

MSX index ends the week and the month down despite the volatility

MSX summary	Current Wk	Previous Wk	Change points	W/W %
MSX 30	4,543.21	4,603.84	(60.63)	(1.32)
Volume (In 000)	61,109.95			
Value traded (In RO 000)	10,549.30			
Industry Index	5,409.32	5,408.61	0.71	0.01
Services Index	1,692.27	1,708.84	(16.57)	(0.97)
FINANCIAL INDEX	7,824.03	7,903.53	(79.49)	(1.01)
MSX Shariah Index	415.17	420.60	(5.44)	(1.29)
FIXED INCOME INDEX	1,166.89	1,166.89	0.00	0.00
MSX TR INDEX	6,362.76	6,447.67	(84.91)	(1.32)
No. of Transactions	4,447			

MSX Performance:

Muscat Stock Exchange general index closed at 4,543.21 points, down by 60.63 points, or 9999%, under pressure from all market sectors. The market movement during the week recorded the trading of 61,109,951 shares, worth OMR 10,549,295. Since there were only four trading days during the previous week due to the Isra and Miraj holiday, comparing the trading volumes and values with those of the previous week became useless. The analysis period also witnessed the highest daily basis decline of the index by 1.1% on its first trading day, which is the highest decline since December 18, 2024.

Several key company disclosures were made last week. The Pearl REIF entered a sale and purchase agreement with Oman Tourism Development Company to acquire a building in Madinat Al Irfan for OMR 24 million. Omantel settled a pre-2020 financial claim, agreeing to pay OMR 10 million over five years. Bank Dhofar received final approval from the Central Bank of Oman for its acquisition of Bank of Baroda, allowing the execution of the Business Transfer Agreement. Additionally, Abraj Energy Services deployed its second hydraulic fracturing fleet at Central Oman Gas Fields for Petroleum Development Oman, following the success of its first fleet.

Oman has made significant strides in improving its investment environment and food security. By the end of 2024, the Khazayn Economic City attracted 37 food security projects, totaling RO 164 million. The FAO increased its funding in Oman by 83%, from \$2.3 million in 2022 to \$4.28 million in 2024. Artisanal fishing production rose 11.6% in 2024, reaching 427,589 tons, while the total value of fish landed across all sectors amounted to RO 348 million. These developments highlight Oman's commitment to enhancing food security and diversifying its economy.

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning has made significant adjustments to real estate service fees, including streamlining 47 services, canceling 11 fees, and reducing 8 others. Notably, the registration fee for sales contracts was reduced to 1% for Omani individuals and companies, cutting real estate ownership costs by 50%. Fees for selling real estate through Islamic banks and mortgage registration fees were reduced to a maximum of 0.5%. The cancellation of agricultural land registration fees highlights Oman's focus on supporting the agriculture sector. Additionally, low-income individuals and those with disabilities were exempted from real estate ownership fees.

Top Gainers	Price	Chg	Chg
Companies	RO	RO	%
FINANCIAL CORPORATION	0.041	0.006	17.14
SHARQIYAH DESALINATION	0.140	0.012	9.38
ALOMANIYA.F.B23	0.065	0.005	8.33
ALBATINAH POWER	0.069	0.003	4.55
VOLTAMP ENERGY	0.500	0.020	4.17

Top Losers	Price	Chg	Chg
Companies	RO	RO	%
OMAN FISHERIES	0.032	(0.006)	(15.79)
AHLI Bank Bonds24	0.094	(0.016)	(14.55)
AL MADINA INVESTMENT HOLDING	0.046	(0.004)	(8.00)
TAAGEER FINANCE	0.107	(0.007)	(6.14)
ABRAJ ENERGY SERVICES	0.239	(0.014)	(5.53)

Top Co. - Value	Price	Value	Mkt.Share
Companies	RO	in RO 000	
BANK MUSCAT	0.256	2,374.62	22.51%
OQ EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION	0.321	1,937.79	18.37%
OQ BASE INDUSTRIES (SFZ)	0.112	1,705.42	16.17%
SOHAR INTERNATIONAL BANK	0.140	1,006.25	9.54%
OQ GAS NETWORKS	0.132	994.91	9.43%

