m Avg.	6m Avg.
KSE 30	-	21,853	20,289	-	5,604	8,742
KSE 100	-	65,715	60,375	-	7,899	12,176
KSE All Share	-	43,614	40,371	-	12,333	16,762

## Portfolio Inv (USD mn)

	2-Apr	1m	3m	6m	12m	CYTD
FIPI Net	0.42	14.94	1.32	8.22	69.72	4.34
LIPI Net	(0.42)	(14.94)	(1.32)	(8.22)	(69.72)	(4.34)
Ind.	0.63	(2.42)	22.79	23.29	10.23	(7.98)
Banks/DFIs	(0.19)	(23.59)	21.24	76.26	47.88	(19.29)
Co's	(0.19)	(9.98)	4.34	17.03	(90.82)	(19.68)
M.Funds	0.00	(0.09)	1.57	1.65	1.23	(4.60)
Brokers	(0.58)	(4.21)	(44.70)	(76.01)	(89.74)	(6.79)
Others	(0.03)	(4.34)	(4.57)	(2.56)	(26.34)	(6.43)
Ins.	(0.06)	(3.82)	4.87	(6.24)	(24.88)	60.54
NBFC	(0.01)	33.50	(6.87)	(41.63)	102.72	(0.11)

Sector wise (USD mn)	FIPI	Ind.	Banks	M.Funds	Ins.	Other
Gross Buy	3.23	32.20	0.92	3.34	0.09	8.03
Gross Sell	(2.80)	(31.57)	(1.11)	(3.34)	(0.15)	(8.81)
All other Sectors	0.09	0.61	0.17	(0.08)	(0.08)	(0.70)
Cement	0.08	0.05	(0.02)	0.00	0.00	(0.12)
Commercial Banks	0.29	0.02	(0.28)	0.10	0.02	(0.14)
Fertilizer	(0.07)	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.02
Food and Personal Care	(0.12)	(0.04)	0.00	0.01	(0.03)	0.18
E&P Companies	0.03	(0.01)	0.00	(0.06)	0.02	0.03
OMC	0.01	(0.01)	(0.02)	(0.04)	0.00	0.06
Power Generation	0.06	0.07	(0.06)	0.04	0.01	(0.12)
Technology and Comm.	0.06	(0.07)	0.00	0.01	0.01	(0.01)
Textile Composite	0.00	(0.01)	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.42</b>	<b>0.63</b>	<b>(0.19)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>(0.06)</b>	<b>(0.81)</b>

## Commodities

Commodity	Exchange	Last Price	1d Δ
WTI (bbl)	Nymex	85.15	1.7%
Brent (bbl)	ICEEC	88.92	1.7%
Arab Light (bbl)	Opec Basket	88.93	0.6%
Ethanol	CBOT	2.16	0.0%
Polypropylene	Nymex	0.58	0.0%
DAP (m.tons)	CBOT	565.00	0.0%
Urea (m.tons)	CBOT	324.00	-0.3%
Cotton (37.32 Kg)	Ex:Gin Price	21,735.00	0.0%
Gold	Spot	2,281.80	1.1%
Silver	Spot	25.92	3.4%
Copper	COMEX	4.08	0.65%
Iron ore	DCE	802.00	3.6%
Rubber	MCX	165.60	0.1%

## Foreign Exchange

	Current	Previous	Change	1d Δ
PKR/USD	277.84	277.94	(0.1)	0.0%
PKR/GBP	348.77	350.74	(2.0)	-0.6%
PKR/EUR	298.42	299.75	(1.3)	-0.4%
PKR/JPY	1.83	1.84	(0.0)	-0.3%
PKR/AUD	180.54	181.34	(0.8)	-0.4%
PKR/CAD	204.77	205.43	(0.7)	-0.3%
PKR/AED	75.65	75.68	(0.0)	0.0%

