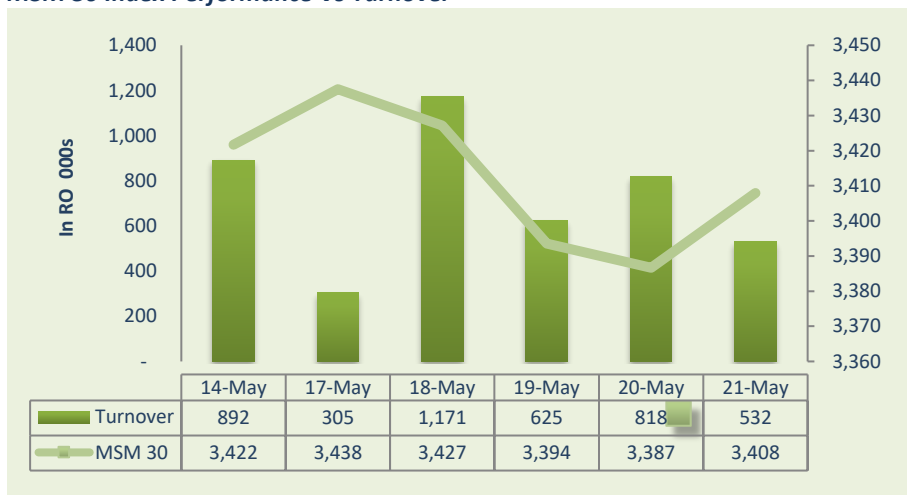


Index Performance	Current Week	Previous Week	WTD (%)	YTD (%)	Beta (Yr.)
MSM 30 Index	3,407.98	3,421.67	-0.40%	-14.40%	1.000
Financial Index	5,350.06	5,349.00	0.02%	-15.74%	1.048
Industrial Index	4,027.10	4,007.26	0.50%	-4.26%	0.645
Services Index	1,567.33	1,618.90	-3.19%	-17.36%	0.670

Source: MSM, GBCM Research

MSM 30 Index Performance Vs Turnover

Source: MSM, GBCM Research

MSM Weekly Trading Activity - Total Turnover RO 3.451 million (c.US\$ 9.0 million)

Fig. In RO	Buy	Sell	Net Buy / (Sell)
Omanis	2,577,784	1,630,612	947,172
GCC	306,010	450,131	(144,120)
Arabs	18,106	8,345	9,761
Others	549,045	1,361,858	(812,812)

Source: MSM, GBCM Research

Negative sentiments prevail amidst dull trading volumes...

During previous trading week, the MSM30 Index ended on a negative note declining 0.4% to close at 3,407.98 points amidst selling pressure in utility sector stocks along with dull trading volumes ahead of holidays. While other GCC equities revealed positive performance amid strong global cues. We are also seeing the gradual reopening of economies after Covi-19 lockdown. For the week, Services Index declined 3.2% WTD. Industrial Index gained 0.5% WTD, while Financial index ended on a flattish note for the week.

In terms of market activity, a total of 23.2 million shares got traded during the week amounting to an aggregate turnover of meager RO 3.5 million as compared to RO 3.8 million in the previous week. In terms of participation, Omani investors ended as net buyers to an extent of RO 947K. Foreign and GCC investors emerged as net sellers to an extent of RO 813K and RO 144K, respectively. Non-Omani investors sell-off continued during the week.

