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OQEP

A sharp sequential EPS recovery in Q1 of 75% q/q on higher volumes; Reiterate BUY on higher oil prices at lucrative 10% DY

- **A strong sequential rebound with net income of OMR 72m in Q1 26A, up 75% q/q, but slightly lower than ACe on lower-than-expected realized prices, with revenues down 13% q/q on 18% decline in oil price.**
- **A sharp bottom line growth of 43% y/y in FY 26e led by 18% higher oil price of USD 80 and USD 10 premium, driving 11% FCF yield.**
- **OQEP is well-positioned to benefit from higher oil prices and wider premiums while remaining relatively insulated from Hormuz-related disruption. At USD90-110/bbl oil and USD10-20/bbl premiums, we see a further 8-49% upside to EPS.**
- **Core Buy TP OMR 0.555 on 4% production CAGR to 270 kboepd (vs. 300 kbeopd target) till FY 30e, offering attractive on DY 10% in FY 26e with potential EM upgrade.**

Q1 26A results showed a strong sequential recovery, with net income rising 75% q/q to OMR 72m (-4% y/y), albeit 11% below ACe, on lower-than-expected realized prices. Net income came in at OMR 72m in Q1 26e (+75% q/q, -4% y/y). The q/q improvement was driven by higher production and normalization from a weak Q4 base (on end of quarter underlifting), while the slight y/y decline reflects USD 12/bbl lower oil prices. Revenues came in at OMR 218m (-13% q/q, +6% y/y, -11% vs. ACe), with the sequential decline mainly driven by lower-than-expected selling prices at 18% lower oil prices q/q, while the y/y increase of 6% was supported by volume growth offsetting lower realized prices (-16% y/y). Notably, reported pricing lags spot oil prices, which partly explains the weaker realized prices during the quarter despite improving market conditions towards period-end.

We expect net income to grow 43% y/y to OMR 398m in FY 26e, primarily driven by 28% stronger realised prices y/y and 8 ppts GPM expansion. The uplift is largely pricing-led, as realised prices should grow 28% y/y to USD 90/boe, supported by a higher Brent assumption of USD 80/bbl (+18% y/y) and a step-up in premiums to USD 10/boe (vs. USD 2.5/boe in FY 25A), while costs seen flat at USD 8/boe, driving margin expansion (GPM +7.8 ppts and EBITDAM +3.5 ppts). Operationally, we expect slightly higher production of 228 kboepd in FY 26e (+2% y/y), on a modest gas volume growth (+2% y/y). Net capex is set to increase 22% y/y to USD 792m in FY 26e as the company continues to invest in growth, yet FCF should surge 25% y/y to OMR 426m, implying an 11% FCFY and 10% DY. OQEP is set to maintain its IPO dividend framework in FY 26e, implying total dividends of c.OMR 387m (c.10% yield), supported by solid cash generation and low leverage (c.0.3x ND/EBITDA in FY 25). From FY 27 onwards, OQEP should transition to a 25-35% CFO payout, and we therefore expect dividends to moderate to OMR 226m in FY 27e and OMR 213m in FY 28e (c.6% yield), still above peers, while retaining flexibility to fund growth and potential M&A.

We continue to view OQEP as a key beneficiary of higher oil prices and premiums, supported by its structural insulation from Strait of Hormuz disruptions. The company sells crude to OQ Trading, with the majority of exports routed via Mina Al Fahal on Oman's Arabian Sea coast, outside the Strait, primarily to China, providing a clear logistical advantage during periods of regional stress and supporting premium realisation. Premiums have remained elevated at c.USD 20/bbl since 28 February and have trended higher over the past month amid tightening supply conditions. Importantly, realised pricing is reflected with a c.1-2 month lag, implying that elevated premiums should flow through reported earnings in Q2 26e. That said, risks are skewed to the upside: at USD 90/bbl oil and a USD 10/bbl premium, EPS increases by 8%, while a USD 110/bbl oil price and USD 20/bbl premium would lift FY 26e EPS by 49%.

