

# 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	3,372.32	(0.3)	6.4	21.2	20.8	3.3	2.9	1.90%
MSCI Emerging Markets Index	1,050.30	1.9	2.6	14.9	15.1	1.5	1.7	2.75%
MSCI FM FRONTIER MARKETS	520.62	0.5	2.7	11.3	12.7	1.6	1.7	4.41%

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	522.48	1.0	(1.6)	9.6	14.2	1.5	1.7	4.84%
Muscat Stock Exchange MSX 30 Index	4,643.85	(0.1)	2.9		12.0	0.9	0.8	5.39%
Tadawul All Share Index	11,729.71	0.4	(2.0)	19.0	22.2	2.3	2.3	3.56%
Dubai Financial Market General Index	4,197.67	1.5	3.4	8.2	11.3	1.3	1.1	5.72%
FTSE ADX GENERAL INDEX	9,179.74	1.1	(4.2)	16.6	21.2	2.7	2.2	2.10%
Qatar Exchange Index	10,076.81	0.3	(7.0)	11.0	14.5	1.3	1.5	5.26%
Bahrain Bourse All Share Index	1,931.30	0.1	(2.0)	7.5	11.3	0.6	0.9	8.71%
Boursa Kuwait All Share Price Return Index	7,057.50	0.9	3.5	18.0	20.3	1.7	1.5	3.30%

Asia	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 AC Asia Pacific Excluding Japan Index	546.44	1.8	3.3	16.5	17.0	1.5	1.7	2.68%
Nikkei 225	35,252.36	0.5	5.3	22.5	25.3	1.9	1.9	1.85%
S&P/ASX 200	7,686.90	(0.2)	1.3	19.0	19.2	2.2	2.2	3.82%
Hang Seng Index	17,019.54	0.8	(0.2)	9.4	11.1	1.0	1.1	4.62%
NSE Nifty 50 Index	24,223.65	(0.3)	11.5	23.8	24.7	3.9	3.4	1.25%

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	166.29	1.5	3.5	14.7	16.4	2.0	1.9	3.39%
MSCI Emerging Markets Europe Index	123.41	1.0	5.2	7.0	7.1	1.2	1.0	4.39%
FTSE 100 Index	8,166.88	1.7	5.6	14.3	14.3	1.9	1.7	3.96%
Deutsche Boerse AG German Stock Index DAX	17,615.15	1.5	5.2	15.5	15.7	1.6	1.6	3.13%
CAC 40	7,266.01	1.9	(3.7)	13.7	16.6	1.8	1.8	3.43%

America's	Price Momentum			T12M Price to Earnings		T12M Price to Book		Dividend Yield %
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MSCI North America Index	5,133.31	(0.7)	8.2	24.4	23.1	4.5	4.0	1.46%
S&P 500 INDEX	5,199.50	(0.8)	9.0	24.3	22.9	4.7	4.1	1.40%
Dow Jones Industrial Average	38,763.45	(0.6)	2.8	21.6	20.4	5.0	4.6	1.90%
NASDAQ Composite Index	16,195.81	(1.0)	7.9	36.5	37.4	6.3	5.7	0.80%

Commodities	Last price	% Chg, 1 Day	% chg, YTD	% chg from 10 year high		% chg from 10 year Low	
S&P GSCI Index Spot	537.4	1.2	0.3	-35%		135%	
Gold Spot \$/Oz	2,395.9	0.5	16.1	-3%		128%	
BRENT CRUDE FUTR Oct24	78.6	0.3	4.0	-12%		73%	
Generic 1st'OQA' Future	77.0	2.6	0.8	-39%		317%	
LME COPPER 3MO (\$)	8,769.5	-1.8	2.5	-19%		102%	
SILVER SPOT \$/OZ	26.9	1.3	13.2	-16%		125%	

SPOT Currencies Indices	Last price	% Chg, 1 Day	% chg, YTD	% chg from 10 year high		% chg from 10 year Low	
DOLLAR INDEX SPOT	103.0	-0.16	1.67	-10%		27%	
Euro Spot	1.0937	0.14	-0.92	-18%		14%	
British Pound Spot	1.2701	0.07	-0.24	-24%		19%	
Swiss Franc Spot	0.8592	0.29	-2.07	-17%		2%	
China Renminbi Spot	7.1622	0.20	-0.87	-2%		17%	
Japanese Yen Spot	146.2	0.32	-3.54	-10%		46%	
Australian Dollar Spot	0.6563	0.68	-3.66	-30%		14%	
USD-OMR X-RATE	0.3850	-0.01	-0.06	0%		0%	
AED-USD X-RATE	0.2723	0.00	0.01	0%		0%	
USD-EGP X-RATE	49.2146	-0.03	-37.23	-2%		588%	
USD-TRY X-RATE	33.5174	-0.13	-11.90	0%		1462%	

