

OVER 196,000 OMANI WORKERS IN PUBLIC PENSION FUNDS

The number of Omani workers registered in public sector's pension funds in the Sultanate as of the end of November 2020 stood at 196,238 comprising a drop of 0.2 per cent compared to the previous month. **>B1**



HM THE SULTAN CONGRATULATES SERBIAN PRESIDENT

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik has sent a cable of congratulations to President Aleksandar Vucic of the Republic of Serbia on his country's National Day. In the cable, His Majesty expressed his sincere sentiments and best wishes of good health and happiness, and the friendly people of Serbia further progress and prosperity. **-OMA**



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MINISTERIAL DECISION

Many jobs in higher educational institutes reserved for Omanis



MUSCAT: Dr. Mahad Said Ba'Owain, Minister of Labour, has issued a ministerial decision Omanising (nationalising) jobs at private higher education institutions.

The aim is to replace expatriate manpower with Omani job seekers capable of performing the jobs. The Ministry's Labour Under-Secretary, Sheikh Nasr Amer Al Hosni, pointed out that the decision stipulates that Omanis will henceforth occupy all jobs at private higher education institutions, including administrative positions, financial jobs, heads of departments, registration, student affairs, student services and all other professions related to student advisory, social

counselling and professional orientation jobs.

Empowering nationals

Al Hosni added that the Ministry, acting in cooperation with production partners, is researching and studying labour market conditions in order to find approved solutions aimed to enhance investment and empower national manpower.

He explained that this decision came in coordination with the Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation, as well as liaison committees of private higher education institutions. The decision applies to all 28 higher education institutions in the Sultanate, he added. **-OMA**

BEFORE HM, DEFENCE SECRETARY GENERAL TAKES OATH OF OFFICE

Before His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik, Dr. Mohammed Nassir Al Za'abi, Secretary General at the Defence Ministry, took the oath of office at Al Barakah Palace yesterday. **-OMA**



25 PERCENT JUMP IN ELECTRONIC FRAUD

Unsuspecting

victims fall prey to social media sites, or through ads featuring fake firms that promise high financial returns in a short time

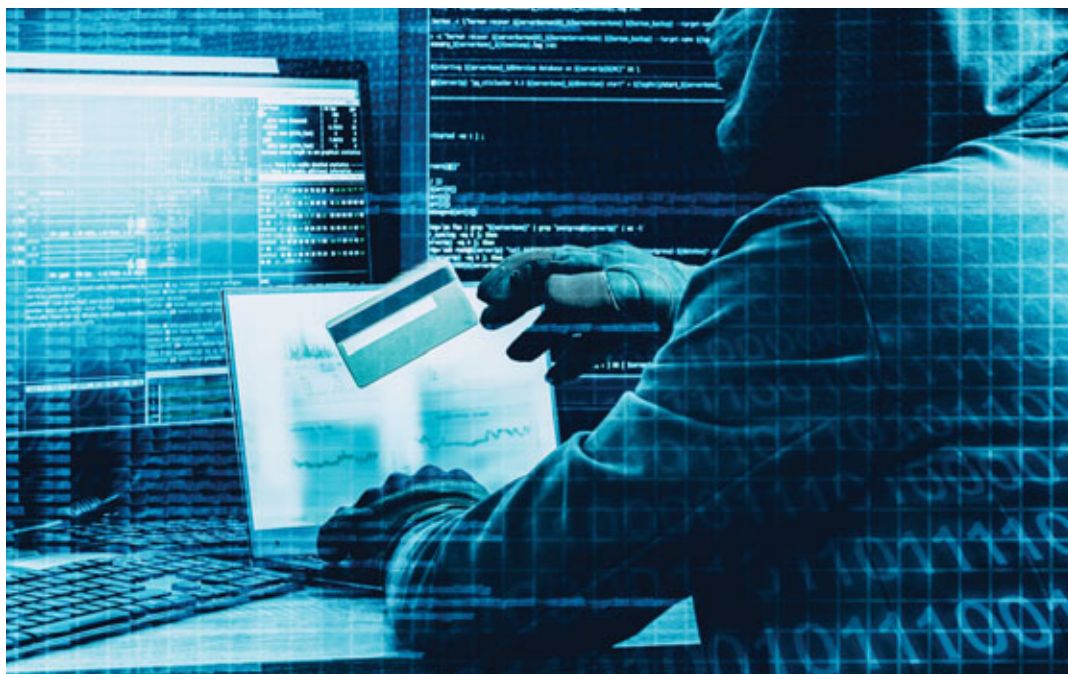
Times News Service

MUSCAT: There has been a 25 per cent increase in cases of electronic fraud reported by the Royal Oman Police in 2020.

A number of these fraudulent cases occur through unsuspecting victims being duped by social media sites, or through ads featuring fake companies that promise high financial returns in a short time, said Lieutenant Colonel Jamal Al Quraishi, Director General of Inquiries and Criminal Investigations.

"Those under the age of 18 are most vulnerable to financial blackmail," he said. "Many have fallen victim to posts or ads promoting fake trading practices because they feature celebrities. To protect them and many others, there must be increased awareness of cybercrime."

"Cases of fraud and extortion through websites and social media platforms have become among the most prominent



Lieutenant Colonel Jamal Al Quraishi, DG of Inquiries and Criminal Investigations.

PRECAUTIONS

- Learn to analyse and detect misleading information online
- Parents need to talk and discuss the problems with their children
- Make sure your personal and financial information are not exposed
- Make sure you don't fall for scams that offer high returns
- Monitor activities of children online

electronic fraud, luring clients a number of fake incentives, or through threats and coercion.

"Fraud through cybercrimes have increased by 25 per cent between 2019 and 2020, and we see that a lot of people do not submit reports of being defrauded, particularly when they've been forced to part with their money or sensitive information through extortion," explained the Lieutenant Colonel.

"The ROP's Economic Crimes Department has dealt with a number of crimes perpetrated through social media platforms, WhatsApp, Instagram, Snapchat, as well as many investment platforms that trade in fake shares," he said. "We come across many phantom companies that promise high financial gains in a short period of time." **>A5**

OMAN

Solve conflict through dialogue, trust: Busaidi

1 Oman's policy of solving conflict through dialogue and trust will help lead to long-term stability, the country's Foreign Minister has said. Badr Al Busaidi added that diplomatic solutions to resolve conflicts need to include everyone affected by it for them to truly end. Otherwise, he explained, there is a chance of disagreements flaring up once again. **>A3**

WORLD

Trump cleared of inciting insurrection

2 The US Senate has cleared former President Donald Trump of inciting an insurrection at the US Capitol last month. Trump was the first former president to face trial after leaving office and the only president to be impeached twice. The US Senate voted 57-43 on the impeachment charge. **>A6**

SPORTS

Thiem knocked out by Dimitrov

3 Dominic Thiem was knocked out of the Australian Open in the fourth round after losing to Bulgaria's Grigor Dimitrov at Rod Laver Arena on Sunday. Reigning US Open champion lost to Bulgarian in straight sets by 6-4, 6-4, 6-0 that lasted for over two hours. **>A8**

FROM TODAY

Travelling to Oman? Book a hotel to get a ticket

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Many hotels in Oman are insisting passengers travelling to their home country to pay the entire amount towards their mandatory seven-day institutional quarantine before booking their flight tickets, so that they follow the preventive measures enacted to stop the spread of COVID-19.

"Booking payments are taken in advance," said a representative of a hotel in the country. "Otherwise, people might show the authorities at the airport their booking confirmation, but go elsewhere and avoid the quarantine regulations."

Another hotel operator added: "We have allocated separate floors

for passengers under quarantine. We insist that they book their rooms in advance, and pay the full amount before boarding their flights. For example, if our room rate is OMR22 per night, a passenger needs to pay for a seven-day booking. Only once this confirmation has been received, he will be allowed to buy tickets."

Starting Monday, February 15, passengers will no longer be allowed to buy flight tickets unless their hotel bookings have been first made.

The rule was put into effect after the Supreme Committee to deal with COVID-19 issued a decision requiring all passengers entering the country to spend a mandatory

seven-day institutional quarantine, followed by a PCR test on the eighth day.

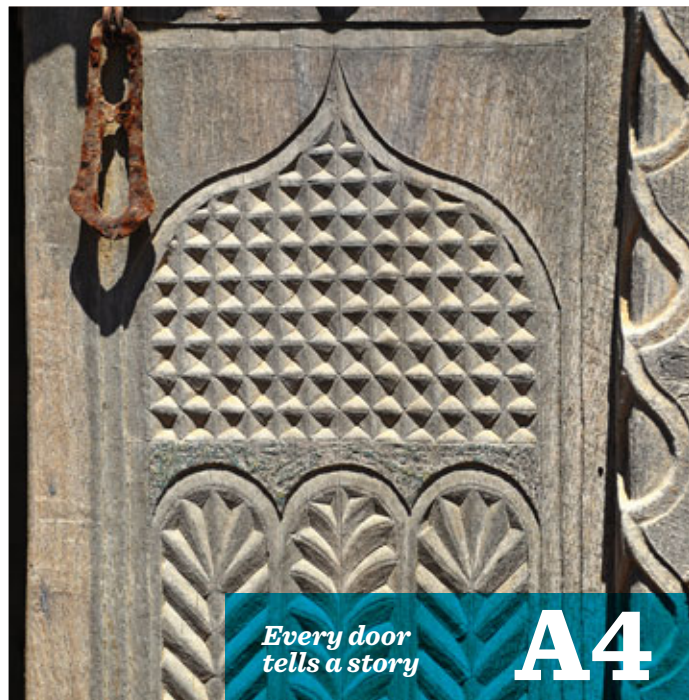
The committee was compelled to take this action after many people were not adhering to the precautions set up to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Oman.

"Passengers who come to Muscat are not just those who live in the country, but also people who travel to other destinations, in this case, primarily Saudi Arabia," said Faiyaz Khan, the general manager of Travel Point, one of many travel companies that have organised hotel quarantine packages for incoming passengers.

"In Oman, arrivals have to quarantine for a week, but it is two

weeks for those coming to Saudi Arabia, even if they are transiting through Oman, so they first need to quarantine here and then fly onwards," he added. "There are close to 1,000 passengers coming to the country every day, but there might not be enough hotels for all of them, so we have recommended they first confirm their hotel reservation and then book tickets."

A number of travel agents in Oman have set up quarantine deals, which include transportation to the hotel from the airport, the removal of the tracking band that needs to be worn by people in quarantine, and a PCR test on the eighth day after their arrival in the country. **>A5**



Every door
tells a story

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Rights Issue of 300,000,000 shares at a price of Baiza 101 per share
(with a share price of Baiza 100 per share plus issue expenses of Baiza 1 per share)

RIGHTS TRADING PERIOD	RIGHTS SUBSCRIPTION PERIOD
Opening Date: 25 th February 2021	Opening Date: 1 st March 2021
Closing Date: 9 th March 2021	Closing Date: 15 th March 2021

The contents of this advertisement are extracted from the unofficial translation of the Arabic Prospectus approved by the Capital Market Authority through Administrative Decision No. E/19/2021 Dated: 11th February, 2021. Investors are advised to carefully review the Prospectus before deciding to subscribe to the shares offered.

