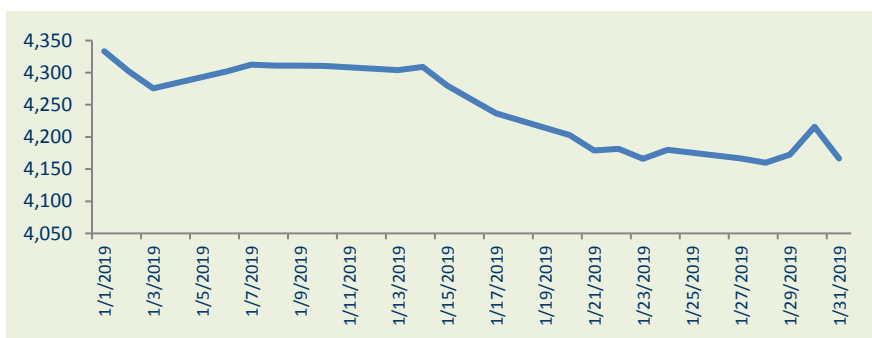


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Index Performance	End Jan 19	End Dec 19	MTD (%)	YTD (%)
MSM30 Index	4,166.5	4,323.7	-3.6%	-3.6%
Financial Index	6,697.1	6,827.2	-1.9%	-1.9%
Industrial Index	4,796.9	4,991.0	-3.9%	-3.9%
Services Index	2,142.4	2,290.3	-6.5%	-6.5%
Shariah Index	562.0	591.9	-5.0%	-5.0%

MSM 30 Index- Jan 2019



MSM Trading – Monthly Turnover – RO 53.622 million (USD 138.881 million)

Fig. In RO	Buy	Sell	Net Buy / (Sell)
Omanis	48,919,103	46,906,696	2,012,407
GCC	2,213,559	4,660,215	(2,446,656)
Arabs	166,444	111,117	55,327
Others	2,323,146	1,944,225	378,922

Source: MSM, GBCM Research

Local market sentiments remained weak, Global and regional markets outperformed...

MSM30 Index started the year on a negative note closing lower for the month amidst weak market sentiments coupled with low volumes and selling pressure in blue-chip stocks. MSM has been trading around 15 years low, levels last seen since 2004. MSM30 Index ended Jan down by 3.6% at 4,166.5 points. For the month, Financial index closed lower by 1.9%. Industrial and Services indices declined by 3.9% and 6.5% respectively for the month.

On the contrary, we saw positive closing in most GCC markets in the month of January as Government budget announcements and FY corporate results helped markets rally. Saudi market showed strong buying interest amid increased liquidity as Tadawul increased by 9.4% in the first month of 2019. Qatar also showed continued strength as the market increased by 4.1%. UAE-ADX and UAE-DFM closed 2.6% and 1.5% respectively. Bahrain and Kuwait closed 4.0% and 2.5% respectively.

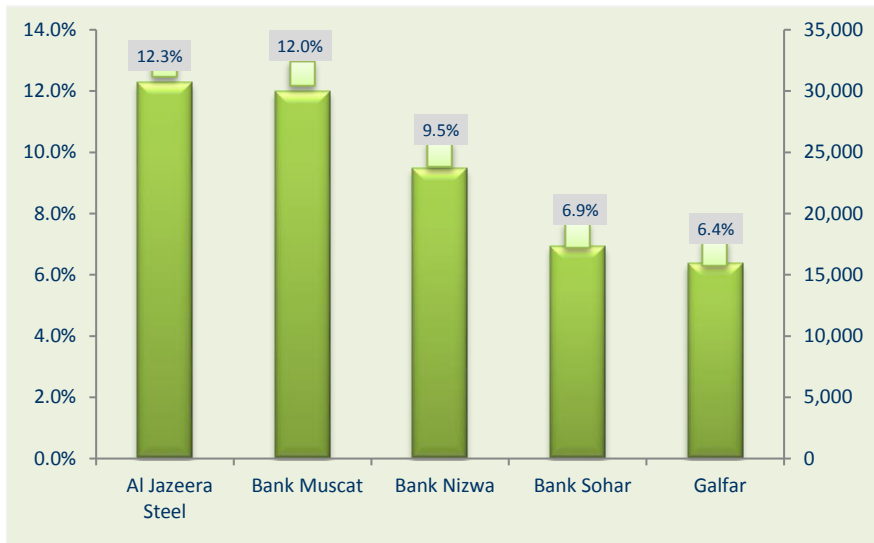
Oil Prices saw a strong rally for the month of January as US led sanctions on Venezuela curbed supplies, in addition to strong job report data helped ease global economic slowdown risks. Brent crude and Oman Crude gained 17.7% and 12.3% respectively. Global equities also saw a healthy month with most leading indices closing green. US indices gained the most, closing higher by 7.9% for the Dow Jones and 9.7% for Nasdaq on strong Macro-economic data.

