

HM CONGRATULATES UAE PRESIDENT

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik has sent a cable of congratulations to Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE on the new leadership appointments in UAE and Abu Dhabi. In the cable, His Majesty the Sultan expressed his sincere congratulations and best wishes of good health, happiness and a long life to UAE President, praying to Allah the Almighty to achieve aspirations of progress and prosperity for the UAE people under Sheikh Mohammed's wise leadership. — **ONA**



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RATINGS AFFIRMED AT 'BB'

S&P revises Oman's outlook to positive

MUSCAT: S&P Global Ratings revised Oman's outlook to positive and affirmed its ratings at 'BB', in light of improving fiscal performance.

The agency said in its credit rating report on the Sultanate of Oman issued on Saturday, that the revised outlook came as a result of the reform measures undertaken by the government of the Sultanate of Oman in the financial and economic areas that may contribute to strengthening Oman's fiscal position in a better way than the agency expects, adding a greater degree of resilience of the national economy against oil price shocks.

The agency pointed out that the government's efforts to improve fiscal performance and policies supporting economic growth were reflected significantly in reducing public debt. It also highlighted the strong growth witnessed by the nominal GDP and the decline in total debt to GDP from more than 60 percent in 2021 to about 40 percent in 2022.

The agency added that the Sultanate of Oman is determined to continue improving its fiscal position, which will enhance its resilience against oil prices volatility.

The agency expects that the public debt will decrease to about OMR16.5 billion, or 37 percent of GDP, by the end of 2023. It pointed out that the decline in the



public debt and posting financial surplus during the years 2023 and 2024 will lead to an increase in the fiscal space of the Sultanate of Oman.

In its report, the agency said that the government managed to rationalise public spending during 2022, despite the increase in oil revenues, as a result of the government's continued efforts to control public expenditure.

The agency also expects the growth of GDP (at constant prices) at an average rate of about 2.5 percent during the period 2023-2026. It also expects that the average growth of non-oil sector will reach about 3.5 percent during the period 2025-2026.

In the report, the agency pointed out that the average price of Brent crude is expected to reach \$90 per barrel in 2023, \$80 per barrel in 2024, and \$55 per barrel in 2025. **>A3**

OMR16

Million is the likely cost of expansion of Kumzar port that is being studied by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resources

2024

Will be the year when the first exclusive freight ferry is expected to be launched by the government focusing more on freight services

PROJECTS IN MUSANDAM GATHER PAGE



New airport, a university, launch of sea taxis among major plans in the northern governorate

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Sultanate of Oman's focus on the Musandam governorate as part of Oman Vision 2040 has already witnessed development projects kick-started and with the progress gathering pace, the governorate will be one of the major destinations for tourism and investments.

The strategic location of the governorate of Musandam, which overlooks the Strait of Hormuz, with its islands and bays makes it unique compared to the rest of the Sultanate's governorates.

The governorate receives great attention from His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik, who issued Royal Directives in 2021 to

focus on the development of the governorate to make it a hub for local and international investors.

Speaking at a recently-held forum, organised by the Journalists Committee in Musandam under the auspices of the Oman Journalists' Association, Sayyid Ibrahim bin Saeed Al Busaidi, Governor of Musandam, said: "Musandam is a land of opportunities. A lot of development projects have been launched in the past couple of years and we hope the aspirations and the ambitions of the local people will be fulfilled."

"At present, the major projects include the construction of a new airport at Khasab, a university (campus of University of Technology and Applied Sciences) and

launch of sea taxis in the Musandam peninsula."

Al Busaidi said: "The location of the airport and the preliminary design has been approved. The site and the road leading to the airport was selected from 39 options." The Musandam Governor added: "Plans are underway to launch a mobile app for use of taxis in Musandam as people prefer to use their own cars as taxis. We have invited companies to operate this application."

There are also major road projects underway with plans to develop the picturesque route connecting Kumzar village and Khor Najd that has been undertaken by the Ministry of Defence. The road will bring a lot of relief to people of Kumzar village. He said that expansion of Kumzar port is being studied by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resources, and the project, which is likely to cost OMR16 million, was not included in the current five-year plan.

Al Busaidi said that plans are

afloat to develop khors (rocky inlets) and coastline around Khasab. Musandam is dotted with plenty of khors and the government is keen to develop these places to attract tourists with a waterfront set to come up.

On the operation of ferry services, Al Busaidi said that "at present ferries operate between Shinas and Khasab, Shinas and Dibba and Shinas and Lima via Dibba." He added: "The government is keen to change the model with focus more on freight services and less on passenger traffic with the first exclusive freight ferry to be launched in 2024."

The Musandam Governor said: "People in Musandam are used to sea travel and there is a lot of movement between Kumzar and Khasab. An investment opportunity for sea taxis has been studied but because of the high cost of the operating model, there have been no takers. We are working with the Otaxi Company to develop a sea taxi model and a feasibility study is underway." **>A3**

TOP THREE INSIDE STORIES

OMAN

Muscat Municipality's 'green drive' bears fruit

1 The 'green drive' by Muscat Municipality has led to a total green cover of 2,730,446 square metres in the Muscat Governorate and setting up of a total of 137 parks with public facilities for the people. Muscat Municipality is keen to provide people-friendly parks and walkways and it is already in the process of building more walkways around major residential neighbourhoods. **>A2**

WORLD

Russia takes over UNSC's presidency

2 Russia took on the presidency of the UN Security Council (UNSC) on Saturday. A day earlier, the Kremlin said Russia plans to exercise all the rights afforded by the role. Meanwhile, the United States urged Russia to "conduct itself professionally" while holding the position. **>A6**

MARKET

Oman's oil production exceeds 49mn barrels

3 The Sultanate of Oman's crude oil production increased by 2.9 percent and reached 49.39 million barrels at the end of February compared to the same period in 2022, according to the preliminary statistical data of the National Centre for Statistics and Information (NCSI). **>B1**

ADVENTURE-SEEKING DUO

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Imagine riding motorcycles for around 15,000kms over the past three months. Certainly, not an easy thing but then this is what one's passion and love for exploring countries does.

Meet the adventure-seeking duo from Pakistan, Munawar Husain and Shan Ilahi, who not only rode for hours daily but also braved snowfall, extreme chilly winds, sandstorms, fog and rains on their trip named Safer-e-Noor (Journey into light).

The trip that began with a group of 25 riders from Pakistan saw them travel on bikes from Lahore to Mecca in Saudi Arabia to perform Umrah before the pair decid-



ed to come to Oman before returning to Pakistan.

The duo have been enjoying the beauty of the Sultanate of Oman over the past week and also experienced the warmth and hospitality



of Omanis and their fellow countrymen over Iftar gatherings.

The daring riders were recently given a warm reception by Imran Ali, Ambassador of Pakistan to the Sultanate of Oman, at the embassy

premises in the presence of senior diplomats.

Sporting big smiles, the two riders from Pakistan, who possibly are the first to have done a road trip to Muscat from Lahore, spoke to *Times of Oman* about their journey so far that have taken them to nearly 15,000kms since they began their journey on January 6, 2023.

Safar-e-Noor trip

The 44-year-old Munawar said: "We began the Safer-e-Noor trip as part of a 25-member group that belongs to Lahore-based Cross Route Club. The initial plan was to make it a spiritual journey as we wanted to perform Umrah. So, from a total of 50 that had displayed interest, 25 decided to begin the trip.

"We first crossed into Iran through the Taftan border and then reached Sharjah in the UAE by ferry from Bandar Abbas. From Sharjah, the group travelled to Riyadh via Abu Dhabi and Dubai and performed Umrah in the holy city of Mecca on January 28. While the remaining riders decided to explore Saudi Arabia, I along with Shan came to Oman. I have visited Oman in the past and also gone to Salalah from Muscat by road."

He added: "Oman has a beautiful landscape and topography. Most importantly, the people of Oman are full of warmth and hospitality. We have received a lot of affection from all segments of people during our journey." **>A2**



SUSTAINABLE GREEN ENVIRONMENT



Muscat Municipality’s ‘green drive’ initiative bears fruit

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The ‘green drive’ by Muscat Municipality has led to a total green cover of 2,730,446 square metres in the Muscat Governorate and setting up of a total of 137 parks with public facilities for the residents.

Muscat Municipality is keen to provide people-friendly parks and walkways and it is already in the process of building more walkways around major residential neighbourhoods.

Green cover

Muscat’s green landscape has wowed people and tourists over the years and the landscaping department of Muscat Municipality plays a key role in ensuring that the green cover provides a sustainable green environment.

Muscat Municipality has adopted the latest and best technologies in the field of landscaping and continues its goals of spreading the green landscapes in the governorate.

Well-thought-out plans to expand the scope of flat green spaces, offering a sustainable and healthy lifestyle that are in line with the humanisation of cities, are being planned.

As part of these measures,

Muscat Municipality is working on setting up more walkways and establishment of public parks.

Plant nursery in Al Qurm

The municipal plant nursery plays a vital role in the propagation of some trees that are used as green cover in projects. Some of the major types of trees and plantations propagated are Sidr, Zam, Peltophorum, Neem, Cassia Ndura, African tulip, Begonia, and Royal Poinciana.

The green cover in the governorate include 19,565 date trees and 51,831 other trees. The number of shrubs and fences is estimated to be 336,777, and seasonal flowers spread over 84,205 square metres. The average annual production of plants in Al Qurm Park is estimated from 100,000 to 120,000 trees, 250,000 to 300,000 shrubs, and 500,000 fences and soil coverings.

Landscaping a priority

The project to landscape the area adjacent to public roads and squares have a special appeal to the municipality’s projects in Muscat governorate. The landscaping adds diversity in visual vision through the extensions of roads and concrete walls of buildings and urbanisation, as well as afforestation of these extensions

has environmental, psychological and aesthetic benefits consistent with modern concepts of planning.

Sustainable projects

The Directorate General of Projects and Landscaping is implementing a number of projects related to afforestation, and it has so far completed 80 percent of the landscaping work in Bousher Public Park, in addition to the completion of the afforestation of the Mashawi Village project in Al Amerat. The municipality recently completed the implementation of the fourth Al Amerat walkway project, which was supervised by the Directorate of Muscat Municipality in Al Amerat.

Facilities and walkways

Muscat Municipality has implemented a number of walkways in various areas of Muscat, including Al Mahaj in Al Amerat, Al Wadi Al Kabeer, as well as Jaal in Bousher, Exhibition Street at the Airport Heights, and Sur Al Ha-deed walkway in Seeb.

Currently, there are a number of walkways under construction, such as the Golden Jubilee walkway in Al Mawaleh, fourth zone in Al Amerat and Daghamar walkway in Quriyat.



COMMENTARY

Experiences of women in digital banking



Mohammed Anwar Al Balushi

Despite the fact that digitalisation is the future, its potential is endless, and there are no limits to what can be achieved through it. In short, digitalisation or more specifically “Digital Banking” has become a necessity. Terms such as ‘Cashless’, ‘Paperless’, and ‘Contactless’ have become commonplace.

Digital banking isn’t a new trend, it’s been around for a while, it’s evolved based on customers’ experiences. Oman’s Banking sector has witnessed major digital transformations such as Internet Banking, Telebanking, Real-Time Gross Settlement (RTGS), Electronic Clearing

Cheques (ECC) and banking via mobile apps in recent years.

Has digital banking become a familiar practice among Omani women? What was their experience with digital banking? Are their demands as end users being met? Is digital banking a hurdle for these types of customers? In terms of digital banking, what are their expectations? How much knowledge do they have about technology and bank transactions?

“Digital banking is a new concept to me,” said Fatima, a housewife. “In terms of technology, I am far away. I do not use online shopping; I always go to the grocery store and pay in cash. I have a local bank account, but I don’t use it for digital banking”, she added.