Top Co. - Volume	Price	Volume	Mkt.Share
Companies	RO	in 000	
OQ BASE INDUSTRIES (SFZ)	0.112	15,337.88	25.10%
BANK MUSCAT	0.256	9,224.98	15.10%
OQ GAS NETWORKS	0.132	7,543.88	12.34%
SOHAR INTERNATIONAL BANK	0.140	7,175.04	11.74%
OQ EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION	0.321	5,926.58	9.70%

Market Capitalization	
(In Billion)	
OMR	USD
27.54	71.05

No. of Companies		
Increased	Decreased	unchanged
↑ 18	↓ 38	▬ 22

Saudi Arabia's STC Group secured an \$8.7 billion government contract to build, operate, and provide telecommunications infrastructure services. The project includes 18 months for preparation and execution, followed by 15 years of operations, as stated by STC in a regulatory filing. STC's shares rose 3% at the open in response to the positive financial impact of the contract.

The crude oil market is experiencing short-term shifts due to new sanctions on Russia's crude exports, benefiting Middle Eastern oil exporters with rising demand and higher tanker rates. However, refiners in India and China face higher costs as they replace Russian crude with more expensive alternatives. These changes have led to price premiums for Middle Eastern crude, with Dubai crude trading at \$81.25 per barrel. The market is also anticipating potential OPEC+ policy adjustments, with no immediate changes expected despite calls for lower oil prices, keeping oil prices volatile and influencing market sentiment.

Technical Analysis Pulse

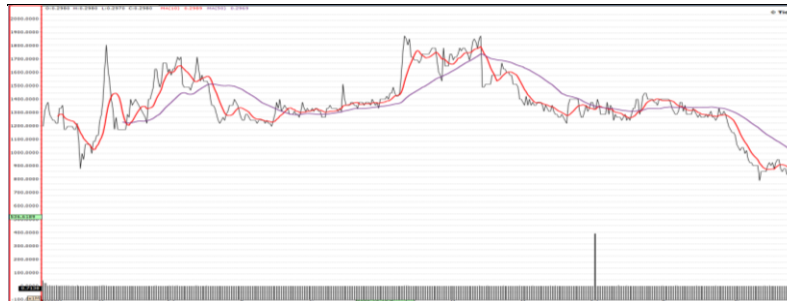
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In line with FSC technical analysis. Currently we found the RSI, MFI and MACD are attractive to buy. So this week the trend will be clear after the stock crosses the resistance level of OMR 0.132 in upside momentum to be over the Short-Term of MA10. We expect the first target to be at OMR 0.141.



ABRAJ POWER

In line with FSC technical analysis, the RSI is below the level of (30 point) it's at 16.32 point, and the MACD is positive. The rebound shape is completed. Therefore, we expect the next target level should be at OMR 0.253 as a Mid-Term. Last week the hammer shape was completed and the MACD is positive. Current price is OMR 0.242.



BANK NIZWA

In line with FSC technical analysis, the stock is now in horizontal trend and the rectangle indicator will be complete depending on current closing price currently RSI less than 30 points. The stock crosses down the MA50, the stock has a support level at OMR 0.096.



Recommendation:

We expect the market to witness movements towards redistributing and forming positions according to cash dividends and company announcements, especially companies with high dividends and returns.

We recommend investors to focus on cash dividends of companies that are expected to achieve good growth in the first quarter of this year.

We remain optimistic about the performance of financial markets in the region, including of course the Muscat Stock Exchange.



Useful Definitions

Long-term Investments

It is the purchase of securities and holding them for relatively long periods with the aim of obtaining annual dividend distributions as a permanent source of income that is characterized by security, without considering the fluctuations in the prices of the securities

Line Chart

It is a type of chart that only plots closing prices by placing a point for each new closing price and then connecting these points. (The closing can be for a day, week, month, or depending on the time period used).

Free cash flow

the money a company has left over after paying its operating expenses (OpEx) and capital expenditures (CapEx)

Investment Diversification

It is the process of distributing cash assets across different types of investments, such as securities, real estate, and deposits, with the aim of reducing investment risks. In this way, the investor typically seeks to diversify their portfolio of securities by investing in stocks of various companies across different sectors.

Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Fixed assets are long-term tangible properties owned by a company and used in its operations to generate income. These assets, such as property, plant, and equipment, are not expected to be converted into cash within a year. Depreciation is an accounting method used to allocate the cost of these assets over their useful life.

Inflation

It is the amount of change in the general level of prices of goods and services over two periods of time, and it is measured by the change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI).