

Topline Market Review

KSE-100 Index: 45,718 (-158pts/-0.35%)

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Market succumbs to profit taking

KSE-100

Key Numbers

KSE-100 Index (Apr 25, 2018)	45,718.34
Change (Points)	(158.36)
Change (%)	-0.35%
YTD (Since Dec 29, 2017)	13.0%
KSE Mkt Cap. (Rs bn)	9,425
KSE Mkt Cap. (US\$ bn)	81.5
Total Volume (shares mn)	180.7
Total Value (Rs bn)	8.8
Total Value (US\$ mn)	75.8
Total Future Value (Rs bn)	4.9
Total Future Value (US\$ mn)	42.0

Source: PSX

Top 10 Traded Stocks

Symbol	Value (US\$mn)	Vol. (mn shares)	Closing (Rs)	Change (Rs)	Change
EPCL	8.1	23.8	39.3	0.9	2.4%
PAEL	7.8	20.4	44.1	(1.9)	-4.1%
DGKC	5.1	4.2	142.2	(3.2)	-2.2%
UNITY	3.5	12.3	33.1	1.6	5.0%
HASCOL	3.0	1.1	307.2	14.6	5.0%
FFL	2.5	7.5	39.0	(0.5)	-1.1%
ENGRO	2.2	0.8	315.6	0.3	0.1%
GHNL	2.1	1.0	232.4	(12.2)	-5.0%
AGP	1.9	2.1	107.2	5.1	5.0%
MFL	1.9	5.0	45.0	0.2	0.5%

Source: PSX

- After posting gains for last 2 consecutive trading sessions, market closed down 158 points or -0.35% as investor opted for profit taking. Volumes during the day improved by 17% whereas, value was down 5% as pressure was seen in selected index heavy weight stocks.
- Cement sector remained the major loser withholding 47points from the index on rumors of cut in cement prices per bag. E&P sector also dipped today withdrawing 29points from the index as international oil prices were down 1.5%.
- Engro Polymer (EPCL) and Pak Elektron (PAEL) remained the volume leaders during the day. EPCL rallied 2% on announcement of anti dumping duties on PVC. On the other hand, PAEL remained under pressure (down 4%) due to disappointing 1Q2018 financial result.
- Top 5 scrips including HBL (-1%), PKGS (-5%), COLG (-4.9%), BAFL (-2.8%) & DGKC (-2.2%) contributed 88pts to the index decline whereas stocks including DAWH (+1.7%), HASCOL (+5%), MCB (+1%), PAKT (+1.9%) & GLAXO (+4.2%) added 70pts to the index gain.

- National Foods (NATF) declared its 1Q2018 earnings of Rs2.2/share which was down 9% YoY. NATF's Sales improved by 23% whereas Gross Profits were up to 32% vs. 30% in the same period last year. Distribution cost of the company increased by 54% to Rs1.1bn containing earnings growth of the company.
- Ghandhara Industries (GHNI) also announced its 1Q2018 profitability disclosing earnings of Rs16.6/share up from Rs9.4/share during 1Q2017. Sales of the company surged by 50% to Rs3.9bn due to strong demand of its trucks whereas gross profits were up 46% to Rs673mn during the quarter.
- Allied Bank (ABL) announced its 1Q2018 earnings of Rs3.4/share, up 5% YoY. Net Interest Income (NII) of ABL remained flat on YoY basis at Rs8bn however higher provision reversals and non-interest income contributed to higher earnings. ABL booked provisions reversals of Rs506mn (Rs394mn in 1Q2017) and non-interest income of Rs3.6bn (+59% YoY). The bank also booked a one of pension cost of Rs265mn (Rs0.2/share) during the quarter.
- Tri-Pack Films (TRIPF) announced 1Q2018 earnings of Rs73mn (EPS Rs1.9), down 60% YoY. Company sales improved by 8% to Rs3.1bn however gross profits were down 27% to Rs346mn on margin contraction.
- Cherat Cement (CHCC) declared earnings of Rs2.5/share, down 18% YoY. The company booked net sales of Rs3.6bn in 1Q2018, up 35% due to strong sales however gross profits were down 16% YoY to Rs708mn. Distribution & other expenses were up 29% YoY to Rs170mn.
- Kot Addu Power (KAPCO) in its 1Q2018 results notice, reported earnings Rs2.5/share, down 15% YoY. Sales remained flat at Rs21.6bn whereas gross profits were down 13% YoY. In 9MFY18, earnings stood at Rs7.5/share, slightly lower than last year's Rs7.7/share.
- Faysal Bank (FABL) declared earnings of Rs0.9/share and were down 35% primarily due to lower capital gains and NII.
- Fauji Fertilizer announced its financial results for 1Q2018, where company reported EPS of Rs1.61, up by 74% YoY due to increase in net sales by 84% YoY. Moreover, result was below our expectations.
- Asian markets went into reverse on Wednesday (Apr 25), tracking fresh losses on Wall Street as investors fret about rising US Treasury yields and speculation that interest rates will rise four times this year.

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