We reiterate Core Buy at OMR 0.555/share, driven by 4% production CAGR (9% for oil sales volume) in FY 26-28e. The story remains driven by robust cash generation, with FY 26e FCF yield at c.11% and dividend yield at c.10%. Over the longer term, OQEP's growth is supported by Oman's EPSA structure, which enables the government to take up to a 30% working interest in new discoveries, supporting portfolio expansion. OQEP signed an agreement to acquire a 35% non-operated stake in Block 27 from Mitsui for OMR 28.8m, with an effective date of Jan-25. The asset is operated by Occidental and adds c.3.5 kboepd in FY 26e (1.6% increase vs. FY 25A), supporting near-term production growth. We view the transaction as strategically accretive, reinforcing OQEP's domestic portfolio and aligning with its targeted growth towards c.300 kboe/d by 2030. We see OQEP as the best GCC-listed levered play on higher oil prices, especially as peers such as Aramco and ADNOC Gas are more exposed to weaker export volumes. We also see Oman as the best-placed sovereign to benefit from higher oil prices, given the significant upside to its fiscal position. In addition, we see scope for a further rerating from a potential EM upgrade in FY 28e; Oman is now close to meeting all criteria, with the remaining requirement being 8 consecutive qualifying quarters.

BUY OMR 0.555

Industrial / OMAN

Bloomberg code	OQEP OM
Market index	MSX
Target Price	0.555
Upside (%)	15.6

Market data 4/14/2026

Last closing price	0.48
52 Week range	0.3-0.5
Market cap (OMR m)	3,856
Market cap (USD m)	10,016
Average Daily Traded Value (OMR m)	7.0
Average Daily Traded Value (USD m)	17.6
Free float (%)	25%

Year-end (OMR m)	2025	2026e	2027e	2028e
Revenues	1,159	1,410	1,336	1,300
EBITDA	906	1,152	1,065	1,015
Net income	278	398	357	339
EPS	0.03	0.05	0.04	0.04
EPS growth (%)	(12.0)	43.2	(10.3)	(5.0)
P/E (current price)	13.9	9.7	10.8	11.4
DPS	0.03	0.05	0.03	0.03
Div. yield (%)	7.1%	10.0%	5.6%	5.3%
FCF/share	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.03
FCF yield (%)	6.8%	10.7%	9.3%	9.2%
CAPEX	250	306	320	300
CAPEX/sales (%)	21.5	21.7	24.0	23.0
Net Debt/EBITDA (x)	0.3	0.2	0.1	(0.1)
EV/EBITDA (x)	7.4	6.2	6.6	6.9
RoAE (%)	30.6	43.5	36.0	30.3
RoIC (%)	22.6	32.1	28.7	26.4

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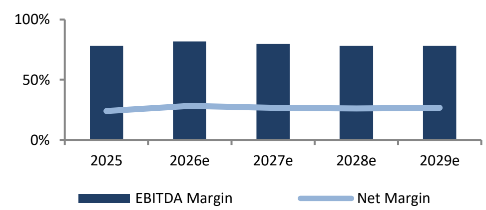

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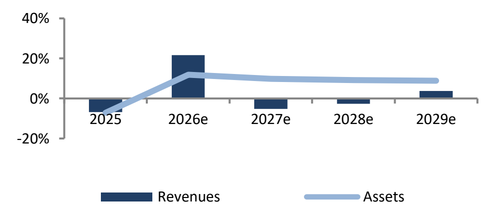
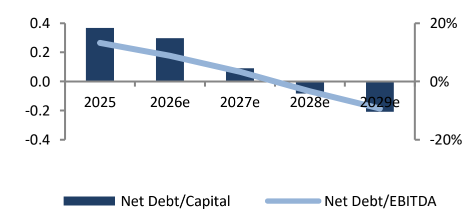


Gearing



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Year-end	2024	2025	2026e	2027e	2028e	2029e
Financial summary						
Reported EPS	0.04	0.03	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.05
Diluted EPS	0.04	0.03	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.05
DPS	0.02	0.03	0.05	0.03	0.03	0.03
BVPS	0.42	0.42	0.43	0.49	0.54	0.61

Year-end	2024	2025	2026e	2027e	2028e	2029e
Valuation metrics						
P/E (x) (current price)	12.2	13.9	9.7	10.8	11.4	10.7
EV/EBITDA (x) (current price)	7.3	7.4	6.2	6.6	6.9	6.7
EV/FCF (x)	5.4	11.6	9.0	10.5	10.9	9.7
Free cash flow yield (%)	5.8%	6.8%	10.9%	10.4%	9.7%	9.1%
Dividend yield (%)	4.5%	7.1%	10.0%	5.6%	5.3%	5.5%