While Fatima might not be very confident in her skills in using technology, Jamila, an educated woman working in a professional firm, indicated that she understands digital banking’s advantages and disadvantages. “Digital banking has made life easier for everyone, but there are risks, too, like digital fraud and information leaks”, said Jamila.

Another woman in her thirties, Aysha, also had a lot to say about her experience as a bank customer, “Digital banking means anytime and anywhere”,

said Aysha.

The local transfer from Bank A to Bank B that I attempted last night was non-completion, so I had to withdraw first from my Bank and then deposit to Bank B, according to Aysha. As she continued, “I hope such restrictions will be removed, so everyone can access banking services digitally.”

Salha, a recent graduate seeking a job, stated that “digital banking has become an essential tool for bank customers to monitor their transactions.”

Online shopping and digital banking have the advantage of saving time. If you fail to find what you wanted online while browsing the internet, you don’t regret it as if you went to the mall and couldn’t find then, of course your time was wasted.

When I told Salma about the various digital banking services currently available, she was amazed; “I wish I had known I could pay my utility bills, transfer money, and do so many other banking transactions online, it would have saved me so much time.”

However, digital banking services are still far from perfect and have a long way to go until they are perfected, but the level of service, ease of use, and simplicity will continue to improve.

JOURNEY INTO LIGHT

< FROM A1 ‘Experienced many challenges’

The 47-year-old Shan Elahi said: “We experienced challenges aplenty after we started our trip. We have been led by our inspirational chairman of Cross Route Club, Muqaram Tareen, who has been the brainchild behind this trip. Despite the extreme weather conditions that saw us brave -16 degrees Celsius to sandstorms and snowfall, the group stayed together to complete the main goal of performing Umrah.

Elahi added: “During the trip, we experienced what brotherhood means as strangers all through our journey welcome us with open arms. The hospitality of Arabs has been exceptional while the expatriates, be it from Pakistan and India, were delighted to meet us in UAE, Saudi Arabia and Oman.”

The duo entered Oman from Saudi Arabia via Ibri on March 23.

Both the riders wished to explore the beauty of the Sultanate of Oman but had to cancel their plans to travel to Salalah due to the ongoing holy month of Ramadan.

Munawar said: “I believe Shan



and myself would be the first riders to have travelled to Oman on bikes from Lahore.”

Munawar is an entrepreneur from Sialkot in Pakistan with business interests in South Korea and is a widely-travelled adventure seeker, having been to 20 countries. Elahi hails from Lahore and owns a printing and advertising business. He said: “We found Oman to be the most beautiful country we have vis-

ited. We have come with a message of brotherhood and love and would like to invite our fellow Arab brothers to Pakistan. Our nation is also blessed with beautiful landscapes and we would like people to come and explore our country.”

The duo will travel to Dubai before joining the remaining members of the group and take their return trip from the UAE to Iran and reach Lahore.

OMAN AND ETIHAD RAIL COMPANY

Oman, UAE review progress of rail network project

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Board of Directors of Oman and Etihad Rail Company have reviewed the progress of the Oman-UAE rail network project, in Muscat.

The members of the Board of Directors of the Oman and Etihad Rail Company reviewed the company’s achievements and the most important developments, research and studies on the Oman-UAE rail network project.

Meeting held in Muscat

This came during a meeting of the company’s board of directors, which was held in Muscat, during which the members were briefed on the work progress of the joint network path, the results of reviews, studies, engineering designs and systems to provide engineering solutions based on international standards designed to meet the challenges of environmental conditions, by providing specialised work teams to conduct these studies.

The members of the Board of Directors discussed the procedures that the company operates in to ensure the application of international best practices and the latest technologies and systems to develop an integrated railway network, and to ensure the op-

eration of trains and the smooth movement of their movement to pass across borders smoothly to meet the requirements of fast and efficient transportation of passengers and goods.

The Board of Directors of Oman and Etihad Rail Oman and Etihad Rail Company praised the support given by the leadership of the two countries to the rail network project, which links Sohar Port to the UAE national railway network, enhancing the workflow of the project and its development to contribute to achieving sustainable development in the two countries.

The Company stressed the importance of the joint project, which constitutes a new station in the joint relations between the two countries that contributes to facilitating the movement of passengers and goods and providing rewarding job opportunities for competencies from the two countries, which contributes to achieving the sustainable development process and strengthening brotherly ties between the two sides through the development and operation of a railway network linking between the Sultanate of Oman and the United Arab Emirates, according to the highest levels of safety, security and efficiency.

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Commerce ministry approves electricity measuring devices

It aims to enhance national basic structure of quality, which will support the local economy and lead to inflow of goods through exchange of trade

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion has taken the initiative of introducing the approval of electricity measurement devices by signing the cooperation framework with the Authority for Public Services Regulation and Distribution Rules Council. The initiative taken by the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion aimed to boost marketing and industry of the measurement devices with the requirements of Omani Standard (OS1648) on pre-paid electricity meter systems and (OS1647) on electricity meter systems. It also aims to enhance national basic structure of quality, which will support the local economy and contribute to elimination of technical challenges and lead to inflow of goods through exchange of trade. The cooperation framework aims to assign the Distribution Rules Council with the review of the documents related to the application for the type of electric-



INITIATIVE: The initiative taken by the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion aimed to boost marketing and industry of the measurement devices with the requirements of Omani Standard. - Representative image

ity meter in agreement with the Directorate General of Specifications and Measurements. Faiza bint Hamad Al Mashafi, Director of the National Measurement and Calibration Centre at the Directorate General of Specifications and Measurements at the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion said that the type of electricity meter approved is based on the standard specification and the technical requirements set forth in the Omani standard specifications of electricity meters, issued by the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promo-

tion and the technical criteria for the power measurement systems and the approved standards in the electricity sector. She said that the application for the type of electricity meter is an application submitted by the party supplying the electricity meters or the manufacturer. She said that the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion issued in May 2022, Ministerial Decision No. 393/2022 on the Omni Standard (OS1648) on the prepaid electricity meters systems and OS1647 on the electricity meters.

with DNA inputs

OMAN'S ECONOMY < FROM A1 Credit ratings could be raised

The report stated that the credit ratings of the Sultanate of Oman could be raised during the coming period if the ongoing reform measures further strengthen Oman's fiscal position, in light of the continued reduction in government net debt and interest costs.



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MUSANDAM

Khasab city centre development tender to be awarded soon

< FROM A1 The top government official said that major plans to beautify the city are on and the urban development will witness creation of city centres with the first tender to be awarded next month for Khasab city centre development. On the hospitality and tourism fronts, Al Busaidi admitted "investment in the sector was slow." He said: "We had a contract signed to develop hotels in Bukha but lack of investments meant that it is now on a back burner. The occupancy rate in Dibba was good, and in 2022 the inflow of tourists increased with the past three months witnessing the highest number of tourists in Khasab. A total of 90 cruise ships visited Musandam during the 2022 and early 2023. Smaller ships have also begun to arrive and ship owners have confirmed that Khasab is a major destination for cruise ships". Al Busaidi said work is underway to develop economic and tourism zones, including Mahas, which will be focused on light and medium industries, a fish market and a quarry. Work is also on to expand the fishing port in Dibba to a multi-purpose port with an investment of OMR40 million and setting



up of a waterfront in Dibaa, Bassa Beach development project (likely to open in May 2023), and infrastructure development in Madha. In September 2020, National Development and Investment Company (ASAAS) inked a usufruct agreement with the Office of Minister of State and Governor of Musandam to develop Bassa Beach in Khasab. The agreement involves developing a land area of about 73,000sqm that will feature two key components – a four-star resort and a public park to cater to the growing number of tourists visiting Bassa Beach. A beautiful sandy beach nestled between the rugged mountains of Musandam, Bassa is strategically located near the current Khasab Airport and 2.6km from the city centre.

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Ramādān

» IFTAR TIMING

6:28 pm



» PRAYER TIMINGS

Dhuhr	12:16 pm
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Maghrib	6:28 pm
Isha	7:39 pm
Fajr (April 3)	4:43 am

» CUISINE

IFTAR IN PAKISTAN

Preparations for Iftar commence about three hours beforehand, in homes and at roadside stalls. The fast is broken by eating dates, or simply by drinking water if dates are not available. Savouries such as jalebis, samosas and pakoras are also served during Iftar. Several restaurants also offer Iftar meals during this time. Right after Iftar, Taraweeh prayer takes place which is followed by people flocking to the local bazaar for festivities.

» FASTING TIP

PREPARE VANILLA MILKSHAKE

All you need to do is add a glass of milk into a mixer, some vanilla ice cream and vanilla essence, and a tablespoon of honey and blend it well. Top it off with chunks of dates and you are good to go. This refreshing drink is perfect for breaking the fast and provides a good energy source.

» HEALTH

A PERFECT BLEND OF NUTRITION, TRADITION AND TASTE



FOOD is something that makes Ramadan special, by bringing a community together with flavour-some delicacies. Here are three ingredients which you can use in your recipes and savour their bursting flavours. These ingredients are not only rich in essential nutrients but are a good energy source for those fasting during the day.

Saffron is considered one of the world's most valuable and expensive spices. Apart from adding flavour and class to the food, saffron holds quite the significance in the Islamic community mainly for its medicinal value, which comes with numer-

ous health benefits. It not only has anti-diabetic properties but also aids digestion and reduces inflammation. It is also known to have a calming effect on the mind, which can be particularly beneficial during Ramadan, when Muslims are encouraged to practise self-reflection and introspection.

Honey is described as a source of healing in the Holy Quran. For centuries, honey has served as a natural sweetener. It is rich in multiple medicinal properties. It boosts the immune system and gives you energy, which is quintessential during this month.

Adding honey to recipes not only contributes to healthier food using natural sweeteners, but also aids with medicinal advantages, by strengthening immunity during long fasting hours.

Another ingredient with historical importance for the Islamic community is vermicelli. It finds its application in various sweet and savoury recipes. In the Middle East, vermicelli is often used in desserts like kunafa, a pastry made with vermicelli and cheese. Vermicelli can be used to make seviyan, the most consumed sweet dish during Ramadan.

» IFTAR RECIPE

OATS MUHALLABIA

Recipe by Oneza Tabish



INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup rolled white oats, cooked
- 1 litre milk
- 2 tbsp rice flour
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 tbsp chopped almonds
- 2-3 drops of rose water
- Handful of slivered almonds for garnish

PREPARATION

- Dissolve rice flour in 1 cup milk, keep aside.
- Heat remaining milk and bring to a boil.
- Simmer for 8-10 minutes, add

- sugar, boil till dissolved.
- Gradually add rice flour mixture, while stirring continuously.
- Bring back to a boil, simmer for 5-7 minutes, or till thick.
- Cool to room temperature, stir in rose water.
- Add the oats and almonds, stirring gently.
- Pour into individual bowls, refrigerate till set well.
- This should take about 3-4 hours.
- Serve chilled topped with a few slivered almonds.

» WORDS OF WISDOM

“The people will depart separated [into categories] to be shown [the result of] their deeds. So whoever does an atom's weight of good will see it” [Quran 99:6-7]

This verse serves as a timely reminder that even the smallest, seemingly most insignificant act of goodness will not go unnoticed by Allah. Encouraging us to do good even when it seems as if we are completely alone or at our lowest, this verse can give us inspiration in the goodness of every act of charity or kindness in this world, no matter what the scale may be.



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Oman Desert Marathon to be organised in January 2024

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Oman Desert Marathon (ODM) announced that its ninth edition will be held from January 20-24, 2024.