Market activity for Jan 2019: Total traded volume for the month stood at 261.7 million. Total market turnover declined to RO 53.622 million, as against RO 62.282 million in the previous month. Average MSM daily turnover for the month stood at RO 2.331 million. Omani and Foreign investors ended as net buyers to an extent of RO 2.012 million and RO 379K. GCC investors emerged as net sellers to an extent of RO 2.447 million.

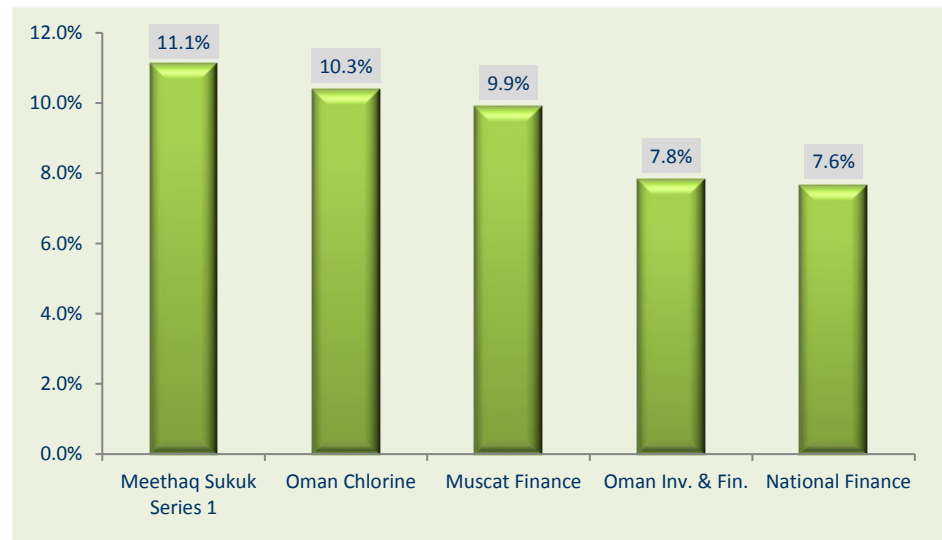
Feb 2019 Outlook- Dividend season to support, Sentiments to remain mixed...

Omani companies are estimated to report 2018 dividends during Feb and this would remain as key triggers for near term. Despite reasonable earnings and dividends, selling pressure in MSM continued, which remain as key concern area. The selling pressure from regional investors led to further de-rating. Oman has budgeted based on the oil price of USD 58/ barrel. With current oil prices stabilizing above USD 60/ barrel, overall fiscal position to remain comfortable. The Government is estimated to maintain the current levels of investment spending and this would support overall steady economic growth rates in 2019. **For medium term investors, we see value buying opportunity in Omani equities ahead of dividends season.** The stability in global oil prices, announcement of big-ticket projects, rationalization in current spending and timely payment to contractors would led to improvement in market sentiments during the coming weeks.

