

# Financial Services Morning Report

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Indicator	Price Momentum			T12M Price to Earnings		T12M Price to Book		Dividend Yield %
	Last price	% Chg, 1 Day	% chg, YTD	Last	5 Year Avg T12M P/E	TTM P/B	5 Year Avg T12M P/B	
MSCI World Index	3,649.56	1.2	15.2	22.4	20.8	3.5	2.9	1.78%
MSCI Emerging Markets Index	1,100.68	(0.0)	7.5	15.2	15.1	1.8	1.7	2.67%
MSCI FM FRONTIER MARKETS	542.16	0.6	6.9	12.1	12.8	1.6	1.7	4.34%

GCC	Price Momentum			T12M Price to Earnings		T12M Price to Book		Dividend Yield %
	Last price	% Chg, 1 Day	% chg, YTD	Last	5 Year Avg TTM P/E	TTM P/B	5 Year Avg TTM P/B	
MSCI GCC Countries ex Saudi Arabia Index	531.28	(0.1)	0.1	10.0	14.2	1.5	1.7	4.43%
Muscat Stock Exchange MSX 30 Index	4,674.46	(0.1)	3.6		12.1	0.9	0.8	5.35%
Tadawul All Share Index	12,194.43	0.1	1.9	20.2	22.2	2.4	2.3	3.61%
Dubai Financial Market General Index	4,292.67	(0.4)	5.7	8.3	11.3	1.3	1.1	5.59%
FTSE ADX GENERAL INDEX	9,373.97	0.0	(2.1)	17.0	21.2	2.6	2.2	2.07%
Qatar Exchange Index	10,122.61	0.0	(6.5)	11.2	14.5	1.3	1.5	4.28%
Bahrain Bourse All Share Index	1,938.45	0.1	(1.7)	7.4	11.3	0.7	0.9	8.86%
Boursa Kuwait All Share Price Return Index	7,164.16	0.3	5.1	18.8	20.3	1.7	1.5	3.32%

Asia	Price Momentum			T12M Price to Earnings		T12M Price to Book		Dividend Yield %
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MSCI AC Asia Pacific Excluding Japan Index	574.80	(0.0)	8.7	16.6	17.0	1.8	1.7	2.63%
Nikkei 225	38,364.27	0.4	14.6	23.4	25.4	2.1	1.9	1.70%
S&P/ASX 200	8,023.92	(0.0)	5.7	19.8	19.2	2.3	2.2	3.68%
Hang Seng Index	17,612.10	(0.2)	3.3	9.8	11.1	1.0	1.1	4.46%
NSE Nifty 50 Index	24,823.15	0.0	14.2	24.3	24.7	4.0	3.4	1.24%

Europe	Price Momentum			T12M Price to Earnings		T12M Price to Book		Dividend Yield %
	Last price	% Chg, 1 Day	% chg, YTD	Last	5 Year Avg TTM P/E	TTM P/B	5 Year Avg TTM P/B	
MSCI Europe Index	173.64	0.4	8.1	15.6	16.4	2.1	1.9	3.26%
MSCI Emerging Markets Europe Index	129.06	(0.2)	10.0	7.4	7.1	1.2	1.0	4.27%
FTSE 100 Index	8,327.78	0.5	7.7	14.4	14.4	1.9	1.7	3.91%
Deutsche Boerse AG German Stock Index DAX	18,633.10	0.8	11.2	15.4	15.7	1.7	1.6	2.96%
CAC 40	7,577.04	0.7	0.4	14.3	16.6	1.9	1.8	3.29%

America's	Price Momentum			T12M Price to Earnings		T12M Price to Book		Dividend Yield %
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MSCI North America Index	5,569.20	1.2	17.4	26.0	23.2	4.8	4.0	1.35%
S&P 500 INDEX	5,634.61	1.1	18.1	26.4	23.0	5.1	4.2	1.30%
Dow Jones Industrial Average	41,175.08	1.1	9.2	23.0	20.5	5.3	4.6	1.80%
NASDAQ Composite Index	17,877.79	1.5	19.1	40.3	37.5	7.0	5.7	0.73%