## Important Board Meetings

Company	Date	Time	Company	Date	Time
Octopus Digital Ltd.	3-Apr-24	10:00 AM	Pak Suzuki Motor Co.	5-Apr-24	11:00 AM
Pakistan Reinsurance Co.	3-Apr-24	1:00 PM	Waves Home App. Ltd.	5-Apr-24	11:30 AM
Pak Elektron Ltd.	4-Apr-24	11:30 AM	Waves Singer Pakistan	5-Apr-24	12:30 PM

## Regional markets

	Close	Previous	Change	1d Δ
SHCOMP- Shanghai	16,932	16,541	390.1	2.4%
SENSEX- India	73,904	74,015	(110.6)	-0.1%
NIKKEI 225 - Japan	39,839	39,803	35.8	0.1%
UKX FTSE 100 Index	7,935	7,953	(17.5)	-0.2%
Heng Seng - HK	16,932	16,541	390.1	2.4%
KLCI - Malaysia	1,548	1,548	(0.1)	0.0%
CCMP - NASDAQ	16,240	16,397	(156.4)	-1.0%
S&P 500 Index	5,206	5,244	(38.0)	-0.7%

Last day closing.

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## international

**Oil gains as market buffeted by supply worries (Reuters):** Oil prices extended gains on Wednesday as a larger than expected fall in U.S. crude inventories and escalating geopolitical tensions raised investor worries about tighter supplies.

**Asian Stocks Slip as Rate Cut Hopes Begin to Fade: Markets Wrap (Mint):** Stocks in Asia fell Wednesday after solid economic readings and higher commodities prices spurred speculation that major central banks will keep interest rates higher for longer.

## Political

**Law and order situation: Murad for implementing strict measures (The News):** The Chief Minister of Sindh Syed Murad Ali Shah has stated that his government is implementing strict measures to improve law and order in the province. These measures include addressing street crime in Karachi and kidnapping for ransom in the riverine area.

**Coalition shy of two-thirds majority in Senate as it clinches 19 seats (The News):** The Pakistan Peoples Party secured 10 seats, Muttahida Qaumi Movement Pakistan one seat and one independent candidate, Faisal Vawda, also emerged victorious in the Senate election on 12 vacant seats from Sindh.

## Economy

**WB identifies hurdles to foreign investment (BR):** Tax policies in Pakistan discourage investment in the tradable sector, and investment laws discriminate against foreign investors, says the World Bank. The bank in its report, "South Asia Development Update Jobs for Resilience", stated that sales and value-added tax systems can have limited revenue potential unless properly designed. These narrow base, multiple exemptions, and concessional rates in Pakistan's current sales tax are estimated to cost the country 15 per cent of the tax's potential revenue.

**WB revises Pakistan GDP forecast down to 1.8pc (The News):** With continuous recommendations for hiking electricity and gas tariffs, the World Bank (WB) has revised downward the GDP growth projection to 1.8 percent and kept inflation at 26 percent for the current fiscal year. This has led to poverty level stagnant at 40 percent population living below the poverty line in Pakistan.

**WB says PSWF creates 'challenges' (BR):** The World Bank has said that the formation of the Pakistan Sovereign Wealth Fund, valued at about \$8 billion, creates governance and public financial management challenges because the state-owned enterprises (SOEs) transferred to this Fund are exempted from the SOE Act's best corporate governance practices.

**Hot money returns in Pakistan's debt market (The News):** Foreign investment in Pakistan's Treasury Bills (T-bills) has soared to levels unseen since 2020, buoyed by attractive yields and currency stability. After a four-year lull, international investors' interest in government notes has increased, indicating the return of hot money.

## Company & Sector

**Petroleum sales surge 4pc to 1.15 million tonnes in March (The News):** According to the oil sale data, the total dispatches of petroleum products in March 2024 amounted to 1.15mn tonnes, depicting an increase of 4 percent year-on-year. The sales of petrol saw an increase of 3 percent in March 2024, clocking in at 0.57 million tonnes. Similarly, High Speed Diesel (HSD) sales volumes increased by 17 percent year-on-year, reaching 0.46 million tonnes during the same period. However, furnace oil (FO) sales plunged by 48 percent year-on-year to 0.04 million tonnes in March 2024 amid lower dependency on FO-based power plants.