Year-end	2024	2025	2026e	2027e	2028e	2029e
Growth (%)						
Revenues	16.9	(6.7)	21.6	(5.2)	(2.7)	3.8
EBITDA	25.2	(5.7)	27.1	(7.5)	(4.7)	3.7
EBIT	69.0	(9.6)	39.6	(10.2)	(6.7)	5.0
Net income	(50.2)	(12.0)	43.2	(10.3)	(5.0)	6.3

Year-end	2024	2025	2026e	2027e	2028e	2029e
Margins (%)						
EBITDA	77.3	78.2	81.7	79.7	78.1	78.0
EBIT	55.0	53.3	61.1	57.9	55.6	56.2
Net	25.4	24.0	28.2	26.7	26.1	26.7

Year-end	2024	2025	2026e	2027e	2028e	2029e
Returns (%)						
RoAA	17.0	17.4	24.4	19.8	17.1	16.7
RoAE	37.6	30.6	43.5	36.0	30.3	28.7
RoIC	23.4	22.6	32.1	28.7	26.4	28.1
FCF margin	5.8	6.8	10.7	9.3	9.2	8.9

Year-end	2024	2025	2026e	2027e	2028e	2029e
Gearing (%)						
Net debt/Capital	17.9	18.4	14.9	4.6	(4.1)	(10.4)
Net debt/Equity	25.6	26.5	22.0	6.6	(5.8)	(14.6)
Interest cover (x)	191.7	38.2	39.9	35.7	31.4	31.8
Net debt/EBITDA (x)	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	(0.1)	(0.2)

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Company profile

OQEP is Oman's majority government-owned upstream oil and gas company and one of the largest subsidiaries of OQ, contributing approximately 56% of the group's adjusted EBITDA in FY 2024. Since its establishment in 2009, the company has expanded production nearly 14-fold, reaching 224 kboe/d in FY 2025. OQEP ranks among Oman's top three oil and gas producers and contributed around 30% of the country's hydrocarbon output in FY 2025.

As of January 2025, it held approximately 0.923 billion boe of 2P working-interest reserves and achieved a 160% reserve replacement ratio. The company manages a diversified portfolio of 15 upstream assets across exploration, development, and production, supported by Oman's strategic location, stable regulatory framework, and strong economic fundamentals.

Investment thesis

We reiterate Core Buy at OMR 0.555/share, driven by 4% production CAGR (9% for oil sales volume) in FY 26-28e. The story remains driven by robust cash generation, with FY 26e FCF yield at c.11% and dividend yield at c.10%. Over the longer term, OQEP's growth is supported by Oman's EPSA structure, which enables the government to take up to a 30% working interest in new discoveries, supporting portfolio expansion. Across FY 26-49e, we estimate cumulative FCF of USD 1.4bn (OMR 546m), based on full reserve depletion by FY 49e and a conservative oil price assumption of USD 68/bbl (USD 70/bbl realised). Additionally, We see OQEP as the best GCC-listed levered play on higher oil prices, especially as peers such as Aramco and ADNOC Gas are more exposed to weaker export volumes. We also see Oman as the best-placed sovereign to benefit from higher oil prices, given the significant upside to its fiscal position. In addition, we see scope for a further rerating from a potential EM upgrade in FY 28e; Oman is now close to meeting all criteria, with the remaining requirement being 8 consecutive qualifying quarters.

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Year-end	2024	2025	2026e	2027e	2028e	2029e
Income statement (OMRmn)						
Sales revenue	1,243	1,159	1,410	1,336	1,300	1,349
Cost of sales	(523)	(502)	(500)	(517)	(533)	(544)
Gross profit	**720**	**657**	**910**	**820**	**767**	**804**
SG&A	(45)	(37)	(33)	(33)	(34)	(34)
EBITDA	**961**	**906**	**1,152**	**1,065**	**1,015**	**1,053**
Depreciation	(278)	(289)	(290)	(292)	(293)	(294)
EBIT	**683**	**617**	**862**	**774**	**722**	**758**
Interest expense	(4)	(16)	(22)	(22)	(23)	(24)
Share of results of associates & JV	8	9	9	9	20	20
Profit before tax	720	636	894	807	766	802
Taxes	(404)	(358)	(496)	(450)	(426)	(441)
Other post-tax income/(expense)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net profit (group)	316	278	398	357	339	361
Minorities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net profit (parent)	**316**	**278**	**398**	**357**	**339**	**361**
Arqaam adjustments (including dilution)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arqaam Net profit	**316**	**278**	**398**	**357**	**339**	**361**

