



**HM GREETES GOVERNOR
GENERAL OF NEW ZEALAND**

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik has sent a cable of greetings to Cindy Kiro, Governor General of New Zealand on the occasion of her country's National Day. In the cable, His Majesty the Sultan expressed his sincere sentiments and best wishes of success to the Governor General in realizing further aspirations of progress and prosperity for the people of New Zealand. His Majesty also wished the relations of cooperation and partnership between Oman and New Zealand further progress.— **ONA**



**Sayyid Shihab receives
Kuwait's First Deputy
Prime Minister**

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TOP THREE INSIDE STORIES

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Export of fertilisers**

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**WORLD
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ADVANCING CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE EXCELLENCE

**Oman CX Forum
and Awards to focus
on the future of
customer experience**

MUSCAT: Muscat Media Group, the leading media, events and communications company, in collaboration with Gulf Leaders Circle, is organizing the Oman CX Forum & Awards 2025. This premier event will bring together over 200 industry leaders, including CX heads, senior managers and customer experience solution providers, for an insightful and engaging forum dedicated to advancing customer experience excellence in Oman.

The Oman CX Forum will



feature an impressive lineup of keynote speeches, expert presentations and panel discussions, covering the latest trends, innovations and strategies in customer experience. Attendees will gain valuable insights from thought leaders and industry experts who are shaping the future of CX across various sectors. **>A5**

**OMAN REJECTS PLAN
TO EVICT PALESTINIAN
PEOPLE FROM GAZA**

Oman called for the need to respect the Palestinian people's legitimate rights to establish their independent state on their land

MUSCAT: The Sultanate of Oman has affirmed its unwavering stance and categorical rejection of any attempts to displace the residents of the Gaza Strip and the occupied Palestinian territories.

Oman called for the need to respect the Palestinian people's legitimate rights to establish their independent state on their land.

In a statement issued by the Foreign Ministry on Wednesday, the Sultanate of Oman warned that any plans aimed at transferring Palestinians from their lands constitute a flagrant violation of international law and resolutions of international legitimacy.

It added that such action constitutes a threat to security and stability in the region.



The Sultanate of Oman called upon the international community to shoulder its responsibilities in protecting the rights of the Palestinian people.

It underlined the necessity of reaching a just and comprehensive solution to the Palestinian issue, based on resolutions of international legitimacy and the Arab Peace Initiative—a solution that ensures the establishment of an

independent Palestinian state on the borders of 4 June 1967, with Al Quds A'Sharqiyah (East Jerusalem) as its capital.

Meanwhile, the world leaders have condemned US President Donald Trump's announcement that United States will "take over" Gaza Strip, dismantle dangerous weapons, get rid of the destroyed buildings and work for economic development of the area. **-ONA**

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BILATERAL RELATIONS

Royal Office Minister meets Pakistan’s Chief of Air Staff

MUSCAT: Gen. Sultan Mohammed Al Nu’amani, Minister of the Royal Office received in his office on Wednesday Air chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmad Babar, Chief of Air Staff of Pakistan’s Air Force and his accompanying delegation.

Bilateral relations
During the meeting, the two sides reviewed bilateral relations binding the Sultanate of Oman and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.
They also discussed means of enhancing joint cooperation in a manner that contributes to the security of the two countries.



The meeting was attended by Air Vice Marshal Khamis Hamad Al Ghafri, Commander of the Royal Air Force of Oman. -ONA

10 FEBRUARY

Medical Education Conference to explore latest innovations

MUSCAT: Sultan Qaboos University (SQU), represented by the College of Medicine and Health Sciences, will hold a 2-day conference titled “Medical Education Conference 2025”, from Monday, 10 February, under the theme “Innovation and Modern Technologies: Opportunities and Challenges”.
Prof. Rashid Khalfan Al Abri, Dean of the SQU College of Medicine and Health Sciences (Chairman of the Medical Education Conference 2025), said in a press statement that the conference represents an important platform for exchanging knowledge and exploring the latest innovations and technologies in medical education.
The participants look forward to fruitful discussions on enhancing academic cooperation and improving the quality of medical education in the region.
The conference focuses on introducing innovative ideas and modern techniques in teaching, assessment and enhancing the wellbeing of participants in medical education. In particular, the event seeks to hone the skills of attendees in leadership and professional growth, in addition to means of supporting educational research scholarships and establishing a network of medical educators who are committed to achieving academic excellence in their respective institutions.
The conference gains special significance due to the fact that it coincides with the meeting of the GCC Deans Committee of Medical



Colleges. It therefore provides an opportunity to upgrade academic cooperation and exchange expertise among medical education institutions in the region.
The conference will be attended by five prominent speakers from the United States, Canada and the Netherlands, who will showcase the latest developments and innovations in medical education, with emphasis on modern technologies and their impact on developing the educational process. -ONA

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DISCUSSED SEVERAL TOPICS

Sayyid Shihab receives Kuwait’s First Deputy PM

MUSCAT: HH Sayyid Shihab bin Tarik Al Said, Deputy Prime Minister for Defence Affairs received in his office at Al Murtafa’a Garrison on Wednesday Sheikh Fahad Yousef Saud Al Sabah, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior in the State of Kuwait and his accompanying delegation.
During the meeting, the two sides reviewed bilateral relations and discussed several topics of common concern.
The meeting was attended by the Secretary General at the Ministry of Defence, the Chief of Staff of the Sultan’s Armed Forces, Ambassador of the State of Kuwait to the Sultanate of Oman and several senior officers from both sides.



Kuwait’s Deputy Prime Minister Visits MSC
Sheikh Fahad Yousef Al Sabah, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior in the State

of Kuwait and his accompanying delegation visited the Maritime Security Centre (MSC).
The guest was accompanied during the visit by Vice Admiral Abdullah Khamis Al Raisi, Chief of Staff of the Sultan’s Armed Forces (SAF).
Upon his arrival at the centre, the guest was received by Rear Admiral Saif Nasser Al Rahbi, Commander of the Royal Navy of Oman (RNO), Chairman of the

Maritime Security Committee and Commodore Adil Hamoud Al Busaidi, Head of the MSC.
The guest and his accompanying delegation listened to a briefing about the MSC’s roles and efforts in maintaining maritime security.
They also toured the centre’s facilities and viewed its latest equipment and technologies which are used in carrying out the its national duties. -ONA

MEETING

Oman and Kuwait to promote cooperation



MUSCAT: Sayyid Hamoud Faisal Al Busaidi, Minister of Interior received in his office yesterday Sheikh Fahad Yousef Saud Al Sabah, first Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior in the State of Kuwait, currently visiting the Sultanate of Oman.
The meeting reviewed the deep-rooted relations between the two countries and discussed means of promoting cooperation

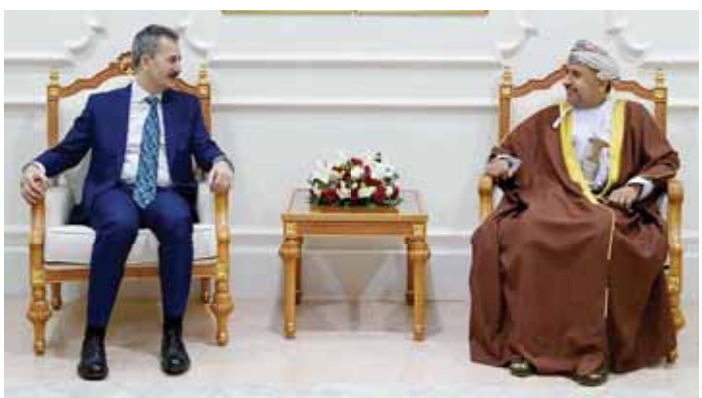
to serve the joint interests. The two sides also exchanged views on a set of issues of common concern.
The meeting was attended by Maj.Gen Abdullah Ali Al Harthy, Assistant Inspector General of Police and Customs for Operations, Eng. Khalid Hilal Al Busaidi, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Interior and Sayyid Khalifa Al Murtas Al Busaidi,

Secretary General at the Ministry of Interior. Meanwhile, it was attended from the Kuwaiti side by Dr. Mohammed Nassir Al Hajri, Ambassador of Kuwait to Oman, Major General Hamed Manahi Al-Mutairi, Assistant Undersecretary for Criminal Security Affairs and Major General Khalid Abdulhadi Al Shanfa, Head of the State Security Apparatus. -ONA

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

Oman, Türkiye to enhance military cooperation

MUSCAT: Dr. Mohammed Nasser Al Za’abi, Secretary General at the Ministry of Defence yesterday received Prof. Haluk Görgün, President of the Defence Industry Agency of the Republic of Türkiye.
During the meeting, the two sides exchanged views on several matters of mutual interest. They also discussed means of enhancing military cooperation.
The meeting was attended by Brigadier Ahmed Ibrahim Ambusaidi, Director General of International Cooperation at the Ministry of Defence. It was also attended by the Ambassador of



the Republic of Türkiye to the Sultanate of Oman and the Military

Attaché of Türkiye’s embassy in Muscat. -ONA

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Sohar Sulphur Fertilizers boosts Oman’s status in global market

The company, which exports its products to more than 26 countries around the world, is headquartered in Madayn in the Wilayat of Sohar

SOHAR: Sohar Sulphur Fertilizers company, which specialises in the production of sulphur fertilisers, is undertaking efforts to support and enhance Omani exports. The company, which exports its products to more than 26 countries around the world, is head-



quartered in Madayn in the Wilayat of Sohar in North Al Batinah Governorate. Sohar Sulphur Fertilizers was established in 2011 as a joint venture between OQ (a subsidiary of Oman Investment Authority) and Aqua Venture International, with the aim of developing an Omani

hub for manufacturing and marketing sulphur fertilisers-bentonite and other micronutrients. Abdulhakeem Ahmed Al Qasmi, Acting Managing Director at Sohar Sulphur Fertilizers, said that the firm's plant is the first of its kind in the Sultanate of Oman that produces sulphur-bentonite

fertilisers. He pointed out that the plant has an annual production capacity of up to 60,000 tonnes. The company's main product is 90 percent pure sulphur fertilizers, in addition to a set of micronutrient-based fertilisers like copper (Cu), manganese (Mn), zinc (Zn),



boron (Bo), iron (Fe), molybdenum (Mo), and magnesium (Mg). Al Qasmi told Oman News Agency (ONA) that, by the end of 2024, the company expanded its product portfolio to cover 22 products. He explained that the production unit utilises advanced technology and a fully automated SCADA system. The company met 105% of its target production plan, with a production volume of 48,500 tonnes during 2024, said Al Qasmi, add-

ing that the value of sales grew to OMR3.9 million (equivalent to \$10.3 million). Al Qasimi stressed that these achievements enhance the position of Sohar Sulphur Fertilizers as a strategic partner in supporting the agricultural sector, both locally and internationally. He added that the company plays a central role in augmenting the Sultanate of Oman's performance in providing sustainable agricultural solutions that contribute towards achieving global food security and in meeting the needs of growing agricultural markets. Al Abri underscored the company's ongoing commitment to innovation and development to ensure added value for Omani exports and consolidating Oman's position as a global centre for the production of high-quality fertilisers that support sustainable agricultural development, thus affirming Oman's ambitious vision for the national economy. -ONA

