

# Saudi Arabia Economic and Investment Chartbook





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- Saudi Arabia is expected to achieve a growth rate of 3.7% in 2023, according to the World Economic Outlook report for October 2022 released by IMF.
- Global Economy
  Budget Statement for FY 2023 released by Ministry of Finance projected the growth of Saudi economy at 3.1% YoY in 2023; close to the projections projections of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, and a growth of 5.7% YoY in 2024.
  - Oil Prices maintained a positive growth in the previous period reaching the highest level in Q2 2022 at an average price of \$112 per barrel. Whereas, the average oil prices were around \$89 per barrel in Q4 2022.
  - Transport, Storage & Communication activity recorded a high increase of 13.1% YOY, Moreover, Wholesale, retail trade, restaurants and hotels activities and Construction recorded an increase of 5.1% and 4.8% YoY respectively in Q4 2022.
  - my projects.
    - According to Budget statement for FY 2023 released by Ministry of Finance Total revenues is Projected to reach SAR 1,130 billion in the FY 2023. Also, it is estimated to reach SAR 1,205 billion in 2025.

Performance of The Saudi Economy



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Performance of The Saudi Economy

- Consumer Price Index (CPI) registered YoY increase of 3.1% in Q4 2022, while wholesale price Index (WPI) recorded YoY rise of 3.8%, and Consumer Confidence Index (CCI) recorded YoY growth of 8.0% in the same period.
- Consumption Indicators increased by 6.1% in Q4 2022 YoY. A breakdown of PoS by sector categories shows that beverages and food, restaurants and cafe, and others records the highest growth in Q4 2022.
- Overall Merchandise Exports increased by 6.4% in Q4 2022 YoY. This increase originated mainly from oil exports, which rose by 13.2% YoY.
- > In Q4 2022, China is the main destination for Saudi Exports and the main origin for Saudi Imports.



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Foreign Assets recorded a slight increase by 0.5% YoY in Q4 2022, While Foreign Personal Transfers recorded a decrease by 15.3% in Q4 2022 YoY.

Performance of The Saudi Economy

- SAMA increased the Repo Rate by 3.75 basis points in Q3 2022 to 5.00 basis points in Q4 2022, and the reverse repo rate by 3.25 basis points in Q3 2022 to 4.50 basis points in Q4 2022 due to US Federal Reserve's decision to increase rates to tackle inflation, maintain monetary stability, and support the financial sector's stability.
- Financial Market witnessed improvements due to the Government's efforts to enhance the regulations and policies, and Foreign Investors' Ownership recorded a rise of 13.7% in Q4 2022 YoY.





- FDI inflows recorded an increase by 14.7% to reach to SAR 29.6 Billion in 2022 YoY, and grew by 1.2% in Q4 2022 compared to the previous quarter.
- While the Global FDI inflows recorded an increase by 18.3% in Q3 2022 YoY, The kingdom achieved a positive growth rate in FDI inflows by 10.1% YoY during the same period.
- Total Nominal Fixed Capital Formation increased by 26.4% in Q4 2022, driven by the increase in nongovernment sectors by 34.6% in the same period.
- Investment Licenses figures showed an increase of 30.9% in Q4 2022 YoY; due to the enhancements in the Kingdom's investment ecosystem.
- the Capital of newly licensed factories reached to SAR 9.9 Billion in Q4 2022.
- Industrial Production Index (IPI) recorded YoY increase by 10.0% in Q4 2022. while, Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) registered a slight increase of 2.4% to reach 57.5 points in Q4 2022, compared to 56.2 points in Q4 2021.
- The Kingdom achieved remarkable places in several International Indicators, 2<sup>nd</sup> in both Digital Risers Index and in Consumer Confidence Index, and 5<sup>th</sup> in Edelman Trust Index.

\* Figures excluding investment licenses granted under the "Tasattur" anti-concealment campaign





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- **Total Unemployment Rate** decreased to 4.8% in Q4 2022, compared to 6.9% in Q4 2021.
- Unemployment Rate for Saudi decrease to 8.0%, and non-Saudi to 1.5% YoY in Q4 2022.
- The Kingdom's and the Global Statistics of Labor Market
- Saudi Males Unemployment Rate in Q4 2022 YoY decreased to 4.2% with decrease of 1.0% compared to the same quarter of 2021, also Saudi Females Unemployment Rate decreased to 15.4% with decrease of 7.1% compared to the same quarter of 2021, constituting the highest decrease in the female unemployment rate recorded so far.
- Outward Remittance Flows as share of GDP is considered high for GCC countries due to high dependency on the Non-National Labor in private sector.
- Migrant Remittance Inflows as share of GDP from selected countroes are considered low for GCC countries due to the low percentage of Non-National Labor from abroad compare the low income countries.