Year-end	2024	2025	2026e	2027e	2028e	2029e
Balance sheet (OMRmn)						
Cash and equivalents	160	160	236	399	579	735
Receivables	442	309	401	376	362	372
Inventories	77	73	73	75	78	79
Tangible fixed assets	866	855	870	899	905	923
Other assets including goodwill	114	144	143	144	144	144
Total assets	**1,659**	**1,540**	**1,723**	**1,893**	**2,068**	**2,253**
Payables	288	145	267	276	285	291
Interest bearing debt	394	400	439	469	509	539
Other liabilities	65	90	90	90	90	90
Total liabilities	**747**	**635**	**797**	**836**	**884**	**920**
Shareholders equity	912	905	927	1,058	1,184	1,333
Minorities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities & shareholders equity	**1,659**	**1,540**	**1,723**	**1,893**	**2,068**	**2,253**

Year-end	2024	2025	2026e	2027e	2028e	2029e
Cash flow (OMRmn)						
Cashflow from operations	**449**	**600**	**687**	**646**	**609**	**605**
Net capex	(246)	(250)	(306)	(320)	(300)	(312)
Free cash flow	**235**	**279**	**314**	**270**	**260**	**293**
Equity raised/(bought back)	80	(10)	10	-	-	-
Dividends paid	(173)	(275)	(387)	(226)	(213)	(212)
Net inc/(dec) in borrowings	(222)	(192)	20	20	20	20
Other investing/financing cash flows	(4)	(16)	(22)	(22)	(23)	(24)
Net cash flow	**(129)**	**27**	**76**	**163**	**180**	**156**
Change in working capital	368	386	632	510	499	434

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Q1 26 Results summary

Exhibit 1: NI showed a q/q rebound (+75% to OMR 72m), but 11% below ACe on lower-than-expected realized prices, with revenue down 13% q/q on -18% oil.

OMRm	Q1 26A	Q1 26e	vs. ACe	Q4 25A	q/q	Q1 25A	y/y
Revenue	218	246	-11%	250	-13%	205	6%
Net profit	72	80	-11%	41	75%	75	-4%
Net margin	24%	32%	(810 bps)	34%	(996 bps)	33%	(920 bps)

Source: Arqaam Capital Research, Company Data

Valuation Summary

Exhibit 2: DCF Summary

OMRm		FY 26e	FY 27e	FY 28e	FY 29e	FY 30e	FY 49e
EBIT		862	774	722	758	839	1,427
Other income		9	9	20	20	21	38
(Taxes Paid)		(496)	(450)	(426)	(441)	(473)	(712)
+Depreciation		290	292	293	294	296	325
COPAT		**665**	**624**	**608**	**631**	**682**	**1,078**
Working capital changes		31	31	20	(6)	(10)	2
CAPEX		(261)	(274)	(253)	(264)	(275)	(147)
Free cash flow		**435**	**381**	**376**	**362**	**396**	**933**
PVOP	4,185						
PVTV							
Enterprise Value	**4,185**						
Net Debt (Q4 25A)	223						
Investments	52						
Equity Value	**4,014**						
Number of Shares	8,000						
Fair Value (OMR/share)	**0.502**						
Target Price (OMR/share)	**0.555**						

Source: Arqaam Capital Research

Exhibit 3: Oman is close to securing EM upgrade, but it will need to meet it for 8 consecutive quarters

Stock Ticker	Meets mcap requirement?	Increase in share price needed	Meets ffmcap requirement?	Increase in share price needed	Meets liquidity requirement
OQEP	Yes	-	Yes		Yes
BKMB	Yes	-	Yes		Yes
BKSB	Yes	-	No	8.7%	Yes
ASCO	Yes	-	No	135.6%	Yes
OQGN	No	24.2%	No	38.0%	Yes

Source: Arqaam Capital Research

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