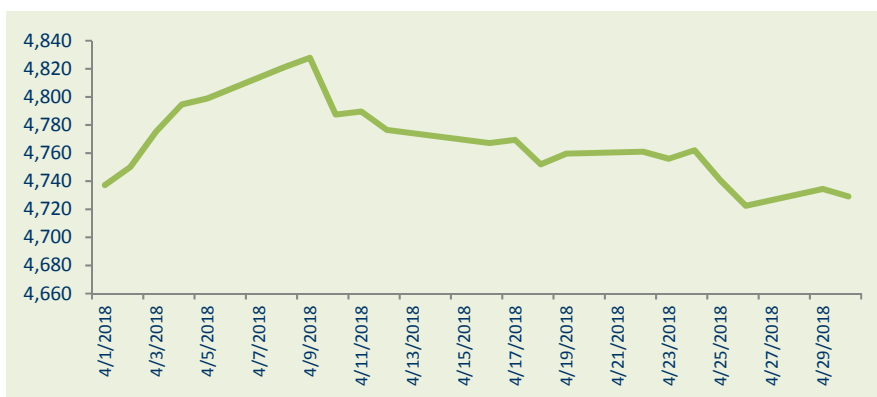


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Index	End Apr 18	End Mar 18	MTD (%)	YTD (%)
MSM30 Index	4,729.050	4,773.510	-0.9%	-7.3%
Financial Index	7,266.840	7,121.430	2.0%	-2.8%
Industrial Index	6,367.630	6,593.860	-3.4%	-6.8%
Services Index	2,525.350	2,605.700	-3.1%	-4.5%

MSM 30 Index- Apr 2018



MSM Trading – Monthly Turnover – RO 99.585 million (USD 257.925 million)

Fig. In RO	Buy	Sell	Net Buy / (Sell)
Omanis	89,428,834	65,607,856	23,820,978
GCC	3,708,687	5,258,688	(1,550,001)
Arabs	1,363,431	1,646,445	(283,014)
Others	5,083,887	27,071,850	(21,987,962)

Source: MSM, GBCM Research

Index closed in red amid weak Q1 earnings ...

MSM Index started the month on a strong note post dividend adjustment with increase in oil prices and better sentiments. Q1 2018 earnings dominated trades during April, we saw mixed corporate earnings season. Banking results showed improved performance, while Industrial and Services sector results disappointed. The MSM30 Index declined by 0.9% for the month to close at 4,729 points.

The positive earnings reported by Bank Sohar, HSBC Oman, Bank Dhofar, NBOB, Ooredoo, Ominvest, Oman Emirates, Al Jazeera Services, Renaissance, Asaffa Foods. While the companies such as Raysut Cement, Voltamp Energy, Al Anwar Ceramics, Galfar, Oman Fisheries, Oil Marketing Cos witnessed decline in its earnings. For the month, Financial Index closed in a positive note by increasing 2.0% while Industrial and Services closed in red declining 3.4% and 3.1%.

However, the global crude prices surged during the month with Brent Crude and Oman Benchmark increasing by 8.5% and 9.4% respectively to close at \$ 68.6 and \$ 74.7 per barrel respectively. Qatar, Saudi and UAE-ADX outperformed by surging 6.3%, 4.3% and 1.8% respectively. While Bahrain, Kuwait, UAE (DFM) and Oman declined by 4.6%, 4.0%, 1.4% and 0.9% respectively.

