# **Day Break**

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# Sector Update

#### **Revision in OMC Margin**

PSO			
PKR/Share	FY18	FY19	TP
Old EPS	65.03	65.19	511.1
Revised EPS	65.95	66.16	527.3
% Change	1.4%	1.5%	3.2%

HASCOL			
PKR/Share	CY17	CY18	TP
Old EPS	13.83	16.59	389.4
Revised EPS	13.89	17.21	397.8
% Change	0.4%	3.7%	2.2%

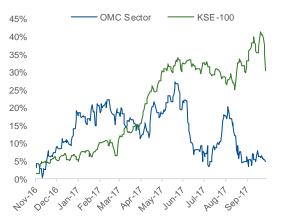
## OMC Margin Revised

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PKR/ltr	FY17	FY18	Change
MS	2.41	2.55	5.8%
HSD	2.41	2.55	5.8%
CPI Inflation	4.16%	-	-

#### **Dealer Margin revised**

PKR/ltr	FY17	FY18	Change
MS	3.16	3.35	6.0%
HSD	2.67	2.86	7.1%

## Relative Performance to KSE 100



#### Source: Bloomberg, PSX & IGI Research Analyst

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# Oil & Gas – Marketing Companies OMC and Dealer Margins Revised Upwards for MS; HSD Deregulated

- In a meeting held by Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> Oct-2017, the Committee approved increase in the OMC and dealer margin for Motor Spirit (MS) during the period FY18.
- The margin for MS have been increased by PKR 0.14/ltr to PKR 2.55/ltr slightly above our initially assumed margin of PKR 2.51/ltr. The added differential of PKR 0.4/ltr from our estimated to actual, in our view is granted to compensate OMC's for the delay of nearly 5months in margin revision.
- We believe, though the price of HSD has been deregulated, OMCs and dealers will not have much room to maneuver the prices as the Government will review the market response after every 3months
- We maintain our over-weight stance on OMCs with HASCOL and PSO as our top picks. We have a 'BUY' call on HASCOL and PSO with our Jun-18 target price of PKR 398/share and PKR 527/share, respectively. HASCOL and PSO are currently trading at CY18F and FY18F P/E of 15.5x and 6.7x, respectively.

## ECC Approved margin revision for MS, while HSD prices deregulated

In a meeting held by Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> Oct-2017, the Committee approved increase in the OMC and dealer margin for Motor Spirit (MS) during the period FY18. Moreover the committee further decided to deregulate High-Speed Diesel (HSD) prices, which is the first time Government of Pakistan (GOP) has given up its power to fix HSD prices. However, GOP will be reviewing the decision after every 3months. ECC has decided that OMCs would add fuel marker within six months at storage depots to avoid adulteration and OGRA will monitor OMC's stock position, dealer's inventory and 'fuel marker system' under devised mechanism.

# MS margins revised slightly above expectation

The margin for MS have been increased by PKR 0.14/ltr to PKR 2.55/ltr – slightly above our initially assumed margin of PKR 2.51/ltr. The added differential of PKR 0.4/ltr from our estimated to actual, in our view is granted to compensate OMC's for the delay of nearly 5months in margin revision. Moreover dealer margin has also been revised upwards by PKR 0.19/ltr to PKR 3.16/ltr, bringing total margin increase to PKR 0.33/ltr.

## Hascol to stand as a major beneficiary of MS margin revision

As a result of increase in OMC margin for MS, we expect HASCOL to stand as prime beneficiary as of Jun-17 ending MS contributes nearly 45% of the total gross profit compared to 26%, 23% and 22% for SHEL, PSO and APL, respectively.

# HSD prices deregulated; competition and government watch leaves limited room to increase margins

We believe, though the price of HSD has been deregulated, OMCs and dealers will not have much room to maneuver the prices as the Government will review the market response after every 3months. Furthermore, with increasing competition an unreasonable increase in price would result in loss of market share for OMCs. We believe as PSO being the market leader in terms of volumes, the margins set by PSO will be a followed by smaller OMCs in order to sustain their market shares.



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#### **Exhibit:** Historical MS and HSD price (PKR/Itr)



#### **Historical OMC Margins**

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PKR/ltr	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18
MS	2.24	2.35	2.35	2.41	2.55
HSD	1.78	2.35	2.35	2.41	2.55

#### **Historical Dealers Margins**

PKR/Itr	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18
MS	2.78	3.08	3.08	3.16	3.35
HSD	2.33	2.50	2.60	2.67	2.86

#### HSD margin to remain in-line with MS for the time being

We have assumed HSD margins increase to remain in line with MS at PKR 2.55/ltr for FY18 as it has been the case previously. The margin increase over and above PKR 2.55/ltr will be difficult owing to rising competition. However deregulation would allow OMCs some cover against volatility in international oil prices as OMCs will set their cost on weighted average price.

#### Likewise MS, Hascol stands as a major beneficiary of HSD margin revision

Likewise, we highlight HASCOL to be prime beneficiary of any increase in OMC margins for HSD as well, considering it contribute nearly 52% to the company's gross profit compared to 30%, 29% and 22% for PSO, APL and SHEL, respectively.

### Earnings revised upward by 1%-2% over the next 5 years, with HASCOL in top spot

We have revised upwards our earnings for PSO and HASCOL by nearly 1%-2% over the next 5 years on the back of additional increased of PKR 0.04/ltr above expectation of PKR 0.10/ltr. As a result, we have revised upwards our earnings estimates for HASCOL by PKR 0.06/share and PKR 0.62/share for CY17 and CY18, respectively. The incremental impact constitutes nearly 0.4% and 4% of CY17 and CY18 earnings, respectively. For PSO, we have revised our earnings estimates by PKR 0.67/share and PKR 0.97/share for FY18 and FY19, respectively. The incremental earnings contribute nearly 1% and 1.5% of total earnings in FY18 and FY19, respectively. As a result we have revised our target prices for HASCOL and PSO up by nearly 2% and 3% to PKR 398/share and PKR 527/share, respectively.

#### Recommendation

We maintain our over-weight stance on OMCs with HASCOL and PSO as our top picks. We have a **'BUY'** call on HASCOL and PSO with our Jun-18 target price of PKR 398/share and PKR 527/share, respectively. HASCOL and PSO are currently trading at CY18F and FY18F P/E of 15.5x and 6.7x, respectively.





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