

Index Performance	Current Week	Previous Week	WTD (%)	YTD (%)	Beta (Yr.)
MSM 30 Index	3,627.00	3,647.71	-0.57%	-8.90%	1.000
Financial Index	5,835.97	5,885.59	-0.84%	-8.08%	1.032
Industrial Index	3,952.51	3,968.20	-0.40%	-6.03%	0.521
Services Index	1,556.41	1,568.64	-0.78%	-17.94%	0.658

Source: MSM, GBCM Research

**MSM 30 Index Performance Vs Turnover**



Source: MSM, GBCM Research

**MSM Weekly Trading Activity - Total Turnover RO 5.731 million (c.US\$ 14.9 million)**

Fig. In RO	Buy	Sell	Net Buy / (Sell)
Omanis	2,852,845	4,726,068	(1,873,223)
GCC	2,238,321	374,207	1,864,114
Arabs	176,411	2,412	173,999
Others	463,497	628,387	(164,890)

Source: MSM, GBCM Research

**Negative closing seen amid dull volumes...**

During last trading week, the **MSM30 Index further declined by 0.57% to close at 3,627 points** amid stock specific activity and dull volumes. We saw select block trades in Ahli Bank and Ominvest Perpetual Bonds during the week. Global sentiments remained volatile and Oil price showed declining trend during the week. The regional economies remained mixed with the concerns of low oil prices along with recent increase in Covid-19 cases. MSM Financial and Services Sector Index declined by 0.84% and 0.78%, respectively during the last week. While MSM Industrial Index ended lower by 0.4% in previous week.

In terms of overall market activity, a total of 25.130 million shares got traded during the week increased to an aggregate turnover of RO 5.731 million as compared to RO 3.926 million in previous week amid block bond trades. In terms of participation, Foreign and local investors remained as net sellers to an extent of RO 165K and RO 1.873 million during the week. While, GCC investors emerged as net buyers to an extent of RO 1.864 million.

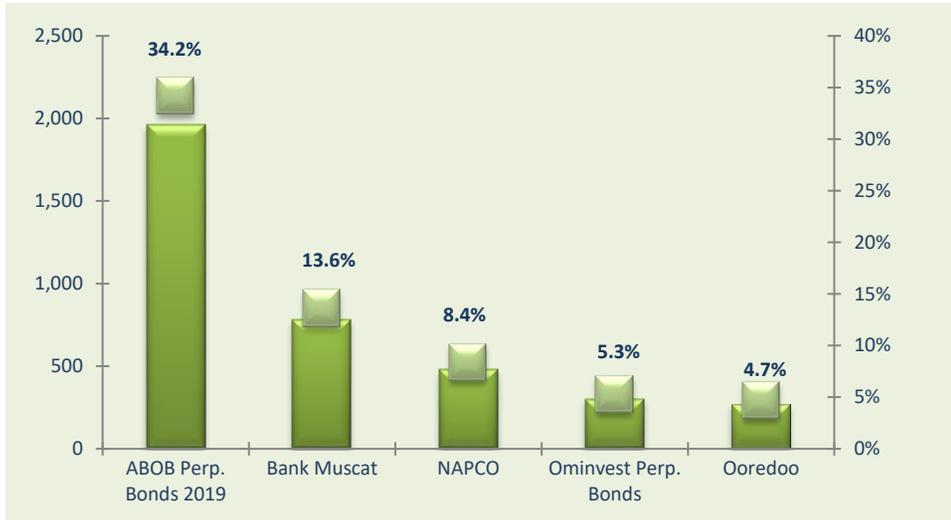
**The Central Bank of Oman (CBO)** has directed commercial banks, as well as finance and leasing companies (FLCs), operating in the Sultanate to begin scrupulously implementing the provisions of the Multilateral Competent Authority Agreement on the Exchange of Financial Information an international convention that seeks to, among other things, combat offshore tax evasion. The **Common Reporting Standard (CRS)** is described as a global standard developed by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) to support automatic exchange of financial account information. (Source: Oman Observer)

**Outlook...**

During last trading week, we saw mixed closing within the regional markets amidst volatility in global equities and decline in oil prices. Saudi market ended lower by 1.2% for the week. UAE-DFM closed deep in red declining by 3%, while UAE-ADX declined 1% last week. Qatar closed lower by 1.5% WTD. Kuwait and Bahrain ended strong gaining 3% WTD and 1.1% WTD, respectively. Oman ended lower by 0.6% for the week amidst dull trading volumes. Post sharp correction, Global markets revealed recovery trend during the weekend, while Brent Crude trades around USD 42/ barrel.

**We anticipate GCC equities to open on a positive note for the last trading week of Q3 2020 on the back of favorable global sentiments and probable window dressing activity ahead of quarter closing.** MSM could also see buying support in key frontline stocks. We recommend investor focus to remain on defensive and non-oil sector stocks, while emphasis may be given in names which is expected to show earnings recovery during Q3. Overall regional markets activity may improve during the week.