Issuer	Ahli Bank SAOG.
Commercial Registration No.	1558560 (established on 1 March 1997).
Principal place of business	PO Box 545, PC 116, Mina Al Fahal, Oman.
Bank's duration	Unlimited.
Authorised Share Capital	RO 250,000,000 (Two hundred fifty million Omani Rials only) divided into 2,500,000,000 shares (Two billion five hundred million).
Issued Capital (pre-issue)	RO 164,965,746.600 (One hundred sixty-four million nine hundred and sixty-five thousand seven hundred forty-six Omani Rial, six hundred Baizas) divided into 1,649,657,466 shares (One billion six hundred and forty-nine million six hundred fifty-seven thousand four hundred and sixty-six) shares after issuance of rights shares (assuming full subscription).
Issued Capital (post-issue)	The Bank's total assets grew by 7.3 per cent in 2020, reaching RO 2.70 billion, compared to RO 2.51 billion in 2019. Customer deposits went up by 12.4 per cent to reach RO 1.92 billion compared to RO 1.71 billion. Loans and advances and financing, net grew by 8 per cent, reaching RO 2.21 billion. The Bank's operating income increased by 2.6 per cent, reaching RO 71.50 million in 2020. Operating expenses increased by 9.1 per cent, while the profit for the period was lower by 22.6 per cent, largely due to the pandemic-related slowdown and additional impairment charges on account of the prevailing operating environment due to the COVID-19 impact.
Issue size	300,000,000 Shares (Three hundred million) offered at Baizas 101 per Offer Share, aggregating to RO 30.3 million (Thirty million three hundred thousand Omani Rials).
Issue Price	Baizas 101 per Offer Share, consisting of issue price of Baizas 100 plus Baizas 1 towards issue expenses, payable in full on submission of the Application Form.
Rights Entitlement	Each Eligible Shareholder is entitled to participate in the Rights Issue pro rata based on their percentage shareholding in the Bank as on the Record Date, rounded down in the case of fractional entitlements (the "Rights Entitlement"). Accordingly, each Eligible Shareholder is entitled to approximately 18.185593 Offer Shares for every 100 Shares held by them on the Record Date, duly rounded down, or to 1 Offer Share for approximately every 5.498858 Shares held by them on the Record Date, duly rounded down.
Eligibility for Subscription	Each Eligible Shareholder, and each person who purchases all or part of the Rights Entitlement of an Eligible Shareholder during the Rights Trading Period, is entitled to participate in the Rights Issue. A failure to validly apply for Offer Shares during the Subscription Period will constitute a waiver of rights of participation in the Rights Issue. An Eligible Shareholder (or purchaser of their Rights Entitlement) wishing to subscribe for Offer Shares shall complete the required details in the Application Form and submit it during the Subscription Period to the Collecting Bank together with the requisite subscription amount. The 'rights' in respect of a Rights Entitlement may be traded on the MSM during the Rights Trading Period. A Shareholder has the option to either subscribe for its Rights Entitlement or sell all or part of its Rights Entitlement on the MSM. The eligibility to subscribe for Offer Shares shall lapse in case the Shareholder neither subscribes for their Rights Entitlement nor sells their Rights Entitlement on the MSM during the Rights Trading Period. An Eligible Shareholder wishing to apply for Additional Shares shall complete the required details in the Application Form and submit it during the Subscription Period to the Collecting Bank together with the requisite subscription amount. A Shareholder who does not subscribe for their full Rights Entitlement during the Subscription Period or who sells their Rights Entitlement (either in part or in full) is not eligible to apply for Additional Shares. An Applicant that is not a Shareholder on the Record Date but that has acquired a Rights Entitlement is not eligible to apply for Additional Shares. The application and allotment of Additional Shares shall be subject to the terms and conditions stipulated in Chapter 14 of the Prospectus.
Record Date	21st February, 2021
Start of Trading of Rights Entitlement	25th February, 2021
End of Trading of Rights Entitlement	9th March, 2021
Subscription Opening Date	1st March, 2021
Subscription Closing Date	15th March, 2021
Allotment	The Offer Shares shall be allotted against valid Application Forms, subject to the provisions of Chapter 14 of the Prospectus. The Offer Shares shall be allotted and refunds will be made (if required) within 6 working days from the Subscription Closing Date, after obtaining CMA approval for allotment. The Applicant, after the announcement of the allotment, shall ensure that the allotted shares are appearing in its account with MDCD.
Refund of Application Money	Refund of application money, if any, shall be made to the Applicants within 6 working days of the Subscription Closing Date.
Listing	As the shares of the Bank are already listed on the MSM, the Offer Shares shall also be listed on the MSM.
Approvals for the Issue	- Board approval vide its resolution at its meeting on 12th November, 2020 - CBO approval vide its letter no. BDD/CBS/AB/2021/503 dated 31st January, 2021 - CMA approval vide its Administrative Decision E/19/2021 dated 11th February, 2021
Issue Manager	Ubhar Capital SAOC P.O. Box 1137, P.C. 111, CPO, Sultanate of Oman Tel: +968 24949010 Fax: +968 24949099 Email: ubhar-corporatefinance@u-capital.net
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Collecting Bank	Ahli Bank SAOG P.O. Box 545, P.C. 116, Mina Al Fahal, Oman Tel: +968 24577000, Fax: +968 24568001 Email: info@ahlibank.om

Use of Proceeds

The purpose of the Rights Issue is to increase the Tier I capital of the Bank by increasing its paid-up capital, so as to enable its business growth and capital adequacy compliance.

Overview

The Bank was established under the name of Alliance Housing Bank, and was registered on the Commercial Register maintained by the MOCP pursuant to the Commercial Registry Law (Royal Decree 3/74, as amended) in June 1997. It was reconstituted as a commercial bank and received its commercial banking license from the CBO in December 2007. In January 2008, Alliance Housing Bank changed its name to Ahli Bank SAOG and commenced its commercial banking operations.

As a full-fledged commercial bank, it is active in all banking segments including retail banking, corporate banking, investment banking and Islamic banking in Oman.

In addition to being regulated by the CBO, as a public joint stock company whose shares are listed and traded on the MSM, the Bank is also regulated by the CMA. Apart from this, the Bank's business operations are subject to compliance with the Bank's own policies and procedures and the laws and regulations of Oman.

For more information visit www.ahlibank.om.

Bank's Major Shareholders as of 31 December 2020

Name	Country of incorporation	Number of shares	%
Ahli United Bank	Bahrain	577,380,102	35.00%
Oman Investment Authority	Oman	213,251,128	12.93%
Southern Orbit Investments LLC	Oman	163,183,750	9.89%
Civil Service Employees - Pension Fund	Oman	142,717,963	8.65%
Ubhar Capital SAOC - Asset Management	Oman	140,787,812	8.53%
Ministry of Defense - Pension Fund	Oman	95,436,060	5.79%
Others		316,900,651	19.21%
Total		1,649,657,466	100%

Historical Financial Statements

The following information has been extracted from the audited financial statements of 2019 and 2018 and unaudited financial statements for the nine (9) months ending 30 September 2020. For full financial statements, please visit MSM website at www.msm.gov.om or Bank's website at www.ahlibank.om.

Balance Sheet			
In RO '000	30 Sep 20	31 Dec 19	31 Dec 18
Cash and balances with the Central Bank	53,481	108,492	153,406
Due from banks	17,506	50,276	24,027
Loans and advances and financing net	2,159,208	2,054,986	1,870,677
Investment securities	311,462	258,148	214,073
Property, equipment and software and other assets	50,661	46,625	28,231
Total assets	2,592,318	2,518,527	2,290,414
Due to banks	168,417	197,705	146,777
Customer deposits	1,775,124	1,711,726	1,661,645
Share capital	259,782	265,195	255,004
Total shareholders' funds (including capital)	383,782	389,195	359,004
Total liabilities	2,208,536	2,129,332	1,931,410
Total liabilities and shareholders' funds	2,592,318	2,518,527	2,290,414
Book value per share (Baizas)	157	169	170

Income Statement

In RO '000	For the financial period ended		
	30 Sep 20	31 Dec 19	31 Dec 18
Net interest income	36,273	44,735	44,121
Net income from Islamic Financing and investments	9,316	12,304	7,933
Other operating income	8,143	12,710	10,099
Operating income	53,732	69,749	62,153
Net impairment on financial assets	9,938	5,871	5,108
Operating expenses	22,453	27,649	23,252
Profit before tax	21,341	36,229	33,793
Tax expense	2,188	5,214	5,007
Net profit	19,153	31,015	28,786
Earnings per share (Baizas)	12	20	18

Un-audited results for the year 2020

The Bank's total assets grew by 7.3 per cent in 2020, reaching RO 2.70 billion, compared to RO 2.51 billion in 2019. Customer deposits went up by 12.4 per cent to reach RO 1.92 billion compared to RO 1.71 billion. Loans and advances and financing, net grew by 8 per cent, reaching RO 2.21 billion. The Bank's operating income increased by 2.6 per cent, reaching RO 71.50 million in 2020. Operating expenses increased by 9.1 per cent, while the profit for the period was lower by 22.6 per cent, largely due to the pandemic-related slowdown and additional impairment charges on account of the prevailing operating environment due to the COVID-19 impact.

RO Million	31-Dec-20	31-Dec-19	Growth %
Total assets	2,702.5	2,518.5	7.3%
Loans & advances and financing, net	2,218.9	2,055.0	8.0%
Customers' deposits	1,924.7	1,711.7	12.4%
Equity	388.4	389.2	-0.2%
Operating income	71.5	69.7	2.6%
Operating expenses	30.1	27.6	9.1%
Profit for the period	24.0	31.0	-22.6%

Dividend Policy

The Bank's dividends policy complies with the CBO and CMA guidelines. The Board of Directors follows a conservative dividend policy and provides recommendations on the distribution of the dividends to the shareholders after due consideration of the regulatory guidelines, the future growth expectations, and other factors.

The historical dividend details of the Bank are given below:

For Year	Cash dividend	Stock dividend
2015	10%	-
2016	10%	-
2017	10%	5%
2018	10%	5%
2019	10%	5%

Source - MSM

Price Justification

Average Share Price

Period Ending 31 December 2020	Average Closing Price (RO)	Discount of Issue Price to Average Closing Price
1-month average closing price	0.126	20.0%
3-month average closing price	0.128	21.0%
6-month average closing price	0.129	22.0%
1-year average closing price	0.131	23.0%

Source: MSM, U Capital research

Note: Above calculations based on 31 December 2020

Peer Comparison

Name	Mkt Cap (OMR mn)	Last Px (OMR)	Current P/B	P/B'20m	P/E'20m	ROE'20m	Cash Div Yield, %
Bank Muscat	1280.3	0.394	0.70	0.67	8.15	8.3%	6.3%
Bank Dhofar	290.6	0.097	0.54	0.53	8.08	6.7%	3.1%
Oman Arab Bank	317.2	0.19	0.89	0.94	18.22	5.5%	2.5%
NBO	260.2	0.16	0.64	0.62	14.53	4.2%	4.1%
Bank Sohar	221.5	0.091	0.68	0.65	9.73	6.8%	4.4%
Ahli Bank	209.5	0.127	0.81	0.74	7.88	9.7%	3.9%
HSBC Oman	182.0	0.091	0.54	0.51	38.18	1.3%	1.6%
Bank Nizwa	144.0	0.096	0.92	0.97	14.15	7.1%	-
Average			0.71	0.70	14.87	6.2%	3.7%

Source : Bloomberg, U Capital Research

Note: Above calculations based on 31 December 2020

Based on the aforesaid factors and considering the Issue Price of Baizas 101 per share, the Bank believes that the Issue Price compares favorably with the peer average, and is at a discount of more than 20% as compared to the pre-issue one, three, six months and one-year average closing prices.

As of 31 December 2020, the market capitalization of the Bank is RO 209.506 million, and subject to full subscription of RO 30 million, the post-issue weighted average price is expected to be Baizas 123 per share approximately.

