**Ceramic**

**KSA**

Summary:

**NA**

**Global**

Summary:

1. Indonesia: Gas shortages in Indonesia are affecting productivity at five ceramics factories, particularly(having a production capacity of 250 million square metres per annum) in East Java. The industry is urging the central government to prioritize gas supply for the region to prevent stagnation in production. Currently, 38 ceramics factories operate nationwide.
2. Indonesia: Indonesia’s Ministry of Industry is prioritizing the domestic ceramics and glassware industries, which use local resources. With growing market demand, production capacity is high but underutilized. Policies like mandatory quality standards and gas price incentives aim to enhance competitiveness and encourage investment in these sectors.
3. Singapore: Hafary, the leading distributor of premium ceramic tiles in Singapore is expanding in Southeast Asia's ceramic industry through a new joint venture, ICMHSB, enhancing manufacturing and distribution capabilities. This partnership with Hap Seng and others aims to boost production and address supply chain challenges, positioning Hafary as a key player in the market.

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**Contracting Services NDD Monitoring:**

**KSA**

Summary:

1. Jinko Power Technology Co. has secured financing for its 400 MW Tabarjal solar project in Saudi Arabia, allowing construction to start. The project, set to operate in 2025, is part of a 25-year Power Purchase Agreement and expands Jinko's portfolio to 700 MW in the region.
2. WCT Bahrain, Tahliya Water Treatment, and the Saudi Water Authority signed a Memorandum of Understanding to collaborate on brine recovery solutions for desalination in Bahrain. This project aims to reduce environmental impact, enhance food security, and promote sustainable development while producing valuable minerals.
3. Sustainable Building Engineering Consultants (SBEC) promotes green building through energy-efficient techniques and sustainable materials. Their initiatives support various Sustainable Development Goals, reduce carbon emissions, and educate communities on eco-friendly practices. SBEC aims to create healthier cities while aligning with Saudi Arabia’s Vision 2030 for a sustainable future.
4. Saudi Arabia's WTCO has requested qualifications for the Ras Mohaisen-Baha-Makkah Independent Water Transmission System, a 300 km project with a capacity of 515,000 cu m per day. Various global and regional firms are bidding, and the winning developer will lease the capacity to WTCO for 35 years.
5. Bangladeshi workers at the Aramco stadium in Saudi Arabia face serious labor rights violations, including long hours, low pay (under GBP 2/hour), recruitment fees, wage theft, and poor living conditions. Multiple companies are involved in their employment.
6. Siemens has delivered 67 driverless Inspiro trains for Riyadh's metro, covering the Blue and Red Lines. Passenger operations start December 1st and 15th, respectively. This project enhances public transport, supports future events, and boosts the economy with efficient, automated services.

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**Global**

Summary:

1. USA: Mercator.ai, based at Canada brings its visionary AI business development platform to Houston, flipping that equation for Texas’s largest construction market. Mercator.ai, is the leading AI-powered business development platform for commercial construction, today announced its expansion into the Houston market. This strategic move follows the company’s successful launch in Austin earlier this year and marks another milestone in Mercator’s ambitious Texas growth strategy.
2. USA: Billd has partnered with ATLAS to create a $144 million financing facility, the first of its kind for commercial construction. This will help subcontractors access flexible financial solutions, improving cash flow and supporting their projects. Billd aims to transform the construction industry with tailored financial products.
3. USA: President-elect Trump plans to impose tariffs, which could raise construction costs significantly. Industry leaders warn that strict enforcement may disrupt projects by increasing material prices, especially for imports from China like steel and plumbing components.
4. Canada: Immigration policies are stifling the growth of the province’s construction labour force, which faces a worker shortfall that could exceed 20,000 in eight years, as per a contractor group. It’s one factor that will intensify the current housing shortage and drive up prices, said Mike Martens, president of the Independent Contractors and Businesses Association (ICBA).

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**Aluminium:**

**KSA**

Summary**:**

1. The Saudi Arabia Aluminum Windows and Doors Market, valued at USD 3.75 Billion in 2023, is projected to reach USD 5.07 Billion by 2029. Key trends include rising demand for energy-efficient products, customization options, smart technology integration, and growth in affordable housing projects.

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**Global**

Summary:

1. Canada: Canada’s tariffs on Chinese electric vehicles, aluminum, and steel are expected to raise $473 million over five years. The government imposed a 100% tariff on EVs and 25% on aluminum and steel due to unfair trading practices. This is likely to cut imports from China by 50%.
2. USA: U.S. manufacturers, including Western Extrusions, are disappointed by the trade commission's decision against increasing tariffs on cheap aluminum imports. They are hoping the Trump administration will fulfill promises to raise import taxes to protect American industry and jobs. Tariffs can help U.S. producers but may also raise consumer prices. Bennett McEvoy, owner of Texas-based Western Extrusions, said he and his competitors — who are also his allies in the trade fight — "were incredibly disappointed and surprised" by the trade commission's 2-1 vote last month to decline steep tariff increases on aluminum parts from countries including China and nations in eastern and western Asia, southern Europe, and Latin America.