FIRST MEETING

OMR145mn worth projects awarded by Tender Board

MUSCAT: The Tender Board on Wednesday held its first meeting of the year (2025) during which it awarded a number of tenders and additional works complementing development projects to the tune of OMR145,274,094. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Said Mohammed Al Saqri, Minister of Economy, Chairman of the Tender Board. Major endorsed works included the design and construction of 20 integrated buildings for schools in different governorates of the Sultanate of Oman (OMR39,711,95), the establishment of a multi-pur-



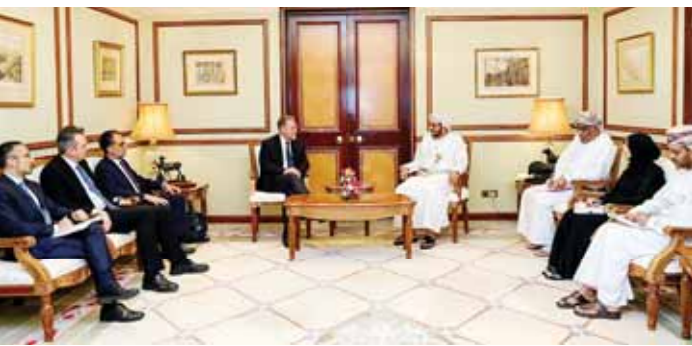
pose port in the Wilayat of Masirah in the South Al Sharqiyah Governorate (OMR28,612,449) and an agreement to grant Microsoft soft-

ware licences to some government institutions for a period of three years (OMR21,580,376). -ONA

MEETING

Oman and Italy exchange views on regional issues

MUSCAT: Sheikh Khalifa Ali Al Harthy, Undersecretary of the Foreign Ministry for Political Affairs on Wednesday received Edmondo Cirielli, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Italian Republic. During the meeting, the two sides reviewed means of enhancing and developing bilateral cooperation in all fields in a manner that serves joint interests. They also exchanged views on regional issues and developments in the Middle East. The meeting was attended by



Munthir Mahfoudh Al Manthiri, Head of the Europe Department at the Foreign Ministry and

Pierluigi D'Elia, Ambassador of Italy to Oman and several officials from both sides. -ONA

ECLECTIC ARRAY OF PERFORMANCES

Get inspired with music classics at ROHM

Times News Service

MUSCAT: February is set to feature an eclectic array of performances at Royal Opera House Muscat that blend classic artistry and education. The exciting lineup will feature 'A Thousand and One Nights', a beautiful classical ballet by Fikret Amirov, from the prestigious Primorsky Stage of the Mariinsky Theatre in Vladivostok. Adding to the standard of excellence which is the stamp of the season, ROHM presents the annual concert featuring ROHM's very own regal pipe organ, with renowned organist Claudio Astronio, and, a series of events and two concerts paying homage to the Arab legend Mohammed Abdul Wahab. As a cultural beacon in the Middle East, ROHM's commitment to a packed and engaging programme of outreach events is also prominent over the next month. **Upcoming Performances** Beginning with 'A Thousand and One Nights' on February 6 and 7, ROHM showcases a ballet to enchant a global audience, set to evocative Middle Eastern-inspired music, the ballet explores iconic tales such as 'Sinbad the Sailor' and 'Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves'. Experience the grand explosion



of sound at the Pipe Organ Concert on February 13. ROHM's unique pipe organ stars in the annual concert with organist Claudio Astronio, the Piccoli Cantori di Torino (children's choir), and the Royal Oman Symphony Orchestra conducted by Gianluca Marciano. Two children's choirs from Muscat schools will join the children's choir on stage in an exciting connection between cultures and a young generation of voices, enabling lasting memories for participants and audiences. This concert celebrates the legacy and grandeur of Oman's pipe organ, in sweet contrast to the ex-

quisite sounds of a celebrated children's choir. Homage to Mohammed Abdul Wahab on February 15 & 20 will honour Arab music legend Mohammed Abdul Wahab with two concerts featuring prominent singers Ali El Hagggar, Mohammed Mohsen, Reham Abdul Hakim, and Jahida Wehbe. The event is part of a week-long tribute celebration not to be missed for music lovers, including an exhibition, several discussion sessions and a rare screening of his much loved musical film 'A Bullet in the Heart'. ROHM's Exceptional Educa-

tional and Outreach Initiatives The rich educational and outreach programme at ROHM aims to inspire and cultivate a passion for arts and music in Oman. In February, a special array of activities delve into the inner workings of the opera house. **Aim to nurture the next generation of musical technicians and artists.** ROHM is offering children of different ages an invaluable experience of each department of the opera house, a chance to meet the experts who 'keep the show on the road'.

Workshops will be presented on make-up, costumes, lighting, props, sound, photography, storytelling, and design on February 1, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. As part of the opera house's Emerging Talents initiative, join us on 9th February for a special night with Thomas Hampson, a Grammy Award winning international baritone. He will star in a concert joined by Muscat Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and Omani Opera Choir Group, conducted by Lubnan Balbaaki. 7pm at ROHMA. Yet another Emerging Talents initiative on February 24 brings together a concert by Simon Zhu, winner of the 2023 Paganini Prize. Zhu recently performed on Paganini's legendary Cannone violin in London before King Charles III. His performance is accompanied by pianist Gile Bae, under the artistic direction of Nicola Bruzzo. Registration is free and open to everyone. The initiative extends to educational sessions consisting of a masterclass by Simon Zhu in collaboration with pianist Gile Bae, open to violin students in addition to a talk by Paganini Prize President on the history of the prize. Both initiatives on February 23. Inspired by a season full of fairy tales, Let's Read is a monthly event throughout the season welcomes

all ages where they get to experience and explore the stories with expression and imagination, reading aloud from the pages of Robin Hood. The readings will be in the Music Library at Royal Opera House of Musical Arts on February 22. As part of the programme to honour the late Mohammed Abdul Wahab, Royal Opera House Muscat will be holding educational and outreach activities daily from 12 - 18 February. February 12: A discussion by Dr. Shereen Badr on Abdul Wahab's collaboration with Umm Kulthum, examining their impact on Arab music. February 14 and 19: A casual session, Coffee and Dates, with leading singers of the concert at 5:00 PM. February 17: Spirit of the Orient, a quintet concert of instrumental pieces from Abdul Wahab's repertoire at 7pm. February 18: Screening of 'A Bullet in the Heart' (1944) with a pre-screening discussion led by Ameer Ramsis, Nahla Mattar, and Mohammed Nabil. Let's read February 22 for Robin Hood 10-11 Arabic and 12pm-1pm English. Students will attend. With diverse performances and hands-on educational experiences, ROHM offers something for everyone this February.



Photos: Mazid Al-Mazid

The Bima Oman League for Academies has already seen competitions in five other governorates - Al Wusta, Al Buraimi, Al Dhahirah, and Al Sharqiyah North and South - where 14 academies have qualified for the finals in Muscat, scheduled for mid-April.



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MARITIME SECTOR

Omani-Jordanian panel holds discussion

MUSCAT: The Joint Omani-Jordanian Maritime Committee reviewed in Muscat yesterday aspects of cooperation in the maritime sector.

It also discussed means of enhancing the partnership between the two countries in the areas of safety and security, marine environment protection, as well as maritime education and training.

The two sides stressed the importance of continuous coordination and joint work to develop the maritime transport system and enhance integration between the departments concerned in the two countries, in a way that



achieves common interests and contributes to realising sustainable development for this vital sector.

The two-day meeting discusses mechanisms for activating the maritime transport agreement signed between the two coun-

tries, and the memorandum of mutual recognition of seafarers' certificates of eligibility, in manner that contributes to developing the maritime sector and enhancing opportunities for future cooperation between Oman and Jordan.

The Omani side was represented by Eng. Khamis Mohammed Al Shamakhi, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technology for Transport, while the Jordanian side was represented by Eng. Omar Mustafa Al Dabbas, Director General of the Jordanian Maritime Authority. -**ONA**

MEETING

Oman, US military officials hold talks



MUSCAT: Air Vice Marshal Khamis Hammad Al Ghafri, Commander of the Royal Air Force of Oman (RAFO) on Wednesday received Lieutenant General Derek C. France, Commander of the Ninth Air Force (Air Forces Central) of the United States of America.

During the meeting, both sides exchanged views on several topics of mutual concern.

The meeting was attended by Air Commodore Khalid Mohammed Al Abri, RAFO Director General of Operations. -**ONA**

OMAN CX AWARDS

Online voting process to decide awards

<FROM A1 Key topics at the event will include leveraging AI and automation for enhanced customer experience, personalising customer journeys, strategies for improving customer loyalty, measuring CX success with data analytics, fostering a customer-centric culture, empowering frontline staff, enhancing emotional connections with customers, and delivering superior service experiences.

A key highlight of the event will be the Oman CX Awards,

recognising organisations that have demonstrated outstanding customer experience across more than 30 categories.

What sets these awards apart is that winners will be determined through a nationwide online voting process, allowing consumers across Oman to choose brands that deliver exceptional experiences. Commenting on the significance of the event, Ahmed bin Essa Al Zedjali, Chief Executive Officer of Muscat Media Group, stated: "In today's competitive

business landscape, customer experience is a key differentiator that drives brand loyalty and growth.

"The Oman CX Forum & Awards will not only celebrate excellence in CX but also foster meaningful discussions that inspire businesses to elevate their customer engagement strategies. We are excited to bring together industry pioneers and decision-makers for this significant initiative."

The Oman CX Forum & Awards

promises to be a landmark event for businesses that prioritize customer satisfaction and innovation. With participation from leading organisations and CX professionals, the event will serve as a unique platform for networking, knowledge-sharing, and celebrating achievements in the field.

For more information on partnership opportunities, award nominations and event details, please contact: Najat Al Rashdi, Email: najat@mmg.om, Mobile: +968 91400211

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am pleased to present the report of Muscat Thread Mills SAOG, for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Preview of Results:

During the year 2024, overall business conditions were cordial and remained stable contributing towards improved performance visa-a-vis previous year.

During the year, your company achieved a turnover of about OMR 4.3 million, which is higher by about thirty percent than that of OMR 3.3 million achieved during the previous year 2023. Controlled measures applied on input costs and other operating expenses, have resulted in earning profit after tax of OMR 366K for the year 2024, as against OMR 120K profit after tax earned during the previous year 2023. Net worth as on 31 December 2024 was as at OMR 2.24 million compared to OMR 1.95 million as on 31 December 2023.

Operations:

During the year under review, the company sold 1,304 metric tons of sewing thread as against 982 metric tons sold during last year. The company's revenue is mainly generated from exports, which account for about eighty-five percent of total revenue.

Dividend:

The Company's dividend policy is to reward the shareholders by distributing an optimal amount of profits earned during the year. While considering the payout for the year, the Board of Directors considers the need for retention due to new project/investment possibilities and additional working capital to be financed. The Company strives to maintain a balance between current payout and a sustainable, growing dividend rate.

In view of good performance of the Company during 2024, and after reviewing the company's liquidity requirements, future earnings and shareholders interest, the Board is pleased to recommend a cash dividend of 10% (being ten baizas for each paid up share of one hundred baizas) and 7.5% bonus shares of the issued share capital for the year 2024 i.e. 7.5 shares for every one hundred shares. Dividend distribution is subject to approval by shareholders in their Annual General Meeting to be held on 3 March 2025

Outlook:

It is believed that the business environment throughout will gradually improve during the year or at least remain stable. The company is continuing its focused approach to establish its presence in new markets, diversifying into different product categories, to obtain an optimum product mix of volume business, along with high value items, for long term sustainability.

