

FOREIGN MINISTER RECEIVES COPY OF CREDENTIALS OF ROMANIAN ENVOY

Sayyid Badr Hamad Al Busaidi, Foreign Minister yesterday received a copy of credentials of Florin Marius Tacu, Ambassador of the Republic of Romania appointed to the Sultanate of Oman. **>A2**



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PRESIDENT OF ZANZIBAR VISITS SULTAN QABOOS GRAND MOSQUE

MUSCAT: Dr. Hussein Ali Mwinyi, President of Zanzibar visited Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque on Wednesday. During the visit, he was briefed on the mosque's history, and its Omani and Islamic architectural designs. He also went on tour of the mosque's facilities, such as Institute of Islamic Sciences, Library and other facilities. **-ONA**



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HIS MAJESTY GIVES AUDIENCE TO PRESIDENT OF ZANZIBAR



His Majesty and President of Zanzibar exchanged views on different issues of mutual interest

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tariq gave an audience to Dr. Hussein Ali Mwinyi, President of Zanzibar at Al Barakah Palace on Wednesday.

At the outset of the audience, His Majesty welcomed the visit of President of Zanzibar to the Sultanate of Oman.

The audience reviewed areas of cooperation between Oman and Zanzibar and efforts exerted to promote them in various spheres.

His Majesty and President of

Zanzibar also exchanged views on different issues of mutual interest.

The audience was attended from the Omani side by Dr. Hamad bin Said Al Oufi, Head of the Private Office, Abdulsalam Mohammed Al Murshidi, Chairman of Oman Investment Authority, Eng. Said Hamoud Al Ma'awali, Minister of Transport, Communications and Information Technology and Saud Hilal Al Shithani, Ambassador of the Sultanate to Tanzania.

Meanwhile, it was attended from the Zanzibari side by Saada Mkuya, Minister of Finance and Planning, Dr. Khalid Salum Mohammed, Minister of Infrastructure, Communications and Transport, Mbarouk Nassoro Mbarouk, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Dr. Mwinyi Talib, Attorney General and Abdallah Abasi Kilima, Ambassador of Tanzania to the Sultanate of Oman.

After that, His Majesty the Sultan and the President of Zanzibar held a closed-door meeting. **- ONA**



The Honourable Lady receives Spouse of President of Zanzibar

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TOP THREE INSIDE STORIES

OMAN Over OMR1bn budget surplus recorded

1 The state's general budget posted a surplus of about OMR1.090 billion by the end of August 2022 compared to a deficit of OMR1.052 billion during the same period in 2021, said the financial performance bulletin issued by the Ministry of Finance. The bulletin added that the state's public revenues rose by 47.3 percent until the end of August 2022. **>B1**

WORLD Europe faces winter of discontent



2 A barrel of European Brent crude cost around \$94 this week, after rising 4% to a 5-week high of \$98 per barrel last week on news that OPEC+ had agreed to cut production by 2 million barrels per day. On Tuesday, US President Joe Biden said there would be "consequences" for Saudi Arabia following the Riyadh-led alliance's move to cut oil production. **>A7**

SPORTS Al Harthy eyes ELMS Portugal season final

3 Multiple GT endurance racing champion Ahmad Al Harthy is targeting a successful conclusion to his maiden season in the prestigious European Le Mans Series during the final event of the campaign in Portugal this weekend. In what has been a very strong, and also at times frustrating, season in the ELMS, Al Harthy and his Oman Racing team go into the championship with the No.69 Aston Martin Vantage GTE. **>B6**

WORLD CUP QATAR 2022

Muscat to be base for Argentina World Cup fans

Times News Service

MUSCAT: With just over a month left for the kick-off of the world's greatest football spectacle - FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 - the football fever has started rising in the region.

The Sultanate of Oman is hoping to make Muscat one of the preferred destinations for football fans from across the world with attractive offers from airlines and hotels.

In an encouraging development football, a large group of Argentina fans have confirmed that they would make Muscat their base during the World Cup event.

The FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 begins on November 20 with the opening game between hosts Qatar and Ecuador.

In an exclusive chat with *Times of Oman*, Juan Ignacio Migone, a tour operator from Buenos Aires, Argentina, said: "We are delighted to bring a sizeable group of football fans to Oman during the World Cup.

"A total of 60 fans will be staying in Oman for a period of 12 nights and attend Argentina's group matches and also enjoy the warmth and hospitality of Oman."