Board of Directors

The Board comprises nine members, elected in the Annual General Meeting held on 3 June 2020. Details of the current Board members are as follows:

Name of Director	Capacity	Represents
Hamdan Ali Nasser Al Hinal, Chairman	Independent	-
Anwar Hilal Hamdoon Al Jabri, First Deputy Chairman	Independent	-
Sanjeev Bajjal, Second Deputy Chairman	Non-Independent	Ahli United Bank
Keith Gale	Non-Independent	-
Abdul Hameed Ahmed Mohamed Al Bulushi	Independent	Civil Service Employees Pension Fund
Rajeev Gogia	Non-Independent	-
Ibrahim Said Badar Al Eisri	Independent	-
Jawa Rashid Saif Al Jahwari	Independent	-
Salim Ali Hamed Al Hasni	Independent	Ministry of Defense – Pension Fund

SUBSCRIPTION CONDITIONS & PROCEDURES

Eligibility for Subscription

The subscription for the Rights Issue is open to all Eligible Shareholders and to each person who purchases all or part of the Rights Entitlement of an Eligible Shareholder.

Each Eligible Shareholder is entitled to approximately 18.185593 Offer Shares for every 100 Shares held by them on the Record Date, duly rounded down, or to 1 Offer Share for approximately every 5.498858 Shares held by them on the Record Date, duly rounded down. The Rights Entitlement will be listed on the MSM and can be sold or purchased during the Rights Trading Period through the MSM.

Rights Subscription Period and Issue Price

Issue opens on – 1st March 2021

Issue closes on – 15th March 2021

The Collecting Bank will reject any Application Form that reaches it after its official working hours on the Subscription Closing Date.

The Rights Entitlement, and any right to participate in the Rights Issue, will lapse if a valid application is not made during the Subscription Period. A failure to validly apply for Offer Shares during the Subscription Period will constitute a waiver of rights of participation in the Rights Issue.

Issue Price – **Baizas 101** per Offer Share (with a share price of Baizas 100 per Offer Share plus issue expenses of Baizas 1 per Offer Share).

Trading of Rights

The Rights Entitlement is tradable on the MSM in accordance with applicable laws/regulations of the CMA and the MSM. Such rights can be traded i.e. bought and sold during the Rights Trading Period. The purchaser of a Rights Entitlement shall contact and coordinate with the Issue Manager to collect the requisite Application Form, complete and submit the Application Form to the Collecting Bank, together with application money and required documents, in each case on or before the Subscription Closing Date in accordance with the terms contained in this Prospectus. An unexercised Rights Entitlement shall lapse at the end of the Subscription Period.

Subscription for Additional Shares

- Only Eligible Shareholders are eligible to apply for Additional Shares.
- An Eligible Shareholder who does not subscribe to their full Rights Entitlement or sells their Rights Entitlement (either partially or in full) is **not eligible** to apply for Additional Shares.
- A non-Shareholder as on Record Date who purchases a Rights Entitlement, is **not eligible** to apply for Additional Shares.
- Eligible Shareholders validly subscribing for their full entitlement of Offer Shares may apply for Additional Shares.
- Eligible Shareholders who wish to apply for Additional Shares should indicate this by writing the desired number of Additional Shares in their Application Form and making the required payment with submission of the Application Form to the Collecting Bank.
- The minimum Additional Shares that can be applied for is one Offer Share with the maximum up to a number such that the total application (including such Eligible Shareholder's Rights Entitlement, any Rights Entitlement purchased from another Eligible Shareholder, and Additional Shares) does not exceed the entire Rights Issue size.
- Additional Shares will be allotted simultaneously with the Offer Shares, subject to CMA approval.
- If the total Additional Shares applied for exceeds the under-subscription (before considering Additional Shares) in the Rights Issue, all eligible Applicants will be allotted Additional Shares on a pro-rata basis proportionate to the number of Additional Shares applied for, and the balance will be refunded.
- If the total Additional Shares applied by Applicants is less than the under-subscription (before considering Additional Shares) in the Rights Issue, all eligible Applicants will be allotted all of the Additional Shares applied for by them.
- If there is any balance under-subscription even after allotment of Additional Shares, then the Board of Directors shall offer such shares for subscription pursuant to the provisions of the Capital Market Law, or reduce the amount of the increase of the share capital by an amount equal to the value of the shares that have not been subscribed for, as per Article 140 of CCL.

The decision of the Issue Manager, in consultation with the CMA, shall be final and binding in respect of the allotment of Offer Shares, including Additional Shares.

Note: Applicants should ensure that their post-rights issue shareholding is within the shareholding limits prescribed in the Bank's Articles of Association, Laws of Oman and applicable regulatory requirements.

The following is a worked example using illustrative numbers to show the methodology for allotting Additional Shares:

Particulars	Shares
Rights Issue Offer	100,000,000
Subscription	90,000,000
Unsubscribed	10,000,000
Additional Shares applications received from Eligible Shareholders	15,000,000
Allotment of unsubscribed shares on pro-rata basis based on applications received for Additional Shares	10,000,000
Percentage allotment of Additional Shares (10,000,000/15,000,000=66.67%)	
Refund of amount to Shareholders applying for Additional Shares equivalent to	5,000,000

Based on this example, a person applying for 3,000 Additional Shares will be allotted 2,000 Shares.

Subscription on Behalf of Minor Children

- An individual of age less than 18 years as on the Record Date will be considered a minor.
- Only a father may subscribe on behalf of his minor child(ren).
- If a subscription is made on behalf of a minor by any person other than the minor's father, the person submitting the subscription shall be required to attach a valid Sharia (Legal) Power of Attorney issued by the competent authorities authorizing him to deal in the funds of the minor through sale, purchase and investment.

Minimum and Maximum Application

The minimum application can be for one Share and the maximum application cannot exceed the Rights Issue size (including original Rights Entitlement, any Rights Entitlement purchased from another Eligible Shareholder, and Additional Shares).

Particulars of the Bank Account

- Each Applicant shall be required to furnish the particulars of their bank account (registered in the name of the Applicant). The Applicant shall not use the bank account number of any other person except in case of minor children only.
- If the bank account of the Applicant is registered with a bank other than the one receiving the Application Form, they shall be required to submit a document in evidence of correctness of the bank account particulars as provided for in the Application Form. This can be done by submitting any document from the Applicant's bank which clearly shows the account number and name of the account holder (Applicant), such as an account statement issued by the bank or a letter / document issued by the Applicant's bank containing the aforesaid information. The Applicant shall ensure that such evidence submitted is readable in a clear manner. The Applicant is not obliged to submit evidence of their bank account if they are subscribing through the bank wherein they maintain their account. In this case, the bank receiving the subscription shall verify and confirm the Applicant's account details in its specific system and procedure.
- The bank account provided in the Application Form would be used only for refunds.
- The Application Form containing the bank account number of a person other than the Applicant shall be rejected.

Documentation Required

- A copy of Applicant's Civil ID / Passport / Commercial Registration certificate, as applicable.
- Submission of a document confirming correctness of the bank account details written in the Application Form, only if the application is made through a bank other than the one with whom the Applicant has their bank account.
- A copy of a valid Power of Attorney duly endorsed by the competent legal authorities in the event the subscription is on behalf of another person.
- In case of applications by non-individuals, which are signed by a person in their capacity as an authorized signatory, a copy of adequate and valid documentation should be attached.

Mode of Subscription

- The Collecting Bank has been instructed to only accept applications for subscriptions that comply with all the requirements as provided for in the Application Form and this Prospectus. It is the responsibility of the Applicant however, to ensure that the particulars and information contained in the Application Form are true, accurate and complete.
- The Applicant shall be required, before submitting the Application Form, to peruse the Prospectus and read the conditions and procedures governing the subscription with care and importance.
- Only the original Application Form (with preprinted details) sent to Eligible Shareholders should be used. Photocopies of Application Forms will not be accepted. If any Eligible Shareholder does not receive the Application Form, such person must contact the Issue Manager sufficiently in advance of the Subscription Closing Date to obtain a duplicate Application Form duly stamped by the Issue Manager.

- Those who validly purchase a Rights Entitlement in the MSM during the Rights Trading Period should contact the Issue Manager and submit a copy of their purchase invoice issued by their broker or statement of account issued by MDCD showing their holding of the Rights Entitlement. The Issue Manager will issue the Application Form to such Applicants. Only the Application Form issued by the Issue Manager should be used by such Applicants.
- The Applicants are required to complete the Application Form for the subscription and furnish all their particulars including the shareholder number available with MDCD, civil number/passport number/commercial registration certificate, date of birth in case of minor children and contact phone number.
- Applicants are required to sign the Application Form to confirm that the particulars and information contained therein are true, accurate and complete. In case of minor children, only the father or legal guardian may sign the Application Form, on behalf of his minor children.
- The Applicant shall submit the Application Form to the Collecting Bank and make payment at the Issue Price for all Offer Shares (including any Additional Shares) that are the subject of such application. The Applicant shall make such application in accordance with this Prospectus and shall ensure that all documents in support of the information furnished (referred to above) are enclosed.

- If any overseas investor or Shareholder wishes to subscribe to the Rights Issue, they must pay in the currency of the Sultanate of Oman, i.e., Omani Rial.
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ATLANTIC COUNCIL INTERVIEW

Solve conflicts through trust, dialogue: Busaidi

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Oman's policy of solving conflict through dialogue and trust will help lead to long-term stability, the country's Foreign Minister has said. Badr Al Busaidi added that diplomatic solutions to resolve conflicts need to include everyone affected by it for them to truly end. Otherwise, he explained, there is a chance of disagreements flaring up once again.

"I cannot stress, more importantly, that dialogue is always difficult, but it does build confidence at the end of the day, and it does build trust," he said. "In dialogue, one may discover that parties have an interest in a solution and that multiple perspectives may desist in finding one. "But most importantly, it shows that solutions include everyone," the Foreign Minister added. "Any resolution to a conflict or ongoing source of instability needs a full buy-in. A solution that depends on excluding one party or another may well prove to be unsustainable."

Badr Al Busaidi was speaking during an interview with the Atlantic Council, an organisation that aims to solve global problems by building partnerships with the US and other countries. "For this reason, Omani foreign policy has always sought to encourage and maintain dialogue across the widest range of parties possible," he added. "We believe in seeking to form partnerships based on mutual understanding, rather than the kind of alliances that tend towards the formation of blocs or opposing sides."

He went on to say, "This is why Oman has chosen not to participate in such boycotts or blockades. It lies behind the Sultanate's reluctance to think of regional tensions in such oversimplified and divisive distinctions." The Foreign Minister was speaking to Marc Sievers, the former ambassador of the United States to Oman, and a member of the Atlantic Council. During his interview, he explained how Oman first needed to unite itself internally, before taking on its role as a regional peacemaker and negotiator.

"I always believed throughout my life and my career that one must always lead by example," he said.