The 165km, self-sufficient four-stage race has been held in Oman's spectacular deserts since 2013, and it presents runners with a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to course through the Sultanate's unique landscape and enjoy its rich culture and world-renowned hospitality.

The race is divided into four stages: 42km on day one, 55km on day two, 47km on day three, and 21km on the fourth and final day.

The last edition consisted of Omanis, who made up the majority of the runners, as well as a number of participants from various parts of the world, including Spain, France, Ukraine, Italy, Germany, Poland, Britain, Belgium, Switzerland and Morocco.

The eighth edition of ODM took an interesting turn, with memora-



ble yet unexpected victories from the Swiss Corina Sommer in the Women's category and Morocco's Mohamed El Morabity in the Men's category. As for the Omani runners, Saleh AlSaidy, Sami Al Saidi and Hamdan AlKhatri were in the top three.

In the ninth edition, which is taking place in Bidiya as per ODM traditions, there will also be shorter races in addition to the main event, which will start one

day earlier, on the 19th of January. The shorter races are for distances of 10 km, 5 km and 2 km, which proved to be quite popular in the last edition.

Racers who wish to run longer distances of 42 km and 21 km will also have the chance to do so on January 20th.

The perfect weather conditions in January help runners to enjoy the desert to the fullest. With an average high temperature of 25 degrees during the day, participants are sure to get an enjoyable experience that will forever be etched into their memories.

For those in Muscat, there will also be a chance participate in a night desert run, which will take place in October 2024 in Ghala. This will be the 2nd edition of the 5KM Night Trail charity race, and it will give participants the unique opportunity to enjoy a run (or a walk) under the beautiful starlit desert sky. ODM donated 100% of its profits to the Environment Society of Oman

BRIEFS



Oman says racism destabilises societies and weakens govts

MUSCAT: The Sultanate of Oman assured the Human Rights Council that racism destabilises societies and weakens governments. The Sultanate of Oman assured that racism constitutes a challenge to the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, destabilises societies, weakens governments, impedes development opportunities and undermines the integration of people.

Over 300 prisoners released as part of 'Fak Kurbah' initiative



MUSCAT: In the first week of Ramadan, more than 300 insolvent people were successfully released as part of the Fak Kurbah initiative in the Sultanate of Oman. The Fak Kurbah humanitarian initiative, in its tenth edition, successfully released 319 prisoners in various governorates of Oman.

Thunderstorm likely in Oman



MUSCAT: Thunderstorms are expected over parts of Oman during the next two days, Oman Meteorology said on Saturday. Oman Meteorology said in its weather forecast that it is likely that clouds will flow over most of the governorates of Oman. **Times News Service**

REF: OFM/TD-23/01
Dahabi Digital Marketing

Oman Flour Mills SAOG, (OFM) invites specialized contractors to participate in our tender for "Dahabi digital marketing" as per the Scope of Service.

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Bank: Sohar International
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Tender Ref no.	OFM/TD-23/01
Tender subject	Dahabi Digital Marketing
Tender fee	RO.25/- (non-refundable)
Start date for tender collection	02.04.2023
Last date for tender collection	06.04.2023
Last date for receiving the technical queries	12.04.2023
Closing date of the tender	18.04.2023
Mode of payment of tender fee	By Bank Transfer
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- The exterior of the envelope should be marked with the name and number of the Tender being presented and should bear no identification or mark of the Tenderer.
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‘Gaikwad is going to do wonders for Indian cricket’

Chennai Super Kings' opener Ruturaj Gaikwad's knock of 92 went in vain but earned praise from Gujarat Titans skipper

AHMEDABAD: Chennai Super Kings' Ruturaj Gaikwad, whose 52-ball 92 went in vain in the opening match of the 2023 IPL against holders Gujarat Titans on Friday, "is going to do wonders for Indian cricket", according to Titans skipper Hardik Pandya.

Hardik was speaking after his team's win that kicked off IPL 2023 in Ahmedabad in front of 100,000 fans.

Gaikwad raced to a half-century off just 23 balls in his first competitive outing since January following a wrist injury that had limited his opportunities for India. His opening salvo put Super Kings in a commanding 121 for 4 after 13 overs, with the stage set for a grandstand finish. They eventually only finished with 178. "To be very honest, we all know the kind of player he is, at one point of



Hardik Pandya, Gujarat Titans skipper

time it looked like CSK would score 220-230," Hardik said after Gujarat Titans secured a tight five-wicket win. "We were finding it difficult as to what areas we should bowl because he's an all-round cricketer, plays cricketing shots."

"I genuinely felt that we can't err to him at all; some of the shots that he played, they weren't too bad balls," Hardik said.

"They were actually good balls, that made the big difference and more challenging for us as a bowling unit and captain. Full credit to him, if he continues batting like this, he's going to do wonders to Indian cricket."

I'm sure he has the game, when the time comes I'm sure the Indian cricket team will also back him enough."

Stephen Fleming, the Chennai Super Kings coach, said: "He's an outstanding talent, really untapped. We rate him so highly, when you see him playing like that, he's a class player. He's got power, got touch and only good things will happen to him. Tonight was an exhibition. He was disappointed [to be dismissed for 92], he could've picked on a little more to give us an extra 20 runs in the end but the 92 runs he got was a pleasure to watch." - Agencies

CHENNAI VS GUJARAT

We could have done a bit more with bat, says Dhoni

AHMEDABAD: Chennai Super Kings (CSK) captain MS Dhoni was not pleased with the effort of his batting unit after the four-timer winners suffered a five-wicket defeat at the hands of defending champions Gujarat Titans in the first match of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2023 at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad on Friday.

Dhoni admitted that his team's batters needed to do more.

"We all knew there would be dew. We could have done a bit more with the batsman ship. Ruturaj (Gaikwad) was brilliant,



he times the ball well and he's a pleasure to watch.

"The way he picks his options is pleasing to watch. I think it's im-

portant for youngsters to step in," Dhoni said during the post-match presentation.

The CSK captain praised IPL debutant Rajvardhan Hangargekar who took three wickets.

He added: "I think Raj (Hangargekar) has pace and he will get better with time. Think the bowlers will get better, a no-ball is something that's in your control, so you need to work on that."

"I felt two left armers would be a better option so I went ahead with them. Shivam [Dube] was an option, but I felt comfortable with the bowlers overall." - Agencies

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FORCED OFF THE FIELD

Williamson injures knee in IPL opener

AHMEDABAD: New Zealand's Kane Williamson was forced off the field 13 overs into his Gujarat Titans debut, against Chennai Super Kings, after injuring his right knee on Friday.

He had done the damage while fielding on the deep-square leg boundary, where he had leapt to intercept a ball headed for six off Ruturaj Gaikwad's bat. He managed to save two runs, palming the ball into the field of play before it bounced onto the boundary boards. Despite receiving treatment for a few minutes, he could not come back on, with Titans bringing B Sai Sudharsan on as substitute fielder first and later swapping the two in the XI via the Impact Player rule.

New Zealand coach Gary Stead said Williamson's injury "is a big blow" for the team and it's too early to talk about the intensity of the injury and if it would affect his participation in the ODI World Cup in India. - Agencies

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QUOTE OF THE DAY



"Felt pretty good. Little bit disappointed with myself for getting out. But getting off to a good start is very important for the team."

SHUBMAN GILL

Gujarat Titans's batter, after his 63 off 36 balls against Chennai Super Kings on Friday

TODAY'S MATCHES

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CSK	1	0	1	0	0	-0.514	0
DC	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	0
LSG	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	0
MI	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	0
RR	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	0
RCB	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	0
SRH	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	0



PUNJAB KINGS TRIUMPH IN A RAIN-HIT MATCH

Bhanuka Rajapaksa's explosive knock and Arshdeep Singh's early strikes guide the hosts to a narrow victory via DLS method

MOHALI: Bhanuka Rajapaksa's free-flowing 50 off 32 balls and Shikhar Dhawan's composed 40 (29) helped Punjab Kings post a competitive 191/5 against Kolkata Knight Riders at the Punjab Cricket Association IS Bindra Stadium in Mohali on Saturday. Arshdeep Singh then led from the front with the ball and bowled a brilliant spell of 3/19 as a collective bowling effort from the bowlers saw Kings restrict Kolkata to 146/7 and win the match by seven runs via the DLS method in the rain-affected match.

Chasing 192, Punjab pacer Arshdeep Singh shook Kolkata's batting line-up with a double blow. He dismissed Mandeep Singh (2) and Anukul Roy (4), reducing them to 17/2 in 2 overs. Rahman-

ullah Gurbaz tried to carry on with the chase, but was clean-bowled by Nathan Ellis for 22 off 16 balls, consisting of three fours and a six as Kolkata in the big chase were down to 29/3 in 4.2 overs.

Kolkata introduced Venkatesh Iyer as their Impact Player, who replaced Varun Chakravathy, and skipper Nitish Rana carried the innings forward.

Sikandar Raza struck on his IPL debut, dismissing Rana for 24 off 17 balls to break the 46-run stand for the fourth wicket. Kolkata's Rinku Singh was next to go as they were reduced to 80/5. Andre Russell started playing aggressive strokes from the start, helping KKR cross the 100-run mark in 12.5 overs. Russell smashed Sam Curran for a



four and six in the 15th over. But he had the last laugh as Russell was caught by Raza at deep-mid-wicket for 35 off 19 balls. Shardul Thakur and Iyer took the score to 136/6 in 15 overs.

Arshdeep delivered another key blow as he removed Iyer for 34 off 28 balls. Rain interrupted the play and Kings emerged victorious via DLS method with Kolkata seven runs short after the DLS target was revised to 154 in 16 overs. Kolkata innings was put to a halt at 146/7 in 16 overs, with Sunil Narine (7) and Shardul Thakur (8) unbeaten.

Earlier, an explosive half-century by Rajapaksa and his 86-run stand with skipper Shikhar Dhawan helped Kings reach a competitive total of 191/5.

Opener Prabhsimran Singh provided some early blitz, smashing Umesh Yadav for a six over the square leg on the fourth ball of the innings. Tim Southee was also smashed for two successive fours and a six in the second over. But the bowler had the last laugh as Prabhsimran was caught by wicketkeeper Rahmanullah Gurbaz for 23 off 12 balls, with

two fours and two sixes.

Rajapaksa joined skipper Dhawan and sent the rival bowlers on a leather hunt. At the end of powerplay, Kings were 56/1. A fifty-run stand was up in just 33 balls and the hosts Punjab reached the 100-run mark in 10 overs.

Rajapaksa reached his maiden IPL fifty in just 30 balls, with five fours and two sixes. However, he could not add more to it as he was dismissed by Umesh Yadav just two balls later for 50 to end an 86-run stand.

Skipper Dhawan's stay at the crease was ended by Varun, who clean-bowled him for 40 off 29 balls, consisting of six fours as Kings were 143/4 in 14.3 overs.

Shahrukh Khan (11 off 7) and Sam Curran (26 off 17) then provided the late surge as they added 23 off 13 balls including 15 runs in the last over bowled by Southee to power Kings to a challenging total of 191/5.

Brief scores: Punjab Kings: 191/5 (Rajapaksa 50, Dhawan 40; Tim Southee 2/54) beat Kolkata Knight Riders: 146/7 (Russell 35, Iyer 34; Arshdeep Singh 3/19). - Agencies



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ahlibank held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) and an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) on March 27 via an electronic platform for general meetings.

Oman's crude oil production in February tops 49 million barrels

The NCSI monthly bulletin further showed that the average price per barrel at the end of February 2023 reached \$81.80

MUSCAT: Oman's crude oil production increased by 2.9 percent and reached 49.39 million barrels at the end of February compared to the same period in 2022, according to the preliminary statistical data of the National Centre for Statistics and Information (NCSI).

