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Bourse continues losing streak, plunges 206 points on the back of dull trading session

KSE-100 index loses 206.23 points (-0.44%), closes in red zone to settle the benchmark session at 46,333.36 points. Local equities witnessed bullish rally in the early hours of the day, but quick reversal was observed across the board and bearish sentiments stemming from uncertainty in exchange rate as PKR starts losing again after a week-long of appreciation against the greenback, coupled with the rising international oil prices dented the market sentiments and investors' confidence.

Sector-wise, the Chemical sector remained on top with a total volume traded of 46.53mn shares, followed technology and communication and refinery with the volume of 34.82mn and 24.6mn shares respectively.

The total volume and value traded today were 255.60mn shares and PKR 9.66bn respectively. The advance to decline ratio favored the bulls as 96 scrips closed green, 230 closed red and 27 remained unchanged.

News & Corporate Announcements:

Amid the massive economic challenges faced by the newly appointed government of Pakistan, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has decided to resume talks with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for the revival and completion of the Extended Fund Facility (EFF) program of \$6 billion from today and continue till April 24, wherein Pakistan side will table request to exempt condition of increase in petrol and electricity rates.

Despite higher interest rates, regulative curbs for acquiring the loans and an increase in taxes on the import of automobiles and their parts, automobile financing in Pakistan has increased by 2% MoM to Rs364 billion in March 2022.

Oil prices rose on Tuesday as investors fretted over tight global supply after Libya was forced to halt some exports and as factories in Shanghai prepared to reopen post a COVID-19 shutdown, easing some demand worries.

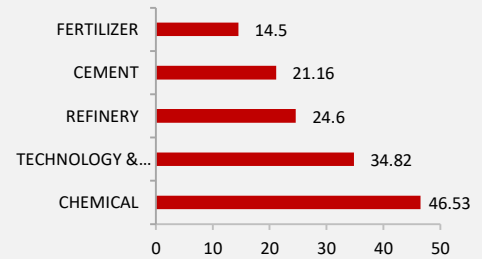
Engro Polymer and Chemicals Ltd (EPCL) has unveiled its 1QCY22 results wherein it posted net profits of Rs4.71 billion (EPS Rs5.19), depicting an increase of around 14% YoY when compared to Rs4.14bn (EPS Rs4.56) in 1QCY21.

Market Summary

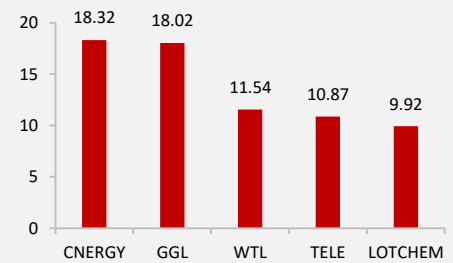
Current Index	46,333.36
Change	-206.23
Percent change	-0.44
High	46,746.27
Low	46,275.64
Volume traded (mn shares)	114.6
Value traded (PKR bn)	6.8

Source: PSX and AAH Research

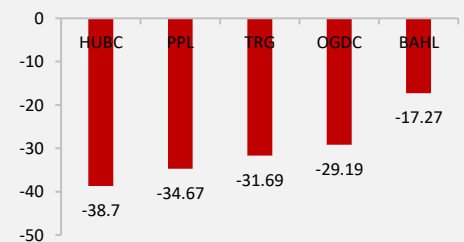
Top-5 Traded Sectors (mn shares)



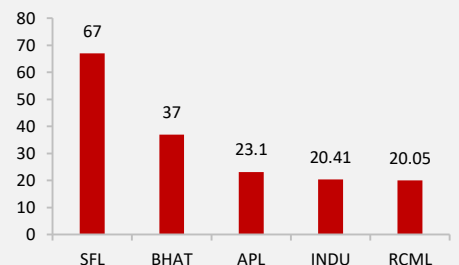
Top-5 Volume Leaders (mn shares)



Top-5 Index Movers (Points)



Top-5 Gainers (PKR)



Data Source: PSX

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Rating Criteria

Rating - Expected Total Return

Buy - Greater than 10%

Hold - Neither Buy nor Sell

Sell - Less than and equal to -10%

Valuation Methodology

To arrive at our 12-months Price Target, ABA Ali Habib Research uses different valuation methods which include: 1). DCF methodology, 2). Relative valuation methodology, and 3). Asset-based valuation methodology. In this report, our PT is founded on FCF based DCF methodology.

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