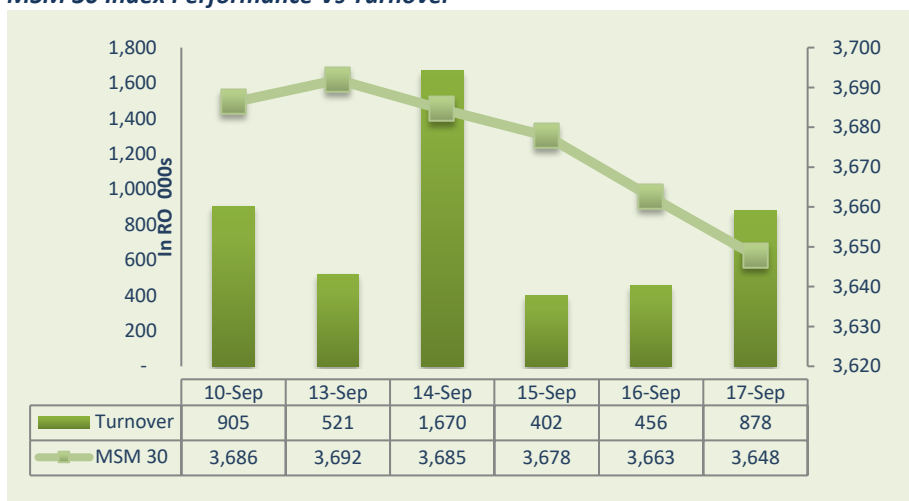


Index Performance	Current Week	Previous Week	WTD (%)	YTD (%)	Beta (Yr.)
MSM 30 Index	3,647.71	3,686.29	-1.05%	-8.38%	1.000
Financial Index	5,885.59	5,962.45	-1.29%	-7.30%	1.033
Industrial Index	3,968.20	3,965.20	0.08%	-5.66%	0.522
Services Index	1,568.64	1,567.13	0.10%	-17.29%	0.659

Source: MSM, GBCM Research

**MSM 30 Index Performance Vs Turnover**



Source: MSM, GBCM Research

**MSM Weekly Trading Activity - Total Turnover RO 3.926 million (c.US\$ 10.2 million)**

Fig. In RO	Buy	Sell	Net Buy / (Sell)
Omanis	2,841,478	2,423,143	418,334
GCC	457,589	189,588	268,001
Arabs	257,182	141,519	115,663
Others	369,486	1,171,484	(801,998)

Source: MSM, GBCM Research

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

During previous trading week, the benchmark Index continued its declining trend to close lower by 1.05% at 3,647.71 points amidst selling pressure in financial sector stocks along with dull overall market volumes. Global market sentiments and Oil price trend remained volatile during the week which had led to higher risk aversion. The GCC economies continued to face the negatives of low oil prices and the ongoing pandemic. MSM Financial Sector declined sharply by 1.29% during the last week. While MSM Industrial and Services Index ended marginally higher by 0.08% and 0.10% respectively in previous week.

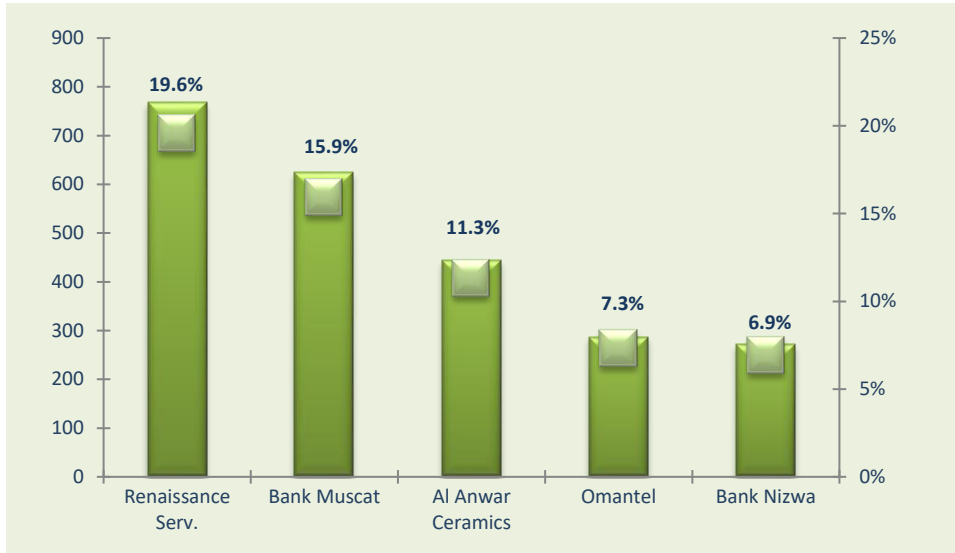
In terms of overall market activity, a total of 21.521 million shares got traded during the week amounting to an aggregate turnover of RO 3.926 million as compared to RO 3.840 million in the previous week. In terms of investor participation, Foreign investors remained as net sellers to an extent of RO 802K during the week. While, Omani and GCC investors emerged as net buyers to an extent of RO 418K and RO 268K, respectively.