The data further shows that Oman's oil exports, however, decreased by 6.9 percent to 49.71 million barrels at the end of February 2023.



Oil condensate production also increased by 3.5 percent, to a record 13.35 million barrels at the end of February 2023 compared to 12.91 million barrels for the

same period of the previous year. The average daily oil production increased at the end of February 2023 to 1.63 million barrels at the end of February 2023 compared

to the same period in 2022, which was at 1.32 million barrels.

The monthly bulletin further showed that the average price per barrel at the end of February 2023

reached \$81.8, an increase of 6.6 percent compared to the same period in 2022 when the price per barrel reached \$76.7.

The data also showed that China

topped the list of countries importing Omani oil with 44,490,400 barrels, followed by India with 1,714,400 barrels, then Japan with 1,267,700 barrels.

Natural gas

The data issued by the NCSI indicated that the domestic production of natural gas (including imports) in the Sultanate of Oman increased by 10.3 percent at the end of February 2023, reaching 8,550,300,000 cubic metres, compared to 7,748,700,000 cubic metres during the same period in 2022. The production of associated gas increased by 9.4 percent to reach 1.71 billion cubic metres, and the production of non-associated gas, including imports, increased by 10.6 percent to reach 6.84 billion cubic metres.

The NCSI data further indicated an increase in natural gas consumption in industrial areas by 16.5 per cent, followed by electric power plants by 15.5 per cent, oil fields by 11.9 per cent, and gas consumption in industrial project plants increased by 8.9 per cent. - **ONA**

FINANCIAL RESULT

OQ Group reports historic financial and operational performance

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Oman's OQ Group announced its full-year 2022 financial performance results, reporting the highest net profit in the group's history.

The record performance was driven by strong operational performance in the majority of the group's businesses and an advantageous market environment.

In 2022, the global integrated energy group recorded consolidated revenue, adjusted EBITDA and net profit of \$39.126 billion, \$6.179 billion, and \$3.850 billion, respectively.

The group's robust performance was higher than both the 2022 budget and the 2021 actual performance. This was primarily driven by higher production volumes, favourable prices in both its up-



stream and downstream businesses and a strong performance from its trading arm.

"This year has been an exceptional year for OQ, witnessing the strongest financial and operational performance in its history, while at the same time anchoring OQ as an energy transition enabler in the Sultanate of Oman," said Mulham

Al Jarf, OQ Chairman.

Key highlights

In January, OQ commissioned its OQ Liquefied Petroleum Gas (OQ LPG) facility in Salalah. OQ Exploration & Production (OQ E&P) commissioned Bisat-C, the third crude oil processing plant in the Bisat oil field, helping to increase its

production capacity to more than 55,000 barrels per day in 2022.

In line with Oman Vision 2040's goals to attract foreign investments in the Sultanate, OQ continued pursuing opportunities across its streams, including petrochemicals and hydrogen.

OQ Gas Network (OQ GN) effectively capitalised on the growing global LNG demand to deliver a record-breaking 39.4 billion cubic metres of natural gas to customers.

OQ's Board of Directors approved the Group's decarbonisation plan. Additionally, OQ was announced as Oman's 'Renewable Energy' champion, with OQ's Alternative Energy pillar (OQ AE) entering into low-carbon, clean energy, and hydrogen projects with the potential to generate more than 30 GW of renewable energy in Oman.

MEETING

CBO Board reviews economic and financial developments in Oman

MUSCAT: The Board of Governors of the Central Bank of Oman (CBO) convened its first meeting for the current year (2023) at CBO's Knowledge Oasis building.

The board reviewed the economic and financial developments in the Sultanate of Oman and the world in general, as reports and studies concluded that the financial position of CBO and the entities under its regulation and supervision remained unaffected by the recent global financial repercussions.

The board still underlined the importance of continuous follow-up of the latest developments in this respect, particularly those impacting the financial and monetary status of Oman.

The board also approved the CBO audited closing accounts as

of 31 December 2022, the Banking Deposits Insurance Scheme, the CBO employees' Pension Scheme and Oman Credit and Financial Information Center (Mala'a).

During the meeting, the Board discussed investment policies related to the management of CBO reserves and approved recommendations of the study on the development and improvement of the regulatory requirements of finance and leasing companies.

The board also reviewed reports on the financial soundness indicators of banks, the outlook and particulars of financial stability in the Omani economy, the position of CBO reserves, the performance of CBO's foreign investments and a report on the initiatives of the supervisory and regulatory sector. - **ONA**

MUSCAT STOCK EXCHANGE

MSX in March records best trading value in 11 months

MUSCAT: The Muscat Stock Exchange (MSX) recorded the best monthly trading value in March since April 2022, amid investors' interest in buying shares of Abraaj Energy Services, which were listed for trading on the stock exchange on March 14th.

Last month, the trading value rose to OMR93.60 million, compared to 45.30 million in February and 52.30 million in January. The Muscat Stock Exchange's trading amounted to OMR94.70 million in April of 2022, but it was unable to exceed this level. The following monthly transactions, which witnessed a decline in the value of trading, fall in October to OMR43.7 million, recording the lowest trading value in 2022.

Last month, the trading value of Abraaj Energy Services reached OMR35.3 million, accounting for 37.7 per cent of the total trading value. The share closed at the end of March at 298 baisas, up 49 baisas from its listing level of 249 baisas.

Bank Muscat witnessed high transactions amounting to OMR11.55 million, representing 11.8 per cent of the total trading value, and Omantel came next with transactions amounting to OMR10.74 million, representing 11.4 per cent of the total trading value, and Omvest came next with OMR7.9 million.

Shell Oman Marketing witnessed transactions worth OMR6.1 million, representing 6.5 per cent of the total trading value.

The number of deals executed



rose last month to 29,315, registering an increase of 384.9 per cent from its level in February of 6,045 deals. Most of the deals were executed on Abraaj Energy Services, which witnessed the execution of 21,862 deals, representing 74.5 per cent of the total number of executed deals.

Last month, the Muscat Stock Exchange benefited from the level of interest in investing in the stock exchange with the announcement of the audited financial results and the approval of the public shareholding companies for the dividends recommended by their boards of directors in the past weeks. The main index of the MSX was able to rise at the end of last March to 4,863 points, up by about 110 points, after it rose by about 50 points in February.

The industry sector index rose 128 points, and the financial sector index recorded gains of 106 points, while the services sector index declined by 7 points. The Sharia index lost 4 points.

Last month, the prices of 38 securities

increased compared to 36 securities whose prices declined, and 17 securities remained unchanged at their previous levels. Many leading stocks witnessed a remarkable rise. Omantel shares rose by 14.5 per cent and closed at OMR1.100, recording gains of 140 baisas from its level at the end of February. The share of Al Anwar Ceramic Tiles increased by 13.3 per cent and closed at 374 baisas, the shares of Omnivest rose by 8.7 per cent and closed at 496 baisas, the shares of Raysut Cement rose by 7.6 per cent and closed at 135 baisas, while the shares of Oman Cement recorded gains of 12 baisas and ended last month's trading for 300 baisas.

The market capitalisation of the Muscat Stock Exchange rose at the end of last March to OMR23.85 billion, registering gains of OMR190.30 million compared to its level in February, benefiting from the listing of Abraaj Energy Services Company for trading and the rise in share prices of several leading companies. - **ONA**

Index rises in weekly trading

MUSCAT: The financial sector index rose in last week's trading on the Muscat Stock Exchange (MSX) by 16 points, recording the only rise among the stock indexes, benefiting from the support provided by a number of investment companies, at a time when banks were unable to support the index with the decline in their prices except for Bank Dhofar shares which rose 5 baisas and closed at 160 baisas.

Last week, the financial sector index rose to the level of 7,778 points, after declining 80 points in the previous week. The sector index benefited during the past week from the rise in shares of International Financial Investments, Eastern Investment Holding, Al Anwar Investments and United Finance. The main index of the Muscat Stock Exchange last week declined by about 8 points and closed at 4,863 points, the industry sector index fell 39 points, the services sector index lost 15 points, and the Sharia index recorded a slight decline without one point.



Last week, the Muscat Stock Exchange witnessed a mixed performance with the completion of the annual ordinary general assemblies of public shareholding companies, during which the dividends recommended by the companies' boards of directors were approved during the past weeks.

Last week, the prices of 30 securities rose, most notably Al-Safa Foods, whose share rose by 18.4 per cent and closed at 225 baisas, Al-Batinah Development and Investment, whose share rose by 17.4 per cent and closed at 74 baisas, and Al-Anwar Investments, whose share rose by 14.8 per cent and closed at 85 baisas.

Last week, the Muscat Stock

Exchange witnessed a decline in the prices of 25 securities, most notably: SMN Power Holding, whose share declined by 10.7 per cent and closed at 91 baisas, Oman Chrome, whose share declined by 10 per cent and closed at OMR2.43, and the National Mineral Water, whose share declined by 10 per cent as well, and closed at 63 baisas.

Last week's trading focused on the shares of Abraaj Energy Services, Oman International Development and Investment Holding "Omvest" and Bank Muscat, which collectively accounted for 61.7 per cent of the total trading value witnessed by the stock exchange during the week. - **ONA**

MARKET

ahlibank approves issuance of 100mn additional Tier 1 capital instrument

Presided by Hamdan Ali Nasser Al Hinai, Chairman of the Board of Directors, at ahlibank, the AGM and EGM were attended by the board members, senior management and shareholders

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MUSCAT: ahlibank held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) and an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) on March 27 via an electronic platform for general meetings through Muscat Clearing and Depository’s website.



Presided by Hamdan Ali Nasser Al Hinai, Chairman of the Board of Directors, at ahlibank, the meeting was attended by the board members, senior management, and shareholders. During the extraordinary general meeting, the shareholders approved the amendments to the Articles of Association of Ahli Bank. In addition to this, the shareholders

also approved the issuance of a total number of up to 100 million Perpetual Additional Tier 1 Capital Instruments in the form of perpetual bonds, by way of either a private or public issue at face value of One Rial per bond plus issues expense in one or multiple tranches. Issuance tranches are to be determined by the bank’s Board of Directors after taking all the re-

quired procedures and obtaining the approval of the Central Bank of Oman and the Capital Market Authority. During the annual general meeting, shareholders approved the Board of Directors’ report on the bank’s activities and its financial position for the financial year ended December 31, 2022. Shareholders also approved the bank’s

Organisation and Management Report (Corporate Governance Report), Auditor’s Report on the Bank’s Audited Financial Statements and the Sharia Compliance Report of Ahli Islamic for the year ended December 31, 2022. Moreover, the bank’s shareholders approved the distribution of a cash dividend of 9 baisas per share. Further, the general assembly was informed of related party transactions the Bank completed during the previous fiscal year. Speaking on the sidelines of the AGM, Hamdan Ali Nasser Al Hinai, Chairman of the Board of Directors, said, “The bank has completed 15 years since its establishment as a commercial bank. As a team, we have been able to unlock our true potential and experience competitive success despite market challenges. We have already established our credentials in the country with a rich portfolio of products and services, and are now buoyed by the consistent growth in our customer base, which is equally complemented by investor confidence.” The AGM also conducted an election to acclimate new members to the Board of Directors of

the bank for the coming period. It approved the board’s performance report and criteria for the performance approval of the Board of Directors. Additionally, a third party was appointed to appraise the board’s performance for the financial year ending on 31 December 2023 and determine their fees. External auditors and external Sharia auditors were also appointed for the same period. Highlighting the bank’s strategy to focus on a lower cost-cutting base by introducing new products and expanding retail branches, Al Hinai added, “Our vision to be a vibrant and innovative centre of banking through our customer-centric approach to business, has helped us amplify our market presence and bolster our relationships with our patrons. “We will ensure that the year unfolds several new innovative products and digital technologies to strengthen our key performance indicators. Our intent to stay connected with our customers and to meet their changing requirements will further augment our growth curve. Our commitment is, first and foremost, to our people and our country.”