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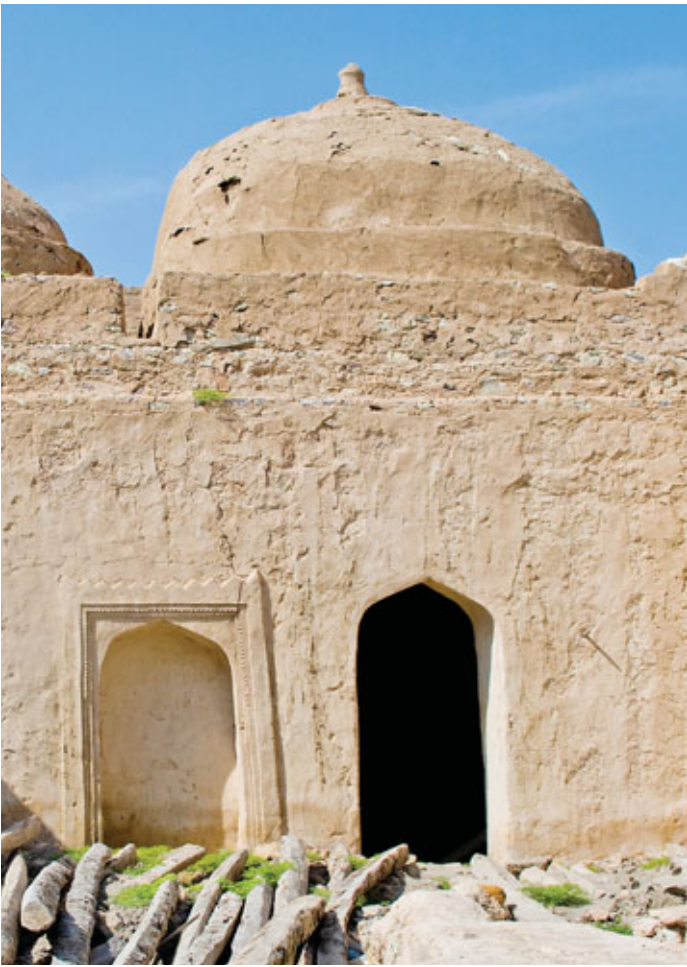
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EVERY DOOR IN OMAN TELLS A STORY



Oman is not just the land of deserts, beaches, mountains and forts, it can also be called a land of ornamental doors. Each door has a story to tell of Oman's rich historical past. Mostly made of teak wood imported from India or Zanzibar, the local carpenters had carved beautiful designs on them. Visit any village in Oman and you can see several abandoned old mud-brick houses. But what will catch your attention are the decorative doors with intricate designs. Many of these hand carved doors are now being used as table tops. The detailing of the carving mostly reflected the status of the household. Though over the years the wooden doors were replaced by metal ones, the



carved wooden doors are still prized possession. About 300 kilometres from Muscat in Jalkan Bani Bu Ali one can see many painted metal doors and traditional carved wooden gates. And for those visiting Salalah, don't miss the unique designs on the ancient doors. The doors in Salalah, Taqa, and Mirbat have traditional Omani formations and shapes seen in the form of triangles, squares and other shapes.



BILATERAL TIES

Oman, UAE discuss relations

MUSCAT: Sayyid Badr Hamad Al-Busaidi, Foreign Minister conducted bilateral consultations with Sheikh Abdullah Zayed Al Nahyan, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

The two sides touched on various aspects dealing with the Omani, UAE relations, as well as distinguished historic, cultural ties.

Both Ministers affirmed keenness of their countries' leaderships to strengthen the constructive co-operation in different spheres to enhance the mutual interests.

They exchanged views on regional and international issues and latest developments. They



also stressed the importance of the joint action within the GCC framework, in addition to supporting all endeavours to achieve security, peace and stability for different countries and peoples.

Earlier, Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al-Nahyan was received by Sayyid Badr Hamad Al Busaidi.

— ONA

HOTEL STAY

<FROM A1 New regulations

An expatriate in Oman who was planning to bring his parents to join him in Muscat said he had postponed their travel plans owing to the existing regulations. "My parents are both rather old, and will not understand how to navigate through all of the rules currently in place," he said.

"They come visit me every year, and it is rather straightforward, but the measures enacted will make it tough for them, and I don't want to burden them further."

"Their visit can wait for a while...I will bring them once some of these measures have been lifted," he added. "It is also rather expensive to bring them right now, what with the added PCR tests and the hotel stay, not to mention mandatory COVID-19 insurance."

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ROYAL OMAN POLICE

<FROM A1 ROP collaborates with Interpol

"These platforms unfortunately succeed in fooling many people in Oman into parting with their money, and it is only later they realise that these unrealistic rewards are only a mirage," revealed Al Quraishi.

"We have managed to bring many of the perpetrators of these crimes to justice, but there is only so much we can do, because many cyber criminals that try to dupe people operate from outside the country. To track them down, the Royal Oman Police collaborates with Interpol."

"Some devices have safe browsing methods for children, which enables the blocking of some programmes," said Al Quraishi.

"To parents, I say make sure you know what sites your children are browsing. Ask them about their daily activities, and keep an ear out for any unusual request for money from them."

"Spend time with them, as their using an electronic device for too long when alone is also a cause for concern," he further added.



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ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

The Board of Directors of Muscat Thread Mills SAOG is pleased to invite the Company's shareholders to attend the company's ordinary Annual General Meetings, to be held at 3:00 pm on Monday, 01/03/2021, via the electronic platform to hold general meetings which can be accessed through the website of the Muscat Clearing and Depository Company (www.mcd.gov.om) If the quorum of the meeting is not completed, a second annual ordinary general meeting will be held at 3:00 pm on Sunday 07/03/2021 to discuss the following agenda:

- To consider and approve the Report of the Board of Directors for the financial year ended on 31/12/2020.
- To consider and approve the board of directors on the company's Corporate Governance Report for the financial year ended on 31/12/2020.
- To consider the auditor's report and approve the balance sheet and profit and loss account for the financial year ended on 31/12/2020.
- To approve sitting fees to the board of directors' meetings and its sub-committees for the financial year ended on 31/12/2020 and to determine the fees for the forthcoming financial year ending on 31/12/2021 (as per the Annexure).
- To consider the amounts allocated and spent for the company's social responsibilities for the year ended on 31/12/2020 (as per the Annexure).
- To consider and approve the allocation of an amount of RO 500 for corporate social responsibility programs, for the year ending on 31/12/ 2021 (as per the Annexure).
- The appointment of the Auditors for the Company for the financial year ending 31/12/ 2021 and approve their fees.

According to the Company's Articles of Association and the controls for holding General Meetings using modern technology issued by the capital market authority , we would like to draw your attention to the following:

A. A legal person, exclusively, has the right to delegate a natural person to attend the General Meeting and vote on its behalf through technical means, provided that this natural person has an investor number in MCDC.

B. Voting on any of the agenda items begins no more than three days before the date of the General Meeting until the voting process ends on the day of the General Meeting. If the shareholder's shares are increased or decreased, the voting process will be canceled, and the shareholder will have to vote again on the day of the General Meeting.

For further information please contact Mr. Muhammad Adnan Saleem, contact phone number 2444 6806.

Chairman

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Sultanate of Oman

Ministry of labor

AUCTION ANNOUNCEMENT

The Internal Tender Committee at the Ministry of Labour announces the following auction:-

Auction No.	Auction title	Institutions eligible to bid and registered with the Tender Board	Last date for tender purchase	Last date for bid submission	Document's Fee
10/2020 Re-floated	Management and operation of a restaurant (outlet) at the office of the Ministry at the Airport Heights	Entrepreneurs / owners of SMEs	Thursday 25/02/2021 At 2:30 p.m.	Wednesday 10/03/2021 At 10 a.m.	RO 25/-

- Specialized establishments may obtain the auction's documents from the Treasury Department at the 3rd floor of the Ministry building at the Airport Heights against payment of the non-refundable abovementioned fees, starting from Monday 15/02/2021.
- Each bid shall enclose a bank guarantee issued by a local bank for 1% of the total bid value addressed to the Ministry of Labour and valid for 90 days from the date of bid submission.
- Bids shall be submitted in closed envelopes sealed with red wax, addressed to H.E. the Chairman of the Internal Tender Committee, bearing the auction number and subject with no indication to the name of the bidder.
- Bids shall be deposited in the Tender Box at the Secretariat of the Internal Tender Committee at the ground floor of the Ministry building at the Airport Heights, not later than the date and time mentioned against the auction. Bids shall be opened at 11 a.m. on the same day. (The Ministry shall not be bound to accept the lowest or any other bid)

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JAPAN

Over 120 injured in strong Fukushima earthquake

TOKYO: The clean-up operation in Japan continued on Sunday after a powerful 7.3-magnitude earthquake struck off the coast of eastern Japan during the night.

Around 120 were injured, according to officials.

Most injuries were reported in the quake-prone Fukushima and Miyagi prefectures, close to the epicentre. But tremors were felt as far as capital Tokyo.

“So far we have not received any reports of deaths,” Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga said during an emergency cabinet meeting on Sunday morning.

Saturday’s earthquake struck just weeks ahead of the 10-year anniversary of a quake that triggered a tsunami, killing 18,000 people, and a meltdown at the Fukushima Dai-ichi Nuclear Power Plant.

The latest

Power had been restored by early Sunday. Some 950,000 homes were without electricity initially after the quake.

Some bullet train services remain halted. East Japan Railway Co. said the bullet train on the northern coast will be suspended through Monday due to damage to its facility.

In the northern Fukushima city of Soma, a roof at a Buddhist temple collapsed.

Workers were clearing up a major coastal highway connecting Tokyo and northern cities where a major landslide occurred. Several other roads were also blocked by rocks. — **dw**



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EMIRATES MARS MISSION

Hope Probe sends first image of Mars

DUBAI: The Emirates Mars Mission team announced that the Hope Probe, which successfully entered the orbit of Mars last Tuesday, has sent the first image of the Red Planet on Sunday.

Having travelled more than 493 million kilometres over the past seven months, millions in the UAE, the Arab region and around the world have eagerly awaited to see the first image taken by the Hope Probe, which will be immortalised in history as the first image of an Arab probe to reach Mars.

Titled ‘EMM catches Olympus Mons at Sunrise’, the picture was taken by the EXI digital exploration camera, one of EMM’s three scientific instruments. It is a multi-wavelength radiation tolerant camera that can take 12-megapixel images and took the image from an altitude of around 25,000 km above the Martian surface.

The flexible readout modes allow customisation of resolution, regions of interest and frame rate to meet the needs of the user. The lens system is a double lens assembly with a separate UV and VIS optical paths. The type of lens used is a double Gauss variant, a compound type lens used to provide high resolution imaging of Mars. The low focal ratio makes it possible to use very short exposure times to capture stable images during periapsis, while fitting both lens systems into a compact package. The image sensor is a 12-megapixel 12-bit monochrome CMOS array 4:3 imager.

The colour is created from a composite of red, green, and blue EXI images. The North pole of Mars is in the upper left of the image. EMM captured the largest volcano in the solar system, Olympus Mons (centre), emerging into the early morning sunlight.

More prominent are the three large shield volcanoes of Tharsis Montes (Asraeus Mons, Pavonis Mons, and Arisia Mons).



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FORMER PRESIDENT

Donald Trump cleared by US Senate of inciting insurrection at Capitol riots

WASHINGTON: The United States Senate on Saturday formally cleared former President Donald Trump of inciting an insurrection at the US Capitol last month.

Trump was the first former president to face trial after leaving office and the only president to be impeached twice. The US Senate voted 57-43 on the impeachment charge, which means that seven Republican senators voted to convict the former president.

A conviction in Trump’s unprecedented second impeachment trial was seen as highly unlikely as it required a two-thirds majority, and the 100-member Senate is evenly split between Democrats and Republicans.

DW’s Washington bureau chief Ines Pohl said the vote showed the influence Trump still has.

“Picture is really clear that former-President Donald Trump has a grip on the Republican Party,” she said. “Donald Trump is far from being done.”

“This has been yet another phase of the greatest witch hunt in the history of our country,” Trump said in a statement.

“In the months ahead I have much to share with you, and I look forward to continuing our incredible journey together,” he added.

He signalled towards a possible political future, saying that “our historic, patriotic and beautiful movement to Make America Great Again has only just begun.”

“We have so much work ahead of us, and soon we will emerge with a vision for a bright, radiant, and limitless American future,” Trump said.