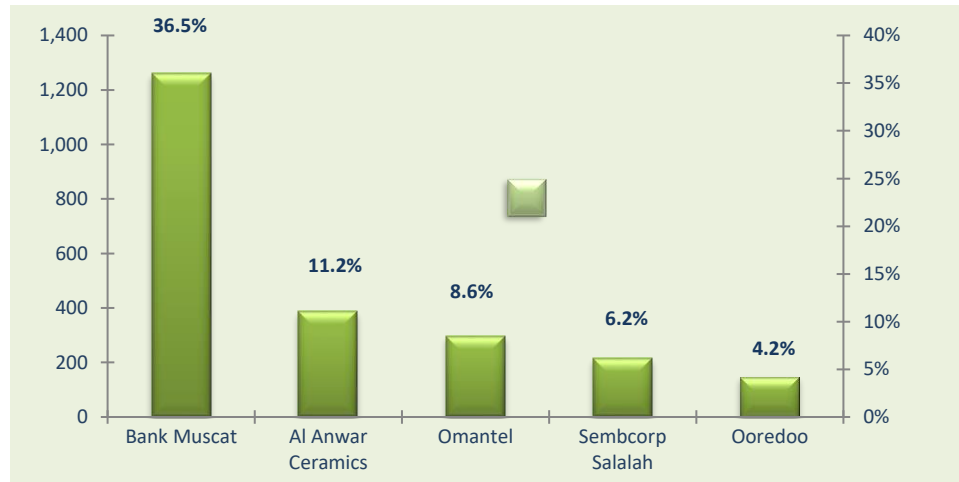
CBO announces auction results of 64th GDB

The Central Bank of Oman (CBO) announced the auction results of the 64th government development bonds (GDB) with issue worth RO 200 million. According to CBO, the 64th GDB issue, has received applications worth RO 266.9 million, oversubscribed by 1.33 times. Total allotment is RO 200 million. The average yield was at 5.36% at an equivalent price of RO 98.440 while the highest yield was 5.66% at an equivalent price of RO 97.160 and the lowest was at 4.75% at an equivalent price of RO 101.100. The 5-year bond would be issued 19th May and will mature on 19th May 25 with coupon of 5.0% per annum. (Source: MSM)

Outlook...

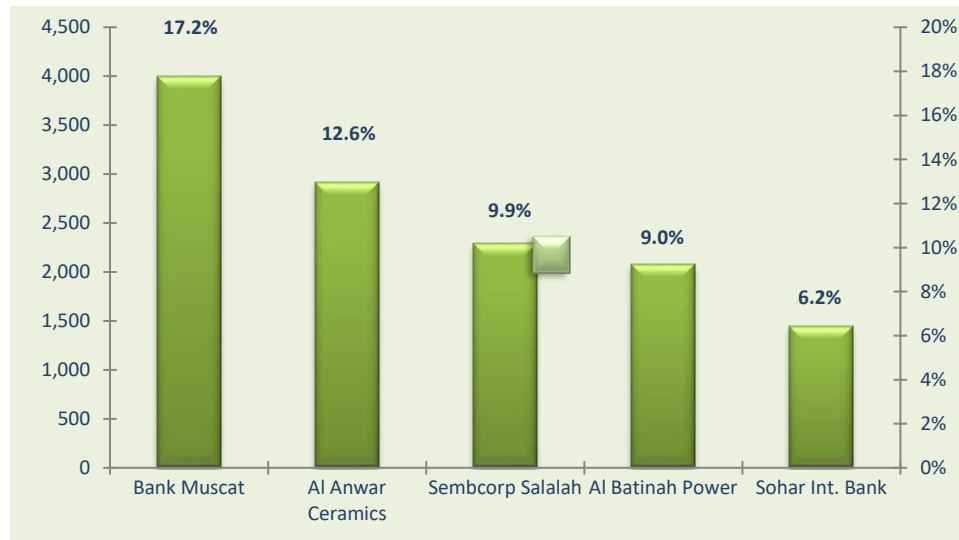
During last trading week, we saw positive closing in all the regional markets amidst risk on rally in global equities along with stable uptrend in oil prices. Oman is the only market in the region to end on a negative note declining 0.4% for the week on the back of sell-off in utility sector stocks and subdued market volumes. Saudi and Kuwait equities ended strong note for the week gaining about 5% WTD. UAE-DFM ended 2.3% higher for the week, while UAE-ADX ended higher by 1.1%. Qatar and Bahrain revealed positive closing for the week. Select markets in the region to open today post Eid holidays. The global equities continued its positive run amidst opening of economies with the relaxation of lockdowns. The oil prices saw stability at around USD 35 per barrel on the back of strict production cuts and increase in oil demand. **We anticipate the local and GCC equities to open on a positive note for the holiday shortened week and to reveal buying activity in blue-chip stocks.** The regional markets to see stock specific activity with the gradual reopening of economies along with MSCI index changes implementation. While, the reemergence of USA-China conflict may lead to correction in global markets post recent strong rally. We advise investors to look at staggered buying opportunities in sector leaders and the focus to remain on balance sheet strength and cash flow generating companies in respective economies.