Commodities	Last price	% Chg, 1 Day	% chg, YTD	% chg from 10 year high	% chg from 10 year Low
S&P GSCI Index Spot	540.5	1.6	0.9	-34%	137%
Gold Spot \$/Oz	2,512.6	1.1	21.8	0%	139%
BRENT CRUDE FUTR Oct24	79.0	2.3	4.6	-11%	74%
Generic 1st'OQA' Future	78.0	2.1	2.1	-38%	322%
LME COPPER 3MO (\$)	9,288.5	1.7	8.5	-15%	114%
SILVER SPOT \$/OZ	29.8	2.9	25.3	-7%	149%

SPOT Currencies Indices	Last price	% Chg, 1 Day	% chg, YTD	% chg from 10 year high	% chg from 10 year Low
DOLLAR INDEX SPOT	100.7	-0.78	-0.61	-12%	22%
Euro Spot	1.1192	0.72	1.39	-15%	17%
British Pound Spot	1.3214	0.94	3.79	-20%	24%
Swiss Franc Spot	0.8479	0.51	-0.77	-18%	1%
China Renminbi Spot	7.1209	0.33	-0.29	-3%	17%
Japanese Yen Spot	144.4	1.33	-2.31	-11%	45%
Australian Dollar Spot	0.6795	1.34	-0.25	-28%	18%
USD-OMR X-RATE	0.3850	0.00	0.00	0%	0%
AED-USD X-RATE	0.2723	0.00	0.00	0%	0%
USD-EGP X-RATE	48.7794	0.05	-36.64	-3%	583%
USD-TRY X-RATE	33.9835	-0.16	-13.11	0%	1478%

GCC Government Bond Yields		
	Maturity date	YTM, %
Oman	01/08/2029	5.07
Abu Dhabi	16/04/2030	4.07
Qatar	16/04/2030	4.09
Saudi Arabia	22/10/2030	4.54
Kuwait	20/03/2027	4.45
Bahrain	14/05/2030	6.01

Bond Indices			
	Close	D/D	YTD
	Index	%	%
S&P MENA Sukuk TR Index	143.21	0.2%	3.9%
S&P MENA Bond TR Index	143.62	0.4%	3.6%
S&P MENA Bond & Sukuk TR Index	143.15	0.3%	3.7%

3m Interbank Rates		
	Current Rate %	As on 31 Dec 2021
GLOBAL		
US	5.08	0.09
UK	-	-
EURO	3.53	(0.57)
GCC		
Oman	5.69	2.13
Saudi Arabia	6.06	0.91
Kuwait	4.25	1.50
UAE	5.02	0.36
Qatar	6.00	1.13
Bahrain	6.33	1.52

## Oman Economic and Corporate News

### **Omani stock market faces headwinds despite regional optimism**

The Omani stock market experienced a downturn during the week, extending its uncertain trajectory from the past two months, according to an industry expert. This contrasts with the positive sentiment in other markets in the region that were buoyed by the potential for a Federal Reserve rate cut next month. "While such prospects have uplifted GCC markets, Oman has grappled with declining oil prices over the past two weeks, coupled with a general decline in financial stocks, further weighing on market performance," said Zakariya Al Julandani, Founder of Sumou "As the market navigates these challenges, its future direction remains uncertain amid the interplay of regional optimism and local pressures," he further added. Sectoral performance varied during the week. The financial sector was a notable laggard, declining by 1.05 percent.

[Source: Times of Oman](#)

### **Oman's gold imports surge 41% in first 5 months of 2024**

Oman's gold imports saw a significant rise this year, increasing by 41% to reach RO176.6mn in the first five months of 2024, compared to RO125.1mn in the same period of 2023, according to data from the National Centre for Statistics and Information (NCSI). During the January-May 2024 period, Oman imported approximately 8,443 kilograms of gold, up from 5,675 kilograms in the same period in 2023, recording an year-on-year increase of over 48%. The United Arab Emirates was the largest exporter of gold to Oman, with a value of RO170.4mn as of the end of May 2024. Hong Kong followed with RO3.173mn, and Turkey with RO1.420mn. In contrast, Oman's gold exports during the same period dropped by 23%, totaling RO14.69mn, compared to RO18.99mn in the first five months of 2023. The total weight of gold exported by Oman in 2024 was about 510 kilograms, down from 924 kilograms in the same period of the previous year. The United States was the leading importer of Omani gold by the end of May 2024, with imports valued at RO7.228mn, followed by the UAE with RO6.04 million imports.