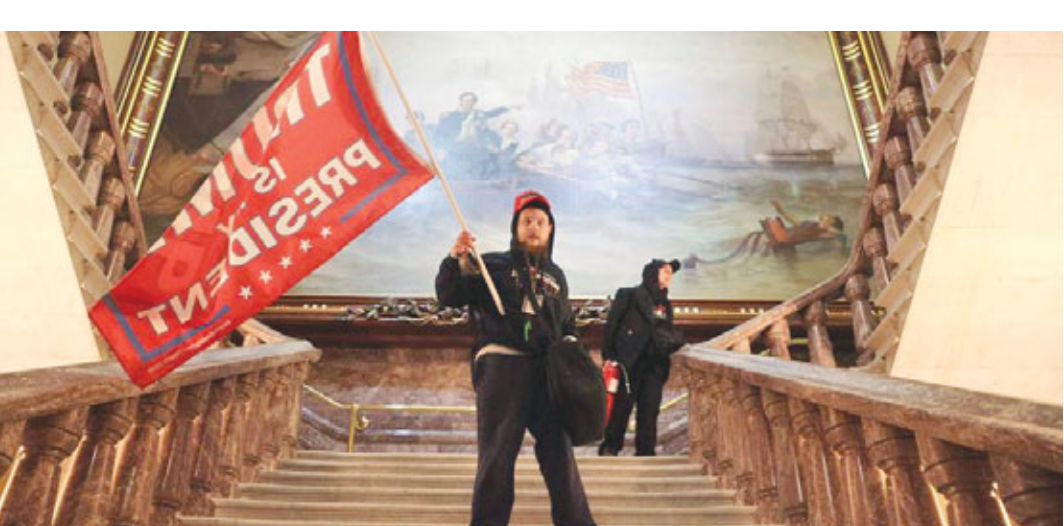
The ex-president was accused of inciting the deadly insurrection when he called on a crowd of supporters to march on Congress, which was in the process of certifying Joe Biden’s victory.

President Biden’s response

Speaking after the verdict, President Biden said, “This sad chapter in our history has reminded us that democracy is fragile.”

“While the final vote did not lead to a conviction, the substance of the charge is not in dispute,” Biden added. He also said violence and extremism have no place in America.

Democrats had hoped to sway a minimum of 17 GOP senators to reach the two-thirds majority required to convict Trump in January’s Capitol riots. — **dw**



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Ministry of Defence

TENDER ANNOUNCEMENT

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INVITATION TO THE ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

The Board of Directors of Sharqiyah Desalination Company SAOG (hereinafter referred to as the "Company") is pleased to invite the shareholders to attend the Annual General Meeting ('AGM') of the Company, to be held at 3:00 pm on Tuesday, 2nd March 2021, through the electronic platform for convening General Meetings which is accessible through Muscat Clearing and Depository website (www.mod.gov.om), and in the event the legal quorum is not met in the AGM, a second AGM will be held at 3:00 pm on Tuesday, 9th March 2021 through the same electronic platform above, to discuss the following agenda:

AGM agenda:

1. To consider and approve the Board of Directors' Report for the financial year ended 31 December 2020.

2. To consider and approve the Corporate Governance Report for the financial year ended 31 December 2020.

3. To consider the Auditors' Report and approve the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020.

4. To consider and approve the proposal to distribute a cash dividend at the value of [13.77] baiza per share for the financial year ended 31 December 2020 to the shareholders.

5. To consider and ratify the Board and Committees' sitting fees paid during the preceding year and specify the Board and Committees sitting fees for the coming year (as in Annexure 1).

6. To consider and note the transactions carried out by the Company with related parties during the financial year ended 31 December 2020 (as in Annexure 2).

7. To elect a Board member to fill the vacancy.

Anyone who wishes to nominate himself/herself for the position must complete the prepared election form and submit it to the Company at least 5 days prior to the AGM date and before the end of the business day 5:00 pm on Wednesday, 24 February 2021. The candidate should observe the conditions required for the membership of the Bank's Board of Directors.

8. To appoint the statutory auditors for the financial year ending 31 December 2021 and approve their remuneration.

As per the Company's Articles of Association and the regulations for convening general meetings through modern electronic platforms issued by the Capital Market Authority, we would like to attract your kind attention to the following:

a) only juristic persons may authorise a natural person to attend the AGM and vote on their behalf through the electronic systems, provided that the authorised natural person has an investor number at Muscat Clearing and Depository Company.

b) voting on any items listed in the agenda shall begin 3 days prior to the date of the AGM and ends on the date of the meeting. If the shareholder's balance of shares increases or decreases, his/her voting will be cancelled and they should vote again on the date of the AGM.

For more information, please contact Mr Nasser Saud Al Habsi on telephone number +968 2495 0701 or Mr Aiman Hassan Al Zadjali on telephone number +968 2469 3890 for any further information.

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PRIME MINISTER MODI PRAISES INDIAN DIASPORA IN THE GULF

KOCHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday praised the Indian diaspora in the Gulf region and said that it was an honour for the 'Vande Bharat Mission' to serve them in such a sensitive time as the COVID-19 pandemic.

"India is proud of its diaspora in the Gulf. It has been an honour to be able to spend time with them during my previous visits to Saudi Arabia, Qatar, UAE and Bahrain. I shared meals with them and interacted with them," he said. Mentioning the Vande Bharat Mission, the initiative undertaken by the government to bring back stranded Indians during the COVID-19 pandemic, PM Modi said, "Over 50 lakh Indians came back home under the Vande Bharat Mission. Many of them were from Kerala. It was our government's honour to serve them in such a sensitive time."

PM Modi also raised the issue of detention of Indians in the Gulf region.

"In the last few years, the govt of various Gulf nations have also kindly released various Indians who were sadly in prisons there. Our government will always speak up for such people. I thank the governments of various gulf nations for their sensitive approach on this subject. Gulf kingdoms responded to my personal appeals and took special care and took care of our community," said the Prime Minister.

On a brief visit to Kerala, he assured the diaspora saying Indians working in the Gulf should know they have the full support of our government.

Speaking on Aatmanirbhar Bharat, PM Modi said that Indians have shown that with the right opportunity, they can do wonders. Let us keep working to create those opportunities and together we will build an Aatmanirbhar Bharat, the PM asserted.

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Dimitrov knocks out Thiem, Serena moves into quarters

Reigning US Open champion lost to Bulgarian in straight sets by 6-4, 6-4, 6-0 that lasted for over two hours

MELBOURNE: Dominic Thiem knocked out of the Australian Open in the fourth round after losing to Bulgaria's Grigor Dimitrov at Rod Laver Arena on Sunday. Reigning US Open champion lost to Bulgarian in straight sets by 6-4, 6-4, 6-0 that lasted for over two hours. Dimitrov was on the top since the beginning of the clash as he won back-to-back sets and kept Thiem under pressure. In the third set, Dimitrov took full control of the match and claimed the set



WINNERS: Dimitrov, left, was on the top since the beginning of the clash as he won back-to-back sets and kept Thiem under pressure, Serena defeated Belarus' Aryna Sabalenka 6-4, 2-6, 6-4 at the Rod Laver Arena.



managed to change her fortunes around and she gave Serena no respite. Sabalenka managed to gain a 5-1 lead in the second set and Serena faced an uphill task. In the end, Sabalenka managed to take the second set 6-2. In the third and final set, Serena had managed to take a 4-2 lead, but Sabalenka came back strongly and the scoreline was levelled at 4-4. In the end, Serena managed to maintain her composure and she sailed into the quarter-finals. The 39-year-old Serena needs one more major win to equal Margaret Court's record Grand Slam tally. She has not added to her Grand Slam tally since beating her sister Venus in the Australian Open final in 2017. Earlier in the day, Japan's tennis player and world number three, Naomi Osaka progressed to the quarterfinals of the ongoing Australian Open as she emerged victorious in her fourth-round match. Osaka defeated Spain's Garbine Muguruza 6-4, 4-6, 7-5 in the fourth round at the Rod Laver Arena to make it to the quarterfinals. **-ANI**

CHIDAMBARAM STADIUM

Ashwin's five-wicket haul puts India in commanding position

CHENNAI: Ravichandran Ashwin's five-wicket haul was the highlight of the second day of the second Test as it helped India end England's first innings on 134 runs before the hosts' began to extend their lead over the visitors at the MA Chidambaram Stadium on Sunday. At stumps on day 2, India's score read 54/1, with Rohit Sharma and Cheteshwar Pujara on the field. The hosts currently enjoy a 249-run lead over England and will look to add many more runs to give themselves the best chance of winning the match. India witnessed a good start to their second innings, with Rohit Sharma and Shubman Gill scoring regular boundaries. Leach provided England with the first breakthrough as he got hold of Gill (12) in the 12th over. Pujara then took the field and played cautiously, along with Rohit, to ensure India do not lose more wickets on the day. Earlier, England got off to the worst start possible as Rory Burns (0) was adjudged leg-before-wicket of the delivery bowled by Ishant



STUNNER: Rishabh Pant took a stunning catch behind the wicket.

Sharma in the very first over of the innings. Soon after, Ashwin removed Sibley (16) and England were reduced to 16/2 in the eighth over. Skipper Joe Root (6) failed to leave a mark as he top-edged the ball delivered by Axar Patel and as a result, the left-arm spinner got his first wicket in Test cricket. England continued to struggle as Ashwin then removed Lawrence

(9) and England went into the break at 39/4. Ben Stokes and Ollie Pope resumed the second session from 39/4 and had a brief 13-run stand for the fifth wicket. Ashwin ended Stokes' 18-run stint and sent him back to the pavilion. Ben Foakes joined Pope in the middle and tried to build a strong partnership for the sixth wicket. The duo played cautiously and

added a 35-run partnership before pacer Mohammed Siraj joined the party and dismissed Pope (22). Foakes, along with Moeen Ali, guided the side to the 100-run mark. Axar Patel broke the stand and scalped the wicket of Ali (6). In the final over before tea, Ashwin got hold of Stone (1) and bagged his fourth wicket in the game. Jack Leach also failed to leave a mark as Ishant dismissed him before Ashwin took the wicket of Broad in the 60th over to end England's first innings. Earlier in the day, Rishabh Pant's (58*) unbeaten half-century guided India to 329 in their first innings. India lost quick wickets in the first session of the second day and were only able to add 29 runs to their overnight total. On the first day, Rohit Sharma played a knock of 161 while Ajinkya Rahane provided him support with a knock of 67 to help the hosts gain an upper hand in the match. **Brief scores:** India 329 & 54/1 (Rohit Sharma 25*, Shubman Gill 14, Jack Leach 1/19), England 134 (Ben Foakes 42*, Ollie Pope 22, Ashwin 5/43). **-ANI**

PREMIER LEAGUE

Gundogan's brace helps Man City defeat Spurs

MANCHESTER: Ilkay Gundogan scored a brace as Manchester City defeated Tottenham Hotspur 3-0 on Sunday in the Premier League 2020-21 season here at the Etihad Stadium. With this win, City has consolidated its position at the top of Premier League standings and the side now has 53 points from 23 matches. On the other hand, Tottenham has slipped to the ninth spot with 36 points from as many games. City got its first goal in the 23rd minute of the match as Rodri was able to successfully convert a penalty into a goal. No more goals were scored in the first half and at half-time, City maintained its 1-0 lead. In the second half, Gundogan came into its own and he registered two goals in the 50th and 66th minutes respectively and this gave City a 3-0 lead. Spurs was not able to recover from this blow and as a result, Jose Mourinho's side had to stumble to a defeat. City will next take on Everton in



the Premier League on Wednesday while Spurs will clash against West Ham on February 21. On Saturday, Liverpool stumbled to a 3-1 defeat against Leicester City and as a result, the Reds remain static at the fourth spot and the side now faces an uphill task to defend their Premier League title. **-DNA**