Considering the prevailing business environment, company's strengths, facilities and resources available at its disposal, your board is of the view that company will continue its operations and shall discharge its liabilities for foreseeable future.

International Accreditation:

During the year under review, company has maintained its upgraded international quality certification of DekoTex Standard 100 to annexure 6, class 1 level that is related to the product and had also retained its quality system accreditation of ISO 9001:2015.

Human Resources:

Company encourages recruitment and retaining

of local talent in each area of activity. Providing on-the-job training and as per identified needs, outsourced professional training is awarded to local employees to motivate them and to increase their participation in various activities. The company provides healthy and cordial working atmosphere to its employees to obtain best results from them.

Corporate Governance:

The Board of Directors and the Management are committed to the principles of Corporate Governance as laid down by the Financial Services Authority.

Internal Control Systems:

The company is employing adequate resources commensurate with the nature and size of its operations to ensure that effective internal control systems are in place and to comply with all applicable laws, regulations and ensure safeguarding of company's assets.

The Board, through the Audit Committee, reviews the adequacy, effectiveness, and compliance of the control procedures and of risk management practices. Further, internal and external auditors submit their reports with their observations and recommendations for improvements in the existing internal control systems. Management reviews those recommendations and takes necessary steps for continuous improvement.

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR):

The company acknowledges and appreciates Financial Services Authority's initiative on Corporate Social Responsibility and looks at various alternatives in reaching out to the needs of the society. The CSR charter is in place and management did make necessary plans for CSR, which was approved by your Board, based on amount that was allocated for the year 2024, amounting to OMR 1,900. Activities as per plan included donating to such organizations which are approved by the Financial Affairs and Energy Resources Council or similar organizations operating in the field of promoting education, sports or providing medical facilities. Your company is looking into different avenues and opportunities for contributing towards CSR, going forward.

Acknowledgement:

On behalf of the Board of Directors and employees of the company, I would like to express our sincere gratitude to His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tariq for his wise leadership and generous support to the private sector. We also thank the government, under his leadership, for taking timely and effective measures to protect the people and to support the economy during critical periods.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to shareholders for continued confidence reposed in the company and to employees for their dedication and hard work.

We also thank the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment promotion, other government authorities/ ministries, the Financial Services Authority, Muscat Stock Exchange, Muscat Clearing & Depository Co. and our bankers for their support.

On behalf of Board of Directors,
Chairman.
3 February 2025

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024 RO	2023 RO
ASSETS		
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	731,595	607,695
Right of use assets	156,279	166,936
Deferred tax asset	51,632	55,659
	939,806	830,190
Current assets		
Inventories	1,553,880	1,256,571
Trade and other receivables	953,066	861,936
Cash and bank balances	148,748	211,051
	2,655,694	2,329,558
Total assets	3,595,500	3,159,748
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Equity		
Share capital	1,639,411	1,607,265
Legal reserve	258,872	222,316
General reserve	21,500	-
Retained earnings	315,516	120,255
Total equity	2,235,299	1,950,106
Liabilities		
Non-current liabilities		
Non-current portion of lease liabilities	183,137	187,382
Employees' end of service benefits	164,139	143,109
	347,276	330,491
Current liabilities		
Current portion of lease liabilities	5,289	4,646
Current portion of term loan	-	21,823
Bank borrowings	12,737	198,047
Trade and other payables	895,615	628,257
Income tax payable	99,284	36,378
	1,012,925	879,151
Total liabilities	1,360,201	1,209,642
Total equity and liabilities	3,595,500	3,159,748
Net assets per share	0.136	0.121

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024 RO	2023 RO
Revenue	4,280,954	3,282,061
Cost of goods sold	(3,018,577)	(2,461,132)
Gross profit	1,262,377	820,929
Other income	7,658	3,490
Reversal of provision for slow moving inventories	-	14,726
Reversal of allowance for expected credit losses on trade and other receivables	18,835	1,020
	1,288,870	840,165
Selling and distribution expenses	(551,769)	(411,356)
Administrative and general expenses	(247,113)	(198,905)
Provision for slow-moving inventories	(19,150)	-
Profit from operations	470,838	229,904
Finance charges	(38,749)	(41,499)
Profit for the year before taxation	432,089	188,405
Income tax	(66,533)	(68,674)
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year	365,556	119,731
Basic and diluted earnings per share (2023: restated)	0.022	0.007

Note: The complete accounts are available on MSX website. If required, the same can also be provided by email or post in Arabic or English, in seven days, on receipt of written request from the shareholder.

CONDOLENCES

"ON THE SAD DEMISE OF"



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Our collective hearts are with you during this time of sorrow. We are all deeply sorry for your loss. Our thoughts are with you and your family.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER ISSUED

Trump orders US withdrawal from UN bodies

Washington DC: President Donald Trump on Tuesday signed an executive order withdrawing the US from the United Nations' Human Rights Council (UNHRC). The order is also prompting a review of US funding for the United Nations.

Trump also ordered a US withdrawal from the UN relief agency for Palestinians (UNRWA).

He said that Washington intends to review its involvement in the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO).

Trump pulled the US out of UNHRC in 2018 during his first term in office. Former President Joe Biden reinstated the US' membership of the organisation in 2021.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres "has worked tirelessly to implement many reforms ... to increase efficiency and innovation," his spokesperson Stephane Dujarric said in response to Trump's announcement.

"US support for the United Nations has saved countless lives and advanced global security," he said. "The Secretary-General looks forward to continuing his productive relationship with President Trump and the US Government to strengthen that relationship in today's turbulent world."

"More generally, the executive order calls for review of American involvement and funding in the UN in light of the wild disparities and levels of funding among different countries," said Scharf. — **DW**

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‘Unacceptable, absurd’: World reacts to Trump’s plan of US ‘taking over’ Gaza

Senior Hamas official Sami Abu Zuhri said they consider the plan a ‘recipe for generating chaos and tension in the region’

WASHINGTON, DC: World has reacted to US President Donald Trump's announcement that United States will "take over" Gaza Strip, dismantle dangerous weapons, get rid of the destroyed buildings and work for economic development of the area. Calling Trump's plan "ridiculous and absurd," senior Hamas official Sami Abu Zuhri said they consider the plan a "recipe for generating chaos and tension in the region."

Abu Zuhri said, "Trump's remarks about his desire to control Gaza are ridiculous and absurd, and any ideas of this kind are capable of igniting the region." He added, "We consider them [the plan]

a recipe for generating chaos and tension in the region because the people of Gaza will not allow such plans to pass."

Hamas spokesman Abdel Latif al-Qanou said, "the American racist stance aligns with the Israeli extreme right's position in displacing our people and eliminating our cause."

Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) Secretary-General Hussein al-Sheikh said the PLO rejects all calls for the displacement of the Palestinians from their homeland, according to Al

Jazeera report.

In a post on X, he stated, "The Palestinian leadership affirms its firm position that the two-state solution, in accordance with international legitimacy and international law, is the guarantee of security, stability and peace."

Palestinian delegation to the United Nations leader, Riyad Mansour, said Palestinians in Gaza should be allowed to go back to what were once their "original homes" in Israel.

Mansour said, "For those who want to send the Palestinian people to a 'nice place', allow them to go back to their original homes in what is now Israel."

"The Palestinian people want to rebuild Gaza because this is where we belong," he added.

Saudi Arabia reiterated its support for independent Palestinian state and said that it would not diplomatic ties with Israel until the creation of such a state with East Jerusalem as its capital.

In a statement on Wednesday, Saudi Arabia's Foreign Ministry stated that country's stance on the establishment of a Palestin-

ian state is "firm and unwavering" and recalled the statement made by Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud during his speech at the opening of the first session of the ninth term of the Shura Council on September 18 last year.

In a statement shared on X, Saudi Arabia's Foreign Ministry said, "The Ministry of Foreign Affairs affirms that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's position on the establishment of a Palestinian state is firm and unwavering. His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Crown Prince and Prime Minister clearly and unequivocally reaffirmed this stance during his speech at the opening of the first session of the ninth term of the Shura Council on September 18, 2024. His Royal Highness emphasized that Saudi Arabia will continue its relentless efforts to establish an independent Palestinian state with East Jerusalem as its capital, and will not establish diplomatic relations with Israel without that."

US Senator Chris Murphy said US invasion of Gaza would result in the "slaughter of thousands of US troops." In a post on X, Murphy stated, "He's totally lost it. A U.S. invasion of Gaza would lead to the slaughter of thousands of

U.S. troops and decades of war in the Middle East. It's like a bad, sick joke."

Democrat lawmaker Van Hollen said, "Trump's proposal to push two million Palestinians out of Gaza and take 'ownership' by force, if necessary, is simply ethnic cleansing by another name."

He added, "This declaration will give ammunition to Iran and other adversaries while undermining our Arab partners in the region."

He said Trump's proposal defies decades of bipartisan US support for a two-state solution. He added, "Congress must stand up to this dangerous and reckless scheme."

US-based Muslim Advocacy group Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) said Gaza belongs to Palestinian people. CAIR National Executive Director Nihad Awad termed Trump's call to displace Palestinians from their land either permanently or temporarily an "absolute non-starter."

Nihad Awad said, "Gaza belongs to the Palestinian people, not the United States, and President Trump's call to displace Palestinians from their land either temporarily or permanently is an absolute non-starter. Jordan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and the entire Muslim world have made it clear that this delusional idea is unacceptable." — **ANI**

US AIR FORCE PLANE

Indian migrants deported by the US arrive home

AMRITSAR: The US Air Force plane carrying Indian citizens who allegedly illegally migrated to the US arrived in Punjab's Amritsar on Wednesday.

Earlier on Tuesday, a US Embassy spokesperson said that while specific details cannot be shared, the United States is vigorously enforcing its border and immigration laws. The spokesperson emphasised that the actions taken send a "clear message that illegal migration is not worth the risk."

"I have received a number of inquiries on the report of a deportation flight to India. I can't share any details on those inquiries, but I can share, on the record, that the United States is vigorously enforcing its border, tightening immigration laws, and removing illegal migrants. These actions send a clear message: illegal migration is not worth the risk," a US Embassy spokesperson said.

On January 24, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) had stated that it would facilitate the return of Indian nationals "overstaying" or residing without proper documentation in the United States or "anywhere in the world."

While addressing a press briefing in New Delhi, MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said, "We are against illegal immigration, especially because it is linked to several

forms of organised crime."

He added, "For Indians not just in the United States, but anywhere in the world, if they are Indian nationals and they are overstaying, or they are in a particular country without proper documentation, we will take them back, provided documents are shared with us so that we can verify their nationality and that they are indeed Indians. If that happens to be the case, we will take things forward and facilitate their return to India."

The deportation has already taken a political turn with the Congress claiming that the US was treating Indian citizens poorly.

"Shocking & shameful! The way the US is deporting Indians-chained like criminals--is inhumane & unacceptable. Why is PM Narendra Modi silent? Where is self-respect? Dr S Jaishankar what are you doing to stop this humiliation of our people? Speak up & act Now," posted Congress MP Manickam Tagore.