Migone, who has tied up with a leading in-bound domestic operator in Oman, Arabica Orient Tours, said: "I am very satisfied to have decided on Oman as the base camp for my guests during the World Cup. With Qatar offering expensive options, I explored many places in the region. Oman stood out for its natural landscape



and tourism potential. My local partners, Arabica Orient Tours, have been very cooperative. I am looking forward to organizing more tours from Argentina to Oman in future."

Migone, who is making his maiden visit to Oman, said: "In the past I have arranged tours for football fans to 2018 FIFA World Cup in Russia and during the World Cup in South Africa. My company also arranges special tours for tennis fans to Grand Slams. This is my first attempt to bring a large group to Oman. I am hoping that the fans will carry back good memories and we can then arrange more tours to Oman.

"I think Oman should do more to attract tourists from South America. The South Americans love to travel in large groups. Even, for the upcoming Qatar

World Cup, there should have been more publicity to attract the fans. In my opinion, Oman offers a lot to explore, besides being a next door neighbour of Qatar."

With Lionel Messi, one of the greatest footballers in history, announcing that the Qatar World Cup will be his last, there is a growing interest among the Argentine fans to watch him in action this last time.

"Messi has a special place in the hearts of every Argentine. He has brought us joy for long. Fans in Argentina are very emotional and they look for happiness in football as they battle the economic slowdown in the country," said Migone.

He said that during the match days of Argentina in the group stage, "my guests will do daily air trips." **>A5**



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Grand Mufti meets Zanzibar counterpart



MUSCAT: His Eminence Sheikh Ahmed bin Hamad Al Khalili, Grand Mufti of the Sultanate of Oman met here yesterday with Sheikh Saleh Omar Kaabi, Grand Mufti of Zanzibar. The meeting discussed a set of topics of mutual interest and reviewed means of enhancing cooperation between the two sides. -ONA

Foreign Minister receives credentials



MUSCAT: Sayyid Badr Hamad Al Busaidi, Foreign Minister yesterday received a copy of credentials of Florin Marius Tacu, Ambassador of the Republic of Romania appointed to the Sultanate of Oman. Sayyid Badr wished the ambassador success in carrying out his assignments. He also wished the bilateral relations between the two countries further progress and growth. -ONA



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ARAB WORLD

Oman 3rd in Food Security Index

MUSCAT: The Sultanate of Oman is ranked third in the Arab world in the World Food Security Index report for the year 2022, which was released by the British magazine 'The Economist' last September.

The index is based on the assessment criteria derived from the globally adopted elements of the concept of food security, which are access to food, food availability, food quality and safety, food sustainability and adaptation.

During this year's edition, the Sultanate of Oman was ranked 35 globally, compared to 40 in 2021, and third in the Arab world, with a score of 71.2 points and the UAE was ranked first in the Arab world and 23 globally while Qatar is ranked second in the Arab world and 30 globally.

The Sultanate of Oman achieved results in the main indicators, as it ranked in the ease of access to food criterion (second) in the Arab world with 88.6 points, and despite this progress, the evaluation rate decreased by a slight rate of (0.2 points) compared to 2021. -ONA

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HM, Zanzibar President exchange views



MEETING

The Honourable Lady receives Spouse of President of Zanzibar

MUSCAT: Her Highness the Honourable Lady Assayida Ahd Abdullah Hamed Al Busaidi, Spouse of the Sultan of Oman received at Al Barakah Palace yesterday, Spouse of the President of Zanzibar.

At the outset of the meeting, the Honourable Lady welcomed the guest, wishing her a pleasant stay in Oman.

She also wished her country further progress and welfare.

In her turn, the Spouse of the President of Zanzibar expressed her delight to meet with the Honourable Lady, wishing her good health, happiness and a long life. She also wished the Sultanate of Oman further growth and prosperity. -ONA



OFFICIAL VISIT

President of Zanzibar visits National Museum, ROHM

MUSCAT: Dr. Hussein Ali Mwinyi, President of Zanzibar, visited the National Museum yesterday as part of his official visit to the Sultanate of Oman.

The guest was greeted by Jamal Hassan Al Moosawi, Secretary General of the National Museum.

The guest and his accompanying delegation went on tour of the museum and its galleries during which they were briefed on their contents that highlight important aspects of the history and civilization of the Sultanate of Oman.

During his tour, the guest visited the Maritime History gallery, where he got acquainted with the Omani fleet during the reign of Sultan Said bin Sultan Al Busaidi in Muscat and Zanzibar. He also familiarized himself with the discoveries from the wreck of

the sunken ship from the (Vasco da Gama) fleet, in addition to the manuscript of Kitāb al-fawā'id fi ilm al-bar wa-al-qawā'id (The Book of the Benefits of the Principles and Foundations of Seamanship) by the famous Omani navigator Shihab al-Din Ahmed bin Majid

Al Saadi loaned from the Al As-sad National Library in the Syrian Arab Republic.