INFORMATIVE SESSION

Fundamentals of fixed income investing highlighted at MCICAI webinar

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MUSCAT: The Muscat Chapter of Chartered Accountants of India (MCICAI) on Saturday held a webinar on ‘Stable income in an unstable world: Fixed income fundamentals and opportunities’. It was presented by Sanjay Guglani, founder and Chief Investment Officer of Singapore-based Silverdale Capital Pte Ltd. Guglani said, “In today’s hyper-connected world, news and reactions travel faster than reasoning and fundamentals. It took less than 72 hours for Silicon Valley Bank with \$211 billion of assets to collapse. It took less than 48 hours for Signature Bank with \$110 billion of assets to crumble. It took less than 16 hours for 167-years old Credit Suisse Bank with over \$1.5 trillion of assets to fall. UBS took over Credit Suisse practically for free, wiping out \$35 billion of equity and \$15 billion of AT-1 bonds. And it took less than 8 hours to recoup over \$25 billion of CS bonds’ mark-to-market (MTM) losses. This proved once again: volatility



is a friend of an investor, an enemy of a speculator, and importantly that fortune favours the prepared.” Guglani walked through the fundamentals of fixed-income investing, explained how to optimise risk-adjusted returns, and explored various investment opportunities. Muscat Chapter of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India

(MCICAI) invited Guglani to explain how to “lock in” the prevalent higher interest rates while navigating treacherous volatility of the markets and share his views on interest rate outlook, and learnings from the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank (SVB) and Credit Suisse. Commenting on the webinar, Guglani said: “We are delighted to join with Muscat Chapter of the Institute of the Chartered Accountants of India (MCICAI) which is the leading professional body of professionals in Oman, to share our core wealth – our deep understanding of fixed income markets – with society at large. It is incumbent on professionals to raise to the challenges thrown by the environment of elevated yields amidst heightened volatility, to educate and enrich the society.” Atul Gupta, chief guest at the webinar, said: “Chartered Accountants have an important role to play to uphold the integrity of the markets, and such seminars enlighten and empower them to be at the forefront of the financial world.” Sajeew Surendran, chairman of

the Muscat Chapter of ICAI, said, “It is a privilege to bring to our fellow members and friends cutting-edge insight from Sanjay Guglani, who has once again proved unique insights chartered accountants bring to the investment world. I would like to thank all my colleagues and our sponsors for their untiring support to create such wonderful events. Founded in 2008, Silverdale Capital Pte Ltd (“Silverdale Capital”), based in Singapore is an award-winning, Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) licensed and regulated fund management company. Silverdale Capital manages over a billion dollars of assets across Silverdale Bond Fund, Silverdale Fixed Income Funds, and other bespoke fund solutions. ICAI Muscat Chapter was established in the year 2008 under the sponsorship of the College of Banking and Financial Studies (CBFS) by a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by two bodies for the development of the accounting profession in Oman and sharing knowledge and skills.

ONLY CANDIDATE

Indian-American Ajay Banga sole nominee to lead World Bank

WASHINGTON: The World Bank has said that Indian-American Ajay Banga is the only candidate nominated for the President’s position as the nomination period closed on March 29. The World Bank announced that Ajay Banga will be considered for the position. In a press release issued on its website, the World Bank said, “The World Bank Group’s Board of Executive Directors today confirmed that, as announced on February 22, the period for submitting nominations for the position of the next President of the World Bank Group closed on Wednesday, March 29 at 6:00 pm ET.” The World Bank further said, “The Board received one nomination and would like to announce that Mr. Ajay Banga, a US national, will be considered for the position.” The World Bank said that a formal interview will be conducted with the candidate in Washing-



ton DC. It said, “In accordance with established procedures, the Board of Executive Directors will conduct a formal interview with the candidate in Washington DC, and expect to conclude the Presidential selection in due course.” In February, US President Joe Biden nominated former Mastercard CEO Ajay Banga to lead the World Bank. In a statement, Biden noted that Ajay Banga is “uniquely” equipped to lead the World Bank at a critical moment in history. -ANI



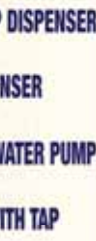




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SLOWED INFLATION RATE

Eurozone inflation lower than expected as energy costs drop

BRUSSELS: The 20 countries that make up the Eurozone recorded slowed inflation rates, although food prices rose with energy prices falling official, European Union’s statistics agency revealed on Friday. Consumer prices in the Eurozone rose by 6.9 per cent in March, but that represented a decrease from 8.5 per cent in February, the data showed. Nevertheless, food, alcohol, and tobacco prices rose by 15.4 per cent faster than the previous month’s 15 per cent. This means European consumers must still pay more for these essentials. According to Bert Colijn ING senior eurozone economist, “this indicates that price pressures remain high for the moment, although this should improve in the coming months.” However, energy prices fell by 0.9 per cent, an abrupt change of direction after rising to double-digit rates over the past year. Russia’s invasion of Ukraine sent oil and gas prices soaring last year but they have become more stable in recent months, helped also by mild winter. According to data by European Union statistics agency Eurostat, consumer prices dropped from 8.5 per cent recorded in February to 6.9 per cent in March. It is the lowest rate recorded in a year.

vestors are focusing on inflation to gauge next steps central banks will take. Bloomberg and financial data firm FactSet had forecasted the inflation rate to reach 7.1 per cent in the Eurozone in March. Despite falling from a peak of 10.6 per cent in October, the rate remains high above the European Central Bank’s (ECB) 2 per cent target. Central banks must be careful balancing taming inflation with interest rate rises. More hikes risk to hurt the banking sector. The ECB has raised interest rates repeatedly to tame red-hot inflation but the size of the next rate hike is unclear after recent

turbulence in the banking sector. Eurozone’s core inflation, which excludes volatile food and energy prices has however raised to 5.7 in March from 5.6 per cent in February. This has created fears over price growth. “The potential for core inflation to remain stickier than hoped will be the main reason for the ECB to continue to hike in the near term. We expect another 25bp hike in May and another in June,” ING’s Colijn said in a note. In Germany, annual price growth slowed to 7.4 per cent in March from 8.7 per cent in the first two months of 2023. -Iw

TRADE DEAL

UK agrees to join trans-Pacific trade pact in post-Brexit deal

LONDON: The UK has reached an agreement to join a major trans-Pacific trade pact, in the nation’s biggest trade deal since Brexit. Prime Minister Rishi Sunak on Friday made the announcement to join the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP), making Britain the first new member since the creation of the bloc in 2018 and also the first European country in the trade grouping. “Joining the CPTPP trade bloc puts the UK at the centre of a dynamic and growing group of Pacific economies,” Sunak said in a statement, adding that the deal demonstrated “the real economic benefits of our post-Brexit freedoms.” **UK seeks trade ties with fast-growing economies** The CPTPP is the successor to a previous trans-Pacific trade pact that the United States withdrew from in 2017 under former President Donald Trump. The bloc currently has 11 members, including Japan, Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore and Vietnam. The deal comes after nearly two years of intense talks. -Iw



DEEP OCEAN CURRENTS AROUND ANTARCTICA HEADED FOR COLLAPSE

Scientists apprehend that the deep ocean circulation that forms around Antarctica could be headed for collapse. Such decline of this ocean circulation will stagnate the bottom of the oceans and generate further impacts affecting climate and marine ecosystems for centuries to come. The results are detailed in a new study coordinated by Scientia Professor Matthew England, Deputy Director of the ARC Centre for Excellence in Antarctic Science (ACEAS) at UNSW Sydney. The work, published today in Nature, includes lead author Dr. Qian Li -- formerly from UNSW and now at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) -- as well as co-authors from the Australian National University (ANU) and CSIRO. Cold water that sinks near Antarctica drives the deepest flow of the overturning circulation -- a network of currents that spans the world's oceans. The overturning carries heat, carbon, oxygen and nutrients around the globe. This influences climate, sea level and the productivity of marine ecosystems. "Our modelling shows that if global carbon emissions continue at the current rate, then the Antarctic overturning will slow by more than 40 per cent in the next 30 years -- and on a trajectory that looks headed towards collapse," says Prof England.

“We are talking about the possible long-term extinction of an iconic water mass,” says Prof England. “Such profound changes to the ocean’s overturning of heat, freshwater, oxygen, carbon and nutrients will have a significant adverse impact on the oceans for centuries to come.”

MODELLING THE DEEP OCEAN

About **250** trillion tonnes of cold, salty, oxygen-rich water sinks near Antarctica each year. This water then spreads northwards and carries oxygen into the deep Indian, Pacific and Atlantic Oceans.

“If the oceans had lungs, this would be one of them,” Prof England says. The international team of scientists modelled the amount of Antarctic deep water produced under the IPCC ‘high emissions scenario’, until 2050. The model captures detail of the ocean processes that previous models haven’t been able to, including how predictions for meltwater from ice might influence the circulation. This deep ocean current has remained in a relatively stable state for thousands of years, but with increasing greenhouse gas emissions, Antarctic overturning is predicted to slow down significantly over the next few decades.

IMPACTS OF REDUCED ANTARCTIC OVERTURNING

With a collapse of this deep ocean current, the oceans below 4000 metres would stagnate. “This would trap nutrients in the deep ocean, reducing the nutrients available to support marine life near the ocean surface,” says Prof England. Co-author Dr Steve Rintoul of CSIRO and the Australian Antarctic Program Partnership says the model simulations show a slowing of the overturning, which then leads to rapid warming of the deep ocean. “Direct measurements confirm that warming of the deep ocean is indeed already underway,” says Dr Rintoul. The study found melting ice around Antarctica makes the nearby ocean waters less dense, which slows the Antarctic overturning circulation. The melt of the Antarctic and Greenland ice sheets is expected to continue to accelerate as the planet warms.

SPORTS

Verstappen clinches first ever pole for Australian Grand Prix



Mercedes' George Russell claims front row start along with his team-mate Lewis Hamilton for Sunday's race in Melbourne

MELBOURNE: Max Verstappen drew level with Fernando Alonso by taking his 22nd career pole position on Saturday in qualifying for the 2023 Australian Grand Prix – while Mercedes' George Russell qualified second and Sergio Perez ended up 20th after a Q1 crash. Verstappen set a time of 1m

16.732s to take his first Australian Grand Prix pole position ahead of Russell, who was 0.236s off in Q3. Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton ended up third on the grid, 0.372s off the pace, while Fernando Alonso was 0.407s off the pace in fourth place. Carlos Sainz qualified fifth

for Ferrari in front of Aston Martin's Lance Stroll, while Charles Leclerc struggled on the way to seventh spot. Alex Albon managed a stellar eighth for Williams to leave Alpine's Pierre Gasly ninth and Nico Hulkenberg tenth for Haas. Yellow flags flew in first qualifying – where the official risk of rain was 90% – as Logan Sargeant went off track, just before Perez brought out red flags by locking up and beaching his Red Bull in the Turn 3 gravel having struggled throughout FP3. Conditions stayed dry and Verstappen set the fastest time in Q1 ahead of George Russell and Lewis Hamilton.

