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KSE-100 index loses 64.61 points amid lack of positive triggers

KSE-100 index dropped 64.61 points on Wednesday in absence of positive trigger to support bourse. Concerns on political and macroeconomic front kept the investors' sentiments in check. Benchmark index climbed ~50 points in early trading hours, however expectation of higher inflation in March and NAB related headlines dragged the index lower to close at 38,547.76 points.

During the day bourse found its support and resistance at 38,427.64 points and 38,666.55 points. The major laggards responsible for dragging down the market were HUBC (-PKR 2.48), SNGP (-PKR 3.08), PMPK (-PKR 198.75), PSO (-PKR 3.03) and SEARL (-PKR 3.04), cumulatively shed 94.85 ppts from the index.

Sector-wise, the comm. OGMCs sector remained under pressure as price of crude in international markets regains volatility, among major oil and gas marketing scrips, APL lost PKR 5.13 from its share value followed by SNGP (-PKR 3.08), PSO (-PKR 2.69), HASCOL (-PKR 1.60) and SSGC (-PKR 0.88).

The bourse witnessed the volumes of 83mn shares, up by 17% DoD. The traded value clocked in at PKR 3.4bn. The advance to decline ratio remained in the favour of bears where 185 scrips declined, 112 scrips advanced and 23 remained unchanged.

Technology & communication sector was the top traded sector in today's session with the share volumes of 21.0mn shares followed Commercial banks (12.9mn shares), Cement (12.6mn shares), Cable & electrical goods (6.1mn shares) and Power generation & distribution (4.3mn shares).

News & Corporate Announcements:

Jahangir Siddiqui and Co. Limited has announced financial result for the year ended December 31, 2018. The company earned annual profits of Rs. 814 million (EPS: 0.7), which is 53.45% lower than the profits of last year. The decline in net earnings was a result of a larger increase in company's total expenses (35.75%) as compared to total income (26.88%).

The State Bank of Pakistan released the Bid Pattern for its PIB Auctions, auction target for the fixed rate PIBs is Rs.100 Billion while target for the floating rate PIB is also Rs.100.00 Billion.

Younus Dagher has been appointed as the Finance Secretary with effect from March 22, 2019. Previously he served as Secretary for Ministry of Commerce and Textile Industry Secretary.

Malaysian Prime Minister, Dr. Mahathir Mohamad will arrive in Islamabad on Thursday on a three-day visit to Pakistan at the invitation of Prime Minister Imran Khan.

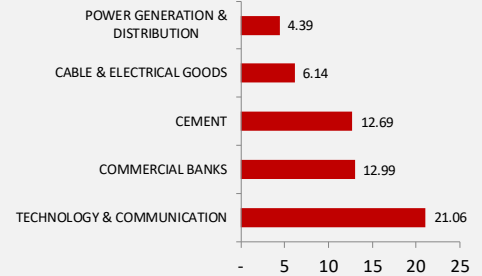
PPP Chairperson Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari and co-chairperson Asif Ali Zardari on Wednesday appeared before the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) in Islamabad amid tight security for questioning in three separate corruption cases.

Market Highlights

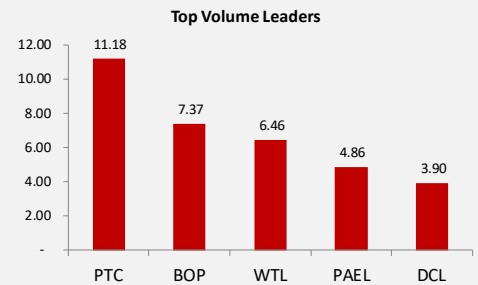
Current Index	38,547.76
Change	-64.61
Percent change	-0.17%
High	38666.55
Low	38427.64
Volume traded (mn shares)	56.16
Value traded (PKR mn)	3.059.

Source: PSX and AAH Research

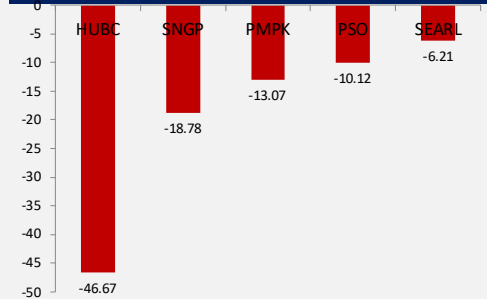
Top-5 Traded Sectors (mn shares)



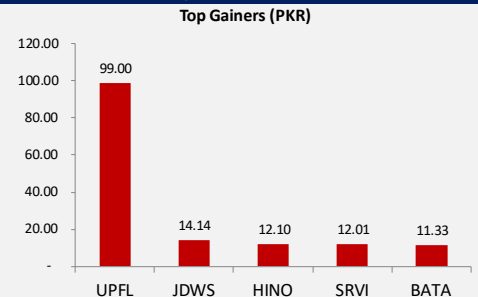
Top-5 Volume Leaders (mn shares)



Top-5 Index Movers (Points)



Top-5 Gainers (PKR)



Data Source: PSX

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Rating - Expected Total Return

Buy - Greater than 10%

Hold - Neither Buy nor Sell

Sell - Less than and equal to -10%

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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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