

Morning Brief

Economy & Politics

Foreign policy priorities under question after IMF delay (Neutral)

FinMin Aurangzeb says progress being made to secure loan approval in Sept

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/2489722/foreign-policy-priorities-under-question-after-imf-delay>

ME trade growth strategy mapped out (Neutral)

Pakistan has finalized a strategy to enhance trade with Middle Eastern countries including Saudi Arabia

<https://www.brecorder.com/news/40318545/me-trade-growth-strategy-mapped-out>

Pakistan's oil reserves surge 26% as OGDC and MARI report significant upgrades (Positive)

Pakistan's oil and gas sector has received a substantial boost, with the country's total oil reserves increasing by 26% to 243 million barrels as of June 2024,

<https://profit.pakistantoday.com.pk/2024/08/20/pakistans-oil-reserves-surge-26-as-ogdc-and-mari-report-significant-upgrades/>

CPEC phase-2 projects: Preparation of concept papers for next five years sought (Neutral)

He said that Pakistan and China have agreed to start work on five economic corridors as soon as possible under CPEC Phase-2.

<https://www.brecorder.com/news/40318535/cpec-phase-2-projects-preparation-of-concept-papers-for-next-five-years-sought>

RDA attracts \$161m in July (Neutral)

Total inflows through Roshan Digital Accounts (RDA) during July 2024 stood at \$161 million, bringing the total cumulative inflows to \$8.42 billion since its inception.

<https://mettisglobal.news/rda-attracts-161m-in-july/>

70pc serviced population does not pay power bills: ADB (Negative)

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has said that up to 70 percent of the serviced population in Pakistan does not pay electricity bills,

<https://epaper.brecorder.com/2024/08/21/1-page/1004055-news.html>

Privatisation of Discos: key decisions made (Neutral)

Key decisions included issuing international advertisements, finalising initial processes and ensuring transparency through technical considerations.

<https://epaper.brecorder.com/2024/08/21/1-page/1004054-news.html>

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PSX STATISTICS

KSE-100 Index	Previous	Current	Change	% Δ
Close	77,830.3	77,745.5	-84.82	-0.11%
Volume (mn)	122.5	114.2	-8.25	-6.7%
Value (Rs mn)	6,870.5	4,029.5	-2,841.08	-41.4%

Source: PSX

International Markets

Index	Countries	Level	% Δ
NASDAQ	USA	17,816.94	-0.33%
FTSE 100	UK	8,273.32	-1.00%
NIKKEI 225	Japan	38,062.92	1.80%
Hang Seng	Hong Kong	17,511.08	-0.33%
SENSEX	India	80,802.86	0.47%

Source: Investing.com

Macro Economic Data

Discount Rate	19.50%
CPI (July - 24)	11.1%
M2 (02 - Aug - FY25)	-3.21%
C/A Surplus/(Deficit) (1MFY25)	\$(0.162) billion
Trade Deficit (1MFY25)	\$(1.948) billion
Remittances (1MFY25)	\$2.995 billion
Borrowing from SBP (02 - Aug - FY25)	Rs 41,494 billion
SBP Reserves (09-Aug-24)	\$9.27 billion
Total Reserves (09-Aug-24)	\$14.65 billion

Source: PBS, SBP

Total Leverage of Market

MTS Rate (%)	20.93%
MTS Amount (Rs bn)	7.33
MFS Amount (Rs bn)	7.03
Future Amount (Rs bn)	22.57
Aug	22.37
Sep	0.20
Oct	0.00
Total Leverage	36.92

Source: NCCPL, PSX

Foreign/Local Investors' Participation (USDmn)

	FY23	FY24	Jul-24	Latest
FIPI	1.53	140.77	23.84	0.15
Individual	83.96	(59.63)	4.77	(0.07)
Companies	99.68	35.65	(8.85)	(0.01)
Banks/DFI	73.68	(141.29)	5.21	0.37
NBFC	(0.10)	(0.96)	0.04	0.00
Mutual Fund	(144.49)	(46.92)	(15.09)	0.15
Other Organization	24.79	(33.15)	(3.76)	(0.59)
Broker Prop. Trading	(14.76)	(20.81)	(4.90)	(0.40)
Insurance companies	(124.31)	126.34	(1.26)	0.40

Source: NCCPL

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Gas tariff to stay unchanged for 3 months: Musadik (Neutral)