[Source: Muscat Daily](#)

### **Ibri Industrial City sees investments surpass OMR14 million by mid-2024**

The total investments in Ibri Industrial City reached more than OMR14 million by the end of the first half of 2024, marking a significant milestone in its development. The industrial city, which operates under the Public Establishment for Industrial Estates (Madayn), has successfully localized 14 projects. Among these, one project has entered the production phase, four are currently under construction, and nine have been allocated land for future development. The workforce within the industrial city has also grown, now totaling 20 employees. Salah bin Nasser Al Alawi, Director General of Ibri Industrial City, said that Madayn has completed the infrastructure project in the industrial city, which is the first phase of this vital project in Al Dhahirah Governorate, as the total area allocated for Ibri Industrial City is 10 million square meters, adding that 3 million square meters of it have been developed as a first phase, which included road works, service network works such as sewage, rainwater networks, communications, protection wall works from valley water.

[Source: Times of Oman](#)

### **Oman's trade with Europe rises to RO878mn in first 5 months of 2024**

Oman's trade with European countries reached RO878.4mn in the first five months of 2024, marking a 9.5% increase compared to RO802.2mn bilateral trade recorded during the same period in 2023. However, trade balance between Oman and European continent remained in favour of Europe. According to statistics released by the National Centre for Statistics and Information, Oman's total exports to Europe amounted to RO197.3mn from January to May 2024, compared to RO120.4mn in the same period last year. On the import side, Oman's total imports from European countries stood at RO620.3mn during the first five months of this year, reflecting a 1.5% decrease compared to RO630.1mn in the corresponding period of 2023. Re-exports from Oman to Europe saw a significant increase of 17.4%, rising to RO60.8mn from RO51.8mn in the same period of 2023.

[Source: Muscat Daily](#)

## Middle east Economic and Corporate News

### Saudi GDP growth set to turn positive in H2 2024

Saudi Arabia's economic growth is expected to turn positive in second half of 2024 with GDP set to grow at 1.7% in 2024 and 4.7% in 2025, research firm Credit Sights said. The oil-rich kingdom's real GDP shrank 0.4% year-on-year in Q2 2024, according to preliminary government data, as oil related activities declined. In 2023, real GDP shrank by 0.8% after rising 7.5% in 2022. "To a large extent this recession was self-inflicted, with the authorities deliberately reducing oil production by 8.5% to support global prices--as well as the Kingdom's public finances," said Regis Chatellier, Head of EM Sovereign Strategy at CreditSights. The recession is likely at an end the decline in real GDP was by lower YoY in Q2 2024, compared to -1.7% in Q1 2024 and -4.3 in Q4 2023. Saudi Arabia's terms of trade, however, remain supportive. If crude prices stay close to \$80 per barrel, the external surplus should be slightly positive this year. The kingdom's sovereign USD bonds have slightly underperformed this year (+2.7% year-to-date versus +.0% for EM IG index); they now trade 25 basis points tighter than the EM IG index.

[Source: Zawya](#)

### \$14.7bln in new 3-month deposits at UAE banks in 5 months

UAE-based Banks attracted new "3-month" deposits worth more than AED54 billion during the first five months of this year, according to the latest statistics from the Central Bank of the UAE (CBUAE). The statistics showed that deposits in banks for three months recorded about AED659.01 billion at the end of May 2024 compared to AED604.99 billion in December 2023, a growth of 8.9 percent. National banks accounted for 90.9 percent of three-month deposits, or AED 598.9 billion, while foreign banks accounted for 9.1 percent, or AED 60.02 billion. UAE-based Banks attracted AED18.1 billion in term deposits during the first five months to reach AED227.71 billion at the end of May, up from AED205.4 billion at the end of 2023, a growth of 8.6 percent. National banks accounted for 89.9 percent of term deposits, worth AED204.8 billion, while foreign banks accounted for AED22.8 billion, equivalent to 10.1 percent.

