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Current 45.741.43 45.560.30 Previous Chg. 0.40%

Mkt Cap. (PkRbn/US\$bn)

9.421 / 81.57 Current 9,371 / 81.14 Previous Cha. 0.54%

Daily Turnover (mn)

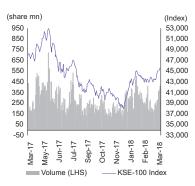
Current 262.52 Previous 230.34 14.0% Chq.

Value Traded (PkRmn/US\$mn)

Current 12,182 / 105.48 Previous 9.467 / 81.98 Chg. 28.7%

News and Views

- As per news report, MoF is likely to keep fiscal deficit target at 4.5% of GDP for FY19 against the projected deficit of 5.5% for outgoing FY18 by tightening development expenditures. In this regard, the ministry expected to slash down the PSDP size to the tune of PkR750bn for the upcoming budget as against the current allocation of PkR1,001bn
- As per PBS, annual consumer price inflation clocked in at eight-month low of 3.2% in Mar'18 as subdued food prices offset the impact of rise in petroleum rates.
- In its recent verdict, the Lahore High Court (LHC) has declared former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's "Tax Incentive Scheme" introduced through SRO 1065(I)/2013 as illegal and without lawful authority.



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MOGAS/FO Seasonal sales tr	ends
700 650 600 550 500 450 400 350	1,100 1,000 900 800 700 600 500 400 300
Sep Dec Mar June Sept Dec Mar Mar Mar	Sep Dec Mar Jun Sep Dec Mar Sept Dec
MOGAS ActualMOGAS 6M MVAMOGAS 3M MVA	- RFO Actual $-$ RFO 3M MVA $-$ RFO 6M MVA

Source: OCAC & AKD Research

Some players have it right: In terms of market players, SHEL/PSO/APL weathered volumetric shifts of -33%/-10%/+4%YoY while HASCOL continued to grow at +36%YoY during 9MFY18. MOGAS remained a brightspot for domestic OMCS where HASCOL/APL/PSO increased volumes in the segment by +42%/+11%/+10%YoY, giving credence to retail-led growth (and associated CAPEX) strategies.

Volume Based Marketshare

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PSO	March'18	Feb'18	Jan'18	9MFY18	9MFY17
FO	41.8%	40.5%	51.3%	68.9%	73.7%
HSD	36.1%	39.7%	41.3%	44.1%	46.6%
MOGAS	35.2%	35.3%	37.6%	40.1%	40.0%
Total	39.3%	40.9%	44.7%	51.8% 55.	
APL					
FO	15.6%	12.2%	10.8%	7.7%	6.5%
HSD	12.2%	9.6%	8.1%	9.1%	8.9%
MOGAS	10.1%	9.0%	8.6%	8.4%	8.3%
Total	11.8%	9.5%	8.6%	8.3%	7.7%
HASCOL					
FO	17.6%	21.8%	13.7%	8.7%	6.5%
HSD	14.7%	18.4%	15.4%	14.5%	9.9%
MOGAS	12.0%	15.0%	13.4%	12.7%	9.8%
Total	13.7%	16.6%	13.5%	11.7%	8.3%
SHEL					
HSD	7.2%	13.7%	7.4%	6.6%	11.3%
MOGAS	13.5%	16.0%	12.6%	12.2%	16.3%
HOBC (95	5+) 27.7%	24.4%	27.4%	26.9%	24.8%
JP	7.6%	23.4%	6.0%	6.6%	21.1%
KERO	1.6%	1.7%	2.4%	2.0%	2.1%
Total	7.9%	10.2%	7.5%	6.5%	9.4%

Source: OCAC & AKD Research



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Investment Perspective: Based on foreseeable enhancers for POL demand and possible circular debt clearance, we retain our liking for PSO, where despite the 10.7%MoM return for the stock, we believe an additional 16% upside remains to our fair value price of PkR384/sh from current prices, where the likelihood of payouts (FY18E/19F D/Y of 8.2/9.1%) remains strong.

OMC Industry Volumetric Snapshot (000 Tonnes)

Industry	March'18	March'17	YoY	Feb'18	MoM	9MFY18	9MFY17	YoY
FO	368	679	-46%	247	49%	5,246	6,537	-20%
HSD	730	672	9%	591	24%	6,716	6,560	2%
MOGAS	598	568	5%	527	14%	5,448	4,983	9%
HOBC (95RON+)	11	10	14%	10	13%	98	60	62%
JP	69	72	-3%	69	0%	610	638	-5%
KERO	9	12	-26%	10	-8%	85	86	-1%
LDO	2	2	1%	1	33%	13	12	9%
Total	1,787	2,015	-11%	1,455	23%	18,217	18,878	-4%
PSO								
FO	154	489	-69%	100	54%	3,614	4,816	-25%
HSD	264	273	-3%	234	12%	2,961	3,059	-3%
MOGAS	211	213	-1%	186	13%	2,185	1,995	10%
HOBC (95RON+)	4	5	-24%	4	5%	39	29	33%
JP	63	54	16%	64	-1%	565	487	16%
KERO	6	10	-33%	7	-11%	58	53	9%
LDO	1	1	45%	1	40%	6	5	22%
Total	702	1,044	-33%	596	18%	9,428	10,445	-10%
APL								
FO	57	51	11%	30	91%	403	422	-4%
HSD	89	65	37%	57	57%	613	582	5%
MOGAS	60	46	30%	47	27%	460	415	11%
HOBC (95RON+)	1	0	75%	1	7%	7	3	129%
JP	1	1	49%	1	97%	5	5	10%
KERO	2	2	15%	2	1%	20	24	-16%
LDO	1	1	-8%	0	38%	5	4	50%
Total	211	167	27%	138	53%	1,513	1,453	4%
HASCOL								
FO	65	51	27%	54	20%	456	423	8%
HSD	107	83	29%	109	-1%	972	651	49%
MOGAS	72	70	3%	79	-9%	693	489	42%
HOBC (95RON+)	1	0	200%	1	4%	7	1	
Total	244	204	20%	242	1%	2,127	1,563	36%
SHEL	March'18	March'17	YoY	Feb'18	MoM	9MFY18	9MFY17	YoY
HSD	52	92	-43%	47	11%	443	744	-41%
MOGAS	81	91	-12%	72	12%	667	814	-18%
HOBC (95/97RON)	3	2	29%	3	7%	26	15	75%
JP	5	17	-69%	5	9%	40	135	-70%
KERO	0	0	-32%	0	80%	2	2	-5%
Total	141	206	-31%	127	12%	1,180	1,771	-33%
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