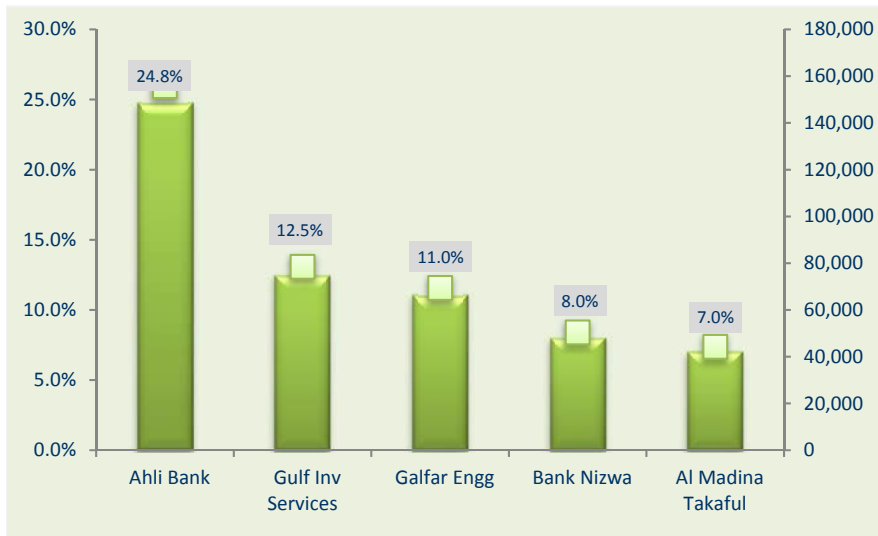
Market activity for Apr 2018: Overall traded volumes for the month stood at 628.011 million, while total market turnover stood at RO 99.6 million, as against previous month turnover of RO 96.4 million. Average daily MSM turnover for Apr 2018 remained at RO 4.7 million as compared RO 4.6 million in previous month. We saw block trades in Ahli Bank and Omantel. On the participation front, Omani investors were net buyers to an extent of RO 23.821 million. While Foreign and GCC investors were net sellers to an extent of RO 21.987 million and RO 1.550 million.

May 2018 Outlook- Oil price to reveal uptrend, market activity to lower during Ramadan...

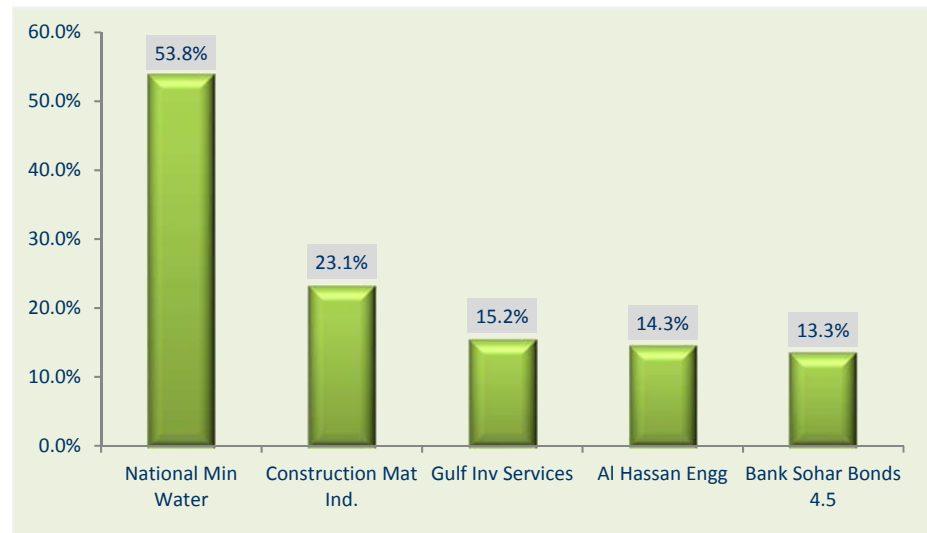
We do anticipate the MSM to react positively to increase in oil prices and improvement in overall liquidity. With the onset of Ramadan during mid of May, we anticipate the market activity to remain relatively dull in the region. While we do see value in select stocks in MSM post recent correction and to see institutional buying support post EID. The MSM earnings took a major hit during last 12 months due to rollback of subsidies, higher costs and delay in Government payments.

With the improvement in Govt. payment cycle, we believe the earnings would improve during the coming quarters. Despite oil prices moving, the local and regional markets performance remained weak due to increased geopolitical concerns. We do advise investors to focus on companies with strong cash flow and stable earnings. **End Apr 2018, MSM30 Index is trading at PE (Ann.) of 12X, PBV of 1X and Div. Yield at 5.5%.**

