

MSX Index rises at the beginning of February, and a special deal raises trading volumes and values to the top

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MSX summary	Current Wk	Previous Wk	Change points	W/W %
MSX 30	4,564.30	4,543.21	21.09	0.46
Volume (In 000)	931,728.42			
Value traded (In RO 000)	179,859.85			
Industry Index	5,442.44	5,409.32	33.12	0.61
Services Index	1,693.81	1,692.27	1.54	0.09
FINANCIAL INDEX	7,897.32	7,824.03	73.29	0.94
MSX Shariah Index	419.04	415.17	3.87	0.93
FIXED INCOME INDEX	1,166.89	1,166.89	0.00	0.00
MSX TR INDEX	6,394.54	6,362.76	31.78	0.50
No. of Transactions	4,453			

MSX Performance:

Muscat Stock Exchange general index closed at 4564.3 points, up by 21.09 points, or 0.46%, supported from all market sectors. The market movement during the week recorded the trading of 931.7 mn shares, worth OMR 179.85 mn.

Key MSX disclosures this week include Ahli Bank S.A.O.G announcing that Ahli United Bank B.S.C sold its entire 35% stake (822,380,096 shares), with 17.5% acquired by The Royal Court Affairs and the rest purchased by institutional investors in Oman. Additionally, AlAnwar Investments S.A.O.G disclosed the sale of its 5% stake (4,070,138 shares) in Voltamp Energy SAOG at RO 0.500 per share, generating a cash inflow of RO 2 million and a profit of OMR 900,000. Additionally, on the final day of the week, the company disclosed a rights issue of approximately RO 5.077 million, equivalent to 76,923,077 shares at RO 0.066 per share.

The week's notable MSX disclosures in the oil and gas sector include Abraj Energy Services SAOG and OQEP. Abraj announced it was awarded an extension for three of its rigs with Petroleum Development Oman, with two rigs extended for one year and one for six months. This extension is expected to generate a revenue inflow of RO 9 million, potentially translating to a gross profit of RO 2.18 million, based on an average gross profit margin of 24% computed using figures from Q1 2023 to Q3 2024. Additionally, OQEP disclosed that the Ministry of Energy and Minerals in Oman has announced the availability of Oil and Gas blocks 36, 43A, and 66 for investment, in collaboration with OQ Exploration and Production SAOG and Scotiabank.

Pearl Real Estate Investment Fund issued a clarification regarding its disclosure on 28.01.2025, explaining that the incremental terms refer to the gradual increase in the rental payment schedule. Pearl REIF's strategic asset purchase disclosed on 28.01.2025 is expected to generate approximately OR 1.597 million in rental income over the first five years, with a 10% annual increase for the remaining lease period.

The UAE's Minister of State for Foreign Trade announced that the country's non-oil foreign trade reached AED 3 trillion in 2024, marking a 14.6% year-on-year increase compared to 2023, surpassing the 2.4% global trade growth. The UAE is 75% on track to achieve its 2031 goal of AED 4 trillion in non-oil trade, based on 2024's performance. A key factor driving this trade growth was a 27.6% rise in non-oil goods exports, which totaled AED 561.2 billion in 2024, compared to the previous year.

Top Gainers	Price	Chg	Chg
Companies	RO	RO	%
FINANCIAL CORPORATION	0.055	0.014	34.15
CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL INDUSTRIES	0.076	0.008	11.76
NATIONAL FINANCE	0.130	0.010	8.33
GULF INTERNATIONAL CHEMICALS	0.080	0.006	8.11
ALANWAR INVESTMENT	0.071	0.004	5.97

Top Losers	Price	Chg	Chg
Companies	RO	RO	%
DHOFAR INSURANCE	0.208	(0.022)	(9.57)
OQ BASE INDUSTRIES (SFZ)	0.103	(0.009)	(8.04)
PHOENIX POWER	0.059	(0.002)	(3.28)
OMAN EMIRATES HO.	0.063	(0.002)	(3.08)
ALMAHA CERAMICS	0.126	(0.004)	(3.08)

Top Co. - Value	Price	Value	Mkt.Share
Companies	RO	in RO 000	
AHLI BANK	0.181	161,848.21	89.99%
AHLI Bank Bonds24	0.099	3,631.93	2.02%
NATIONAL BANK OMAN	0.290	2,432.53	1.35%
OQ EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION	0.317	2,369.45	1.32%
VOLTAMP ENERGY	0.511	2,231.09	1.24%

Top Co. - Volume	Price	Volume	Mkt.Share
Companies	RO	in 000	
AHLI BANK	0.181	822,764.21	88.31%
AHLI Bank Bonds24	0.099	36,319.96	3.90%
OQ BASE INDUSTRIES (SFZ)	0.103	9,654.41	1.04%
NATIONAL BANK OMAN	0.290	8,142.49	0.87%
OQ EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION	0.317	7,355.03	0.79%

Market Capitalization	
(In Billion)	
OMR	USD
27.51	70.97

No. of Companies		
Increased	Decreased	unchanged
↑ 33	↓ 24	▬ 16

Saudi Arabia's real GDP grew by 1.3% in 2024 compared to 2023, driven by strong performance in the non-oil sector. The country's finance minister noted that non-oil activities accounted for 52% of real GDP in Q3 2024, largely supported by private sector investment and exports. Non-oil growth outpaced overall GDP, increasing by 4.3%, while oil activities contracted by 4.5%. The IMF revised Saudi Arabia's 2025 GDP growth forecast down to 3.3%, citing the impact of oil production cuts.