- Average Commodity Prices of (Corn, Wheat, and Rice) continue to grow by 28.4%, 12.2%, and 11.4% respectively in the Q4 2022 YoY.
- Currencies Market shows a decline in several currencies against U.S. Dollars, while Russian Rubles prices rebounded against U.S. Dollars despite sanctions; due to Russia-Ukraine war.



# Global Economy



## **Economic Outlook**





- Budget Statement for the fiscal year 2023 released by Ministry of Finance projected the growth of Saudi economy at 3.1% in 2023; which is close to the projections of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, while it is relatively far from the projections of OECD
- Moreover, Ministry of Finance projected real GDP growth by 5.7% in 2024 which is close to the projections of the International Organizations.



## **Economic Outlook**





#### Saudi Arabia GDP by Main Economic Activities



Projected GDP Growth Rate of 2023 - G20 Countries

#### **GDP Annual Growth Rate - G20 Countries**

Table 1

Country	India	China	Indonesia	Turkey	Saudi Arabia	Argentina	Japan	Korea	Mexico	Australia	Canada	United States	South Africa	Brazil	France	Italy	Russia	Germany	United Kingdom
2020	-6.6	2.2	-2.1	1.9	-4.1	-9.9	-4.6	-0.7	-8.1	-2.1	-5.2	-3.4	-6.3	-3.9	-7.9	-9.0	-2.7	-3.7	-9.3
2021	8.7	8.4	3.7	11.4	3.2	10.4	2.1	4.1	4.7	5.2	5.0	5.9	4.9	5.0	6.8	6.7	4.7	2.6	7.6
2022*	6.8	3.0	5.3	5.5	8.7	4.6	1.4	2.6	3.1	3.6	3.5	2.0	2.6	3.1	2.6	3.9	-2.2	1.9	4.1
2023*	6.1	5.2	4.8	3.0	2.6	2.0	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.2	1.2	0.7	0.6	0.3	0.1	-0.6

Source: IMF, World Economic Outlook Update January 2023 \* Projections استثمر في السعودية

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Saudi Arabia Oil Production



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#### **OPEC Oil Production**



- Average oil production for Saudi Arabia recorded YoY increase by 7.6% in Q4 2022, reaching an average total production of 10.6 million barrels per day.
- OPEC Oil Production also increased by 5.2% in Q4 2022 YoY, reaching an average total production of 29.1 million barrels per day where Saudi Arabia's Oil Production represents around 36% of the total production of OPEC.

## **Energy Market**





#### **Natural Gas Prices**



- Oil Prices maintained a positive growth in the previous period reaching the highest level in Q2 2022 at an average price of \$111.8 per barrel. Whereas, the average oil prices in Q4 2022 were around \$88.6 per barrel.
- **Natural gas prices** also continued to increase since Q3 2021, until reaching at \$5.5 in Q3 2022.



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# Performance of The Saudi Economy



## **GDP by Economic Activities & Expenditure**





In Q4 2022, Transport, Storage Communication activity & recorded a high increase of 13.1% YoY: Moreover. the Wholesale. retail trade. restaurants and hotels Construction activities and recorded an increase of 5.1% and 4.8% YoY , respectively.

 In Q4 2022, government expenditure recorded a growth of 5.7% YoY; due to government spending on macro projects.

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Q2

2019

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Q4

Gross Final Consumption Expenditure

Q1

Q2

2020

Q3

Q4

Govt. Final Consumption Expenditure

Q1

Q2

2021

Q3

Q4

Q1

Private Final Consumption Expenditure

Q2

2022

Q3

Q4

Q1

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## Public Finance Performance Outlook

#### **Medium-term Fiscal Projections**

#### Table 2

SAR Billion	Actual	Budget	Estimates	Budget	Projections		
SAR Billion	2021	2022	2022	2023	2024	2025	
Total Revenues	965	1,045	1,268	1,130	1,146	1,205	
Total Expenditures	1,039	955	1,164	1,114	1,125	1,134	
Surplus/(Deficit)	-73	90	104	16	21	71	
Surplus/(Deficit) as % of GDP	-2.3%	2.5%	2.5%	0.4%	0.5%	1.7%	

- According to Budget statement for FY 2023 released by Ministry of Finance Total revenues is Projected to reach SAR 1,130 billion in the FY 2023. Also, it is estimated to reach SAR 1,205 billion in 2025.
- The budget performance data in Q4 2022 indicates that the budget achieved a Surplus of SAR 104 billion in FY 2022.



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## **Fiscal Performance**



#### **Government Expenditures**



- In Q4 2022, Government Expenditures increased by 7.8% YoY, due to a higher spending on Social Benefits by 25.0%, use of goods and services and the Compensation of Employees by 18.9% and 6.9%, respectively.
- Total Government Revenues grew by 18.1% YoY in Q4 2022 recording SAR 318.0 billion.



## **Fiscal Performance**

Surplus/(Deficit)

#### Figure 12



🔵 Surplus 🛑 Deficit

 In Q4 2022, Government Budget recorded a deficit of SAR 45.7 billion, compared to a deficit of SAR 68.1 billion in Q4 2021.





## **Economic Prices Indicators**



#### Consumer Price Index (CPI)

Figure 13



#### Wholesale Price Index (WPI)



#### Consumer Confidence Index (CCI)



Source: GASTAT



Source: GASTAT

The consumer price index (CPI) increased by 3.1%, and the wholesale price Index (WPI) recorded a rise of 3.8%, while the consumer confidence index (CCI) recorded 8.0% increase in Q4 2022 YoY.

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## **Real Estate Indicators**



#### **Real Estate Price Index**

#### Figure 16



#### **Cement Sales**



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• **REPI** increased by **1.6%** in Q4 2022 YoY, mainly due to the increase in residential real estate prices of 2.6%.

• **Cement sales** increased by **2.6%** in Q4 2022 YoY, reaching over 14 million tons, due to the increase in construction activity driven by projects growth and high demand.



## **Consumption Indicators**



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#### **E-Commerce Transactions**



E-Commerce Transactions Using Mada Cards (Left axis)

Points of Sale Transactions by Sectors



- **Consumption indicators** increased by 6.1% in Q4 2022 YoY. A breakdown of PoS by sector categories shows that beverages and food, restaurants and cafe, and others records the highest growth in Q4 2022.
- E-Commerce Transactions Using Mada Cards grow to reach 34.0 SAR Billion in Q4 2022.







#### Merchandise Exports





Non-oil Exports Oil Exports

SAR BN



• **Merchandise Imports** increased by **25.1%** (SAR 36.4 billion) in Q4 2022 YoY.

#### Trade Balance

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Source: GASTAT



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- In Q4 2022, Exports to China reached SAR 59.0 billion, making China the main destination for Saudi Exports, followed by Japan and India with 36.6 and 32.8 SAR billion, respectively.
- In Q4 2022, Imports from China amounted to SAR 42.0 billion, making China the main origin for Saudi imports. USA and United Arab Emirates followed next with imports of 18.7 and 11.7 SAR billion, respectively.



#### Exports and Imports by Section

Figure 25



Machinery and mechanical appliances\*

Products of the chemical or allied industries

Mineral products

Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment

Base metals and articles of base metal

In Q4 2022, the Main Imported goods merchandise were 'Machinery and mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof' and 'Transport equipment and parts thereof' which amounted respectively at of 20.6% 17.8% and total Merchandise Import.





#### Exports and Imports by Section

Figure 26



Machinery and mechanical appliances

 In Q4 2022, the Main Exported **goods** after excluding Mineral products were 'Products of the chemical and allied industries and 'Plastics and articles thereof: rubber and articles thereof' which amounted respectively at 39.1% and 26.3% of total Merchandise Export except for Mineral products.

Figure 27



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Source: GASTAT \* Mineral products were separated from the Exports by top 5 sections, due to its high value among the export goods



#### Exports and Imports by Section



**Export Services** were mainly concentrated in Travel and Transport which recorded SAR 34 billion and SAR 4.8 billion respectively in Q3 2022.