Meanwhile, CBS News reported that U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement is releasing some migrant detainee. This as its detention system has exceeded maximum capacity amid a spike in arrests under President Trump.

According to CBS News, space inside detention facilities was at 109% capacity, with the close to 42,000 migrant detainees. — **ANI**

SUDAN

Is the bloody war heading towards an end?

KHARTOUM: The most recent advances by the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) against the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) in Sudan's capital Khartoum and the nearby city of Omdurman indicate a change to the bitter and bloody stalemate that has dominated the past months of the Sudanese war.

Last week, General Abdel-Fattah Burhan, who heads the SAF, returned to headquarters in Khartoum for the first time in almost two years. Earlier in January, the SAF had managed to recapture the strategically important city of Wad Madani, which is around 180 kilometres (110 miles) south of Khartoum.

"When Wad Madani fell to the Rapid Support Forces in December 2023, a shock went through the entire country," Hager Ali, a researcher at the German Institute for Global and Area Studies, told DW.

"The Sudanese lost confidence in the Sudanese Armed Forces' ability, which is why Wad Madani is seared into the peoples' memories as a watershed moment," she added. The RSF had burned crops, razed fields and destroyed farming equipment.

"They weaponized hunger against the people of Sudan in order to establish control," Ali explained, adding that "this was the moment when food insecurity not only became worse by a hundred-fold, it also became something that nobody is going to be able to remedy for the foreseeable future."

Owing to the loss of vital infrastructure in the central city, "the tactical and strategic significance that Wad Madani had a year ago as Sudan's breadbasket is almost gone," so the expert.

Darfur as the next and last battle?

Since the RSF's loss of Wad Madani, many of its paramilitary fighters have retreated to Sudan's western Darfur region, where the RSF control four out of five districts.

"The countdown for an end of the war has begun, the field of war has moved to El Fasher, the capital of North Darfur," Osman Mir-

ghani, the editor-in-chief of the Sudanese newspaper Al-Tayar, told DW's radio show Sudan Now.

According to UN estimates, the humanitarian situation in Darfur has become particularly dire. Some 1.6 million people are displaced from North Darfur alone, around two million people are facing extreme food insecurity, while 320,000 are already in famine conditions.

Sudanese civilians across the country have been bearing the brunt of the conflict, which broke out in April 2023 when General Abdel-Fattah Burhan fell out with his former deputy General Mohammed Hamdan Dagalo over the integration of the paramilitary RSF into the regular army.

Clashes between both forces and their allies killed tens of thousands of civilians and displaced more than 12 million. Over 30 million Sudanese, over half of them children, are in need of humanitarian aid. According to the US-based global relief organisation International Rescue Committee, Sudan's war has triggered the "largest humanitarian crisis ever recorded."

This week, Volker Turk, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights warned that the "senseless war" has taken an "even more dangerous turn for civilians." The comment came on the heels of an incident last weekend, when the paramilitary RSF killed at least 54 civilians and injured more than 160 at a market in Omdurman. A few days earlier, at least 70 people had been killed in an RSF attack on a hospital in El Fasher.

As of now, the RSF has denied

any wrongdoing and instead accused the Sudanese army and its allies of striking the hospital.

The United Nations Human Rights Office also stated that it was investigating "disturbing video footage that surfaced on 30 January, in which men in SAF uniforms (...) appear to read out a list of alleged RSF collaborators," as if to indicate they were keeping a ledger of individuals killed.

While the allegations in the video are still being examined, Turk has warned that "such killings must not become normalised."

Sanctions and war crimes

Meanwhile, after almost two years of warnings, one of the last acts by the outgoing US administration under Joe Biden was to impose sanctions on both generals.

The RSF under General Mohammed Dagalo, also known as Hemedti, was accused of committing genocide, as well as grave human rights violations.

The SAF under General Abdel-Fattah Burhan was accused of committing lethal attacks against civilians and of undermining the goal of a democratic transition.

"These sanctions represent the most significant international intervention to date," Leena Badri, a researcher at the London-based think tank Chatham House, wrote earlier this month in an op-ed.

"For the RSF, the sanctions and subsequent genocide determination will surely thwart Hemedti's plan to develop a civilian administration in his strongholds," she argued.

"Burhan has benefited from his

position as the de facto leader of Sudan (...) but with US sanctions imposed on both him and Hemedti, his status will appear reduced," she added.

Trump as peacemaker?

As part of Biden's sanctions, the US treasury department also blacklisted seven companies from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and accused them of funnelling arms, finances and support to the RSF.

However, the UAE have been denying being the key supporter for the RSF even though evidence in the form of UAE-produced arms indicate the opposite. The SAF is publicly supported by Egypt and Qatar.

It is still unclear in what ways US President Donald Trump would continue US policy on Sudan during his second term.

During his first term, Trump had delisted Sudan from the US list of terror organizations. He had also brokered a normalization agreement between Sudan and Israel in return for economic relief. The series of agreements, dubbed as Abraham Accords, between Arab states and Israel also included the United Arab Emirates, Morocco and Bahrain.

However, Badri is not too hopeful that US pressure alone could push the warring generals toward an end of the war.

"President Trump has repeatedly shown a willingness to antagonise even America's closest allies in pursuit of his own goals," she said. — **DW**

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OMAN CRUDE PRICE RISES
The price of Oman oil has increased, with prices for delivery by April 2025 reaching \$78.37, said Dubai Mercantile Exchange (DME). The DME statement said that the price of Oman oil rose by 96 cents from the price of Tuesday, which was \$77.41. - **ONA**

MARKET

BUSINESS & FINANCE



MSX INDEX ENDS LOWER
Muscat Stock Exchange (MSX) general index (30) dropped 13.6 points, comprising a decline by 0.30% to close at 4573.33 points, compared to the last session, which stood at 4586.91 points.



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Muscat Stock Exchange drops marginally in monthly trading

The total volume of shares traded in the exchange fell by 33.4% to 424.8 million during January-2025 shares as compared to 638.1 million in December-2024

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The MSX 30 index registered a marginal decline of 0.7% during January-2025 after gains at the start of the month were offset by declines during the week to close the month at 4,543.21 points, according to a new report.

"In terms of sector performance, only one out of the three sector indices on the exchange recorded a



decline during January-2025," the Kuwait-based Kamco Invest said in its GCC Markets Monthly Report January 2025.

The Services Index recorded registered a decline of 2.9% during January-2025 to close the month at 1,692.3 points mainly driven by a fall in shares of some of the relatively larger cap companies in the sector, including Salalah Port Services (-10.8%) and Al Jazeera Services Co (-8.3%). In comparison, the Financial Index registered a 1.3% monthly gain during January-2025 to close the month at 7,824.03

points, while the Industrial Index witnessed a gain of 2.6% to close the month at 5,409.3 points.

The report further said that in terms of company performance, Construction Material Industries Company topped the gainers list for January-2025 with a share price gain of 51.1% after the company reported a 97% reduction in its annual loss that reached OMR423,000 in FY-2024 as compared to a loss of OMR145,720 in FY-2023. Majan Glass Company and the Financial Corporation Company were next with share

price gains of 28.6% and 24.2%, respectively. On the decliner's side, Oman Chromite Company led the league with a 21.9% share price fall followed by National Finance Company and Oman Investment & Finance Co which witnessed a share price drop of 14.3% and 13.7%, respectively. Shares of National Finance Co. declined despite the company reporting 9.1% growth in its year-on-year (y-o-y) net profits that reached OMR12.1 million in FY-2024 as compared to OMR11.1 million in FY-2023.

The Kamco Invest report further

said that trading activity on the exchange witnessed fell during January-2025. The total volume of shares traded in the exchange fell by 33.4% to 424.8 million during January-2025 shares as compared to 638.1 million in December-2024. Similarly, total value traded in the exchange declined by 32.3% to OMR71.3 million against OMR105.2 million in December-2024. OQ Exploration & Production topped the monthly value traded chart with trades at OMR17.5 million followed by OQ Base Industries (OQBI) and Bank Muscat with total value traded at OMR13.3 million and OMR9.3 million, respectively. In terms of monthly volume traded, OQBI topped the list with 45.6 million shares followed by OQ Exploration & Production and OQ Gas Networks with volumes at 54.4 million shares and 40.1 million shares, respectively.

In economic news, the Sultanate's Ministry of Finance disclosed its projection for Oman's real gross domestic product (GDP) to reach OMR38.39 billion by the end of 2024 and OMR39.43 billion by the end of 2025. Oman's economy witnessed growth in both its oil and non-oil sectors at the end of Q3-2024 reflecting the country's continued efforts by the government to

increase non-oil revenues. In terms of 2025 projections, the government assumed an average global oil price that ranges between \$70 to \$80 per barrel. In terms of budget, the government estimates total revenues to reach OMR11.2 billion in 2025, with oil and gas revenues comprising over 70% of the total. The estimated budget deficit for 2025 is OMR620 million, alongside a 1.5% increase in total government expenditure, which is expected to reach OMR11.8 billion. Oman anticipates that the 2025 budget will contribute to economic growth of 2.7% during the year.

The Kamco Invest report further said that GCC equity markets started the year on a positive note, in line with most other global indices that witnessed gains at the start of the year, reversing the declines seen during December-2024. Kuwait was the best performing market in the GCC during the month with a gain of 5.7%, the biggest monthly gain in twelve months, highlighting gains across all segments on Boursa Kuwait. Saudi Arabia was next with a gain of 3.1% followed by UAE markets, Abu Dhabi and Dubai, with marginal gains of 1.8% and 0.4%, respectively.

OMAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

Symposium focuses on empowering SMEs

MUSCAT: Acting in cooperation with Reema Integrated Projects Foundation, Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OCCI) is organising a 2-day symposium on empowering small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and addressing their common challenges. The opening ceremony was held under the auspices of Badr Salim Al Maamari, Secretary General of the Tender Board.

Enhancing cooperation
The symposium deals with major challenges posed to SMEs in the local market. It addresses the roles of financing firms and local content programmes in supporting



the growth of SMEs. It also looks into ways of enhancing cooperation among stakeholders to support SMEs and develop solutions to overcome the challenges facing them.

An exhibition for entrepreneurs is being held on the sidelines of the symposium to showcase SME products and services. The exhibition seeks to highlight the talents of entrepreneurs, open up new

marketing channels for SMEs, expand opportunities for SMEs to reach new beneficiaries and partners and cement communication among entrepreneurs, supporting bodies and investors. - **ONA**

OMAN ARAB BANK

OAB gears up to launch new suite of commercial banking services

MUSCAT: As part of its continuous efforts to lead the banking sector, Oman Arab Bank is set to unveil a new suite of commercial banking services tailored for small and medium enterprises, corporate clients, and government entities.

These services will incorporate advanced technologies such as Host-to-Host, SWIFTNet, and virtual accounts.

The launch will take place on February 9 at a special event organised by the bank, which will be attended by many clients from various sectors.

Designed with a strong emphasis on security and user-friendliness, the new services will allow clients to effortlessly manage their financial operations at any time and from any location. Corporate clients will gain complete oversight and efficient management of financial transactions.

By leveraging cutting-edge technology, these services are expected to significantly reduce businesses' operational efforts, minimise human errors, and accelerate payment and financial settlement processes with unparalleled precision.