GCC Government Bond Yields			
	Maturity date	YTM, %	
Oman	01/08/2029	5.37	
Abu Dhabi	16/04/2030	4.30	
Qatar	16/04/2030	4.34	
Saudi Arabia	22/10/2030	4.76	
Kuwait	20/03/2027	4.62	
Bahrain	14/05/2030	6.29	

Bond Indices	Close	D/D	YTD
	Index	%	%
S&P MENA Sukuk TR Index	141.95	0.0%	3.0%
S&P MENA Bond TR Index	140.91	-0.3%	1.7%
S&P MENA Bond & Sukuk TR Index	140.84	-0.3%	2.0%

3m Interbank Rates			
	Current Rate %	As on 31 Dec 2021	
GLOBAL			
US	5.10	0.09	
UK	-	-	
EURO	3.52	(0.57)	
GCC			
Oman	5.72	2.13	
Saudi Arabia	6.19	0.91	
Kuwait	4.25	1.50	
UAE	5.00	0.36	
Qatar	6.00	1.13	
Bahrain	6.41	1.52	

Source: FSC

## Oman Economic and Corporate News

### Vale sells 50% stake in Vale Oman Distribution Center

Global mining giant, Vale S.A., through its subsidiary Vale International S.A., has signed a binding agreement with a subsidiary of Apollo Global Management (Apollo), a leading alternative asset management and retirement services provider, for a 50% equity stake in Vale Oman Distribution Center (VODC) for \$600 million. The transaction is expected to close by the end of the second half of 2024, subject to customary regulatory approvals. The sale will maximise returns and monetise Vale's existing assets around the world. VODC operates a maritime terminal in Sohar Industrial Port, featuring a large deep-water jetty and an integrated blending and distribution center with a nominal capacity of 40 million tonnes per year (Mtpy). Under the agreed terms, Vale will continue to exert significant influence over VODC operations under a joint control structure with no effect on the organisational structure or work force.

[Source: Times of Oman](#)

### Oman hosts GCC Petroleum Media Forum in Salalah

The 5th GCC Petroleum Media Forum – an event that brings together senior officials and media persons from around the region under one roof to discuss various issues facing the oil and gas sector – began in Salalah in southern Oman's green landscape on Wednesday. The two-day forum, hosted by Oman's Ministry of Energy and Minerals, in collaboration with the GCC Secretariat General, aims to bolster the media's role in addressing energy issues, particularly in the oil and gas sector of the region. Under the patronage of H E Mohsin bin Hamad al Hadhrami, Undersecretary in the Ministry of Energy and Minerals, the event has brought together media professionals, petroleum industry officials and experts from across the GCC countries. The primary goal of the forum is to enhance communication and cooperation between media personnel and energy sector experts and address challenges related to oil and gas. The forum also seeks to update media professionals of the latest sector developments and confront rumors related to oil and gas issues.

[Source: Muscat Daily](#)

### Sohar Industrial City attracts 22 projects worth over OMR43mn

The Sohar Industrial City affiliated with the Public Establishment for Industrial Estates (Madayn), has successfully attracted 22 projects during the first half of 2024, with a total investment volume exceeding OMR43 million, and covering an area of over 239,000 square metres. Eng. Abdullah Ahmed Al Mayasi, Director General of Sohar Industrial City, told ONA that Madayn has completed 100% of the infrastructure project for the seventh phase of the Sohar Industrial City during the same period. It has also completed the assignment of the consultancy studies project for the complementary and improvement works for phases 1-6, he added. Al Mayasi explained that the project consists of two parts; the first is an improvement project aimed at enhancing the services provided to investors and the second is a development project aimed at improving the parts that were not covered by the previous development projects.

[Source: Times of Oman](#)

### Financial stability remains strong: CBO

Central Bank of Oman (CBO) has released its Financial Stability Report 2024, highlighting the country's robust financial system despite global challenges such as geopolitical tensions and tightened monetary policies. The report noted that while global inflation and economic uncertainties persist, Oman's financial sector has shown resilience, supported by high oil prices and fiscal discipline. The banking sector has reported strong earnings, solid capital positions, ample liquidity, and low non-performing loans. The Systemic Risk Survey conducted in January 2024 indicated strong confidence in Oman's financial stability. Specialised banks and foreign commercial banks were viewed as the most robust, while insurance companies and capital market institutions were seen as more vulnerable. Positive rating reviews from leading agencies since late 2021 underscore international confidence in Oman's economic prospects.

[Source: Muscat Daily](#)

## Middle east Economic and Corporate News

### UAE Cabinet approves 2,618 new housing units in H1 2024

The Cabinet of the United Arab Emirates, chaired by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President, Prime Minister, and Ruler of Dubai, approved 2,618 housing approvals worth more than AED 2 billion during the first half of 2024. This initiative is part of the UAE's ongoing efforts to provide a decent life and suitable housing for all citizens, meeting their needs, enhancing their stability, and improving their quality of life. The UAE government prioritises the housing sector, which constitutes a critical strategic axis of the federal government's work in coordination with local governments and relevant authorities. This effort aims to provide all means of support and factors of social stability, most notably adequate housing.