DUBAI AUTODROME

Al Harthy happy with 1st race of 2021

Times News Service

DUBAI: Race one of the Asian Le Mans Series delivered a respectable and very positive seventh place finish for Ahmad Al Harthy and the Oman Racing team at Dubai Autodrome on Saturday, February 13, to get the 2021 season off to a satisfying start. Beginning the championship curtain-raiser from 10th on the GT grid, from 19 class entries, Omani star Al Harthy took the opening stint of the four-hour race at the wheel of the No.97 Aston Martin Vantage GT3 and performed very competitively on his maiden race outing in the ALMS. Making immediate progress by gaining two places on lap one alone to move into eighth, the Oman Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth, National Bank of Oman, Omantel and Barr Al Jisrah supported racer then managed to usurp the No.51 AF Corse Ferrari for seventh after a fairly lengthy battle. Although edged back a couple of positions later in his stint, Al Harthy continued to lap strongly and handed the TF Sport-prepared Oman Racing Aston Martin over to British youngster Tom Canning for the second hour at the 5.39-kilometre track. Initially running in 10th position, Canning soon took ninth and with 90 minutes of action elapsed the Aston Martin Academy driver was right behind the Walkenhorst Motorsport BMW M6. Climbing



Ahmad Al Harthy.

up into seventh during the second half of his stint, at the midway point of the race - with a cautionary Full Course Yellow period in force - Canning pitted. **Aston Martin** Jonny Adam climbed into the cockpit for his first race mileage of the weekend and the Aston Martin factory driver held 10th place behind the No.55 Ferrari of Davide Rigon. As both cars moved up the order, Adam taking ninth, he remained stuck behind his Rinaldi Racing rival. Making an earlier final pit-stop as a result of the time delay, Adam managed to jump Rigon and ultimately concluded the race under the rapidly darkening evening

Dubai skies in seventh - less than eight seconds shy of the top six and some 14 seconds ahead of Rigon's Ferrari. **'What a race it was'** "What a race it was", said Al Harthy, "We all drove really well, it's very, very tough out here in the Asian Le Mans Series so I think we can be happy with P7 in our first race - it's a very respectable first race in the championship for Oman Racing as part of a very strong grid. I wish I'd cleared the Ferrari two or three laps sooner in my stint, but we weren't far off at all and I think I did a good job. "It was a fast race actually, only one Full Course Yellow period I think in the entire four hours which shows the level we're racing at. To be honest, I'm satisfied with P7 on my debut in the ALMS as we finished ahead of some very strong and professional line-ups." Al Harthy and all at Oman Racing are focused on more improvements for round two, with the experience from Saturday's contest certain to prove crucial. "We worked overnight on seeing what improvements we could make ready for race two, I'm really looking forward to it and feeling positive", added the Omani, "If we can make more progress again, and that's what Jonny, Tom and I are all focused on, it will be a strong first weekend overall for us in this incredibly competitive championship."

CRICKET ROUND-UP

Hasan, Kaleemullah steer Alpha to victory; Maniz Azad beat Waad Trading

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Superb 84 by Hasan M and Kaleemullah's brilliant 3 for 23 were the highlights of Arm Alpha's emphatic 122-run victory over Renaissance in a Premier Division 50-over League clash at OC Turf 1 in Amerat on Saturday. Hasan's top knock was instrumental in Alpha reaching 203 all out in 49 overs from being 74 for 5 inside the first 24 overs. Young Ubaid Ullah lent him good support by scoring 36 in an 86-run sixth wicket stand with him. Youngster Yash Mehta made a huge impression with the ball, taking 6 wickets for 36. Renaissance had no clue against the seaming deliveries of Kaleemullah, Bilal Khan (2 for 21) and Ahmed Fayyaz Butt (2 for 32) before being dismissed for a meagre 81 in its sixth loss out of eight games so far. Alpha is now fourth on the table with four wins from nine games. **Brief Scores** (Premier Division): Arm Alpha 203 all out in 49 overs (Hasan M. 84 - 5x4, 2x6, Ubaid Ullah 36 - 1x4, 1x6, Yash Mehta 6-36, Muhammed Bilal 2-48) beat Renaissance 81 all out in 25 overs (Rafi Ullah 26 - 1x4, 2x6, Kaleemullah 3-23, Ahmad Fayyaz 2-32, Bilal Khan 2-21) by 122 runs.

Maniz Azad win Maniz Azad International ended its C Division league campaign in style, beating Al Waad Trading by 5 wickets at Muscat Municipality ground 1 and topping the table with six wins and 12 points from seven games. Having played out its games, Douglas OHI also has 12 points from seven matches but has a lower net run rate of 2.45 against Maniz Azad's superior 3.70. Failing to post a big total on the board, Al Waad scored 118 for 7, Muthumurugan Muniyasamy topscoring with 37. Left-arm spinner Adnan Ul Haq was the most impressive bowler, taking 2 for 15 from four overs while Adnan Ahamad claimed 2 for 25. Maniz Azad took 15 overs to surpass the total, scoring 122 for 5, thanks to solid 39 by Mohsin Ansari and 31 by Shoaib Mohammed. **Brief Scores** (C Division): Al Waad Trad & Contracting Enterprises 118 for 7 in 20 overs (Muthumurugan Muniyasamy 37 - 2x4, 1x6, Adnan Ul Haq 2-15, Adnan Ahamad 2-25) lost to Maniz Azad International 122 for 5 in 15 overs (Mohsin Ansari 39 - 6x4, 1x6, Shoaib Mohammed 31 - 3x4, 1x6) by 5 wickets. **Jumbo Electronics win** In another C Division match, Anil Anwar's superb 79 not out helped Jumbo Electronics to an exciting

5-wicket win over OCT Al Amerat at OAC 3 ground in Seeb. Said Haider (46) was the main scorer in OCT Amerat's 152 for 6 which Jumbo Electronics chased down in the 19th over thanks to Anil. Said Haider bagged 2 for 30. **Brief Scores** (C Division): Oct Al Amerat 152 for 6 in 19 overs (Said Haider 46 - 3x4, 1x6, Tanveer Rana 2-26) lost to Jumbo Electronics 155 for 5 in 18.3 overs (Anil Anwar 79 - 11x4, Chandra Mouli 24 - 5x4, Said Haider 2-30) by 5 wickets. **OCT Mabela beat Safara** **Brief Scores** (D Division): Oct Al Mabela 159 for 7 in 20 overs (Zafarullah Al Balushi 50 - 6x4, 2x6, Farooq Hussain 26 - 1x4, Mushir Nazir 3-35, Imran Khan 2-21) defeated Safara International 145 for 8 in 20 overs (Shameel Mohamed 38 - 4x4, Adeel Anwar 34 - 2x4, 1x6, Muhammed Nadim 3-33, Arif Al Balushi 2-24) by 14 runs. **Barathwaj, Amardeen lift Vanderlande** **Brief Scores** (D Division): Vanderlande 182 for 5 in 20 overs (Barathwaj Vinayagam 75 - 8x4, Prasanth Reddy 39 - 5x4, Gopa Kumar Gopalakrishnan 2-33) beat Pitspot 136 for 9 in 20.1 overs (Mohaziz Moosa 31 - 3x4, Amardeen Shamsudeen 4-41, Muhammed Muzaiven 2-28) by 46 runs.

GLOBAL TRADE RECOVERY

Led by trade in goods, global trade recovered in the last quarter of 2020, reducing its overall decline for the year to about 9 per cent, according to UNCTAD's new Global Trade Update published. Imports and exports of goods grew by about 8 per cent in the fourth quarter of last year.

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MSM INDEX ENDS LOWER

The MSM index closed at 3,556.40 points, down 0.09 per cent from the previous close. The Sharia Index ended down 0.14 per cent at 533.89 points. Muscat Finance, up 5.56 per cent, was the top gainer while SMN Power, down 9.76 per cent, was the top loser.

Omani employees registered in public sector pension funds drop



NCSI DATA: According to the category of wages subject to the contribution, the highest number of Omani workers registered in the public sector's pension funds was in the wage category from OMR1,000 to less than OMR2,000, reaching 58,468 citizens. - File picture



The total number of Omani workers registered in the public sector's pension funds at the end of November 2020 included 113,526 males and 82,712 females

MUSCAT: The number of Omani workers registered in public sector's pension funds in the Sultanate as of the end of November 2020 stood at 196,238 comprising a drop of 0.2 per cent compared to the previous month.

According to the latest data released by the National Centre for Statistics and Information (NCSI), the total number of Omani workers registered in the public sector's pension funds at the end of November 2020 included 113,526 males and 82,712 females.

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to less than OMR2,000, reaching 58,468 citizens. This was followed by the category from OMR700 to less than OMR800, reaching 37,751 as the number of Omani workers registered in the public sector's pension funds with wages from OMR800 to less than OMR900 was 30,099.

By age category, the Omani workers registered in the public sector's pension funds between 35 and 39 years topped the list, reaching 54,115 followed by those between 30 and 34 years, reaching 42,902 citizens and followed by those between 40 and 44 years, reaching 41,249.

Oman has various public funds, including funds at the Civil Service, Diwan of Royal Court and Central Bank of Oman. - **OMA**

FUEL DEMAND

Oil price rise risks OPEC+ supply management

WASHINGTON: Oil prices are having a dream run as traders bet on vaccine rollouts, boosting fuel demand as economies reopen.

Benchmark crude contract Brent North Sea is trading at a year high of \$61 (€53.1) a barrel, having soared over 60 per cent since the emergence of successful coronavirus vaccines in November. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) futures, the US benchmark, has risen to \$58 a barrel.

The increase in oil prices, however, could give Saudi Arabia, the de facto leader of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), a new headache; some of its fellow oil producers, which have been complying with pledged output cuts in keeping with a deal to stabilise oil markets, might now be tempted to go rogue.

"OPEC+ producers are anxious to ramp up production and higher oil prices will ultimately lead to massive cheating on production commitments," Edward Moya, senior market analyst at OANDA trading group, told DW. "For OPEC+ members, it is all about market share and if demand improves along with prices, we will see compliance go out the window."

Poor compliance has beset OPEC+ — an alliance between the oil cartel members and a handful of Russia-led producers — since its inception in 2016.

But when last year's COVID-19 travel restrictions and sweeping lockdowns battered oil demand and caused oil prices to crash, even trading below \$0 a barrel in the US in April amid a severe shortage of storage space, oil producers didn't have much incentive to overproduce.

OPEC+ has claimed that there was close to full compliance with oil production cuts between May and December under the terms of its current deal, with even the so-called laggards receiving an impressive report card. Saudi Arabia has been strict in ensuring compliance, even calling on those breaching targets to compensate in the following months.

The alliance agreed to the biggest coordinated cuts on record — 9.7 million barrels of oil per day



MASSIVE CHEATING: OPEC+ producers are anxious to ramp up production and higher oil prices will ultimately lead to massive cheating on production commitments. - **DW**

(bpd), or 10 per cent of total global supply — in April last year when the COVID-19 pandemic brought the global economy to a screeching halt. That figure has gradually decreased to 7.2 million bpd amid recovering fuel demand.

In December the grouping committed to gradually bring back no more than 500,000 bpd every month. The increase in production was put on hold for February and March as many countries imposed new coronavirus lockdowns. Saudi Arabia volunteered to cut its production by an extra 1 million bpd in the two months as part of the deal.

With oil prices breaching the \$60 a barrel mark and crude stockpiles falling, Russia and some other OPEC+ members are calling for a faster ramping up of production than was agreed in December, reigniting tensions with Saudi Arabia. The group will meet on March 4 to discuss the production target for April.

"I do think that this meeting is going to be more difficult for Riyadh to argue for restraint, even though from a balanced perspective they [OPEC+] should restrain. So, make no mistake about that," Eugene Lindell from Vienna-based JBC Energy told DW. "The demand has not come back. So, the

price is in a way artificially high. It's gotten ahead of itself. It's pricing more on future expectations than on current fundamentals."