RECORD BREAKING Q4

CFI caps off record-breaking 2024 with unprecedented Q4 performance, surpassing \$1.12 trillion in trading volume

DUBAI, UAE: CFI Financial Group, a leading global online trading provider, has concluded 2024 with record-breaking achievements, reinforcing its status as one of the fastest-growing online trading providers worldwide.

With an all-time high in trading volumes, exponential growth in active clients, and significant global expansion, CFI has set new industry benchmarks, solidifying its position as a dominant force in online trading.

Q4 2024: A Historic finish to a landmark year
Unprecedented Trading Volume: In Q4 2024, CFI shattered previous records, surpassing \$1.12 trillion in trading volume, exceeding Q3's \$1.03 trillion.

This milestone brings H2 2024's total to a staggering \$2.15 trillion, reflecting a 142% year-over-year increase from H2 2023.

Surging Client Activity: Q4 saw a 27% increase from Q3 in active clients. New clients continued



their rapid ascent, reinforcing CFI's commitment to providing accessible and efficient trading solutions.

Soaring Client Deposits & Transactions: Q4 saw a 39% increase in client funding, following a 31% jump in Q3, reflecting growing confidence in CFI's offerings.

Strategic Expansion & Leadership Reinforcement in Q4
CFI's relentless pursuit of global growth and leadership reinforcement was evident in Q4 with key expansions and executive appointments, including:

Launch of CFI Financial Investment Company in Azerbaijan, marking the firm's first licensed

local presence in the region, with Ilgar Rustambayli appointed as CEO.

Commencement of operations in South Africa, furthering CFI's reach across continents, with Zihad Israfil named CEO.

Opening of CFI's third UAE office in Sharjah following its second one in Abu Dhabi, strengthening the company's regional presence and accessibility.

Introduction of the CFI Rewards Program, offering exclusive incentives such as VIP experiences at global sporting events and unique client engagement opportunities.

Appointment of Ahmad Khatib as Chief Business Development Officer and Ziad Melhem as Chief Marketing Officer, further strengthening CFI's leadership team and positioning the company for continued strategic growth.

Industry-Leading Partnerships & Brand Expansion
Official Online Trading Partner of MI Cape Town, connecting with

cricket's massive 2.5 billion-strong global audience.

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Launch of the "Trading Transparency+" Program, an initiative dedicated to market education, trading realities, and risk awareness, reinforcing CFI's commitment to responsible trading.

2024: A Year of Unparalleled Success & Growth
Total annual trading volume exceeding previous records, cementing CFI as an industry leader.

A 120% year-over-year increase in new clients, reflecting traders and investors solid demand for the company's services.

Expansion into new markets, solidifying CFI's international footprint and reputation as a top-tier financial institution.

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and seamless platform integrations, enhancing the overall trading experience.

New Global Brand Ambassador Lewis Hamilton, Seven-Time Formula 1™ World Champion, aligning with the group's unwavering pursuit of excellence, innovation, and advocacy for diversity and inclusion.

Strategic Regional Partnerships with the Department of Culture and Tourism - Abu Dhabi, including extended collaborations with NBA Abu Dhabi Games and UFC 308, as well as partnerships with FIBA WASL, the Khaleeji Zain 2024 GCC Cup and many more.

Looking ahead to 2025
Building on this extraordinary year, CFI remains committed to sustained growth, technological innovation, and expanding its reach in key markets. With new initiatives in the pipeline, CFI is poised to redefine excellence in the online trading industry in 2025 and beyond.

MARKET

MSX index ends lower

The trading value stood at OMR 1,948,884, comprising a decrease by 98.8%, compared to the last session, which stood at OMR 168,846,660



MUSCAT: Muscat Stock Exchange (MSX) general index (30) dropped (13.6) points, comprising a decline by 0.30% to close at 4573.33 points, compared to the last session, which stood at 4586.91 points.

The trading value stood at RO 1,948,884, comprising a decrease by 98.8%, compared to the last session, which stood at RO 168,846,660.

The report released by MSX

pointed out that the market value went down by 0.226% to reach about RO 27.52 billion.

The report added that the value of shares bought by non-Omani investors reached RO 132,000, comprising 6.80%.

The value of shares sold by non-Omani investors reached RO 837,000, comprising 42.93%. The net non-Omani investment fell by 36.13% to RO 161,862,000. — **ONA**

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INDICES

Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff	Diff %
MSX 30 INDEX	4,589.27	4,572.90	4,573.33	4,586.91	-13.58	-0.30
FINANCIAL INDEX	7,958.14	7,922.33	7,946.88	7,933.25	13.63	0.17
Industry Index	5,485.84	5,444.36	5,464.20	5,482.51	-18.31	-0.33
Services Index	1,692.14	1,683.45	1,683.45	1,690.10	-6.65	-0.39
MSX Shariah Index	414.88	413.41	414.88	413.70	1.18	0.29
MSX TR INDEX	6,429.51	6,406.58	6,407.18	6,426.20	-19.02	-0.30
FINANCIAL TR IDX	9,041.27	9,000.58	9,028.47	9,012.99	15.48	0.17
INDUSTRIAL TR IDX	6,329.36	6,281.50	6,304.39	6,325.52	-21.13	-0.33
SERVICES TR IDX	2,029.32	2,018.91	2,018.91	2,026.88	-7.97	-0.39
FIXED INCOME INDEX	1,166.89	1,166.89	1,166.89	1,166.89	0.00	0.00

Trading Summary

Volume	Turnover	Trades	Market Cap	Up	Down	Equal	Sec. Traded
11,475,637	1,948,884	790	27,524,681,409	12	15	22	49

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ISIN	SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF BD	DIFF %	LAST PR	LAST BD	LAST OFFR	PREV VALUE	MARKET CAP
REGULAR MARKET																
OM0000003968	OOREDOO	24,951	5,595	8	0.225	0.225	0.223	0.223	0.220	0.003	1.364	0.223	0.223	0.233	0.100	145,160,563
OM0000001533	OMINVEST	79,250	26,467	26	0.335	0.338	0.332	0.338	0.335	0.003	0.896	0.338	0.334	0.337	0.100	225,907,514
OM0000008934	ABRAJ ENERGY SERVICES	58,430	13,829	44	0.236	0.237	0.236	0.237	0.236	0.001	0.424	0.237	0.236	0.237	0.100	182,537,400
OM0000002176	JAZEERA STEEL PRODUCTS	63,000	19,812	5	0.314	0.315	0.314	0.315	0.314	0.001	0.318	0.315	0.310	0.315	0.100	39,342,857
OM0000001681	OMAN EMIATES HO.	5,400	351	2	0.065	0.065	0.065	0.065	0.065	0.000	0.000	0.065	0.065	0.071	0.100	7,921,875
OM0000002374	UNITED FINANCE	1,287,841	77,302	22	0.060	0.061	0.060	0.061	0.061	0.000	0.000	0.061	0.060	0.061	0.100	21,723,765
OM0000002804	ASAFA FOODS	1,585	624	3	0.393	0.400	0.393	0.400	0.400	0.000	0.000	0.400	0.393	0.400	0.100	48,000,000
OM0000003125	GLOBAL FINANCIAL INVESTMENT HO.	464,090	41,364	28	0.090	0.090	0.089	0.089	0.089	0.000	0.000	0.089	0.089	0.089	0.100	17,800,000
OM0000003254	RENAISSANCE SERVICES	76,132	27,394	19	0.361	0.361	0.358	0.361	0.361	0.000	0.000	0.361	0.359	0.361	0.100	85,344,010
OM0000003386	SOHAR INTERNATIONAL BANK	1,655,689	231,669	20	0.140	0.140	0.139	0.140	0.140	0.000	0.000	0.140	0.140	0.140	0.100	926,414,478
OM0000004735	SEMBOCORP SALALAH	19,744	1,955	3	0.099	0.099	0.099	0.099	0.099	0.000	0.000	0.099	0.099	0.108	0.100	94,502,623
OM0000004788	MADINA TAKAFUL	102,518	8,612	4	0.084	0.084	0.084	0.084	0.084	0.000	0.000	0.084	0.081	0.086	0.100	14,700,000
OM0000004925	ALBATINAH POWER	155,420	10,809	5	0.070	0.070	0.069	0.069	0.069	0.000	0.000	0.069	0.069	0.069	0.100	46,567,233
OM0000004933	AL SUWADI POWER	36,334	2,542	2	0.070	0.070	0.069	0.069	0.069	0.000	0.000	0.069	0.068	0.069	0.100	49,294,037
OM0000009072	OQ GAS NETWORKS	351,502	46,458	38	0.131	0.133	0.131	0.132	0.133	-0.001	-0.752	0.132	0.131	0.146	0.100	571,642,357
OM0000002796	BANK MUSCAT	749,412	192,843	35	0.258	0.259	0.257	0.257	0.259	-0.002	-0.772	0.257	0.258	0.259	0.100	1,929,144,045
OM0000001087	OMAN UNITED INSURANCE	3,000	720	2	0.240	0.240	0.240	0.240	0.242	-0.002	-0.826	0.240	0.240	0.000	0.100	24,000,000
OM0000001749	OMAN CEMENT	6,895	2,727	7	0.396	0.396	0.395	0.395	0.399	-0.004	-1.003	0.395	0.395	0.404	0.100	130,694,720
OM0000002275	SHELL OMAN MARKETING	565	339	2	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.610	-0.010	-1.639	0.600	0.594	0.600	0.100	57,000,000
OM0000001152	OMAN NATIONAL ENGINEERING & INVESTMENT	892	118	1	0.119	0.119	0.119	0.119	0.121	-0.002	-1.653	0.119	0.119	0.000	0.100	17,850,000
OM0000002168	ALANWAR CERAMIC	21,531	2,265	3	0.108	0.108	0.105	0.105	0.107	-0.002	-1.869	0.105	0.105	0.105	0.100	23,100,000
OM0000003026	OMAN TELECOM	161,208	142,417	30	0.900	0.900	0.880	0.880	0.905	-0.025	-2.762	0.880	0.880	0.890	0.100	660,000,000
Total	22	5,325,969	856,210	309												
Parallel Market																
OM0000001772	ALANWAR INVESTMENT	2,174,984	160,807	125	0.071	0.075	0.071	0.074	0.069	0.005	7.246	0.074	0.072	0.074	0.100	15,701,320
OM0000002911	FINANCIAL CORPORATION	7,884	410	2	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.049	0.003	6.122	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.100	2,641,558
OM0000008710	BARAKA DESALINATION	6,746	828	2	0.125	0.125	0.119	0.125	0.121	0.004	3.306	0.119	0.000	0.119	0.100	9,440,250
OM0000001707	OMAN CABLES INDUSTRY	100	275	1	2.750	2.750	2.750	2.750	2.700	0.050	1.852	2.750	2.700	2.970	0.100	246,675,000
OM0000001388	CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL INDUSTRIES	245,896	18,884	16	0.076	0.077	0.076	0.076	0.075	0.001	1.333	0.076	0.075	0.080	0.100	4,750,000
OM0000001897	MAJAN COLLEGE	750	825	1	0.110	0.110	0.110	0.110	0.109	0.001	0.917	0.109	0.110	0.100	0.100	5,900,000
OM0000002267	GULF MUSHROOM PRODUCTS	2,000	476	2	0.238	0.238	0.238	0.238	0.237	0.001	0.422	0.238	0.238	0.238	0.100	10,892,260
OM0000002549	BANK DHOFAR	1,000	158	1	0.158	0.158	0.158	0.158	0.158	0.000	0.000	0.158	0.145	0.155	0.100	473,423,527
OM0000002648	NATIONAL FINANCE	349,488	45,431	36	0.131	0.131	0.129	0.130	0.130	0.000	0.000	0.130	0.126	0.130	0.100	14,581,557
OM0000003281	TAGEER FINANCE	9,099	964	1	0.106	0.106	0.106	0.106	0.106	0.000	0.000	0.106	0.106	0.106	0.100	29,277,774
OM0000003521	GALFAR ENGINEERING & CONTRACTING	690,100	54,518	27	0.079	0.079	0.079	0.079	0.079	0.000	0.000	0.079	0.079	0.086	0.100	76,035,929
OM0000004420	BANK NIZWA	36,694	3,748	8	0.103	0.103	0.101	0.103	0.103	0.000	0.000	0.103	0.103	0.104	0.100	230,406,162
OM0000008447	OMAN REIT FUND	11,750	870	4	0.074	0.074	0.074	0.074	0.074	0.000	0.000	0.074	0.073	0.074	0.100	37,638,716
OM0000009908	OQ BASE INDUSTRIES (SFT)	370,774	38,481	32	0.104	0.104	0.103	0.104	0.104	0.000	0.000	0.103	0.103	0.104	0.040	338,797,048
OM0000009739	OQ EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION	1,932,900	626,052	165	0.322	0.322	0.318	0.318	0.322	-0.004	-1.242	0.318	0.318	0.310	0.0102	544,000,000
OM0000005963	PHOENIX POWER	20,765	1,215	10	0.060	0.060	0.058	0.059	0.060	-0.001	-1.667	0.059	0.058	0.059	0.100	86,293,486
OM0000001590	MUSCAT FINANCE	19,000	893	3	0.047	0.047	0.047	0.047	0.048	-0.001	-2.083	0.047	0.047	0.048	0.100	14,433,877
OM0000001160	NATIONAL GAS	16,700	1,309	4	0.079	0.079	0.078	0.078	0.080	-0.002	-2.500	0.078	0.075	0.079	0.100	6,630,000
OM0000003691	VOLTAMP ENERGY	95,789	51,286	19	0.540	0.540	0.520	0.536	0.550	-0.014	-2.545	0.536	0.536	0.575	0.100	43,631,874
OM0000007084	MUSCAT CITY DESALINATION	9,338	626	2	0.069	0.069	0.067	0.067	0.069	-0.002	-2.899	0.067	0.067	0.070	0.100	10,421,877
OM0000002036	MUSCAT THREAD MILLS	27,000	4,158	7	0.154	0.154	0.154	0.154	0.159	-0.005	-3.145	0.154	0.154	0.154	0.100	2,524,692
Total	21	6,055,487	1,012,315	468												
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US job openings decline sharply in December