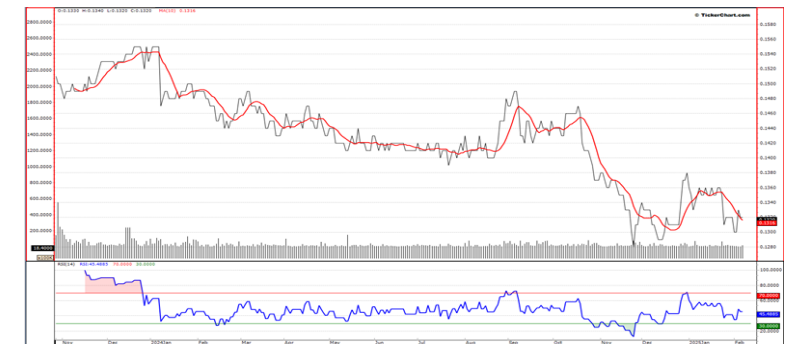
President Trump has agreed to delay the 25% tariffs on Canada and Mexico by one month following discussions with Canada's prime minister and Mexico's president. Experts suggest that these tariffs could slow global growth and increase inflation in the U.S. Meanwhile, oil prices dropped more than 2% on Wednesday, as higher U.S. crude reserves pointed to weaker demand and the ongoing trade tensions between the U.S. and China. Oil prices are expected to remain volatile in the coming weeks, depending on the developments in President Trump's trade policies.

Technical Analysis Pulse

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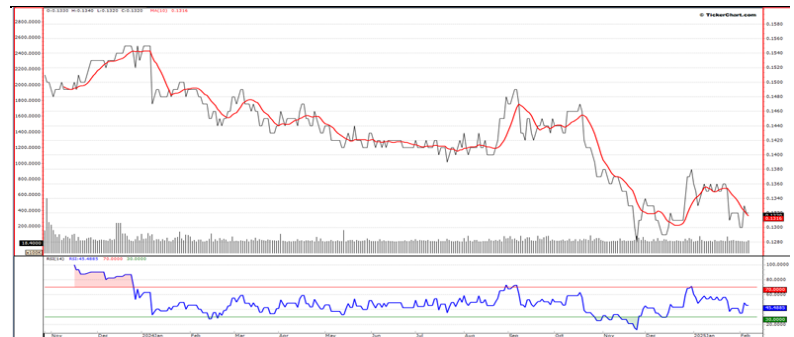
In line with FSC technical analysis. Currently we found the RSI, MFI and MACD are attractive to buy. So this week the trend will be clear after the stock crosses the resistance level of OMR 0.132 in upside momentum to be over the Short-Term of MA10. We expect the first target to be at OMR 0.141.

We will keep our last recommendation



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In line with FSC technical analysis, the RSI is below the level of (70 point) it's at 46.12 point, and the MACD is positive. The rebound shape is completed. Therefore, we expect the next target level should be at OMR 0.935 as a Mid-Term. Last week the hammer shape was completed and the MACD is positive. Current price is OMR 0.900.



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In line with FSC technical analysis, the stock is currently closed within the ascending channel, as the completion of the rectangular pattern depends on the stock closing above the resistance level at OMR 0.330. Currently, the RSI level is below 30 points. The stock has already crossed the 50-day moving average. If the stock breaks out of this channel, the target price will be at OMR 0.350.



Recommendation:

Last week witnessed the signing of several projects and the extension of some with major listed companies. We still expect companies' performance this year to be very strong, especially considering the positive growth forecasts and the significant increase in government spending. Such disclosures and information are valuable in helping investors make informed investment decisions.

Overall, companies' results have been very positive, particularly in the last quarter of the previous year, which boosts confidence in their performance in general and in the first quarter of the current year. We expect the general assembly season to contribute to stimulating investment activity in the market, which has started to record new and strong levels of growth.

Useful Definitions

Auditing of financial statements

The objective of an audit of an entity's financial statements is to express an opinion on whether the financial statements have been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the approved financial statement preparation framework.

Benchmarks

Criteria used to measure the results of achieving goals.

Board Member

The natural person or the representative of the natural or legal person who is chosen to serve as a member of the company's board of directors, including the representative of the legal person.

Bond

A financial instrument that represents a debt owed by the issuer to the bondholder, whereby the bondholder receives periodic distributions during the term of the bond or one or more installments of amortization payments, or both, which, when due, lead to the expiration of the bond.

Bullish Market

It is a positive market and is called "Bullish" as a metaphor for buyers in the market as a bull that attacks its opponent by butting from the bottom to the top, meaning that buyers raise prices from the bottom to the top.

Capital loss

Loss on sale or exchange of capital assets