Russia's shale worries

Russia, among the world's top three oil producers, has been calling on OPEC+ to ramp up production under pressure from its own producers, which are looking to cash in on the price rise.

Moscow, whose budget is more resilient to low oil prices than most major oil producers, is also worried that the recent increase in oil prices could lead to US shale players making a comeback after taking a battering during the pandemic, leading to further erosion in its market share.

Rystad Energy estimates that if WTI stays in the \$50-55 per barrel range, then at least 300,000 bpd in oil production will be added by US shale companies by year-end 2021.

Moscow has already been receiving favourable conditions within OPEC+. It was allowed to produce an extra 65,000 bpd in February and March even as others, barring Kazakhstan, were told to hold output steady. It is under compliance with pledged output cuts have also largely been ignored by Riyadh.

"As the oil price ticks up, they [Moscow and Riyadh] actually each have less leverage on one another. In a high market oil price environment, the two countries become less dependent on one another for market regulation," Rystad Energy oil markets analyst Louise Dickson told DW. "In a \$60 per barrel world, Saudi's threat of releasing more than 1+ million bpd of spare capacity onto the market becomes less of a threat. At the same time, as prices tick higher, Russia's participation in the deal also becomes less crucial."

Saudi Arabia's predicament

Saudi Arabia, which has been forced to dive into its cash reserves to meet its budgetary needs, would like oil prices to rise even further to help fund Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's ambitious spending plans as he looks to reduce the country's heavy reliance on oil.

"As long as this multi-billion project remains a top priority for the Kingdom, it may not have any better option than holding back oil production to fund it. Even if it has to go at it alone, as was the case with the 1 million bpd cut in February and March 2021," Dickson said. - **DW**

ECONOMIC FORECASTS



EU predicts economic rebound amidst COVID-19 restrictions

BELGIUM: The European Commission announced its cautiously optimistic interim economic forecasts, predicting a return to pre-pandemic levels by 2022.

The forecasts predicted that GDP growth in the eurozone would reach 3.8 per cent in 2021 and 3.7 per cent for the entire group of 27 member states — including those countries not using the euro.

The eurozone saw a 6.3 per cent drop in GDP in 2020 when countries across the bloc responded to the coronavirus pandemic with a series of lockdowns that hit the economy hard.

The predictions were made on the assumption that lockdown restrictions would stay in place for the first half of the year while the most vulnerable people get vaccinated, but with a gradual easing from the end of spring.

What did the European Commission say?

Commission Vice-President Valdis Dombrovskis said that the forecast "provides real hope at a time of great uncertainty for us all. The solid expected pick-up of growth in the second half of this year shows very clearly that we are turning the corner in overcoming this crisis."

But he also warned that "a strong European response will be crucial to tackle issues such as job losses, a weakened corporate sector and rising inequalities. We will still

have a great deal to do to contain the wider socio-economic fallout."

EU lawmakers passed an economic stimulus bill on Wednesday that promised loans and grants worth €672.5 billion (\$815 billion), with a focus on environmental and digital transformation schemes.

The recovery package had not been taken into account for the forecasts.

How reliable are the predictions?

The predictions brought some good news, but also represented a reduction in growth forecasts made in November when the Commission had hoped for 4.8 per cent growth in 2021.

Germany saw its own forecast slashed to 3.2 per cent, although with boosted growth expected in 2022. Italy also saw its growth estimates for this year massively reduced from 4.1 per cent to just 3.4 per cent.

The EU warned that the predictions were not set in stone and could be knocked back if the new coronavirus variants become more widespread leading to delayed easing of restrictions.

The EU rules restricting countries from racking up high debts and deficits have been suspended during the pandemic to allow governments to increase spending in an attempt to keep their economies afloat during nationwide lockdowns. - **DW**

COVID RESPONSE REPORT

Growth in medical and health technology set to accelerate

Times News Service

MUSCAT: A new COVID Response Report (CRR), produced by Oxford Business Group (OBG) in partnership with the digital health platform Altibbi, explores the rapid development, uptake of medical, and health technology across four MENA markets in 2020, while considering the major part that further innovation will play in driving economic recovery in the region.

In-depth analysis

The CRR provides in-depth analysis of how Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and the UAE responded to the pandemic in an easy-to-navigate and accessible format, focus-

ing on key data and infographics relating to the technological advances in the health care system of each country against the broader socio-economic landscape.

The report tracks the investment made by all four countries in health care provision in recent years which, while varying in terms of funds allocated and inflows, bolstered their efforts to contain the virus when it arrived and care for patients.

Tech-led services

It looks, in particular, at the broad range of tech-led medical and health services introduced by each market, which proved crucial in the pandemic by making alternative, remote solutions available

and reducing the overall pressure on traditional systems.

Key examples included e-health and telemedicine options, which were key in delivering vital public health information and facilitating remote consultations, thereby helping to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Subscribers will also find coverage of the medical and health technology industry potential for growth in areas such as medical record digitalisation, which is expected to gain momentum in line with demand for integrated health care systems, telemedicine and automation.

Growth story

The report explores Altibbi's growth story, tracking its expansion

and the steps it took to continue operating throughout the pandemic when demand for services — both established and new — rose sharply. It also looks in detail at the firm's collaborative projects with the governments of Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and the UAE, which enabled them to continue delivering their health care provision through telehealth consultations and COVID-19 information hotlines, alongside other services, in a challenging environment.

New technologies

Jalil Allabadi, Founder and CEO, Altibbi, said that having enabled governments to provide essential health information and medical services remotely when

COVID-19 arrived, new technologies were now expected to play an even greater role in post-pandemic health care, driven forward by changing demographics, rising levels of internet use and pressure on current systems.

"Approximately 400m people in the Arab world are still without access to essential medical services, while the proportion of the Mena population aged over 65 is rising. At the same time, an estimated 70 per cent of doctor visits are considered to be unnecessary," he said. "Technological tools in various forms, ranging from telemedicine to apps, will play a critical part in meeting the demand for health information and medical care, at a time when governments are keep-

ing a close eye on their budgets."

Karine Loehman, OBG's Managing Director for Africa, said that unlike key areas of the global economy, technology-enabled health services had performed strongly during the pandemic, with health-tech companies able to tap into the disruption to doing business.

"The outlook for the sector is bright, with industry players already focused on developing solutions that will help to fill vacuums in quality and infrastructure," he said. "From a regional perspective, all four study countries are expected to exhibit strong GDP per capita growth going forward, pointing to promising prospects for higher purchasing power and telehealth spending."

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New JAC range creates wave at Jalan Bani Bu Ali

The roadshow in Jalan Bani Bu Ali helped raise brand awareness of the new JAC range introduced in Oman last year

MUSCAT: Towell Auto Centre the sole distributor of JAC Motors in the Sultanate of Oman conducted a successful roadshow in Jalan Bani Bu Ali on January 21, in the Seih Sanda area which is in the heart of the city. It was conducted keeping in mind all aspects of the COVID guidelines.

The roadshow helped to raise the brand awareness of the new JAC range introduced in Oman last year. JAC has been present in Oman for over 12 years with its commercial light truck range. The Passenger and Light commercial vehicles were added to the existing range last year.

The range of new JAC vehicles includes the value-driven S3 crossover, this intelligent crossover which offers power and styling at the same time. T8 Pickup, Turbocharged for pleasure or your business needs. This is an added addition to the existing range of JAC LCV Titan Trucks with Cummins engine which is extremely popular across different segments.

It is worth mentioning that the T8 Turbocharged pickup got an overwhelming response in Jalan Bani Bu Ali. The size, cargo space and styling won the hearts of the customers who stopped their cars, came to the display area to take a look at the vehicle. Available in



both a 4wd and 2wd option, T8 meets the requirements of the customers in the region. JAC T8 comes with class-leading features such as Acoustic Hood, Central Locking, Active Steering and ABS (Anti-lock Brake System) among others. In the T8 owners get the legendary reliability of JAC's commercial range all wrapped up in rugged good looks.

People from all walks of life including businessmen and ladies from the area visited the event and showed interest especially for the T8 the Turbocharged pickup which due to its stylish looks can also be used as a family car and comes at an unbelievable starting price of OMR 4999.

Riyadh Ali Sultan, GM Towell Auto Centre said, "We bring products that meet the aspirations of the Omani people, takes care of the safety standards and also offers unmatched value. The partnership between VW and JAC motors has

also been an integral part of JAC's growth in the consumer vehicle sector as VW has contributed to the design and quality control of a multitude of JAC's new and existing models!"

JAC's S4 crossover SUV packs a powerful performance punch and offers premium performance specs as well as additional luxury features at an attractive price. By providing exceptional value at an unbelievable price, customers can expect an amazing crossover SUV for the price of a sedan! The S4's engine provides performance and fuel efficiency thanks to the lower displacement and turbo. Its turbocharged engine produces an epic 210 Nm of torque with a 0-60 time in 4.7 seconds flat. Easy on the eye as well, the S4 comes with striking good looks on the interior and exterior.

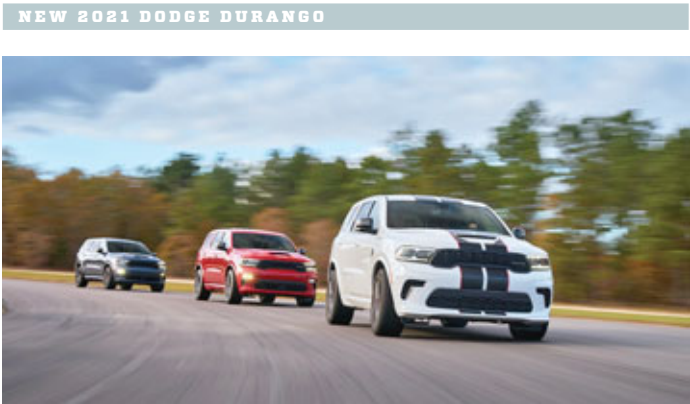
On the outside, the S4 flaunts a stylish design. Its intricately designed front grille and eye-catching chrome headlights, as well as

its aesthetically designed character lines that run across the vehicle's sides, are a sight to behold. On the whole, the S4's aesthetic appeal is second to none in its class.

On the inside, JAC has gone all out and equipped the higher-end S4 variants with a large 10.25-inch LED touch screen panel via which the vehicle's lighting can also be adjusted. The S4 also comes with a 360-degree camera, Bluetooth connectivity and USB ports for front and rear passengers, the S4's infotainment system adds to its invigorating interiors. In addition to an arsenal of great features, JAC also focused on making the drive of the S4 as comfortable as possible. With features like cruise control system, automatic closing of power windows, keyless entry, leather seats and foot-activated tailgate, the S4 provides the same luxuries other SUVs in its class provide and more.

Driven by an advanced 1.6L VVT engine, the S3 conforms to Euro V Emission norms and delivers exceptional fuel economy. S3 is designed to bring you impressive build quality and advanced features in one compact crossover. Wrapped in soft-touch, premium materials, the dashboard and the console are straight from a class above while the seats look inviting and are sportily styled with red stitching. The seats in the front and the rear offer ample stretch space for all passengers and thoughtful features like a central armrest. The S3 also reserves enough space for all your cargo with a boot that normally offers 600L space but almost triples with the seats down.

For those buying a crossover for the reassurance of added safety, S3 is well-equipped with dual airbags and side airbags. There is a world of support at hand for the driver including a 360-degree reversing camera with front and rear parking sensors. Moreover, built-in electronic driver assistance technology like electronic stability control, ABS and EBD add stability to the drive.



Dodge Durango SRT Hellcat orders full

MUSCAT: The new 2021 Dodge Durango SRT Hellcat goes fast, both literally and figuratively. After opening for orders in November, Durango SRT Hellcat production is officially sold out.