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CRISTIANO RONALDO AT



DEFYING TIME, CHASING GLORY

The superstar remains as relentless as ever - still breaking records, chasing titles, and redefining longevity in football. From his early ambitions to his unyielding drive for greatness, the Portuguese icon continues to push the boundaries of the sport, proving that age is just a number

Cristiano Ronaldo has never been one to settle. Even as he turned 40 on Wednesday, the Portuguese icon remains as obsessed with excellence as he was when he first stepped onto the pitch as a teenager.

His drive extends beyond football - he studies longevity, builds a business empire, and dreams of further records.

Every now and then, Portugal's national team doctor, Jose Carlos Noronha, receives a text from Ronaldo:

"Hey doc, any chance you could recommend a scientific article to read?"

It's not a casual inquiry. Ronaldo, known for his meticulous approach to fitness, has long been fascinated by the science of longevity.

"He would ask me if there are any new scientific articles he could read about nutrition or other related topics," Noronha said.

"He's someone who does everything required to maintain the highest levels of physical and mental fitness. He's a true example."

As he celebrated his milestone birthday, Ronaldo remains determined to defy time.

Never short on confidence, Ronaldo declared on Spanish TV earlier this week: "I think I'm the most complete player to have existed. In my opinion, I do everything well in football." "One thing is taste - if you like Messi, Pele, or Maradona, I understand and respect that. But saying Ronaldo isn't complete? I haven't seen anybody better than me, and I say it from the heart."

He was not always fixated on prolonging his career. Costinha, his former Portugal team-mate, recalls a conversation from 2003, when Ronaldo made his international debut.

"He told me, 'Costa, I'm going to play until the age of 30 and then do something different.'"

Not only did he break that promise, but his 30s turned out to be even more prolific than his 20s.

Ronaldo has scored 460 goals in his 30s, compared to 440 in his 20s - a testament to his unwavering commitment to self-improvement.



And he's not done yet. As he enters his 40s, he remains focused on new goals:

- Playing in the 2026 World Cup and lifting the trophy
- Reaching 1,000 career goals (he currently stands at 923)
- Earning 250 caps for Portugal (he has 217)
- Sharing the pitch with his 14-year-old son, Cristiano Ronaldo Jr.

The mindset of a champion
Ronaldo's unshakable self-belief has been evident since his early days. Joao Aroso, Sporting CP's fitness coach when Ronaldo was 18, remembers a defining moment before a friendly against Manchester United in 2003. "You'd expect an 18-year-old to look at United's big names - Giggs, Scholes, Van Nistelrooy - but Cristiano was completely

focused. He didn't even glance at them. That says a lot about his personality."

That night, Ronaldo dazzled, earning a move to United and launching a legendary career. Five Ballon d'Ors, Champions League titles, and countless records later, his former Manchester United performance coach, Mick Clegg, places him in rare company. "Cristiano is in the league of Leonardo da Vinci, Einstein, Newton, and Tesla. They were all geniuses, and he is one too."

"In his first gym session at United, he said, 'I am going to be the best player in the world.' His whole mind is about creating something great. I have never seen anyone like him."

Ronaldo has been part of more than 30% of Portugal's total matches in history. More than that, he has transformed the team's mentality. "Portugal used to have an inferiority complex. Cristiano changed that. He made Portugal believe we could win major tournaments," said Aroso, who also worked as an assistant coach for the national team.

Ronaldo remains a key figure,

and if Portugal qualifies for the 2026 World Cup, few doubt he'll be there. The bigger question is: can he keep going until 2030, when Portugal co-hosts the tournament?

"I have no doubt. He'll go on another diet and be there, nice and slim," joked his former Manchester United teammate Nani.

From superstar to business mogul

While football remains his main focus, Ronaldo is building a business empire that could define his legacy beyond the pitch.

His reported contract renewal offer from Al Nassr includes not just playing terms but the potential to become a co-owner of the club. Yet, he remains undecided. The lack of major trophies since his move to Saudi Arabia in 2022 is something he will consider carefully before committing.

Regardless of where he plays next season, Ronaldo is already planning for life after football.

"I'm still young. I have so many plans and dreams ahead. But mark my words - I'll be the owner of a big club, for sure," he said at the Globe Soccer Awards.

Over the years, he has invested in a wide range of industries - hotels, hair transplant clinics, the racquet sport padel, and even a TV channel. His company, CR7 SA, has doubled its portfolio in the last two years, now holding stakes in 21 different enterprises.

"As you all know, I have investments in various sectors. What I want most is to keep moving forward," he said.

His business success mirrors his football career - driven by meticulous planning and an obsession with being the best.

Few athletes, if any, have sustained elite performance into their 40s the way Ronaldo aims to. His extraordinary career, spanning four decades, has redefined longevity in football.

Whether he reaches 1,000 goals, competes in the 2026 World Cup, or eventually takes over a club, one thing is certain: Ronaldo's story is far from over.

Even at 40, he continues to chase greatness - on and off the pitch. (With inputs from bbc.com)

FORTY FACTS

International

- 217 - Most international appearances (Portugal)
- 135 - Most international goals (Portugal)
- 48 - Most international teams scored against
- 40 - Most goals in European Championship qualifying
- 33 - Oldest player to score a hat-trick at a FIFA World Cup (33 years, 130 days)
- 32 - Most goals (club or country) in a calendar year
- 22 - Most matches played in World Cup finals
- 14 - Most goals in the European Championship
- 12 - First player to score in 10, 11 and 12 consecutive international tournaments
- 10 - First man to score 10 international hat-tricks (against Luxembourg on September 6, 2021)
- 6 - First and only player to score in six European Championship finals tournaments
- 7 - Most goals at the FIFA Club World Cup
- 5 - Most Fifa World Cups scored in

Individual

- 923 - Most goals in men's football
- 454 - Most goals after turning 30 years old
- 171 - Most goals scored via penalty kick (excluding shoot-outs)
- 151 - Most headed goals
- 50 - Only player to score more than 50 goals in seven consecutive calendar years

UEFA Champions League and Europe

- 197 - Most appearances in UEFA club competitions
- 183 - Most UEFA Champions League appearances
- 145 - Most goals scored in UEFA club competitions
- 140 - Most goals in Champions League
- 115 - Most career wins in Champions League/ European Cup
- 67 - Most goals scored in Champions League knockout phase
- 19 - Most penalty kicks in Champions League
- 17 - Most goals in a Champions League season
- 11 - Most goals scored in Champions League group stage
- 10 - First player to score goals against a single opponent (Juventus) in Champions League
- 6 - First player to score in all six Champions League group matches
- 3 - First and only player to score in three Champions League finals

Real Madrid

- 450 - Most goals by any Real Madrid player
- 335 - Number of appearances it took Ronaldo to score 350 goals for one club
- 61 - Most penalties scored in Spanish La Liga history
- 34 - Most hat-tricks in La Liga
- 22 - Most goals in Madrid derbies
- 18 - Most goals in El Clasico
- 8 - Most La Liga hat-tricks in a season

Juventus

- 37 - Most goals scores in a single season
- 11 - Most consecutive Serie A matches scored in Al Nassr
- 35 - Most goals in a single Saudi Pro League season



SPORTS

Abhishek rises to No.2, Varun joins bowling elite in ICC T20I rankings

The Indian batter blazed to 135 from just 54 balls against England in Mumbai recently to help him climb 38 places

DUBAI: India's Abhishek Sharma has soared 38 places to claim the No. 2 spot in the ICC T20I batting rankings, following his blistering 135 off just 54 balls against England in Mumbai recently. The knock propelled him to 829 rating points, surpassing teammate Tilak Varma in the standings. Abhishek began the England series in explosive fashion, smashing 79 off 34 balls in Kolkata to steer India's chase of 133. Though he had a dip in form across the next three matches, his final T20I innings was a spectacle of power-hitting - dispatching seven fours and 13 sixes - to lay the foundation for India's 150-run triumph. Despite Abhishek's surge, Australia's Travis Head continues to lead the T20I batting charts, with England's Phil Salt and India's Suryakumar Yadav completing the top five. Mystery spinner Varun Chakravarthy has also climbed the ICC rankings, moving up three places to joint-second among



T20I bowlers. His series-topping 14 wickets came at a remarkable average of 9.85, solidifying his credentials as a premier limited-overs bowler. Varun's consistency earned him a call-up to India's ODI squad against England, and his standout moment came with a second career T20I five-wicket haul. He now shares second place in the rankings with England's Adil Rashid, both trailing West Indies' Akeal Hosein by just two points. India's Ravi Bishnoi also made significant strides, climbing four spots to sixth in the rankings. Meanwhile, England pacer Jofra Archer slipped to 10th after an expensive spell in Mumbai, conceding 55 runs in four overs.