[Source: Zawya](#)

### Saudi Electricity Q2 2024 profit rises 8%; misses estimate

Saudi Electricity Company reported an 8% rise in net profit to SAR 4.34 billion (\$1.2 billion) in the second quarter of 2024, compared to SAR 4 billion in the same quarter last year. The net profit missed analysts' mean estimate of SAR 5.20 billion, according to LSEG data. The profit rise was supported by higher power generation revenue, continued growth in the subscriber base, a decline in finance costs, and additional earnings from constructing new substations and transmission lines for customers. Revenue jumped 13.5% year-on-year (YoY) to SAR 22.4 billion on higher demand due to seasonal factors. Net profit for the first six months of 2024 increased by 17% to SAR 5.2 billion from SAR 4.5 billion in the same period last year. Revenue rose 15% year-on-year (YoY) to SAR 38.2 billion in the first half, driven by increased earnings from power generation and lower finance costs.

[Source: Zawya](#)

## International Economic and Corporate News

### Warner Bros. Discovery stock plunges on \$10bln quarterly loss

Warner Bros. Discovery's share price plunged more than 10 percent after-hours on Wednesday after it reported a quarterly loss of almost \$10 billion. Almost all of the loss was down to a \$9.1 billion write-down in the value of the US media giant's cable network, it announced in a statement, underscoring the challenges facing the legacy television industry. Warner Bros. Discovery shares fell more than 10.6 percent in after-hours trading after its results were published. The write-down "was triggered in response to the difference between market capitalization and book value," the statement read, referring to the discrepancy between company and market valuations of the business. It was also the result of "continued softness in the US linear advertising market, and uncertainty related to affiliate and sports rights renewals, including the NBA," the statement added, a possible nod to the failure of its cable subsidiary TNT to guarantee it will carry National Basketball Association games after next season.

[Source: Zawya](#)

### Stocks turn lower again as nervous traders navigate volatility

Asian stocks resumed their losses Thursday after a sell-off on Wall Street in a sign that the volatility that has roiled markets this week still has some time to run as traders fret over the global economy. Data last Friday showing that fewer US jobs than expected were created in July continues to reverberate as it fanned fears that the world's top economy was heading for recession. While a soft labour market reading would usually have been taken as a positive, giving more ammunition for the Federal Reserve to cut interest rates, investors are beginning to fear it shows the central bank may have waited too long to move. Weak earnings from Disney, Airbnb and TripAdvisor added to the sense of concern that American consumers were tightening their belts as the impact of elevated inflation and two-decade-high borrowing costs bite.

[Source: Zawya](#)

## Oil and Metal News

### Oil prices tick up on sharp fall in US crude inventories

Oil prices edged higher on Thursday for the third straight session after government data showed a steep draw in U.S. crude stockpiles, rebounding from multi-month lows touched this week. Brent crude futures rose 23 cents, or 0.3%, at \$78.56 a barrel by 0017 GMT, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate crude gained 29 cents, or 0.4%, to \$75.52. Brent tumbled to its weakest since early January on Monday, and WTI dipped to its lowest since February, hurt by worry over a U.S. recession and a selloff in global stocks. U.S. crude inventories fell for a sixth week in a row last week, dropping by 3.7 million barrels to 429.3 million barrels last week, government data showed, against analyst expectations in a Reuters poll for a 700,000-barrel draw. Investors also continued to debate the state of supply as U.S. Energy Information Administration data showed production jumped by 100,000 barrels per day (bpd) to a record 13.4 million bpd in the week ended Aug. 2.

[Source: Zawya](#)

### Gold Dips Amid Recession Fears, Yen Rallies on Dovish BOJ Comments

Gold (XAU) slipped below \$2,390 on Tuesday as the strengthening US dollar (USD) and rising bond yields put downward pressure on the metal. Investors and analysts anticipate that the Federal Reserve (Fed) will likely deliver the first interest rate cut in years at the September meeting, given the latest economic data. However, they contend that policymakers are unlikely to convene an emergency meeting to lower rates despite the current market volatility. Brian Jacobsen, chief economist at Annex Wealth Management, commented: "The fundamentals have deteriorated, but not to the point where I think a recession is imminent. The market is challenging the Fed and other central bankers to inject liquidity. Will they? The argument for quick action was clear during COVID-19, but it is less clear now. [Fed Chair Jerome] Powell may ride in on a white horse with a 100-bps cut, but I wouldn't bank on it". Despite recent fluctuations, the bullish trend in gold remains intact, fuelled by expectations of multiple rate cuts by the US central bank in response to weak economic data.

[Source: Investing](#)

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