**Oman Banking Data- Total outstanding credit extended by other depository corporations (ODCs) grew by 1.7% to RO 26.2 billion at end of July 2020.** Credit to private sector rose by 1.1% to RO 22.8 billion. Total deposits held with ODCs reached RO 23.8 billion at end of July, increasing by 3.5% YoY. Total private sector deposits increased by 10.4% to RO 16.5 billion. Aggregate deposits held with conventional banks increased to RO 20.2 billion, increase of 3.2% YoY. Government deposits with conventional banks decreased by 15% to RO 4.5 billion, while deposits of public enterprises increased by 2% to RO 1.1 billion. Islamic banking entities provided financing of RO 4.1 billion, increasing 7.3% YoY. Total deposits held with Islamic banks and windows increased by 4.8% to RO 3.6 billion. (Source: CBO, Oman Observer)

**Outlook...**

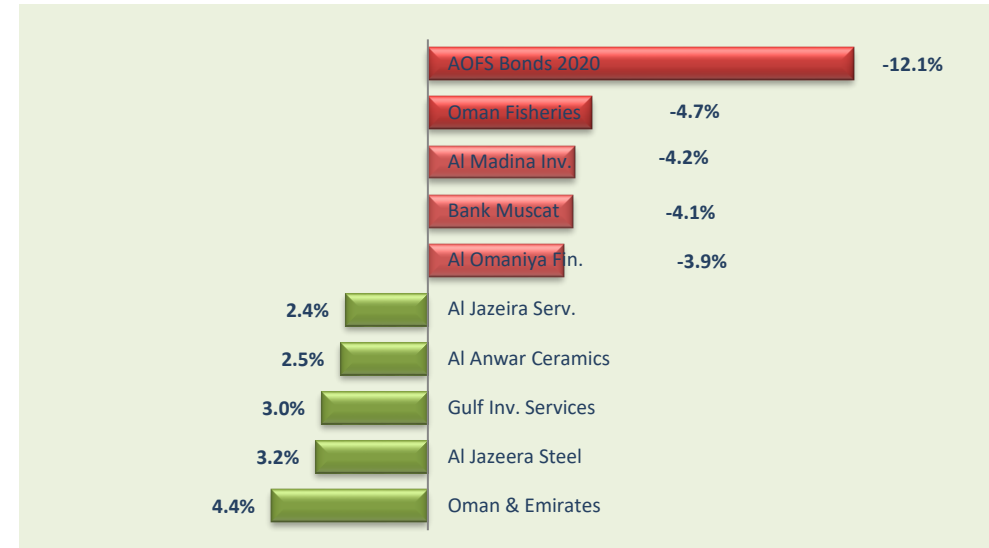
During last trading week, we saw positive closing in most of the GCC markets amidst investor buying interest in key frontline stocks. Saudi equities ended strong by 2.5% WTD wiping out most of YTD losses. UAE-DFM gained 2.2%, while UAE-ADX declined 0.2% during the week. Qatar and Kuwait closed higher by about 2% WTD each, while Bahrain gained 3.3% for the week. Oman ended lower by 1% during the week on the back of selling in banking sector stocks, while the volumes remained dull. The global equities ended on a negative note during the weekend post recent rally, while Brent Crude prices gained to trade above USD 43/ barrel. **We expect the local and regional equities to open on a flattish note for the week and to see stock specific activity.** Near term trend in MSM remain weak amidst expected technical correction, while the concern remains on subdued market volumes. We do recommend investors to adopt defensive approach and to focus on quality stocks with steady earnings, sector leadership, unleveraged balance sheet and stable free cash flows.

