

MSX index rises after six weeks of continuous decline

MSX summary	Current Wk	Previous Wk	Change points	W/W %
MSX 30	4,410.73	4,387.39	23.34	0.53
Volume (In 000)	297,492.38			
Value traded (In RO 000)	55,380.25			
Industry Index	5,668.18	5,629.18	39.00	0.69
Services Index	1,606.67	1,602.05	4.62	0.29
FINANCIAL INDEX	7,720.30	7,695.98	24.32	0.32
MSX Shariah Index	392.62	395.93	(3.31)	(0.84)
FIXED INCOME INDEX	1,166.89	1,166.89	0.00	0.00
MSX TR INDEX	6,232.22	6,157.20	75.01	1.22
No. of Transactions	4,499			

MSX Performance:

The MSX30 index closed at 4,410.73 points, up 23.3 points (0.53%). Supported by the industrial sector index which rose by 0.69% to close at 5,668.18 points, followed by the financial sector by 0.32% to close at 7,720.3 points, and finally the services sector by 0.29% to close at 1,606.6 points.

As per the company's news, according to what came in The National Bank of Oman's disclosure, the bank has secured approval to renew its USD 1.5 billion EMTN Programme for 10 years, allowing for multiple bond issuances subject to regulatory approvals and market conditions, impacting liquidity and leverage.

Approval was also granted for issuing up to USD 600 million in perpetual bonds over five years, which could strengthen the capital base but may affect shareholder value. A cash dividend of 9.4 Baisa per share for the financial year ending December 31, 2024, was approved, potentially supporting share price stability.

These financial moves will influence the bank's capital structure, investor confidence, and market performance.

Also in the same period, Oman National Engineering and Investment Company secured a contract worth OMR 13.5 million from Oman Electricity Transmission Company to build a 220 kV power station in Mahdha, with an 18-month timeline starting from the award date.

In the GCC, Standard & Poor's upgraded Saudi Arabia's credit rating to A+ from A, maintaining a stable outlook, which was confirmed by all major rating agencies (Moody's, S&P, and Fitch).

This upgrade reflects increased confidence in Saudi Arabia's economy, driven by successful diversification and improved financial sustainability, placing its rating on par with China, Japan, France, and the UK, while surpassing countries like India, Brazil, and South Africa.

In the Global, Oil prices rose as strong U.S. demand and a weaker dollar supported gains. Brent reached \$71.21 (+0.6%), WTI \$67.54 (+0.6%). U.S. distillate inventories fell 2.8M barrels, while crude stocks rose 1.7M barrels.

Top Gainers	Price	Chg	Chg
Companies	RO	RO	%
LIVA CONV.BONDS 24	0.100	0.035	53.85
SHELL OMAN MARKETING	0.550	0.050	10.00
MUSCAT INSURANCE	0.513	0.046	9.85
MUSCAT THREAD MILLS	0.130	0.010	8.33
UNITED FINANCE	0.065	0.005	8.33

Top Losers	Price	Chg	Chg
Companies	RO	RO	%
FINANCIAL CORPORATION	0.033	(0.007)	(17.50)
AL ANWAR CERAMIC	0.104	(0.009)	(7.96)
DHOFAR FOODS AND INVESTMENT	0.070	(0.006)	(7.89)
OMAN INVESTMENT & FINANCE	0.072	(0.006)	(7.69)
MAJAN COLLEGE	0.100	(0.008)	(7.41)

Top Co. - Value	Price	Value	Mkt.Share
Companies	RO	in RO 000	
SOHAR INTERNATIONAL BANK	0.129	9,131.34	16.49%
NATIONAL BANK OMAN	0.290	9,118.84	16.47%
OQ EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION	0.309	7,954.28	14.36%
BANK MUSCAT	0.261	6,939.63	12.53%
OQ GAS NETWORKS	0.131	5,480.84	9.90%

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SOHAR INTERNATIONAL BANK	0.129	75,525.51	25.39%
OQ BASE INDUSTRIES (SFZ)	0.102	43,529.17	14.63%
OQ GAS NETWORKS	0.131	40,979.49	13.77%
NATIONAL BANK OMAN	0.290	30,401.52	10.22%
BANK MUSCAT	0.261	26,959.89	9.06%

Market Capitalization

(In Billion)

OMR	USD
27.65	71.35

No. of Companies

Increased Decreased unchanged

↑ 28	↓ 36	▬ 23
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The Fed held rates at 4.25%-4.50%, citing uncertainty from Trump's tariffs, which are slowing growth and raising inflation. Growth is now forecast at 1.7% (down from 2.1%), with inflation at 2.7% (up from 2.5%). Markets rose on the news, with a 62% chance of a June rate cut. The Fed will slow balance sheet reduction and remain cautious on future moves.