Rashid Khan becomes T20 cricket's leading wicket-taker Afghanistan's Rashid Khan has etched his name in history as T20

cricket's highest wicket-taker, surpassing Dwayne Bravo's record of 631 wickets. The milestone moment came when he bowled



Sri Lanka's Dunith Wellalage in an SA20 qualifier against Paarl Royals. "It's a great achievement," Rashid said after the match. "If you had asked me 10 years ago, I wouldn't have imagined reaching here. Being an Afghan and topping the charts is a proud feeling. DJ Bravo is a legend, and to surpass him is an honor." Since making his T20 debut in 2015 as a teenager, Rashid has been a sought-after name in leagues worldwide, nearing 500 matches across competitions. A champion in the IPL and PSL, he became a fan favorite in Australia's Big Bash League, where he played 69 matches for the Adelaide Strikers, including a career-best 6 for 17. Known for his quick-arm action

and unreadable variations, Rashid has troubled batters globally. With 20 four-wicket hauls, he has mastered the art of containment and aggression. His approach, as he explained in a past interview, is not just about taking wickets but making life difficult for batters. Beyond his bowling, Rashid is a formidable lower-order batter, capable of launching sixes from the first ball. His signature "snake shot" is a testament to his innovation, making him a complete T20 package. His impact in franchise cricket is undeniable, with Gujarat Titans retaining him for INR 15 crore (USD 1.8 million). From a teenage sensation to the most prolific T20 bowler ever, Rashid Khan's legacy continues to grow. - Agencies

AUSTRALIA CAPTAIN

Cummins likely to miss Champions Trophy

SYDNEY: Australia's captain Pat Cummins is "hugely unlikely" to be fit for the upcoming Champions Trophy, coach Andrew McDonald revealed on Wednesday. The 31-year-old fast bowler, who is currently missing the ongoing Test series in Sri Lanka due to the birth of his second child, is also dealing with an ankle issue. His fellow paceman Josh Hazlewood, who has been recovering from calf and side injuries, is also a doubt for the tournament. "Patty is hugely unlikely, which is a bit of a shame, and we've also got Josh Hazlewood, who is battling to be fit at the moment," McDonald told SEN radio. "The medical updates will come through in the next couple of days, and we'll confirm the direction moving forward." Cummins' potential absence would leave the reigning 50-over



world champions with a tough decision on the captaincy, with all-rounder and vice-captain Mitchell Marsh also sidelined due to a back issue. McDonald mentioned that Steve Smith, who has led Australia in 59 one-day internationals and is captaining in Cummins' absence in Sri Lanka, along with Travis

Head, are the two main contenders for the role. Head, while yet to captain in ODIs, led Australia in one T20I, a defeat to England in Cardiff last year. "Pat Cummins hasn't been able to resume any type of bowling, so he's heavily unlikely," McDonald said. "That would mean we need a captain, and those are the two we're considering for the leadership role." The Champions Trophy, which will be co-hosted by Pakistan and the UAE, is set to begin on February 19. Australia will face England in their opening match on February 22. Teams have until February 12 to make changes to their preliminary squads. As it stands, left-armers Mitchell Starc and seamer Nathan Ellis are the only fully fit quick bowlers in the squad. - Agencies

FORMER WORLD NO.1

Halep takes her final bow

LONDON: Simona Halep, a two-time Grand Slam champion and former world No.1, has officially announced her retirement from professional tennis. The 33-year-old Romanian made the heart-breaking decision following a 6-1, 6-1 loss to Lucia Bronzetti in the first round of the Transylvania Open. Halep, who has long been a dominant force on the WTA Tour, hinted at her retirement in recent weeks, especially after a knee injury forced her to withdraw from the Australian Open qualifying last month. This week's tournament marked just her fifth event since returning from a doping ban that saw her sidelined for almost two years. In an emotional on-court announcement, Halep reflected on her remarkable career, saying, "I'm making this decision with my soul. It's a beautiful thing. I became world number one, I won Grand Slams, it's all I wanted. Life



goes on, and there is life after tennis. I hope that we will see each other again." She further emphasized the difficulty of remaining competitive at the highest level, adding, "To be competitive it requires much more, and at this moment it is no longer." Halep's career has been nothing short of extraordinary. She clinched her first Grand Slam title at the 2018 French Open, overcoming Sloane Stephens after recovering from a set and a

break down. A year later, Halep triumphed at Wimbledon, producing a flawless performance to defeat Serena Williams in just 56 minutes, - a victory she described as "the best match of my life." In total, Halep won 22 WTA Tour titles and spent 64 weeks at world number one, cementing her legacy as one of the sport's greats. However, her career was marred by a doping scandal in 2022, when she was initially banned for four years after testing positive for a banned substance. Halep maintained her innocence throughout the ordeal, and after appealing to the Court of Arbitration for Sport, the panel reduced her ban to nine months, allowing her to return to the WTA Tour in March 2024. Reflecting on her decision, she shared, "I've always been realistic with myself and with my body. Where I probably was, it's very hard to get there again, and I know what it means to get there."

50 ELITE DRIVERS



Thrills and speed await: Oman International Drift Championship 2025 set to make debut in Sohar

MUSCAT: Motorsport fans are in for an electrifying experience as the Oman International Drift Championship (OIDC) 2025 gears up for its first-ever edition in Sohar from February 13-14. Recognised as one of the most prestigious global events in drift racing, the championship will bring together over 50 elite drivers from 18 countries, including a lineup of international champions renowned for their

high-octane performances. The championship will take place at Sohar Talent Square, a brand-new venue set to be officially inaugurated during the finals, making this the first major sporting event hosted at the facility. The action kicks off with the qualifiers on Thursday, February 13, leading up to an adrenaline-fueled final showdown on Friday, February 14, 2025.

Adding to the excitement, Omani drift stars Ahmed Al Amri, Haitham Al Hadeedi, and Tarek Al Shihani will take on world-class competitors, delivering breathtaking displays of precision, speed and skill. With a fusion of local talent and global expertise, fans can expect a fierce contest showcasing the best in advanced drifting techniques. OIDC 2025 is organised in collaboration with the Office of the

Governor of North Al Batinah and the Oman Automobile Association, reinforcing Oman's commitment to expanding its footprint in international motorsports. With the perfect mix of top-tier competition, a brand-new venue, and the roar of high-performance machines, the Oman International Drift Championship 2025 promises to be an unmissable spectacle for motorsport enthusiasts.

DOMESTIC CRICKET

Big win for ISC MKW

MUSCAT: ISC Manglorean Konkani Wing (MKW) trounce Pakistan School Muscat Women's by nine wickets in the Women's Cricket League 2024-25 recently. PSM-W batted first, posted 119/7 in 20 overs, with Lujaina Sajid top-scoring with 27. ISC MKW's bowlers, led by Priyanka Mendonca (3/10) and Pratima B (2/19), kept tight control. In reply, ISC MKW chased down the target in just 14.5 overs, with openers Priyanka Mendonca (44) and Trupti Pawde (49) putting on a match-winning 102-run partnership. **Brief scores:** PSM-W 119/7 in 20 overs (Lujaina Sajid 27, Priyanka Mendonca 3/10) lost to ISC MKW 120/1 in 14.5 overs (Trupti Pawde 49, Eshal Siddiqui 1/27) by 9 wickets. Meanwhile, in the U11 junior cricket league, MCCC Yellow beat MCCC Blue by 248 runs. MCCC Yellow posted a commanding 327/1, with Ashbel Burboz scoring an impressive 196. MCCC Blue were dismissed for just 79, with Burhanuddin BM taking 3/11. In another match, BSC AEC beat MCCC Red by 246 runs. BSC AEC set a target of 326/1, with Aarav Chirmure scoring 171. MCCC Red could only manage



80 runs in reply, with Shubh Seth claiming 2/7. **Brief scores:** MCCC Yellow 327/1 in 20 overs (Ashbel Burboz 196) beat MCCC Blue 79/10 in 18.5 overs (Burhanuddin BM 3/11) by 248 runs. BSC AEC 326/1 in 20 overs (Aarav Chirmure 171) beat MCCC Red 80/10 in 19.3 overs (Shubh Seth 2/7) by 246 runs.

ROUND-UP

Oman Post: Crafting philatelic masterpieces to celebrate Sultanate of Oman’s legacy with the world

Each stamp issuance tells a timeless story, celebrating Oman’s journey and accomplishments while inspiring pride in future generations

MUSCAT: Oman Post embraces its role as a custodian of Oman’s history and heritage, commemorating pivotal national and historical events through its meticulously crafted stamp collections.

Each stamp issuance tells a timeless story, celebrating Oman’s journey and accomplishments while inspiring pride in future generations.

For decades, Oman Post has served as a storyteller of Oman’s legacy, crafting artful stamps that transcend functionality to become enduring symbols of cultural pride and heritage. These commemorative collections celebrate the breadth of Omani identity, honoring national celebrations, cultural milestones, and historical events. Oman Post extends its narrative to a global audience by collaborating with international postal providers, reinforcing its commitment to cultural exchange and fostering



international co-operation.

Among its most notable recent releases is the commemorative stamp esteeming the 5th anniversary of His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tariq’s accession to power. This special edition stamp highlights the pillars of Oman Vision 2040: Economy & Development, People & Society, Governance & Institutional Performance, and Sustainable Environment. Symbolising the Sultanate’s remarkable progress, it embodies the aspirations and victories realised under His Majesty’s visionary leadership, paving the way for a prosperous future.

Building on its tradition of commemorating national feats, Oman Post recently unveiled the 280th Anniversary of the Al Busaid Dynasty’s Reign stamp collection. This collection signifies 280 years of transformative leadership, paying tribute to the dynasty’s enduring impact on Oman’s past, present and future. Featuring portraits of notable leaders from the Al Busaid Dynasty, the stamps are crafted with exceptional artistry, showcasing a regal palette of deep reds, greens, and gold accents that reflect Oman’s royal and cultural heritage.

Oman Post’s dedication to preserving and celebrating Oman’s history ensures that the nation’s most significant attainment continue to resonate with collectors and admirers worldwide, solidifying its legacy as a guardian of the Sultanate’s rich and inspiring heritage.



SPONSORSHIP

Sohar International renews strategic partnership with Ahmad Al Harthy for 2025 FIA World Endurance Championship



MUSCAT: Reinforcing its commitment to empowering Omani talent and elevating the nation’s presence on the global stage, Sohar International, Oman’s best bank, has renewed its sponsorship agreement with celebrated Omani racing driver, Ahmad Al Harthy, for the 2025 FIA World Endurance Championship (FIA WEC).

The agreement was signed by Abdul Wahid Al Murshidi, Acting Chief Executive Officer of Sohar International, and Ahmad Al Harthy at the Waterfront building marking a continued partnership that first commenced in 2022.

This collaboration aligns with Sohar International’s vision of fostering excellence, leadership, and national pride through strategic alliances. Ahmad Al Harthy, a pioneering figure in Omani motorsport and the first sports person to receive a Royal Commendation from His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tariq, exemplifies the values of determination and success that the bank upholds.