Minister for Petroleum, Musadik Malik Tuesday announced that the current gas tariff will remain unchanged for the next three months. <https://epaper.brecorder.com/2024/08/21/1-page/1004058-news.html>

Tariff differential, KE could be allowed to claim mark-up at KIBOR+3.5pc if... (Neutral)

The government is likely to allow KE to claim interest or mark-up at KIBOR + 3.5 percent per annum, compounded semi-annually. <https://epaper.brecorder.com/2024/08/21/12-page/1004198-news.html>

Pakistan's pharmaceutical industry sees record 22% growth in FY24 (Positive)

The Pakistani pharmaceutical industry has recorded a landmark achievement, reporting its highest-ever quarterly sales of Rs237 billion in the fourth quarter of FY24. <https://profit.pakistantoday.com.pk/2024/08/20/pakistans-pharmaceutical-industry-sees-record-22-growth-in-fy24/>

Car financing in Pakistan drops for 25th consecutive month (Negative)

Automobile financing in Pakistan has dropped to Rs228bn in July 2024, witnessing a fall of 1.09% MoM compared to Rs230.5bn recorded in June 2024. <https://mettisglobal.news/car-financing-in-pakistan-drops-for-25th-consecutive-month/>

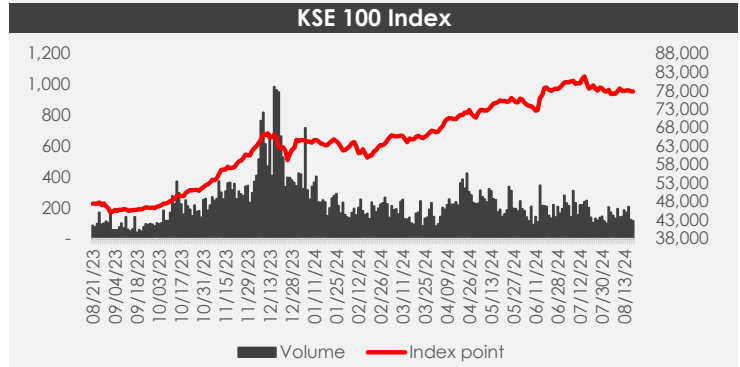
International

Oil prices down on swelling US crude stocks, easing Middle East tensions (Neutral)

Oil prices slipped on Wednesday on estimates showing swelling U.S. crude inventories and expectations that tensions in the Middle East were easing following a tour of the region by mediators. <https://www.reuters.com/markets/commodities/oil-prices-down-swelling-us-crude-stocks-easing-middle-east-tensions-2024-08-21/>

Chinese Tech Stocks Drag Asia Lower as Rally Skids: Markets Wrap (Neutral)

Stocks in Asia snapped a three-day winning streak, mirroring a halt in Wall Street's rally as investors wait on US payrolls data and Federal Reserve minutes for clues on interest rate cuts. <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2024-08-20/stock-market-today-dow-s-p-live-updates?srnd=phx-markets>



Source: PSX

Commodities			
	Previous	Current	% Δ
Gold (USD/oz)	2500.86	2516.70	0.6%
Copper (USD/pound)	4.17	4.16	-0.3%
Arab Light (USD/bbl)	79.97	78.20	-2.2%
WTI (USD/bbl)	73.17	73.06	-0.2%
Brent (USD/bbl)	77.13	77.11	0.0%
Coal (USD/ton)	117.00	115.75	-1.1%
Urea (USD/ton)	337.50	337.50	0.0%

Source: Bloomberg

Forex Rate (Open Market)			
	Previous	Current	% Δ
US Dollar	280.3	280.2	-0.04%
UK Pound Sterling	362.27	362.9	0.17%
Euro	308.58	309.65	0.35%
Japanese Yen	1.92	1.92	0.00%
Saudi Riyal	74.52	74.51	-0.01%
U.A.E Dirham	76.32	76.29	-0.04%

Source: Forex.com.pk

Total Leverage vs Market Capitalization	
Total Market Capitalization (Rs bn)	10,342
Total leverage as % of Market Capitalization	0.36%

Source: PSX, NCCPL

Board Meetings		
Symbol	Date	Account Period
ENGRO	21-Aug-24	Half Year
ABL	21-Aug-24	Half Year
LOTCHM	21-Aug-24	Half Year
IGIL	21-Aug-24	Half Year

Source: PSX

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