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## **Trade Indicators - Services**



#### **Exports and Imports Services**



• Import Services were mainly concentrated in Transport and Travel services which recorded SAR 22.2 billion and SAR 18.5 billion respectively in Q3 2022.

## **Monetary Indicators**





#### Foreign Personal Transfers



• Foreign Assets recorded a slight increase by 0.5% in Q4 2022 YoY.

• Foreign Personal Transfers recorded a decrease by 15.3% in Q4 2022 YoY, due to corrective period for anti-concealment law, and strong infrastructure of Saudi central bank to monitor and report the suspicious operations, and Saudization for some sectors.



## **Monetary Indicators**





• SAMA increased the **Repo Rate** by 3.75 basis points in Q3 2022 to 5.00 basis points in Q4 2022, and the reverse repo rate by 3.25 basis points in Q3 2022 to 4.50 basis points in Q4 2022 due to US Federal Reserve's decision to increase rates to tackle inflation, maintain monetary stability, and support the financial sector's stability.



## **Financial Market**



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#### **Ownership of Foreign Investors in the Stock Market**

Financial Market Performance during Q4 2022:

- Financial Market witnessed improvements due to the Government's efforts to enhance the regulations and policies, and Foreign . Investors' Ownership recorded a rise of 13.7% in Q4 2022 YoY.
- Tadawul All Share Index (TASI) closed at 10,487 points. .
- Parallel Market Index (NOMU) closed at 19,417 points. .

## **Financial Market**



### Number of Newly Companies Listed (TASI)

Figure 38



#### Number of Newly Companies Listed (Nomu) Figure 39



Parallel market (NOMU)

**Growth Rate of Number of Newly Companies Listed (Nomu) 1**00% F (In Q4 2022 Compared to Q3 2022)



**Companies Listed (TASI)** 

F (In Q4 2022 Compared to Q3 2022)

**1**250%

**Growth Rate of Number of Newly** 

Main Market (TASI)

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## **Industrial Indicators**



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Q4



#### **Capital of the New Licensed Factories**

55.0

Q3

2.8

Q2

2021

8.8

Q1

5.5

Q4

8.2

Q2

8.0

Q3

2022

 Manufacturing Sector is a strong magnet for global investors in the Kingdom, showing a remarkable issuance of 239 licenses for New Licensed Factories increased by 14.9% during Q4 2022, while the Capital of newly licensed factories increased by 80% to reach SAR 9.9 Billion in Q4 2022.





## The Kingdom and the Global Position in Investment Indicators

## **Investment Indicators**





## Foreign Direct Investment Stock



#### G20 FDI Inflows Growth Rate in Q3 2022



- **FDI inflows** recorded an increase by 14.7%\*\* in 2022 YoY, and grew by 1.2% in Q4 2022 compared to the previous quarter. While **FDI stock** grew by 0.7% in Q4 2022 YoY.
- While the **Global FDI inflows** recorded an increase by 18.3% in Q3 2022 YoY.

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Source: OECD (Saudi data by SAMA) \*Increase in FDI inflows in Q2 2021 is due to Aramco deal. \*\*growth rate excluding the Aramco deal of SAR 46.5 BN in Q2 2021.

## **Investment Indicators**





Q2

2021

Q3

Q4

Q1

Growth Rate% (Right axis)

50.0

0.0

Q1

Source: GSTAT

Q2

2020

Q3

Q4

Gross Fixed Capital Formation (Left axis)

Q1

#### Number of Issued Investment licenses

Figure 45



• Total Nominal Fixed Capital Formation recorded SAR 267.8 billion in Q4 2022, an increase of 26.4% YoY, driven by the increase in non-government sectors by 34.6%. While fixed capital formation of the government recorded a decrease by 3.3%.

%

50

40

30

20

10

0

-10

-20

Q2

Q3

2022

Q4

• Number of Investment Licenses issued by MISA recorded an increase of 30.9% YoY, with a total of 1278 issued licenses in Q4 2022, compared to 976 licenses in the same quarter last year, due to the enhancements in the Kingdom's investment ecosystem.

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## **Investment Indicators**



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- **IPI** increased by **10.0%** in Q4 2022 compared to the same quarter last year, which was mainly attributed to the higher production in mining and quarrying activity by 7.2% (74.5% of the index weight). The rise in mining and quarrying activity was attributed to the increase in oil production during the period.
- PMI registered a slight increase of 2.4% to reach 57.5 points in Q4 2022, compared to 56.2 points in Q4 2021, due to the higher sales and improving market demand.