Although Dodge has closed new customer orders, a small number of dealer-allocated units will be available for a limited time. Dodge will build a total of 2,000 2021 Durango SRT Hellcats.

"The 2021 Durango Hellcat is only a single model-year run, ensuring that it will be a very special, sought-after performance SUV for years to come," said Tim Kuniskis, Dodge Brand and Interim Chrysler Brand Chief Executive Officer - Stellantis. "Based on anticipated demand, all dealer allocations have already been reserved, but there is still some time to secure an unsold dealer order."

The Dodge Durango is coming off of a successful 2020 with the new 2021 Durango being crowned the SUV of Texas, as well as Full-size SUV of Texas for the sixth time by the Texas Auto Writers Association (TAWA).

The Durango SRT Hellcat is the most powerful SUV ever, delivering 710 horsepower and 645 lb.-ft. of torque from the proven supercharged 6.2-litre HEMI® Hellcat V-8 engine paired with the quick-shifting TorqueFlite 8HP95 eight-speed automatic transmission. The Durango SRT Hellcat has a 0-60 miles per hour (mph) time of 3.5 seconds, a quarter-mile elapsed time of 11.5 sec-

onds as certified by the National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) and a top speed of 180 mph.

No SUV in the world can tow more or carry more with a faster quarter-mile time than the Durango SRT Hellcat

The Durango has the best-in-class towing capacity across its lineup. The supercharged 6.2-litre HEMI Hellcat V-8, legendary 392-cubic-inch HEMI V-8 and classic 5.7-litre HEMI V-8 with the Tow N Go Package outhaul every full-size, three-row SUV on the road, with a towing capability of 8,700 lbs. The award-winning 3.6-litre Pentastar V-6 engine has a towing capability of 6,200 lbs.

Dodge Durango, the ultimate "no-compromise" SUV and the Charger of the three-row SUV segment raises the bar for 2021 with the new aggressive exterior styling, a new interior with a Challenger-inspired cockpit and more performance than ever with six distinct models - SXT, GT, Citadel, R/T, SRT 392 and the new 710-horsepower Dodge Durango SRT Hellcat - the most powerful SUV ever.

The Challenger and Charger muscle car exteriors are reflected in the Durango's new, aggressive exterior, which features a new front fascia, LED low/high projector headlamps, LED daytime running lamp (DRL) signatures, grille, rear spoiler and wheels.

The 2021 Durango Citadel is the all-in luxury trim of the Durango lineup.

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Cash bonus for Meethaq salary transfer accounts

Any individual customer having an account will be eligible to take part in this campaign on a 'first come, first serve' basis without any restrictions on the minimum salary amount

MUSCAT: In line with its commitment to promoting a good savings habit among the public, Meethaq Islamic Banking from Bank Muscat, has announced that all customers opening new salary accounts will be eligible to earn 10 per cent of their salary, maximum

up to OMR500, as a one-time Cash Bonus. It must be noted that any individual customer having a salary account will be eligible to take part in this campaign on a 'first come, first serve' basis without any restrictions on the minimum

salary amount. The scheme is applicable for both Omani and expat customers.

The applicable cash bonus will be credited to the customer savings account within 15 days of receiving the first salary credit. If a customer has two salaries, and he/she transfers both of them separately, then he/she will get two cash bonuses under this campaign.

Additionally, customers transferring their salary to a Meethaq account are also eligible to avail a host of offers and services in addition to a one-time Salary Cash Bonus. These include attractive Mudarabah profit rates offered for savings account deposits with profits being paid each month, free ATM withdrawals for Meethaq

customers on any Bank ATMs in Oman without any withdrawal fees and free Life Takaful coverage up to RO 50,000 offered through Al Madina Takaful Company.

Customers may also take advantage of Meethaq's latest edition of Hibati Savings scheme based on Sharia rules and principles to open a salary credit account. The 2021 Hibati scheme includes 100 weekly prizes of RO 100 each and will also feature Quarterly, Mid-year and End of Year Grand draw as well as special draws for the 51st National Day prizes of RO 1,000 each and 30 Omani Women's Day prizes of RO 1,000 each. Prizes totalling over RO 1.5 million will be given away to a record number of 5,331 winners in 2021.

WOMEN'S AND MEN'S COLLECTION

Spring-Summer collection from Dune London



MUSCAT: A new season brings with it a fresh perspective, and renewed styles are plentiful across the Dune London Women's SS21 collection.

Bold new trends paired with imaginative in-house design make for an exciting season ahead. Moving into the new season, a burst of saturated colour is introduced to an otherwise soft, neutral palette. Bright colour pops of clementine orange, kiwi lime, azure blue, banana yellow and watermelon pink embrace the feeling of summer fun and positivity.

The modern mule is a key focus for the season, where soft, padded, Brazilian leathers offer volume to twisted knot uppers, toe post silhouettes and square toe slides. Staying true to the brand's DNA, a fresh focus on bespoke, statement embellishment and decorative details continue to deliver that something special. Must-have profiles include twinkling tubular knot mules and diamante twist sandals, encrusted with pastel rainbow stones. Pretty pearls decorate toe brooch trims, buckle fastenings and signature jewel heels whilst delicate mesh panelling and pastel linen textures offer a new direction.

Attention to detail is celebrated through statement sunburst jewels, baguette stone heels and colourful ombre diamante, whilst chisel-point toes, flared heels and sweetheart toplines offer the perfect finishing touches.

With a nod to 90's nostalgia,

toe-post flatform sandals in pillowy soft leathers are introduced alongside denim textures and tie-dye prints.

Influencer favourite Lockstock, with its signature turnlock hardware and chunky 'dad' sandal appeal, is introduced in exciting new colours and textures for SS21.

A new season brings with it a fresh perspective, and renewed styles are plentiful across the Dune London Men's SS21 collection. In a shift away from true formal shapes, the silhouette becomes more relaxed, whilst the emphasis on texture remains, in natural shades of burnished brown and khaki green.

Lattice and embossed woven finishes dominate the range, with this texture featuring not only on loafer and sneaker uppers but on finer trim details too.

Casual profiles include a woven effect runner, a real hero piece in soft hand-burnished leather, complete with an in-house designed outsole. This woven effect can also be found on a more traditional driver style, which features a textured vamp, side lace detailing typical of a moccasin driver, complete with metal hardware detailing for a more refined finish.

Premium lattice sliders are a key profile, fashioned in hand-woven leather with a cushioned footbed and flexible sole, which provide comfort, giving the option of both indoor and outdoor wearability.

NEW CAMPAIGN

National Finance unveils new 'Absher' campaign

MUSCAT: National Finance, the leading finance company in Oman, with an extensive geographical presence across 20 branches, has announced the launch of its new expression campaign 'Absher', reflecting that the finance process and service is fast, easy and flexible.

Absher, an Arabic term, which means 'Consider it Done', communicates National Finance's brand values, and aims to inspire the new generation, especially young millennials and SME owners, to achieve success whilst making right and prudent financial choices in their life.

It also stands true to the brand's philosophy of ease, convenience and accessibility, by being 'Partners in Progress' of individuals and companies, enabling them to take

their next step towards achieving their goals and aspirations.

Speaking on this occasion, Ali Al Mani - GM - Business said, "At National Finance, we constantly strive to bring new experiences and focus on ease of accessibility. Individuals and businesses often need financing support or deposit options to progress towards their next goal. In line with the same, the Absher campaign stays true to our vision of being the preferred provider of personal and business financial services in the Sultanate of Oman."

With digital platforms continuing to play a pivotal role in reaching out to customers, National Finance is constantly developing their channels to connect with the customers and enhance their engagement.

FIA WORLD RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP



Toyota GAZOO Racing wins Rallye Monte-Carlo

MUSCAT: Toyota's passion for making ever-better cars has encouraged it to participate in various racing events across the world. Taking on challenges that range from gruelling racetracks to sustained high-performance demands, Toyota has risen to conquer every quest.

Toyota's GAZOO Racing (GR) World Rally Team achieved a dream start to this year's 2021 FIA World Rally Championship

recently at Rallye Monte-Carlo. Sébastien Ogier and his co-driver Julien Ingrassia won the legendary race in the No. 1 Toyota Yaris WRC, leading teammates Elfyn Evans and Scott Martin in the No. 33 Toyota Yaris WRC to secure a fantastic one-two finish. Kalle Rovanperä and Jonne Halttunen claimed fourth in the No. 69 Toyota Yaris WRC, completing an amazing Day 4 for the GR team.

BUSINESS JOURNEY

Zubair SEC leverages social media channel to introduce member's businesses

MUSCAT: Understanding that social media is an essential way to reach customers, gain valuable insights, and grow the brand, Zubair Small Enterprises Centre (Zubair SEC) featured leading business projects run by entrepreneurs and members of the centre on Zubair SEC YouTube account.

Adel Al-Hubaishi, senior adviser at Zubair SEC interviewed two members of the centre who founded the Grandma's Mixes and Al Hara Ice Cream Project business projects on the Zubair SEC's YouTube account and quizzed them on their business journey. The members spoke about the challenges and success of their successful projects.

This initiative comes within the support strategy provided by the Zubair SEC to its members with the centre constantly striving to diversify the methods of support provided to members entrepreneurs. The aim of the centre primarily has been to develop the culture of entrepreneurship in Oman.

Explaining that the centre used the Zubair SEC YouTube account to air the interviews to give the members publicity they merit, Adel Al-Hubaishi, "We understand that social media is one of the most cost-efficient digital marketing methods. Using social media will greatly increase brand recognition since these mediums engage with a broad audience of



consumers. The videos we posted have been viewed by a large number of audiences. With nearly all of Oman's population using social media platforms, they are a natural place to reach new and highly targeted potential customers. Our members have greatly benefitted from this social media initiative we adopted. We hope to conduct and publish more such interviews by visiting other business owners who are members of the centre and introduce their commercial projects to the community."

Zaima Saif Nasser Al Salami, founder of Grandma's Mixes who featured in the video thanked Zubair SEC for making a tangible effort to introduce small enterprises affiliated to its membership to the larger community.

She said, "The centre provides various means of support and communication for entrepreneurs by communicating with them and visiting them to find

out about projects and the latest developments. Introducing us to the community through the establishment of exhibitions and markets and social media has been very helpful.

Grandma's Mixes offers a range of herbal and henna-based hair colour and hair care products. The uniqueness of Grandma's Mixes product range is that only natural ingredients from Oman are used to prepare them, mainly the Hinna plant that is very popularly planted in the Sultanate, especially in Al Sharqiyah.

She added: "The visit of the senior adviser of the centre to the Grandma's Mixes factory and introducing the community to the processes we follow and the way we operate has helped us greatly as far as exposure is concerned. We have received a great response from the public. We were contacted by old and new clients who have shown keen interest in our products."

Zaima said social media has proven to be one of the most effective channels to promote products online. One of the major strengths of social media marketing is its ability to create relationships between businesses and their audiences.

Salem Al Ghammari owner and founder of Al Hara Ice Cream Project was also included in the social media project aired by Zubair SEC. Thanking Zubair SEC for featuring him in the social media interview, Al Ghammari said, "It is important to use platforms that are commonly used by customers so that we can reach out to target audience at a more effective rate. Social media channels such as YouTube help us attract the right customers and help us showcase our product to potential customers at the right time. The interview conducted by Zubair SEC helped us get a lot of publicity."

Al Ghammari said: "We started the business in November 2019. Our business model is a mobile ice cream 'bus' cart which sells a variety of ice cream flavours, cool refreshments, tea and coffee. Usually, the vehicle stops near the Kalbuh Park located at the end of the Corniche with the Muttrah mountains on one side and sea on the others. Since the cart is mobile, we can move the project to participate in public and private celebrations and festivals, but our permanent location in the park."

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