In qualifying two, Verstappen continued his run to top the session ahead of Alonso, which set up a nail-biting Q3 where Verstappen took provisional pole in Q3 but reported gearshift issues. Despite that, he improved to cement pole with a blistering effort. Alpine's Esteban Ocon was caught in traffic and eliminated from Q2 in P11, 0.08s off safety, while Yuki Tsunoda was visibly annoyed at being held up in the pit lane weighbridge before he was eliminated in P12 for AlphaTauri. McLaren's Lando Norris made a brace of mistakes in Q2 and finished P13 ahead of Haas's Kevin Magnuseen, while Nyck de Vries

finished P15 in qualifying for AlphaTauri. Home hero Oscar Piastri was 0.047s off safety in Q1 as the McLaren driver qualified 16th ahead of Alfa Romeo's Zhou Guanyu and Williams' Sargeant in P18. Valtteri Bottas hit traffic in Q1 and qualified 19th, leaving Perez 20th after his Q1 excursion. Verstappen admitted Red Bull had struggled to get the optimum out of their car this weekend, which had been a scrappy one up to qualifying. "The last lap was pretty good," Verstappen said. "Until then the whole weekend it has been difficult to get the tyres in the right window and it was pretty tricky to find the grip and nail it on one lap.

"But it all came right in qualifying. I'm pretty happy with that." Perez crashed the second Red Bull on his first lap of qualifying and will start the race at the back. It is a major blow to the Mexican, who is just one point behind Verstappen in the championship after his victory in the last race in Saudi Arabia and who started the weekend saying he had confidence he had Red Bull's backing to challenge his team-mate. Perez insisted there was a problem with the car after a day characterised by similar errors caused by locking his wheels during braking but said he "trusts totally with my team we will be able to fix the issue".

PSG DEAL OVER THIS SUMMER

Barcelona 'in contact' with PSG on Messi's return

BARCELONA: Spanish giants Barcelona are in contact with French club Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) regarding Lionel Messi's return to the club, Barcelona vice-president Rafael Yuste said on Friday. The 35-year-old Argentina forward is Barcelona's all-time top scorer with 672 goals in 778 games and left the Nou Camp for financial reasons in 2021. His two-year contract with Paris St-Germain expires this summer and his preference is thought to be staying with the French club. "Leo and his family know the affection I have for them," Yuste said. Messi agreed a new deal with Barcelona on reduced wages two years ago, but it was dependent on the club selling players following new financial rules. That did not happen in time and ended his storied spell at the club which yielded four Champions Leagues and 10 La Liga titles - plus six Ballons d'Or. "I participated in the negotiations which unfortunately did not lead to a certain result," said Yuste.



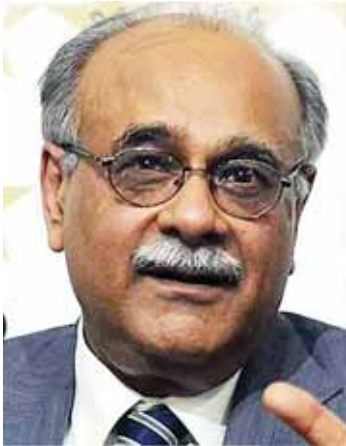
"I've always had this thorn in my side that Leo couldn't continue at our club. "Messi knows how much we appreciate him. I would love for him to come back. We're in contact, of course, with them."

Messi, who won the World Cup with Argentina in December, has scored 29 goals in 66 games for PSG. He recently claimed his 100th international goal and 800th career strike.

POSITION CLARIFIED

PCB denies talk of neutral venue for Cricket World Cup in India

DUBAI: Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chairman Najam Sethi has confirmed that at no stage had the idea of Pakistan playing its games at a neutral venue during the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 been proposed in any International Cricket Council (ICC) forum. India will host the Cricket World Cup across October and November this year while Pakistan is scheduled to host the Asia Cup 2023. Some media reports had suggested that a hybrid model had been proposed which would see Pakistan play its World Cup matches at neutral venues, something the ICC says there are no plans for. In a media statement released on Friday Sethi reconfirmed there is a proposal in front of the Asia Cricket Council (ACC), the administrators of the Asia Cup, to stage India's matches at a neutral venue but refuted that any such measures have been formally proposed to the ICC around the Cricket World Cup. "At no stage during Thursday's media interaction, did I give any reference to the ICC or made any remarks on the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023, which is scheduled in October," said Sethi, via the



statement. "This matter has not been mooted or discussed at any ICC forum so far." It must be noted that in October last year, Pakistani cricket authorities hinted they may pull out of this year's World Cup in India, a day after officials there said they would not send a team to the 2023 Asia Cup in Pakistan. Indian cricket board secretary Jay Shah had said that India "can't" send a team to Pakistan, adding the tournament would be moved to a neutral venue. His announcement caught Pakistan by surprise, with officials warning it could "split" the inter-

national cricket community. The PCB said Shah's comments "can impact Pakistan's visit to India for the ICC Cricket World Cup 2023 and future ICC Events in India in the 2024-2031 cycle". The Pakistan board said it has not received any official communication from the ACC, and noted that hosting rights for the 2023 Asia Cup had been given to Pakistan under Shah's leadership. Despite being considered one of the sport's greatest rivalries, India and Pakistan have not met on home soil in any version of the game since 2012, and only play each other in multinational tournaments on neutral grounds. It was also reported earlier that the Pakistan team could play its ICC Cricket World Cup 2023 matches in Bangladesh instead of India, which is the original host of the tournament, ESPNcricinfo reported. Discussions have taken place that could see Pakistan shifting their games to a neutral venue and Bangladesh has been proposed as the venue. A hybrid model for this year's Asia Cup is being looked at as a solution. Pakistan is the original host of the Asia Cup this year, but India is likely to play their matches at a neutral venue.

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

Manchester City trounce Liverpool to stay in title hunt

LONDON: It was a dominating display by Manchester City as maintained the pressure on English Premier League leaders Arsenal by shrugging off the absence of the injured Erling Haaland and to outclass Liverpool 4-1 with a magnificent display at Etihad Stadium on Saturday. City's 42-goal striker was ruled out with a groin injury, but Pep Guardiola's reigning champions demonstrated their all-round strength by coming from a goal down against a Liverpool side who have made life so difficult for them in the past, to run out convincing winners. Liverpool caught City with a counter-attack after 17 minutes to take the lead, Diogo Jota making the break before Mo-

hamed Salah applied a thumping finish. City responded in devastating fashion with the outstanding Jack Grealish, who made a crucial intervention on Salah when Liverpool had the chance to double their lead, crossing for Julian Alvarez to equalise after 27 minutes. Alvarez was the creator as City went ahead 53 seconds after the break, his raking pass finding Riyad Mahrez, who crossed for Kevin de Bruyne to slide home from close range. John Stones delivered a masterclass in an unaccustomed role which saw him advance into midfield but also drop back into defence when required, and with City in total control Ilkay

Gundogan added the third after a goalmouth skirmish. Grealish deserved a goal and it duly arrived in the 74th minute when he timed his arrival perfectly to turn in De Bruyne's cross as Liverpool ended beaten and bedraggled. Speaking to BT Sport after the win, Grealish said: "Brilliant, we knew it would be a tough game playing Liverpool and the first after the international break is always difficult. "We wanted to start this last period right, Liverpool are so dangerous with players they have up front and then you, not fear the worst, but think it's going to be a tough game to get back into it. We were excellent especially in the second half."



Embrace Ramadan traditions and celebrations in Dubai

Have a memorable Ramadan celebration by checking out the different Ramadan experiences across the city including exquisite Ramadan tents, traditional iftar and suhour, cultural and community events, bustling night markets and more

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Visit Ramadan tents at iconic locations

Break your fast or have your suhour at one of the beautifully-designed Ramadan tents at Dubai's iconic locations. Asateer Tent at Atlantis, The Palm is one of Dubai's most popular places to visit during the Holy Month. Guests can savour an opulent dining experience with a sumptuous iftar featuring Moroccan, Lebanese, Persian, and Emirati cuisine. Al Majlis Tent at Madinat Jumeirah presents both iftar and suhour offers this Ramadan. Another not-to-be-missed venue is Terrace Between Towers at Jumeirah Emirates Towers, where guests can indulge in delectable iftar while admiring the impressive vistas of the Museum of the Future and the Dubai skyline. For a unique iftar experience, book your iftar at Dubai Opera and relish a luscious iftar while being entertained by talented musicians performing live classical and Arabic tunes. The purpose-built Dana Tent at City Walk has both iftar and suhour options for guests to indulge in a mouthwatering spread of Emirati and Mediterranean dishes set amidst modern arabesque interiors.



Choose from a wide selection of iftar, Suhour

During the holy month of Ramadan, Dubai offers a wide variety of iftar and suhour options – from budget-friendly to lavish iftars at top-notch hotels and dining venues. Lalezar at Downtown Dubai, Bombay Bungalow in JBR, Mohalla at Dubai Design District, and Nomad at Jumeirah Creekside Hotel have affordably-priced iftar offers. Other delectable options include QD's at Dubai Creek Resort, The Restaurant at Address Beach Resort, SLS Dubai's Iftar in the Sky, Hikayat Ramadan Garden at Palazzo Versace, authentic Lebanese iftar at Al Nafoorah at Jumeirah Zabeel Saray. For more indulgent options, take a pick from these lavish offers: Turkish iftar at Turquoise, Rixos Premium JBR, Bedouin-inspired dining Ama-seena at Ritz-Carlton Dubai, iftar under the stars at Armani/Pavilion, and iftar to remember at Burj Al Arab's Al Iwan.

Live up to time-honoured traditions and festivities

A must-visit experience in Dubai this year is Ramadan Wonders at Global Village. Starting on 23 March, this popular venue will be hosting a Majlis of the World for all its guests to celebrate the blessed month. Book tables for a limited-time iftar dinner seating or stay for the entire evening, including suhour. Live oud players and harpists will treat guests to melodious tunes along with other captivating acts. While there, you can also explore the pavilions, check out live shows and shop for your loved ones.

Hai Ramadan at Expo City Dubai, which runs from March 3 to April 25, takes visitors on a cultural journey where they can share unique experiences from across the Islamic world. From regional cuisine to international gastronomy and enticing street food, visitors will have the chance to indulge in an array of food and beverages, reflecting the joy of breaking fast and sharing a meal with a loved one during the Holy Month. Don't miss an engaging performance at Al Wasl Plaza featuring Rashid and Latifa on a quest to find the moon. An ideal destination for gatherings of family and friends, entry to Hai Ramadan, including the Al Wasl show and sports activities, is free, with charges for some workshops and games. A bustling night market will see homegrown vendors offer perfumes, gifts, and tailor-made clothing.



Al Marmoon Heritage Festival is taking place from April 6 to April 18. Celebrates Emirati culture in all its facets, the festival includes almost two weeks of uninterrupted entertainment for all, with thrilling camel races taking place each day. The annual free contest aims to preserve and promote Arabian traditions through celebrations, activities and camel races, making it a fun day out for the whole family.

Shop at different Ramadan night markets at pop-ups across city

Treat yourself and your family to a memorable shopping spree by visiting the Ramadan Night Market at Dubai World Trade Center from April 9 to 18. The 10-day-long pop-up features multicultural retailers from around the region showcasing their novel products. From fashion items to handicrafts and jewellery to household goods, browse a wide variety of treasures that highlight the creativity of local makers and artisans. Make sure you stop by this free-to-attend annual exhibition for a fun retail experience during the holy month. It is open from 5pm until 2am.

Visitors can also expect different retail offers at malls, supermarkets, and shopping venues, as well as curated fashion pop-ups in Dubai throughout the holy month.

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ROUND-UP

RECOGNITION

Toyota honours Saud Bahwan Automotive with prestigious ‘Gold Award’

MUSCAT: Toyota Motor Corporation recently honoured Saud Bahwan Automotive with the prestigious ‘Gold Award’ for being the ‘Distributor in the Middle East & Central Asia’.