Value Leaders-Weekly



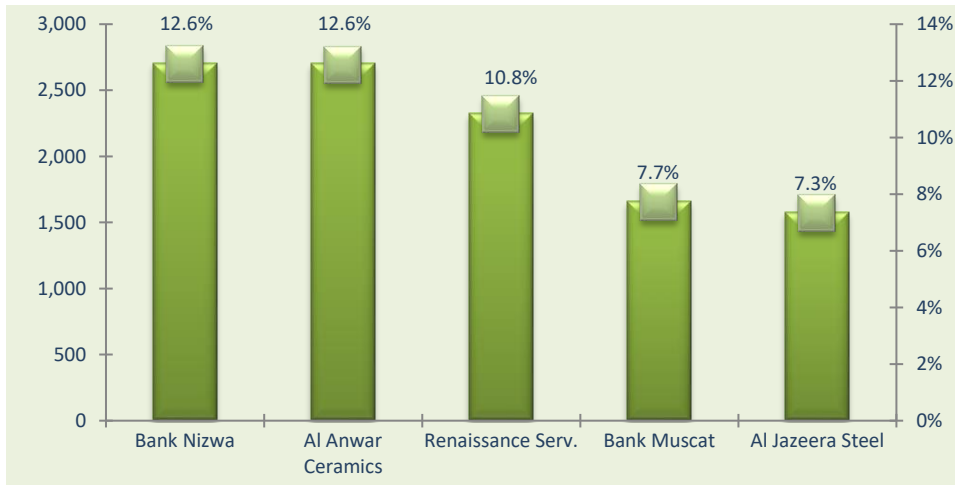
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Top Five Gainers/ Losers for the Week



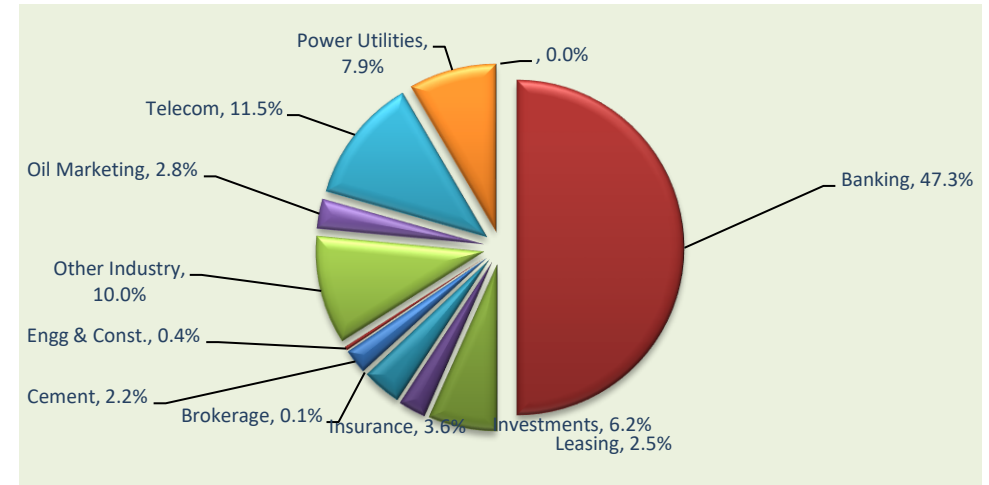
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Volume Leaders- Weekly