Value Leaders-Weekly



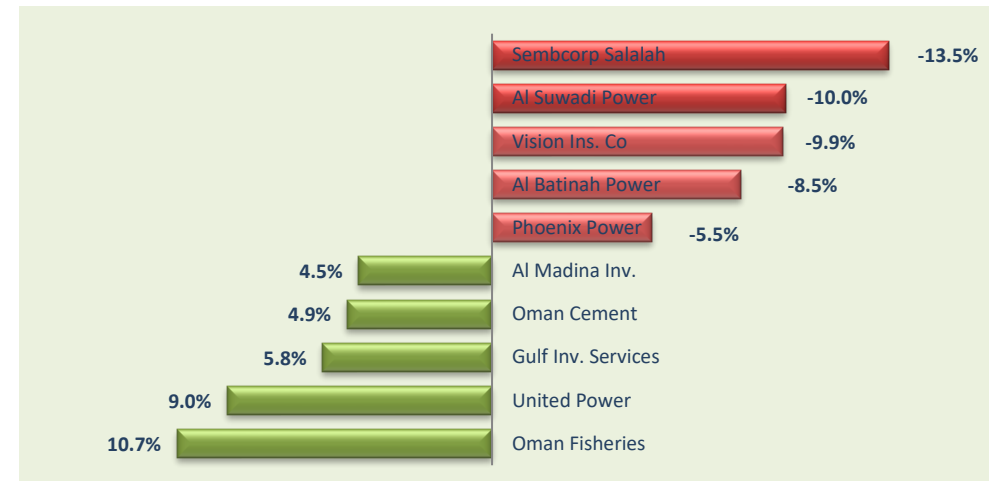
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Volume Leaders- Weekly



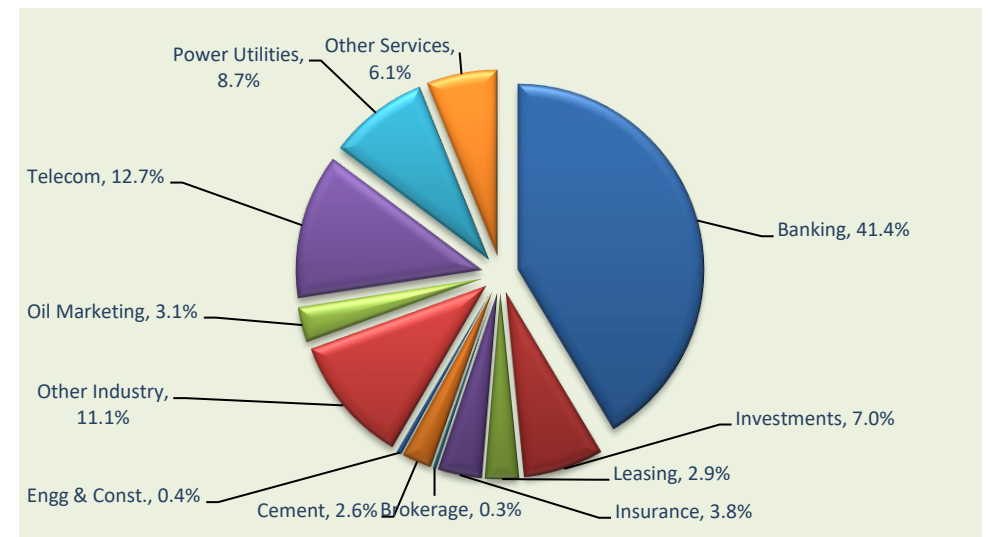
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Top Five Gainers/ Losers for the Week