The award recognised Saud Bahwan Automotive’s excellence in Sales, Spare Parts and Service and placed it among the top distributors in the world. The award was presented by Akitoshi Takemura, CEO, East Asia, Oceania & Middle East Region, Toyota Motor Corporation.

The award recognises Saud Bahwan Automotive’s performance in areas like sales & after-sales, customer centric initiatives, carbon neutrality, best-in-town activities among various other targets.

Receiving the award was Abdullah Mohamed Bahwan, Managing Director – Corporate, Saud Bahwan Group. Sharing his thoughts, Abdullah Mohamed Bahwan said, “This is a historic moment and moment of pride for all of us at Saud Bahwan Automotive. This distinction of being the distributor in the Middle East and Central Asia, is possible only due to the trust that our valued customers have continued to place on us for years together. We thank our customers and take this opportunity to reiterate our commitment towards offering high levels of customer satisfaction by taking overall customer experiences to even greater levels.”

Thanking Toyota Motor Corporation for the award, he said, “We also take this opportunity to gratefully acknowledge the wholehearted support and guidance extended to us by Toyota Motor Corporation, at all times. A historic achievement like this would not have been possible without it.”

In Oman, Toyota is more than just a high quality, Japanese automotive brand.

It is a household name. A place earned through decades of trust that customers have placed on Saud Bahwan Automotive.

At Saud Bahwan Automotive, customer satisfaction has always been a top priority. Towards this, considerable investments have been made in state-of-the-art facilities across the country and a nationwide network of branches. Ensuring that wherever a Toyota customer is in Oman, they are always close to a Saud Bahwan Automotive facility. This objective has been backed by innovative marketing strategies, strong after-sales support and extensive customer care activities.

Going forward, Saud Bahwan Automotive will continue to focus on offering high levels of overall customer experiences and achieve high levels of customer satisfaction.



Abdullah Mohamed Bahwan receiving the prestigious award.



Toyota’s prestigious ‘Gold Award’

Abdullah Mohamed Bahwan, Managing Director – Corporate, Saud Bahwan Group. Sharing his thoughts, Abdullah Mohamed Bahwan said, “This is a historic moment and moment of pride for all of us at Saud Bahwan Automotive. This distinction of being the distributor in the Middle East and Central Asia, is possible only due to the trust that our valued customers have continued to place on

Lulu’s Convoy of Goodness spreads joy across Oman

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The campaign was a reflection of Lulu’s continued commitment to engage in charitable and humanitarian initiatives and to create a positive impact in the community in which it operates.

Lulu joined hands with the N7N volunteer team to implement this four-day charity campaign. The volunteers travelled across the city as well as the remote areas of Oman and distributed Ramadan kits consisting of a month’s worth of groceries needed for an entire family during Ramadan. The convoy covered governorates such as Muscat, Salalah, Sharqiyah and Sohar.

Speaking about the initiative,

Shabeer K.A., Regional Director – Oman stated, “Ramadan is an occasion that emphasises the values of empathy and generosity. Lulu’s aim behind implementing such an initiative was to highlight the importance of sharing and being socially responsible by creating an opportunity to spread happiness to people across Oman during Ramadan. We thank the N7N Volunteers Team for collaborating with us to carry out this noble initiative. We appreciate their sincerity, dedication and commitment to making this campaign a true success,” he added.

Lulu’s strategies to support charities, local community-based initiatives, events and projects have helped them build lasting relationships with the local community. The customer-centric group’s vision is to work closely with its partners and customers to make a positive difference in people’s lives.

SUPPORT

FRIENDi sponsors Ramadan football tournament

MUSCAT: FRIENDi mobile is sponsoring the 9 Bros Academy football tournament this Ramadan, as part of its ongoing commitment to support the Omani youth and celebrate the spirit of the holy month. The tournament will take place at the Anas bin Nadr School in Mabelah, starting on March 27.

Featuring 16 teams from prominent academies and football schools, including 9BROS Academy, Limitless Academy, Al-Mawaleh Academy, Junior Star Academy, Alpha Football Academy, Al-Shalami Academy, Al-Qadisiyah Academy, Seen Sports Academy, Galacticos Academy, Anas bin Nadr School, the competition aims to foster healthy competition and camaraderie among the participants.

Shadli Al Abdulsalam, Commercial Director of FRIENDi mobile, remarked, “At FRIENDi mobile, we are dedicated to empowering the Omani youth and nurturing their talents. This football tournament is a perfect platform for these young athletes to showcase their skills and foster a spirit of togetherness during the holy month of Ramadan.”

Suleiman Darwish Al Alawi, Manager of 9 Bros Academy added, “We are grateful for FRIENDi mobile’s support in organising this tournament, which brings together the best football talent from across the Sultanate. Together, we are creating a positive and competitive environment.”

RAMADAN CAMPAIGN

Unbeatable offers from Mitsubishi

MUSCAT: General Automotive Company (GAC), the official distributor of Mitsubishi vehicles in Oman, has announced the launch of its highly anticipated Ramadan campaign for 2023.

The campaign is designed to provide customers with unbeatable deals and benefits to make their ownership experience of a brand-new Mitsubishi truly rewarding. These include high-value cash back, free registration, free insurance, free service and more with every purchase.

Manoj Ranade, General Manager of GAC, said, “We are thrilled to offer our customers such exciting deals and benefits during this Ramadan season. This year’s offer is designed to provide exceptional value and make the ownership of



a new Mitsubishi a rewarding experience. We believe our customers will appreciate the benefits we’re offering and the joy of celebrating Ramadan with a brand new Mitsubishi.”

The Ramadan Campaign this year runs from 22 March 2023 until 21 May 2023. During this period, customers who purchase any Mitsubishi model will enjoy a host of benefits, including a high-value cash back ranging from OMR 1,162 up to OMR 5,952, together with free registration, free

OFFER

‘Biggest Excitement’ benefits on Toyota Corolla

MUSCAT: Toyota Corolla fans can now own a Corolla and get exclusive benefits.

The benefits include Service 5 Years/50,000km (whichever is earlier) and Insurance 1 Year Or Cash Gift in Lieu of Insurance OMR175 and a Raffle Coupon to Win 1 out of 8 Toyota Raize SUVs. The campaign is valid until 10th May 2023. (Prospective buyers may be advised that the benefits vary between model variants, model year and manufacturing year. Terms & Conditions apply.



Customers can visit any Saud Bahwan Automotive showroom for exact details.)

Toyota Corolla continues to

be an inspiration for the industry with popular combination of stylish design, advanced features, well-detailed interior and more. The Toyota Corolla has been an iconic sedan since its introduction and it is one of those few vehicles which encompasses all aspects that customers desire. Like style, space, comfort, fuel-efficiency, power and more.

The Corolla is equipped with a 2.0-litre four-cylinder Dynamic Force engine which produces 168 hp and 20.39 kg-m of torque.

ENRICHING RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Al Sharqiyah University launches Internal Research Grants programme

MUSCAT: Al Sharqiyah University (ASU), represented by the Research, Innovation and Technology Transfer Center (RITTC), recently launched the Internal Research Grants (IRG) programme, which aims to enrich the research activities at the university; build the research capabilities of the university’s employees and enhance their research skills; encourage research collaboration; and improve the quantitative and qualitative institutional research output in a way that enhances the University’s positioning nationally, regionally and internationally.

The new programme for internal research grants at ASU comes within the framework of the university’s vision, mission, and relentless endeavour to promote a culture of research and innovation, and to build a knowledge so-

ciety in such a way that integrates with the objectives of other research programs funded externally by the Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation (MoHERI) such as the Block Funding programme, the Strategic Research programme, and others.

The IRG Program at ASU falls within its Research Strategy as well as its ambitious Strategic Plan 2020-2025, which adopts in its research section various internally funded research initiatives such as its programs to support participation in highly reputed and specialised international conferences; support research visits to international institutions and research centres; and reward researchers for their patents, books and research articles published in high-quality refereed research journals.

PROMOTION

Elevate your lifestyle this Ramadan with INFINITI QX80

MUSCAT: INFINITI Oman, from the house of Suhail Bahwan Automobiles, presents an exciting opportunity for customers looking to purchase the full-size luxury SUV, INFINITI QX80.

Its Ramadan promotion brings forth a plethora of rewards for you to indulge in. By choosing to purchase INFINITI QX80, customers become eligible for a range of benefits, including free registration, free insurance, assured gifts, periodic vehicle maintenance, manufacturer’s warranty, AAA/Road assistance card, and referral programs.

This offer will remain valid until May 4. All customers purchasing INFINITI QX80 vehicles from Suhail Bahwan Automobiles during the period will be eligible to participate in the campaign scheme.

The promotion is valid for individuals who purchase INFINITI QX80 vehicles for personal use exclusively. It does not apply to Rent a Car, Taxi, Driver Trainer, Fleet, and Ministry Billing sectors. The scheme is exclusively available for retail billing.

All customers purchasing INFINITI QX80 in the scheme period will be eligible for free first year vehicle registration.

All customers purchasing INFINITI QX80 MY2022 in the



scheme period will be eligible for free first year vehicle insurance (Oman and UAE only).

All customers purchasing INFINITI QX80 in the scheme period will be eligible for complimentary Window Film and Body Paint Protection treatment which will be done at the SBA Service Centres only.

Customers purchasing INFINITI MY2022 model QX80 during the scheme period will get free Periodic Vehicle Maintenance of 5 years or 100,000 kms (whichever is earlier).

This offer excludes battery and wear and tear components. This offer includes service intervals of 10,000 kms.

INFINITI QX80 purchased in the scheme period will have three years / 100,000km manufacturer’s warranty.

Complimentary AAA Road Assistance card will be given on the purchase of INFINITI QX80 for the first year only and as supported by AAA Oman and UAE.





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Offer is valid from 12.03.2023 to 11.05.2023. Insurance (Oman & UAE) & Registration is for the 1st year (Private yellow plate). Service is for 2 years or 40,000 Kms, whichever is earlier. 5 years/Unlimited mileage warranty is through third party in accordance with their terms and conditions. Sales to Government institutions & Ministries, Rent-A-Car companies, Corporate fleet, Taxi and Driving schools are excluded from the scheme. Shopping voucher from Lulu Hyper Market. Vehicles shown are for illustrative purposes only.