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MSM Sectoral Market



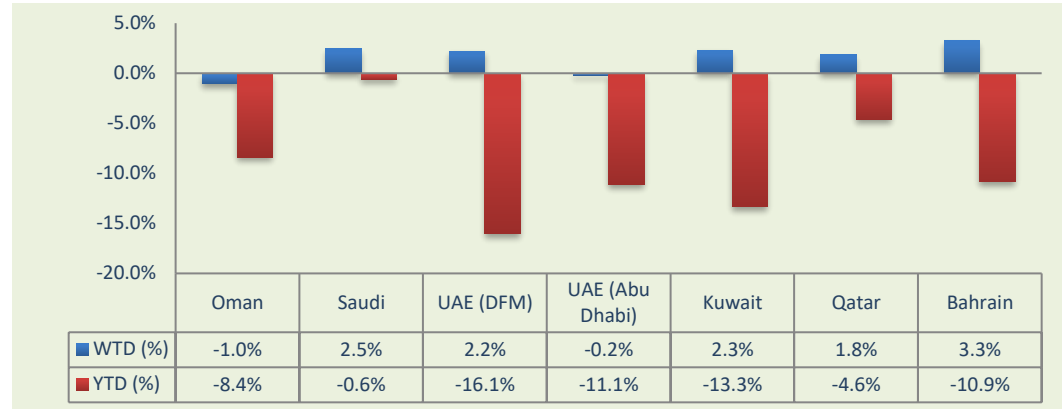
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MSM - Value Indicators

Value Indicators	Mkt. Cap (RO'000s)	PER	P/BV	Dividend Yield %
MSM 30 Index	4,330,683	10.7	0.7	7.9%
Financial	2,996,627	9.8	0.7	7.1%
Industrial	538,694	NM	0.7	4.9%
Services	1,297,543	9.1	0.8	9.4%
MSM Shariah	958,326	12.6	0.9	6.5%

Source: MSM, GBCM Research

GCC- Market Performance for the week



Source: Bloomberg, GBCM Research

Oman - Weekly News watch...

**An exploration and production sharing agreement (EPSA)** was signed by Ministry of Energy and Minerals (MEM) with EOG Resources (EOG) to explore for oil in Block 36 onshore Oman. Block 36 is being acquired by EOG in a transaction with Apex Oman (Block 36) and encompasses 4.6 million acres of the Rub Al Khali Basin located in southwest area of the Sultanate. *(Source: Times of Oman)*

**Oman Population Data- July 2020-** Omani population reached 2.73 million making up 61.3% of a total of 4.46 million people on September 14. The expatriate numbers dropped to its lowest level of 38.7% to reach 1.72 million. This is the lowest percentage of expat population since July 2015. *(Source: ONA)*

GCC - Weekly News Watch...

**National Center for Privatization (NCP), and Saudi Grains Organization (SAGO)** announced completion of phase I of privatization of First Milling Co. and Third Milling Co. Shares of First Milling Co. will be transferred to Raha AlSafi consortium and Third Milling will be sold to AlRajhi-Ghurair-Masafi consortium. *(Source: Argaam)*

**DP World and Dubai Customs** will explore opportunities to develop trade links between Israel and the UAE, following the signing of a series of MoUs. It was revealed that DP World and Israel Shipyards will collaborate to establish a joint venture that will participate in tender for privatisation of Port of Haifa. *(Source: Trade Arabia)*

The **Bank of Bahrain and Kuwait (BBK), and Ithmaar Holding,** parent of Ithmaar Bank signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on the potential acquisition by BBK of Ithmaar Bank's Bahrain operations as well as specific assets of IB Capital, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ithmaar Holding. *(Source: Trade Arabia)*

**Saudi Chemical Co. (SCC)** signed non-binding memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Russian Direct Investment Fund (RDIF) to help provide the COVID-19 vaccine in Saudi Arabia. The financial impact of the one-year MoU will reflect on the company's financials on completion of the deal. *(Source: Argaam)*

Commodities	Current Week	Last Week	WTD (%)
NYMEX WTI Crude	41.1	37.3	10.1%
ICE Brent Crude	43.2	39.8	8.3%
Crude Oil, Oman	42.7	39.3	8.6%
NYMEX Natural Gas	2.0	2.3	-9.7%
NYMEX Gasoline	123.7	109.5	12.9%
Gold Spot	1,950.9	1,940.6	0.5%
Silver Spot	26.8	26.7	0.2%
LME Aluminium (Spot)	1,753.1	1,737.0	0.9%
LME Copper (Spot)	6,852.8	6,770.3	1.2%
LME Zinc (Spot)	2,521.3	2,448.3	3.0%
Hot Rolled Coil - Steel	549.0	538.0	2.0%
CBOT Corn	378.5	368.5	2.7%
CBOT Wheat	575.0	542.0	6.1%
CBOT Soyabean	1,043.5	996.0	4.8%

Source: MSM, GBCM Research

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