Value Leaders-Weekly



Source: MSM, GBCM Research

Top Five Gainers/ Losers for the Week



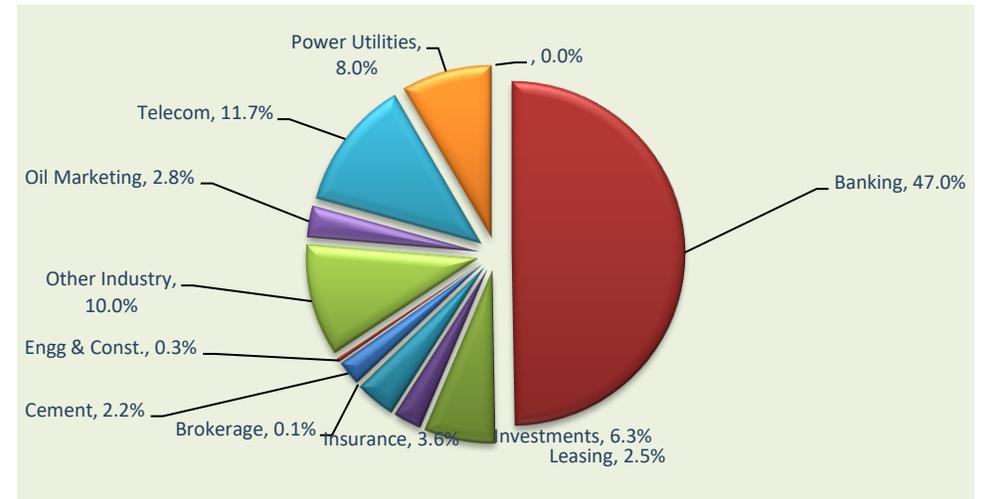
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Volume Leaders- Weekly



Source: MSM, GBCM Research

MSM Sectoral Market



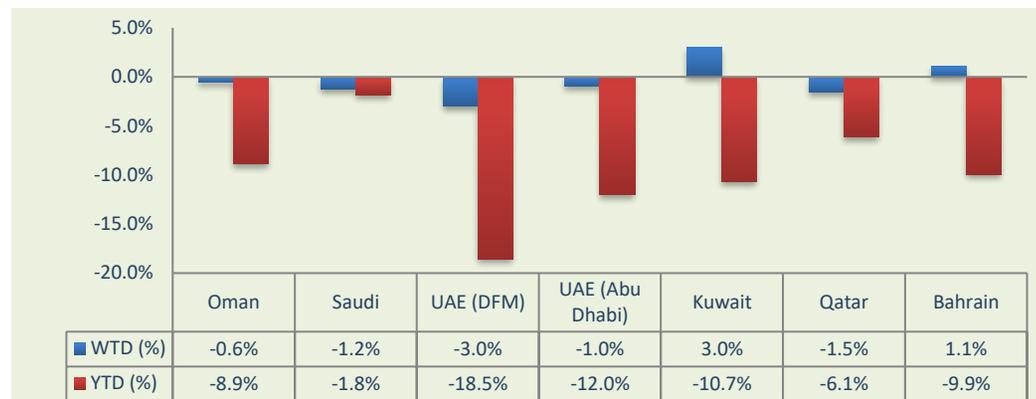
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MSM - Value Indicators

Value Indicators	Mkt. Cap (RO'000s)	PER	P/BV	Dividend Yield %
MSM 30 Index	4,299,209	10.6	0.7	8.0%
Financial	2,968,515	9.7	0.7	7.2%
Industrial	535,201	NM	0.7	4.9%
Services	1,296,269	9.1	0.8	9.4%
MSM Shariah	957,183	12.6	0.9	6.5%

Source: MSM, GBCM Research

GCC- Market Performance for the week



Source: Bloomberg, GBCM Research

Oman - Weekly News watch...

**Oman Population Data- August 2020-** The number of expats in Oman in August was 1,747,844, down from 1,801,739 in July 2020, reflecting a decrease of 53,895 expatriates during this period. The number of Omanis rose from 2,726,195 in July to 2,732,489 in Aug 2020. (Source: Times of Oman)

**Beginning October 1,** sweetened drinks will cost more in Oman as the government is all set to introduce a **50% excise tax on these products**. The decision issued by the Tax Authority on June 18 included a list of products include juices, fruit drinks, energy or sport drinks, canned coffee, and tea products. (Source: Oman Observer)

GCC - Weekly News Watch...

**Petrochem** announces that its Board approved on the start of initial discussions with the **Saudi Industrial Investment Group (SIIG)** (a related party) to study economic feasibility of merging the two companies, noting that no agreement has yet been reached on the final structure of the potential deal. It should also be noted that entering these discussions does not necessarily mean that the deal will take place between the two parties. (Source: Argaam)

**Kingdom Holding Co. (KHC)** announced that memorandum of understanding (MoU) signed between its subsidiary, Kingdom Inv. and Dev. Co. and Ataa Educational expired without reaching an agreement. Both companies are not entitled for any relevant obligations, the statement added. (Source: Argaam)

The board of **National Shipping Co. of Saudi Arabia (Bahri)** declared the dividend distribution policy for the fiscal years 2020, 2021 and 2022. The policy is subject to approval from the company's general assembly. It aims to maintain a minimum dividend rate of SAR 2 per share every year, through two semi-annual distributions of SAR 1 per share each, starting from 2020 until 2022. (Source: Argaam)

Commodities	Current Week	Last Week	WTD (%)
NYMEX WTI Crude	40.3	41.1	-2.1%
ICE Brent Crude	41.9	43.2	-2.9%
Crude Oil, Oman	42.3	42.7	-1.1%
NYMEX Natural Gas	2.1	2.0	4.4%
NYMEX Gasoline	121.4	123.7	-1.8%
Gold Spot	1,861.6	1,950.9	-4.6%
Silver Spot	22.9	26.8	-14.5%
LME Aluminium (Spot)	1,712.5	1,753.1	-2.3%
LME Copper (Spot)	6,543.6	6,852.8	-4.5%
LME Zinc (Spot)	2,356.8	2,521.3	-6.5%
Hot Rolled Coil - Steel	550.0	549.0	0.2%
CBOT Corn	365.3	378.5	-3.5%
CBOT Wheat	544.3	575.0	-5.3%
CBOT Soyabean	1,002.5	1,043.5	-3.9%

Source: MSM, GBCM Research

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