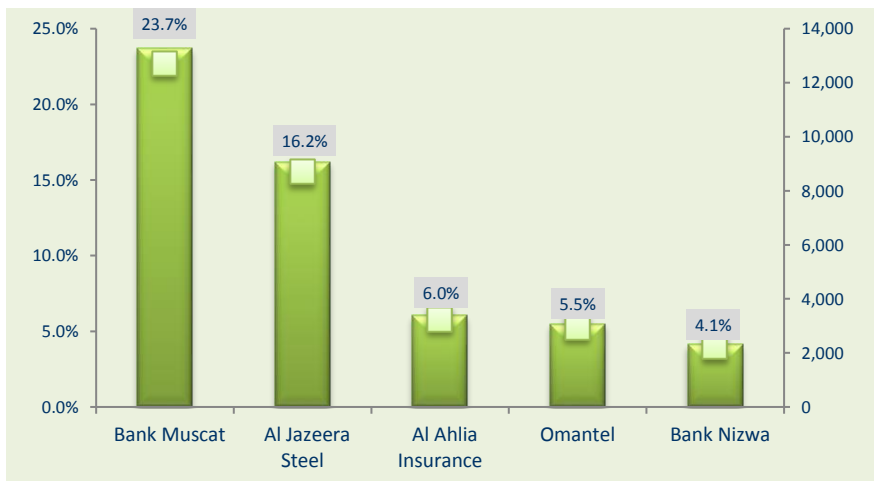
Volume Leaders for the Month



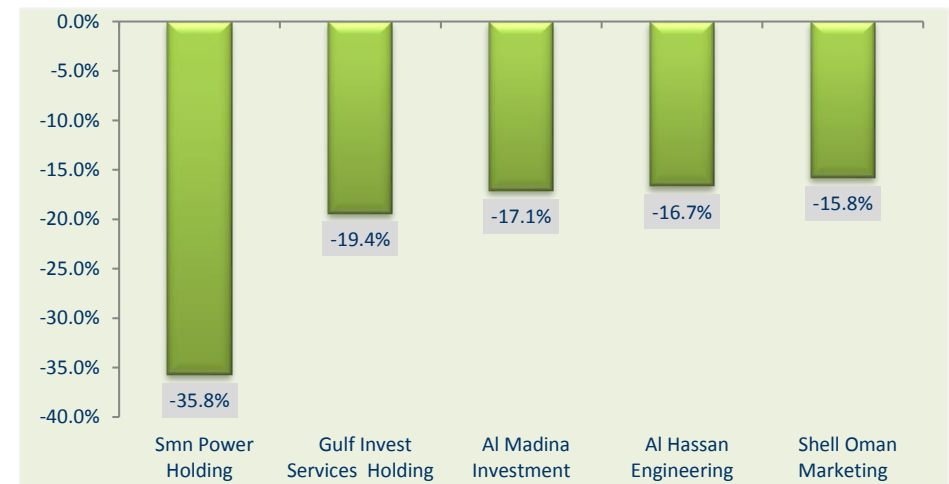
Gainers for the Month



Value Leaders for the Month



Losers for the Month



Source: MSM, GBCM Research

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Markets Performance - Heat Map

GCC Markets	MTD (%)	YTD (%)
Oman	-3.6%	-3.6%
Saudi	9.4%	9.4%
UAE (DFM)	1.5%	1.5%
UAE (ADX)	2.6%	2.6%
Kuwait	2.5%	2.5%
Qatar	4.1%	4.1%
Bahrain	4.0%	4.0%

Source: Bloomberg, GBCM Research

Commodities Performance - Heat Map

Energy	MTD (%)	YTD (%)
NYMEX WTI Crude	17.7%	17.7%
ICE Brent Crude	12.6%	12.6%
Crude Oil, Oman	12.3%	12.3%
NYMEX Natural Gas	-1.3%	-1.3%
NYMEX Gasoline	5.0%	5.0%

Source: Bloomberg, GBCM Research

Precious/ Base Metals	MTD (%)	YTD (%)
Gold Spot	3.0%	3.0%
Silver Spot	3.7%	3.7%
Platinum Spot	3.3%	3.3%
LME Aluminium (Spot)	1.6%	1.6%
LME Copper (Spot)	3.4%	3.4%
LME Zinc (Spot)	8.4%	8.4%
LME Lead (Spot)	4.6%	4.6%
LME Nickel (Spot)	17.0%	17.0%

Source: Bloomberg, GBCM Research

Global Markets	MTD (%)	YTD (%)
S&P 500	7.9%	7.9%
Dow Jones	7.2%	7.2%
Nasdaq	9.7%	9.7%
FTSE 100	3.6%	3.6%
CAC 40	5.5%	5.5%
DAX	5.8%	5.8%
Nikkei	3.8%	3.8%
Hang Seng	8.1%	8.1%
Sensex	0.5%	0.5%
Shanghai	3.6%	3.6%

Source: Bloomberg, GBCM Research

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