

## Morning Briefing

### SBP raises nearly PKR 385bn at PIB auction: |Economy

SBP successfully raised PKR 384.7bn through the latest Pakistan Investment Bonds (PIBs) auction on January 15, 2025, exceeding its target of PKR 350bn. [Click here for more](#)

### 5MFY25: LSM sector sees 1.25pc contraction YoY: |Economy

The overall Large Scale Manufacturing (LSM) sector has shown a growth of -1.25 percent during the first five months (July-November) of 2024-25 when compared with the same period of last year, PBS.

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### Afghan transit trade especially via Gwadar Port: Govt to swap bank guarantee for insurance bond: |Economy

The government is set to replace the bank guarantee system with an insurance guarantee to facilitate transit trade under the bilateral agreement between Pakistan and Afghanistan, specifically for goods passing through Gwadar Port. [Click here for more](#)

### Petrol price jacked up by PKR 3.47 per litre: |Economy

The federal government has increased the price of petrol by PKR 3.47 per litre for the next fortnight of January 2025. [Click here for more](#)

### PM approves new power system for SEZs: |Economy

Industrial estates to gain direct electricity provision eliminating intervention by power companies.

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### EV stations' charging tariff cut to PKR 39.70/unit: |Economy

Federal Minister for Power Sardar Awais Ahmad Leghari stated that the government will soon be in a position to supply the cheapest electricity to consumers — industrial, commercial, agricultural, and domestic — in the region, following the finalization of relevant steps in the coming months. [Click here for more](#)

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### KE consumers to get tariff relief of PKR 4.98/unit: |Economy

K-Electric (KE) customers are set to receive a third consecutive relief of up to PKR 4.98 per unit on account of fuel charges adjustment (FCA) for November 2024. [Click here for more](#)

Net LIPI/FIPI Position		
	USD mn	CYTD
Foreign	0.29	11.7
Individuals	0.19	13.7
Companies	3.62	7.27
Banks/DFIs	0.03	4.93
MF	0.86	4
Broker	3	8.14
Insurance	0.08	5.01

FIPI Sector-wise	
	USD mn
E & P	0.88
OMC	0.26
Banks	0.26
Tech	1.28

Major Indices				
Index	Value	Change	FYTD	CYTD
KSE-100	114,496	-0.3%	+46.0%	+83.3%
SENSEX	76,724	-0.2%	-2.9%	+6.2%
Nikkei 225	38,445	-0.5%	-3.5%	+14.9%
Hang Seng	19,286	+0.1%	+9.7%	+13.1%
S & P 500	5,950	+1.8%	+8.8%	+24.7%
FTSE 100	8,266	+0.8%	+1.2%	+6.9%

Commodities			
	Unit	Price	Change
WTI	USD/bbl	80.36	+0.40%
Brent	USD/bbl	82.31	+0.34%
Coal	USD/ton	98.30	-1.21%
Gold	USD/oz	2724.80	+0.26%
Silver	USD/oz	31.63	+0.31%
Rubber	USD/kg	1.90	+1.40%

Inter-Bank Currency Rates			
	Last Close	Change	CYTD %
PKR/USD	278.7695	+0.02%	-1.10%
PKR/JPN	1.7768	+0.38%	-10.69%
PKR/THB	8.0268	-0.08%	-2.26%

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## Corporate Announcements

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### **Pakistan Refinery Limited (PRL)– Material Information**

The Company has announced that the Board of Directors of (PRL) has approved the acquisition of a loan facility amounting to PKR 3.15bn, from (PSO) to finance the Company's (FEED) of the Refinery Expansion & Upgrade Project (REUP).

### **Big Bird Foods Limited (BBFL) - Material Information**

The Company has announced the successful completion and commissioning of a new production line which has potential to generate over Rs. 500mn in annual revenue.

### **Worldcall Telecom Limited (WTL) - Material Information**

The Company has announced establishment of a Center of Excellence (CoE) dedicated for AI and Big Data services in WTL premises in Pakistan. It plans to launch its own products in AI and Big Data space from this platform besides providing product development services to clients.

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