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**Construction M&E:**

**NA**

**Steel Rebar:**

**KSA**

Summary:

**NA**

**Global**

Summary:

1. Global: Steel rebars market is projected to grow from USD 224.5 billion in 2022 to USD 317.4 billion by 2030, driven by urbanization and industrial expansion, with a focus on sustainability and innovation. They are crucial in construction, strengthening concrete for skyscrapers, bridges, and factories.
2. Azerbaijan: Azerbaijan's metallurgical sector is thriving, with a 78% increase in steel rebar production in October 2024 compared to last year. The country produced 382,900 tons of rebar in the first ten months, driven by strong construction demand and government initiatives to boost local production and reduce imports.
3. Global: Steel rebar prices in Q3 2024: USA - 860 USD/MT, China - 475 USD/MT, Germany - 835 USD/MT. Prices declined due to oversupply and weak demand across key sectors. Economic challenges and reduced construction activity contributed to the bearish market trend.

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**Flat Rolled Steel:**

**KSA**

Summary:

**NA**

**Global**

Summary:

1. Europe: ArcelorMittal has raised hot rolled steel prices by €20/t to €630/t in Europe due to increased demand, particularly from the automotive sector. EU steel imports are expected to drop due to anti-dumping investigations and new quotas. Traders are shifting focus to the domestic market amid tightening restrictions.
2. USA: American steel company, Cleveland-Cliffs, [has announced](https://d1io3yog0oux5.cloudfront.net/_29dd3bf4bc826b8c8404a1051bff3d78/clevelandcliffs/files/pages/clevelandcliffs/db/1149/description/2024+Documents/Cliffs_HR_Market_Price_-_12.13.2024.pdf) an increase in prices for hot rolled steel (HRC) to $800 per short ton. This is $50 higher than the November level of $750 per ton. The company attributed the decision to improved market conditions and increased order volumes.
3. Europe: The price of hot-rolled steel in Europe has remained stable. However, recent imports of steel coils have become less competitive in the local market due to the depreciation of the euro, which has increased import costs. Despite this, the higher import costs have not been enough to drive price increases unless local steel mills further reduce production.
4. USA: Imported flat-rolled steel prices in the US remained stable on November 20, with limited trading and long lead times. Hot-rolled coil prices were steady at $640-680 per ton. Domestic demand is weak, and market participants anticipate potential price increases due to upcoming tariffs and economic activity.

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**Cement:**

**KSA**

Summary:

Demand for cement in Saudi Arabia is expected to rise by 4% to 8% by 2025, fuelled by big development projects, particularly in Riyadh as per  CEO of [Riyadh Cement Co.](https://www.argaam.com/en/tadawul/tasi/riyadh-cement) Saudi Arabia is exporting black cement to the GCC countries, Jordan, Iraq, and Egypt, the CEO said, noting that Riyadh Cement also aims to expand its exports to the Horn of Africa.

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**Global**

Summary:

1. Global: The World Cement Association's white paper by CEO Ian Riley forecasts a significant decline in global cement demand by 2050, emphasizing the need for industry adaptation to a low-carbon future. It outlines key changes and scenarios for stakeholders to navigate this transformation effectively.
2. India:  December 2024 brings hope for India's cement sector with price hikes of Rs.10-30 per bag, especially in East and Central India. Prices are up 3.5% from last quarter but down 5% year-on-year. At the same time Cement plants in southern India, Andhra Pradesh and Telengana have closed due to weak demand and low prices. Some are operating minimally. Despite a net loss reported by India Cements, there are hopes for improvement with new government initiatives and infrastructure investments.
3. Nigeria: BUA Gypsum Plaster Limited is entering Nigeria's gypsum plaster market, offering competitive prices. Their new plant in Port Harcourt can produce 2,400 tons daily, reducing reliance on imports. Distributors can buy at a promo price of N8,000 per bag until December 31, 2024.

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**Glass:**

**KSA**

Summary:

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**Global**

Summary:

1. USA: In November, flat glass manufacturing costs fell by 9.3%, ending five months of rising prices according to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics’ Producer Price Index. Yearly, flat glass prices dropped 1.6%. Meanwhile, fabricated metal products rose by 0.8%, and builders' hardware prices remained unchanged for six months. Overall, wholesale inflation was at 3%.
2. Global: The global flat glass coating market is poised for significant growth due to an increase in the standard of living, rapid urbanization, and a growing demand for modern conveniences. However, the market faced setbacks during the COVID-19 pandemic, with construction halts, manufacturing closures, and reduced workforce slowing growth. Despite these challenges, the market is expected to rebound strongly, driven by ongoing advancements and increasing adoption of flat glass coatings.

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**Elevator:**

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**Global**

Summary:

**NA**

**HVAC**

**KSA**

**NA**

**Global**

Summary:

1. USA: The Latin America hydronic HVAC systems market is expected to reach USD 1.58 billion by 2030, growing at a CAGR of 4.5%. Demand for energy-efficient solutions and industrial growth are key drivers, with Brazil leading the market. Advanced technologies and replacement needs further boost this sector.
2. Global: The HVAC equipment market is projected to grow from $154.95 billion in 2023 to $222.8 billion by 2028 growing at the CAGR of 7.6%, driven by urbanization and energy efficiency needs.

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Summary:

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**Global**

Summary:

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