Source: MSM, GBCM Research

MSM Sectoral Market



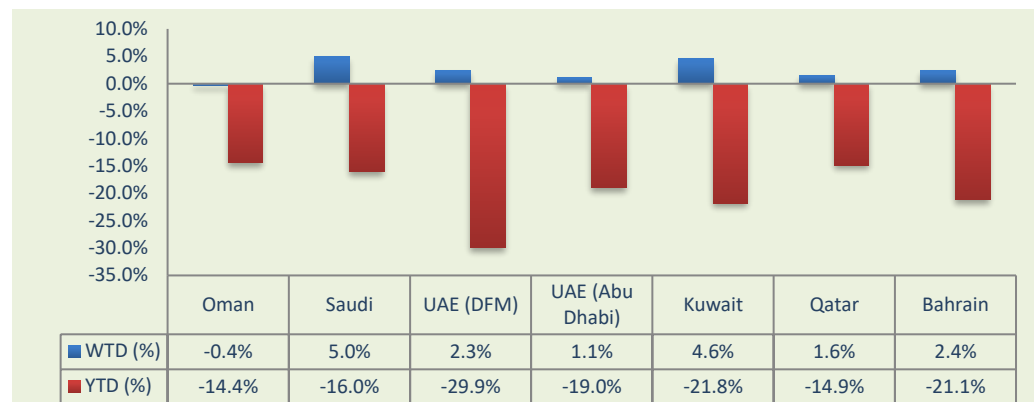
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MSM - Value Indicators

Value Indicators	Mkt. Cap (RO'000s)	PER	P/BV	Dividend Yield %
MSM 30 Index	4,209,319	6.8	0.7	8.2%
Financial	2,667,578	6.8	0.6	8.1%
Industrial	534,952	16.6	0.7	5.4%
Services	1,332,094	6.6	0.8	9.1%
MSM Shariah	1,121,882	13.8	0.9	5.8%

Source: MSM, GBCM Research

GCC- Market Performance for the week



Source: Bloomberg, GBCM Research

Commodities	Current Week *	Last Week	WTD (%)
NYMEX WTI Crude	34.2	29.4	16.3%
ICE Brent Crude	36.1	32.5	11.0%
Crude Oil, Oman	37.8	35.5	6.4%
NYMEX Natural Gas	1.8	1.6	8.9%
NYMEX Gasoline	103.9	97.0	7.1%
Gold Spot	1,706.7	1,743.7	-2.1%
Silver Spot	17.0	16.6	2.6%
LME Aluminium (Spot)	1,494.5	1,428.9	4.6%
LME Copper (Spot)	5,327.3	5,156.0	3.3%
LME Zinc (Spot)	1,983.5	1,965.8	0.9%
Hot Rolled Coil - Steel	518.0	474.0	9.3%
CBOT Corn	320.0	319.3	0.2%
CBOT Wheat	507.0	500.3	1.3%
CBOT Soyabean	847.3	838.5	1.0%

Source: MSM, GBCM Research, * Prices as on 9 AM Muscat Time today

Oman - Weekly News watch...

Key Oman Utility Sector companies have stated that they have received notification from Oman Power and Water Procurement Co (OPWP) in its separate letters dated 17 May 2020 communicating that OPWP starting from April 2020 will hold back the invoices related to Power Capacity Investment Charge and Water Capacity Investment Charge (for the applicable companies), over and above the holding back of the fuel charge payments. (Source: MSM)

Oman Real Estate data- The total value of property transactions in the Sultanate till the end of February 2020 surged 24% to reach RO629.2 million from RO507.5 million for the same period of 2019. The number of plots issued till the end of February 2020 was 36,523, which is a decline of 5.7% from the end of February 2019, when 3,719 plots were issued. (Source: ONA)

GCC - Weekly News Watch...

Aldar Properties has reported a revenue of Dh1.76 billion in Q1 2020, unchanged from the same period a year ago, demonstrating the strength of its diversified Development Management and Asset Management businesses. Gross profit of Dh699 million remained stable at 40%, while net profit soared to Dh302 million, driven by diversified, multi-asset class portfolio. (Source: Trade Arabia)

The Company Cooperative Insurance (Tawuniya) reported a net profit of SAR 85.1 million for Q1 2020, an 85% year-on-year (YoY) increase, compared to SAR 46 million in Q1 2019. The company attributed the performance to higher net underwriting income of SAR 193 million and increase in net earned premiums by 16.37% and net claims incurred by 0.51%. (Source: Argam)

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