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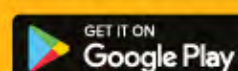
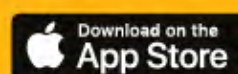
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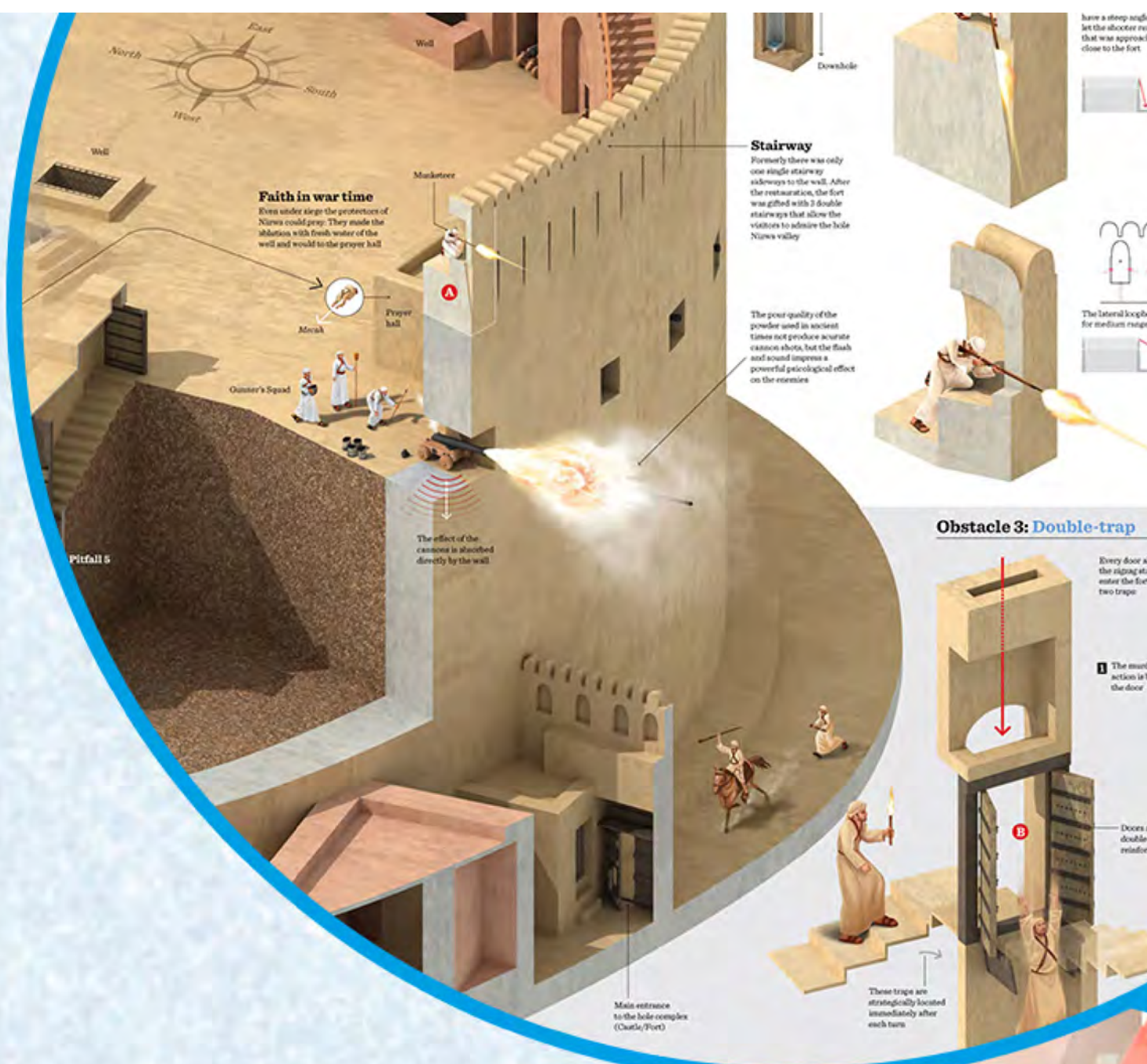


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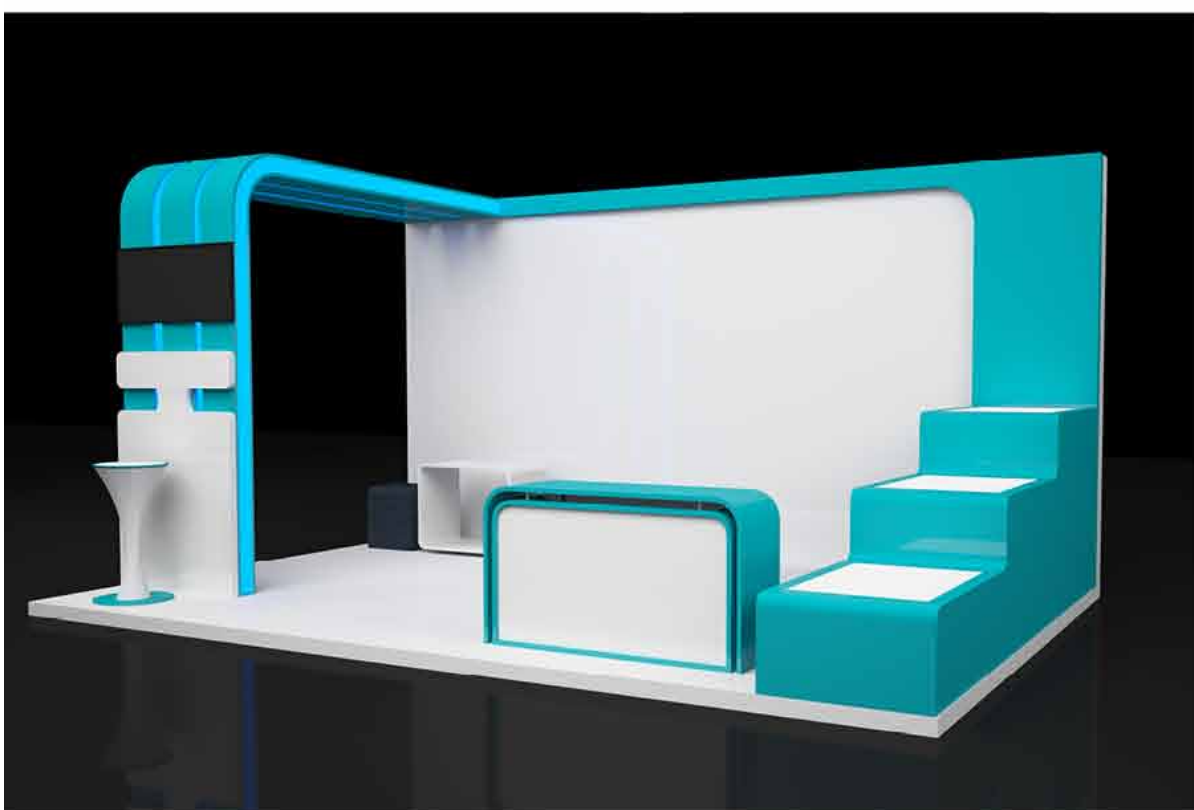
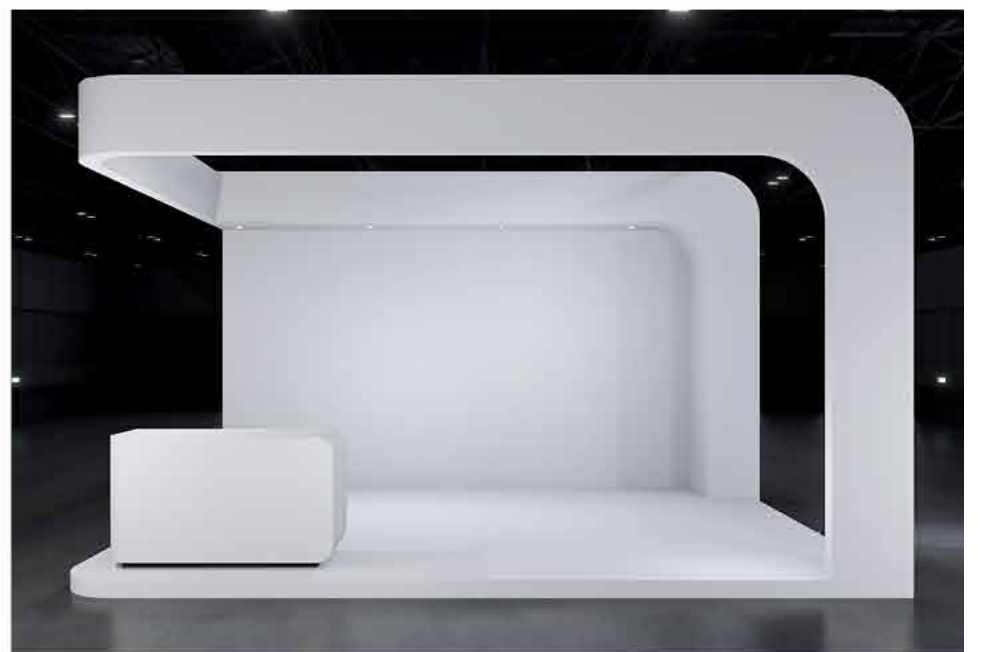
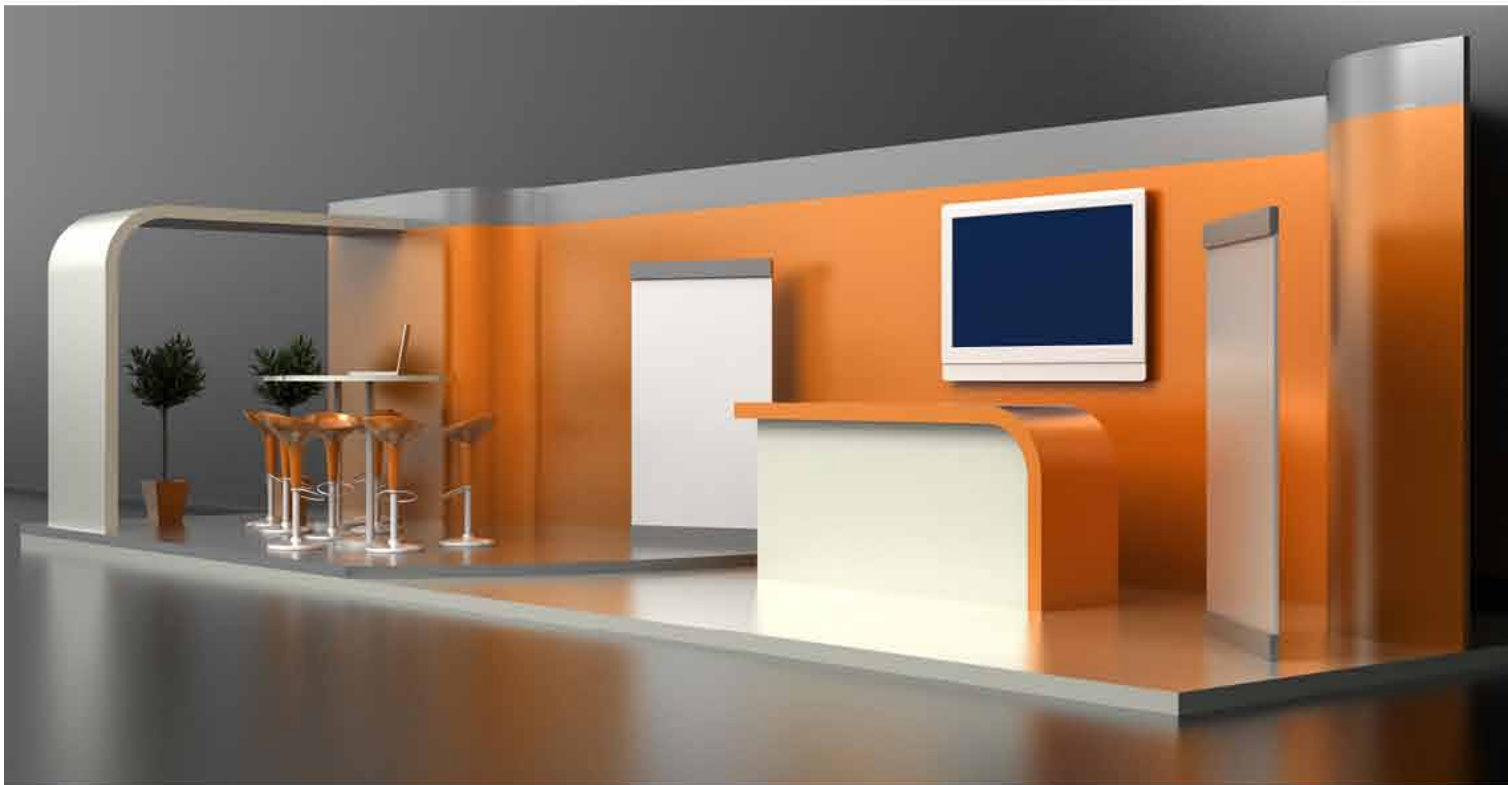
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