**Incorporating exchange rate; Govt approves price adjustment for PSO (BR):** The federal government has approved adjustments in petroleum prices, allowing Pakistan State Oil (PSO) to incorporate an exchange rate of 34 paise on petrol and 56 paise on high-speed diesel (HSD) fortnight starting from April 1, 2024.

**PRL set to sign supplemental OGRA agreement to boost refining capacity (The News):** Pakistan Refinery Limited (PRL) said on Tuesday that it would sign a supplemental agreement with the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) shortly, which will pave the way for transformative upgrades and expansions within the company.



**New energy vehicles; BYD announces partnership with Mega Conglomerate (BR):** The world's leading new energy vehicle manufacturer BYD (Build Your Dreams), China, has announced a strategic collaboration with its local partner Mega Conglomerate (Private) Limited to introduce innovative New Energy Vehicle (NEV) solutions in Pakistan.

**MTL barred from selling tractors to any third party (BR):** The Chief Justice of Sindh High Court (SHC) has stopped a leading tractor manufacturer from selling 954 tractors to any third party, as it was under the contractual obligation to sell these tractors to the original buyer. The SHC has issued an order (124 of 2024) against M/s Millat Tractors Limited (MTL) on Tuesday.

**Cement dispatches up 3.85pc in March, exports leap 38.02pc (The News):** The cement industry has reported a modest recovery in March 2024, with total dispatches rising by 3.85 percent to 3.941 million tonnes, compared to 3.795 million tonnes in the same month of the previous fiscal year, data from the All Pakistan Cement Manufacturers Association (APCMA) showed on Tuesday.

**Pakistan canvasses interest in purchase of stake in PIA (The News):** Pakistan is putting on the block a stake ranging from 51% to 100% of loss-making national carrier Pakistan International Airlines PIA, the privatisation panel said on Tuesday, as part of reforms urged by the IMF, foreign media reported.

**CCP issues notice to fertiliser body over 'price fixing' (The News):** The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) has issued show cause notices to the Fertilizer Manufacturers of Pakistan Advisory Council (FMPAC) and six leading fertilizer companies for allegedly fixing urea prices, a prima facie violation of Section 4 of the Competition Act, 2010. The CCP's inquiry found the FMPAC and its six member firms of prima facie violating the Competition Law.

**Textile exports rise 3pc to \$1.3 billion in March (The News):** Textile exports witnessed a modest increase of 3 percent year-on-year in March, reaching \$1.3 billion up from \$1.26 billion in the same month last year, according to provisional figures released by the All Pakistan Textile Mills Association (APTMA) on Tuesday.

**Number of credit card users drops due to high interest rates, emergence of alternate products (BR):** According to the Payment Review released by the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP), the number of credit cards issued by banks decreased to 2.004 million by the end of second quarter of this fiscal year (FY24) down from 2.069 million the first quarter. This decline occurred despite attractive incentives, discounts, and aggressive marketing.

**PSMA seeks permission to export 'expensively produced' sugar (BR):** The Pakistan Sugar Mills Association (PSMA) has approached the Commerce Ministry to seek permission for the export of "expensively produced" sugar, aimed at finding a reason for the increase in its prices in the domestic market, well-informed sources told.

**Country to face 30pc water shortage in early Kharif, 7pc in late Kharif (The News):** Amid reservations from the lower riparian federating unit of Sindh on water system losses and opposition to the existing three-tier formula for water distribution and Wapda's failure to do away with Tarbela and Mangla Dams' constraints, the IRSA Advisory Committee (IAC) that met here on Tuesday worked out 30 per cent shortage in the early Kharif season and 7 per cent in late Kharif. (The News)