A weakening U.S. dollar added support, with investors anticipating Fed rate cuts. Geopolitical tensions, including Israel-Gaza conflict and U.S. strikes in Yemen, lifted risk premiums. A potential Russia-Ukraine ceasefire may impact supply.

China is implementing measures to boost consumption, including wage growth, market stabilization, and childcare subsidies. Chinese stocks surged following these announcements. Retail sales grew 4% in early 2025, the fastest since November 2024, though industrial production slowed, reflecting ongoing economic uncertainty and U.S. trade tensions.

## Technical Analysis Pulse

### Oman and Emirates

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 0.068 in upside momentum to be over the Short-Term of MA10. We expect the first target to be at OMR 0.072.

We will keep our last recommendation



### Oman Arab Bank

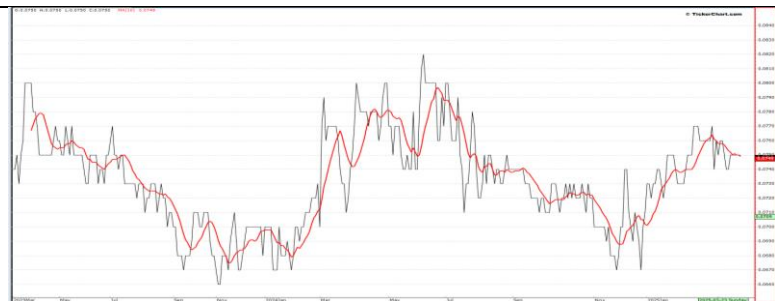
In line with FSC technical analysis, the RSI is below the level of (30 point) it's at 26.44 point, and the MACD is positive. The rebound shape is completed. Therefore, we expect the next target level should be at OMR 0.140 as a Mid-Term. Last week the hammer shape was completed and the MACD is positive. Current price is OMR 0.137.



### Sharqiyah Investment

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 0.077. 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 0.080.

We will keep our last recommendation



## Recommendation:

We expect the market to continue attracting local liquidity, benefiting from higher dividend yields. Trading is expected to continue at its current pace over the next two months due to general assemblies and related disclosures, corporate activities, and dividend and share entitlement dates.

We have observed an improvement in trading volume and value following the listing of Asyad Shipping Company on the Muscat Stock Exchange.



## Useful Definitions

### Goodwill

It can be theoretically defined as the present value of a company's future profits that exceed the profits of other companies in a given field of work. In other words, it is the value of the company's name, reputation, customer relationships, and other factors, although intangible. These are likely to enhance its competitive position and its ability to generate extraordinary profits in the future.

### Index

An index that is calculated based on the stock prices of a specific group of stocks traded on the stock exchange.

### Legal reserve

A reserve imposed or required by law. By law, a life insurance company is required to keep a certain percentage of its funds as a legal reserve to meet future claims from customers. Similarly, banks are required to keep a certain percentage of their deposits as a legal reserve rather than lending them to customers.

### Hedge

It is a type of multi-term options (long and short term) and positions, all of which, along with the assets associated with them, represent a type of hedging. However, hedge fund methods are characterized by risk and the pursuit of achieving the highest returns while taking on the highest levels of risk.

### Institution, investment

An organization that buys and sells stocks and bonds (securities) in relatively large quantities.

### Investment Diversification

The process of distributing cash assets across various types of investments, such as securities, real estate, and deposits, with the aim of reducing investment risk. In this way, investors typically diversify their portfolio of securities by investing in shares of multiple companies across various sectors, including, for example, banking, telecommunications, insurance, real estate, industry, and financial services.

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