[Source: Zawya](#)

## International Economic and Corporate News

### World shares nudge towards record high with Powell in focus, dollar in the doldrums

World shares steadied on Friday, sitting just 1% shy of all-time highs, while the dollar languished around one-year lows ahead of a speech by the world's most powerful central banker which markets will peruse for guidance on the shape of U.S. rate cuts. Europe's broad Stoxx 600 index rose 0.35% after Asian shares outside Japan had nudged down 0.1%, but Japan's Nikkei gained 0.4% as investors digested inflation data and remarks from Bank of Japan governor Kazuo Ueda flagging a willingness to raise interest rates if the economy and inflation turn out as forecast. That left MSCI's all country world index up a whisker, and with early August's turmoil in the rear view mirror, it is now trading around 1% off its mid July all time peak. It could get closer to that milestone later in the day with S&P500 futures up 0.55%. The main event of the week, certainly for bond and currency markets, is still to come however: Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell's keynote speech to the Kansas City Fed's annual Jackson Hole Research conference, which comes as U.S. economic data gives the Federal Reserve the green light to cut interest rates. Markets are fully priced for a 25 bp rate cut in September and see a cut at each of the Fed's three remaining meetings this year, and for one to be a larger 50 bp move.

[Source: Zawya](#)

### **Telegram messaging app CEO Durov arrested in France, French media say**

Pavel Durov, the Russian-French billionaire founder and CEO of the Telegram messaging app, was arrested at Bourget airport outside Paris on Saturday evening, TF1 TV and BFM TV said, citing unnamed sources. Durov was travelling aboard his private jet, TF1 said on its website, adding he had been targeted by an arrest warrant in France as part of a preliminary police investigation. TF1 and BFM both said the investigation was focused on a lack of moderators on Telegram, and that police considered that this situation allowed criminal activity to go on undeterred on the messaging app. The encrypted Telegram, with close to one billion users, is particularly influential in Russia, Ukraine and the republics of the former Soviet Union. It is ranked as one of the major social media platforms after Facebook (NASDAQ:META), YouTube, WhatsApp, Instagram, TikTok and Wechat. Telegram did not immediately respond to a Reuters request for comment. The French Interior Ministry and police had no comment.

[Source: Investing](#)

## **Oil and Metal News**

### **Fossil fuel opponents lobby Africans for support**

Proponents of a treaty to end fossil fuel drilling are lobbying African countries to support the legislation, which would essentially stop the continent from exploring its newly discovered resources. The Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative was first introduced by the Pacific nations of Vanuatu and Tuvalu at the Conference of Parties (COP27) in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt in 2022, but even they realise they need global support to make it a reality. On August 20, the anti-fossil fuel initiative announced that two Malawian cities, Lilongwe and Mzuzu, had become the first in Africa to endorse the treaty. The treaty aims to ensure that a proposed legal mechanism makes it more difficult for new fossil fuel projects to be launched. It also calls for existing production to be phased out as the world races to keep global temperatures within 1.5°C to avoid the worst impacts of climate change.

[Source: Zawya](#)

### **Gold / US Dollar Price Ratio Making Historic Move**

The price of gold has been moving steadily higher over the past year, making new all-time highs. It's currently trading over \$2500. And we have been forecasting and discussing this for the past two years. Today, we look at an important Gold price ratio — The Gold to US Dollar Ratio on a long-term “monthly” bar chart. As you can see, the Gold/Dollar ratio is testing the 2011 high for the first time in history. And using the inverse head and shoulders breakout as our guide, we can project a measured move to the 30+ level... IF gold continues to breakout above (1). With political uncertainty and war abroad, Gold could continue to shine. Stay tuned.

[Source: Investing](#)

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