## The Kingdom Rankings in International Indicators (1/3)



A review of Saudi Arabia ranking in global indicators released by International Organizations, which reflects the Kingdom's economic and investment performance and position




# The Kingdom Rankings in International Indicators (2/3)



A review of Saudi Arabia ranking in global indicators released by International Organizations, which reflects the Kingdom's economic and investment performance and position





# The Kingdom Rankings in International Indicators (3/3)



A review of Saudi Arabia ranking in global indicators released by International Organizations, which reflects the Kingdom's economic and investment performance and position







# The Kingdom's and the Global Statistics of Labor Market



## Labor Market





## Labor Force Participation Rate



- Unemployment Rate decreased to 4.8% in Q4 2022, compared to 6.9% in Q4 of 2021.
- In addition, **Unemployment rate for Saudi** decreased to 8.0%, and **Unemployment rate for non-Saudi** also decreased to 1.5% in Q4 2022.



## Labor Market





#### **Saudi Labor Force Participation Rate** Figure 51 % 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 Q1 Q2 Q4 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q1 Q3 2019 2020 2021 2022 ----Female -----Total Male

#### Saudi Unemployment Rate in Q4 2022

- Saudi Males Unemployment Rate decreased to 4.2%, decrease of 1.0% compared to the same quarter of 2021.
- Females Unemployment Rate decreased to 15.4%, decrease of 7.1% compared to the same quarter of 2021, constituting the highest decrease in the female unemployment rate recorded so far.



#### Saudi Labor Force Participation (%)



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- Non-Saudi Unemployment Rate decreased to 1.5% in Q4 2022, compared to 2.9% in Q4 2021, due to the increase in the labor force participation rate to 74.5%.
- In addition, the Unemployment Rate for Non-Saudi Males decreased to 0.9% in Q4 2022, with a slight increase in the Non-Saudi Females to reach 5.9% in the same period.





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#### **Top 10 Outward Remittance flows in 2021** Figure 54

- Outward Remittance Flows as a share of GDP is considered high for high income countries such as United States and GCC countries.
- Outward Remittance Flows as a share of GDP is considered high for GCC countries due to the high dependency on the Non-National Labor in the Private Sector.

#### Outward Remittances flows as a share of GDP in 2021 Figure 55



#### GCC Outward Remittances flows as a share of GDP in 2021





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### Migrant Remittance Inflows as a Share of GDP in 2022\* Figure 57



%

- Migrant remittance inflows in 2022 are higher for in low income countries such as India and Egypt.
- Migrant remittance inflows as share of GDP are considered low for GCC countries due to the low percentage of Non-National Labor from aboard compare to the low income countries.

#### GCC Inward Remittances Flows as a share of GDP in 2022\*



\*Flash Estimate



# Global Commodities and Currencies Markets



# **Commodities Prices (1/2)**



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## Corn Price

#### Figure 59



## **Rice Price**



• The Average Commodity Prices of (Corn, Wheat, and Rice) continue to grow by 28.4%, 12.2%, and 11.4% respectively in Q4 2022 YoY; due to the high demand and the shortage of their production, especially during the Russia-Ukraine war.

• Wheat and Corn reached their highest average prices in Q2 2022 with 492.4\$ USD/metric ton of wheat and 342.9\$ USD/metric ton of Corn.



Source: IndexMundi

# **Commodities Prices (2/2)**



## Copper Price



#### **Platinum Price**

20

0

-20

-40

-60



Source: IndexMundi

Q2

Q3

2019

Q4

Q1

Q2

Iron Ore Price (Left axis)

Q3

2020

Q4

Q1

Q2

2021

Q3

Growth Rate % (Right axis)

Q4

Q1

Q2

2022

Q3

Q4

100

50

0

Q1

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# Currencies Market (1/2)





## British Pound / US Dollar



## Japanese Yen / US Dollar





#### Japanese Yen / US Dollar



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# Currencies Market (2/2)





## Russian Ruble / US Dollar





Russian Ruble / US Dollar 16.0% Q4 2022 YoY Q1\* 2023 YoY



Source: x-rates \*Q1: Up to 28 Feb



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