Reflecting on the renewed partnership, Abdul Wahid Murshidi said, “Ahmad Al Harthy has consistently demonstrated perseverance and excellence on the global motorsport stage, embodying the same agility and resilience that define Sohar International. We take great pride in supporting homegrown tal-

ent who not only carry the Omani flag internationally but also inspire the next generation to push boundaries and achieve greatness. Our financial services, vision, and values align seamlessly with Ahmad’s approach to racing and his role as a distinguished ambassador for Oman. He has accomplished much in his remarkable motorsport career, and this year holds great promise. Sohar International is proud to support him as he takes on the biggest challenge of his career yet.”

Ahmad Al Harthy will compete for a second season with BMW and Team WRT in the FIA WEC, driving the high-profile No. 46 BMW M4 LMGT3 alongside legendary motorsport figures Valentino Rossi and Kelvin van der Linde. This marks his third year in the global endurance championship, further strengthening Oman’s representation on the world stage.

Speaking about the renewed sponsorship, Ahmad Al Harthy expressed his enthusiasm: “I’m really delighted to have Sohar International onboard for our 2025 season, focused on the FIA World Endurance Championship with BMW and Team WRT. We obviously share many synergies with Sohar International and I am very excited to be working with them again, it means so much to have a financial partner in this amazing

motorsport programme of ours. Together we will showcase and highlight the presence of Oman on the world stage, sharing all the benefits being part of the world’s biggest endurance championship brings. I’m looking forward to taking on FIA WEC for a second year with BMW, and my great teammates Vale and Kelvin, and I want to thank the entire team for their belief. We’re all looking forward to a successful season.”

Ahmad Al Harthy’s stellar performances in 2024, including a P2 podium finish in Jeddah and a historic P1 victory at Monza in the Bronze entry classification, have solidified his status as a formidable competitor. His recent triumph in the Michelin 24H Dubai GT3-Am class further underscores his capabilities heading into the 2025 season. The FIA WEC 2025 season kicks off in Qatar on February 28, with the championship spanning eight rounds across Italy, Belgium, France, Brazil, the USA, Japan, and concluding in Bahrain on November 8.

Sohar International continues its mission of investing in Omani talent and contributing to national progress across diverse sectors. As the bank expands its global footprint, it remains dedicated to driving innovation, excellence, and success for the Sultanate on the world stage.

COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Malabar Gold & Diamonds to expand into New Zealand, leveraging opportunities created by UAE-New Zealand CEPA

MUSCAT: Malabar Gold & Diamonds, the 6th largest jewellery retailer globally with over 375 showrooms across 13 countries, is set to expand its footprint into New Zealand.

This strategic move is aligned with the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) signed between the United Arab Emirates and New Zealand, which fosters increased trade and economic collaboration between the two nations.

With the entirety of Malabar Gold & Diamonds’ international operations based out of the Malabar International Hub in the UAE, the signing of CEPA between the UAE & New Zealand will enable the brand to further streamline their business operation as it relates to expanding their retail presence into the 14th global country of operation.

“As a globally recognized jewellery retailer managing its international operations from the UAE, the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) between the UAE and New Zealand significantly bolsters our efforts to enter this new market. This agreement not only allows us to strengthen economic ties but also provides us with an opportunity to introduce our products and services to a whole new audience. By capitalizing on the opportunities presented by this bilateral trade agreement, Malabar Gold & Diamonds marks a significant milestone in our overarching vision to become the world’s number one jewellery retailer,” commented M.P. Ahammed, Chairman of Malabar Group.

In the initial phase of its expansion into New Zealand, Malabar Gold & Diamonds will invest NZD 75 million to establish its presence in the region. This significant investment will see the launch of three world-class showrooms, bringing the brand’s exceptional jewellery collections and renowned craftsmanship to New Zealand’s discerning customers.

“It’s encouraging to see the



CEPA already driving increased trade and investment between our two countries,” said New Zealand Trade Commissioner to the United Arab Emirates and Consul General to Dubai & Northern Emirates, Ahmad Zakkout. “We’re excited to continue fostering investment and business opportunities between New Zealand and the United Arab Emirates,” he continued.

“New Zealand is a market brimming with potential, offering us an exceptional opportunity to connect with a diverse customer base that appreciates the artistry, quality, and authenticity synonymous with Malabar Gold & Diamonds,” commented Shamlal Ahamed, Managing Director – International Operations, Malabar Gold & Diamonds. “As the UAE stands as one of the world’s premier jewellery trading hubs and the base of our international operations, the provisions in CEPA that promotes UAE-NZ trade opens a more efficient and streamlined pathway into the market. With a legacy built on trust, transparency, and customer satisfaction, this expansion into New Zealand represents a transformative step in redefining the region’s jewellery landscape”.

“While our global growth has been rapid, it has always remained firmly aligned with our

ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) principles. With a 100% track record of strict compliance with local regulations, our expansion into New Zealand will uphold our commitment to operating as a model organization that prioritizes responsibility and sustainability in every aspect of its business. This is in line with the trade and development chapter charted out in the CEPA” said Abdul Salam K.P, Vice Chairman of Malabar Group.

In addition to introducing its signature collections & services to jewellery lovers in New Zealand, Malabar Gold & Diamonds will continue its commitment to sustainability and ethical practices. The new showrooms will adhere to the brand’s globally recognized standards of ethical sourcing, eco-friendly processes, and social welfare initiatives.

ESG (Environmental, Social & Governance) initiatives have been a key component of Malabar Group’s operations throughout the years, with a focus on Health, Housing, Hunger Eradication, Women empowerment, Education and Environment. The group ensures that all stakeholders continue to benefit from the growth of the business and contributes 5% of their profit to CSR/ESG initiatives in the same country of operation.

ROUND-UP

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Leather 2-Tone Red Pepper/Black interior, delivering sophistication and sportiness. Available now for OMR 19,995, it has only 7,764 kilometres on the clock. The GLA 200 (2024) is a perfect fusion of agility and elegance in Spectral Blue Metallic, paired with ARTICO man-made Leather Sage Gray trim. This compact SUV, featuring advanced comfort and technology, is ready for you at OMR 20,995 with just 9,896 kilometres. Meanwhile, the C-Class 200 (2024) embodies re-

efined luxury in Selenite Grey with a Leather 2-Tone Power Red/Black interior. Designed to impress, it is available at OMR 24,995, with only 8,696 kilometres. Designed to impress, it is available at OMR 24,995, with only 8,696 kilometres. The Mercedes-AMG GLE 53 4MATIC+ Coupé (2023) brings unmatched performance and dynamic design, a hallmark of the AMG legacy. This stunning vehicle is finished in High-tech Silver Metallic with a beautiful 2-tone AMG Nappa

Leather Red Pepper/Black interior. With a price of OMR 39,995 and just 5,611 kilometres, it combines cutting-edge AMG performance features with everyday practicality, making every drive exhilarating. The S-Class 450 4MATIC L Special Edition (2024) redefines luxury with cutting-edge technology and unparalleled comfort. Finished in Mojave Silver Metallic with a Sienna Brown/Black Leather interior, this masterpiece is priced at OMR 49,995 with only

1,500 kilometres. Offering innovative features such as advanced driver assistance systems and unmatched cabin serenity, it is the pinnacle of automotive sophistication.

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EXPANSION

BankDhofar strengthens customer relationships with new Al Ghubra branch

MUSCAT: BankDhofar, Oman's second-largest bank by branch network, has inaugurated a new branch in Al Ghubrah, Muscat Governorate, as part of its ongoing efforts to enhance accessibility and foster lasting relationships with customers. The new branch underscores the bank's commitment to delivering high-quality products, services, and financing solutions tailored to diverse customer needs.

The inauguration ceremony was held under the patronage of His Excellency Sheikh Omar bin Ali Al Junaibi, Shura Council Representative from the Wilayat of Bahla.

BankDhofar's extensive network now includes 131 branches across Oman including Dhofar Islamic, complemented by over 400 ATMs, cash deposit machines, and multi-purpose service machines.

Strategically located in the vibrant Al Ghubrah area, the new branch serves a broad spectrum of customers, including small and medium enterprises (SMEs). Recognizing the critical role SMEs play in driving Oman's economic growth, BankDhofar remains dedicated to empowering entrepreneurs and nurturing their success.

As with its nationwide network, the Al Ghubrah branch is equipped with advanced digital technologies



to deliver a superior and seamless banking experience. Designed for customer comfort, convenience, and efficiency, the branch ensures prompt service, with a commitment to address customer queries within 10 minutes of arrival – a hallmark of BankDhofar's customer-first approach. This swift service reflects the bank's respect for customers' time, further strengthening trust and loyalty.

BankDhofar offers a comprehensive suite of banking solutions tailored to various customer segments, including women, youth, children, high-income individuals, and families. Specialized services for affluent customers are delivered with utmost confidentiality

and professionalism.

Additionally, the bank provides structured investment and savings plans, including fixed and recurring deposit accounts, children's education savings plans, and retirement-focused solutions that promote financial security. Beyond its branch network, BankDhofar empowers customers with its user-friendly mobile banking app, enabling them to manage accounts, pay bills, transfer funds, and open new accounts effortlessly.

With the opening of the Al Ghubrah branch, BankDhofar reaffirms its dedication to meeting customer needs, fostering economic growth, and delivering a world-class banking experience across Oman.

ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY



Make your journey rewarding with popular Toyota Corolla

MUSCAT: The Toyota Corolla continues to set the gold standard in the automotive world, effortlessly blending elegant design, advanced technology and a beautifully crafted interior. Since its debut, the Corolla has become an icon synonymous with reliability, versatility and pure driving satisfaction. From its sleek, dynamic exterior to its sophisticated, well-appointed cabin, the Corolla exemplifies the perfect harmony of style, spaciousness, comfort, fuel efficiency and power.

The Corolla offers two impressive engine options designed to thrill and perform. The 2.0-litre Dynamic Force engine packs a powerful 168 horsepower and 20.39 kg-m of torque, paired with a Direct Shift CVT transmission, delivering a more immersive and engag-

ing driving experience. For those seeking an exceptional balance of power and fuel economy, the 1.6-litre four-cylinder engine option generates 121 horsepower and 15.7 kg-m of torque, also equipped with a smooth CVT transmission for an economical yet responsive drive.

Inside, the Corolla's interior is as refined as it is inviting. The minimalist yet sophisticated design emphasises space, comfort and elegance, making each journey a pleasure. Newly cushioned, ergonomically designed seats, a spacious armrest and ample legroom create a premium experience for both driver and passengers. Rear-seat passengers will appreciate the added comfort of rear AC vents, while a host of thoughtful amenities—such as a moon roof, a 4.2-inch multi-in-

formation display (MID), a 7-inch display audio system, cruise control and a six-speaker sound system enhance every drive.

Toyota's unwavering commitment to safety shines in the Corolla, equipped with a suite of advanced safety features to keep you and your loved ones protected. Four SRS airbags, Vehicle Stability Control (VSC), Anti-lock Braking System (ABS), Brake Assist, Electronic Brakeforce Distribution (EBD) and a Tyre Pressure Monitoring System (TPMS) work in unison, providing peace of mind at every turn.

With its legendary performance, stylish design and premium comfort, the Toyota Corolla continues to captivate enthusiasts and set the benchmark for what a sedan should be.

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