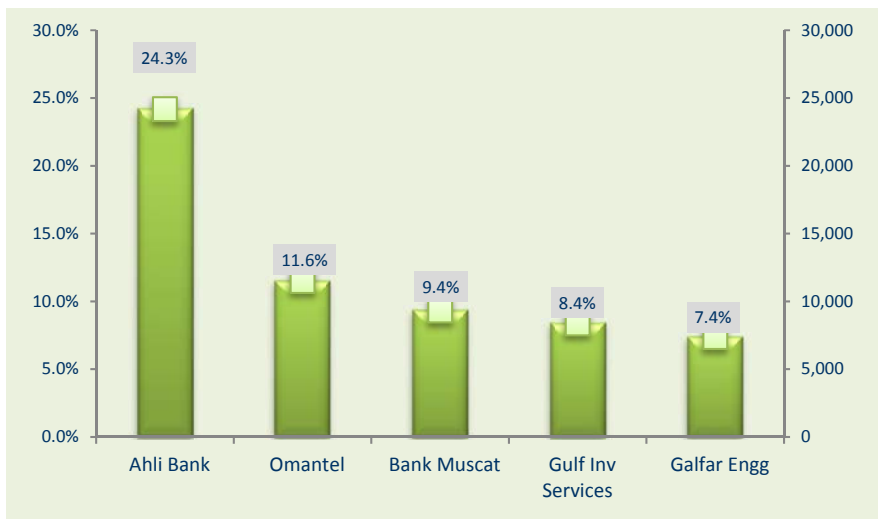
Volume Leaders for the Month



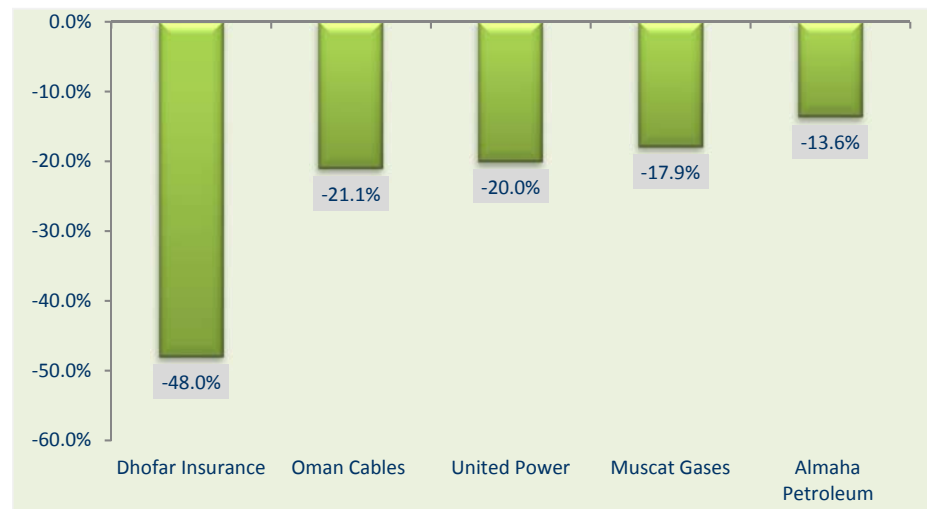
Gainers for the Month



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	-0.9%	-7.3%
Saudi	4.3%	13.6%
UAE (DFM)	-1.4%	-9.0%
UAE (ADX)	1.8%	6.2%
Kuwait	-4.0%	-4.0%
Qatar	6.3%	6.9%
Bahrain	-4.6%	-5.5%

Source: Bloomberg, GBCM Research

Commodities Performance - Heat Map

Energy	MTD (%)	YTD (%)
NYMEX WTI Crude	5.7%	14.2%
ICE Brent Crude	8.5%	14.1%
Crude Oil, Oman	9.4%	13.7%
NYMEX Natural Gas	-0.5%	-0.4%
NYMEX Gasoline	5.2%	7.0%

Source: Bloomberg, GBCM Research

Global Markets	MTD (%)	YTD (%)
S&P 500	0.3%	-1.0%
Dow Jones	0.2%	-2.2%
Nasdaq	0.0%	2.4%
FTSE 100	6.4%	-2.3%
CAC 40	6.8%	3.9%
DAX	4.3%	-2.4%
Nikkei	4.7%	-1.3%
Hang Seng	2.4%	3.0%
Sensex	6.6%	3.2%
Shanghai	-2.7%	-6.8%

Source: Bloomberg, GBCM Research

Precious/ Base Metals	MTD (%)	YTD (%)
Gold Spot	-0.7%	0.9%
Silver Spot	-0.2%	-3.6%
Platinum Spot	-2.9%	-2.8%
LME Aluminium (Spot)	13.6%	0.0%
LME Copper (Spot)	1.4%	-6.1%
LME Zinc (Spot)	-4.8%	-6.4%
LME Lead (Spot)	-3.1%	-6.6%
LME Nickel (Spot)	2.6%	7.0%

Source: Bloomberg, GBCM Research

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