The guest also viewed the tree of life sculpture (Makonde Ujamaa), which was gifted by the late Tanzanian President Dr. John Pompei Joseph Magufuli, to the late Sultan

Qaboos bin Said bin Taimour. It was carved by hand by Makonde artisans, and made of "ebony" wood.

President of Zanzibar also viewed the mihrab belonging to the Al Awainah Mosque. He also viewed collections dating back to the late Sultan Qaboos bin Said bin Taimour, including a curved sword (Shamsheer) and "Al Haswa" dagger belonging to Imam Saif bin Sultan Al Yarubi I. The sword and the dagger are two of the royal collections belonging to the late Sultan Qaboos bin Said bin Taimour.

The president and his accompanying delegation also got acquainted with collections highlighting the religious tolerance in the Sultanate of Oman, as well as the position of the Omani woman in the Splendor of Islam gallery.

The guest also viewed collec-

tions that represent historical dimensions of the Omani relations with Africa in the Oman and the World gallery.

The President of Zanzibar also toured the corner dedicated to the late Sultan Qaboos bin Said bin Taimour (the Dearest and Purest of Men) in the Renaissance Gallery. He viewed the origin will letter of the late Sultan Qaboos bin Said bin Taimour addressed to their highnesses; members of the Royal Family Council through the Defense Council, as well as other collections belonging to the late Sultan Qaboos bin Said.

Dr. Hussein Ali Mwinyi, President of Zanzibar was accompanied during his visit to the National Museum by Mohammed Nasser Al Wahaibi, Undersecretary of the Foreign Ministry for Administra-

tive and Financial Affairs (Head of the Mission of Honour).

Royal Opera House Muscat

Dr. Hussein Ali Mwinyi also visited the Royal Opera House Muscat (ROHM) today, within the framework of his current official visit to the Sultanate of Oman.

The guest was briefed on the nature of shows presented by the opera house and its year-round programme, in addition to its latest equipment used for the world music performances.

At the conclusion of the visit, President of Zanzibar signed the Senior Visitors Book, expressing delight and admiration at ROHM and commending its role as a distinguished podium for exchanging cultural and artistic heritage among nations. -ONA





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World Cup fans in Oman

“However, if Argentina advances to the knockout stage, then we move this group to Dubai as there are better travel options from there during the knockout rounds,” added Migone.

Sanjay Bhattacharya, founder of Arabica Orient Tours, was happy to be involved with this project which, he said, was unique.

He said: “Over the past many years, this is for the first time that

I am having a group of Argentine tourists.

“We are proud to showcase Oman’s tourism potential and hope that it will open new business opportunities with tourists from South America. We are going to manage all the logistics during their stay.”

During the 12-day stay, the guests will be taken for dolphin-watching cruise, trip to Nizwa,

dune bashing in Rimal al Sharqiya [Wahiba Sands] and also taken around other well-known attractions.

Oman hopes to cater to many more fans groups in the coming days as the countdown to the Qatar World Cup begins.

Former World Cup winners Germany have already confirmed holding a training camp in Oman next month.



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OFFICIAL VISIT

President of Zanzibar visits NRAA

MUSCAT: Dr. Hussein Ali Mwinyi, President of Zanzibar paid a visit to the National Records and Archives Authority (NRAA), within the framework of his current official visit to the Sul-

tanate of Oman.

The guest and his accompanying delegation were received by Dr. Hamad Mohammed Al Dhawani, Chairman of NRAA.

-ONA

YEMEN SITUATION

Oman-US talks

MUSCAT: Sheikh Khalifa Ali Al Harthy, Undersecretary of the Foreign Ministry for Diplomatic Affairs received here yesterday Tim Lenderking, US Special Envoy for Yemen. Efforts supporting Yemeni parties to reach a political solution that ensures security and stability for Yemen and the region were reviewed. The delegation accompanying the guest and several Foreign Ministry officials attended. -ONA



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DETAILS UNVEILED

OCCI Elections Committee holds review meeting

Times News Service

MUSCAT: A meeting of the OCCI Elections Committee was held at the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion. It was chaired by Dr. Saleh bin Said Masan, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion for Commerce and Industry and chairman of OCCI Elections Committee.

A number of details related to the elections for the membership of the board of OCCI (Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry) and the boards of its branches in the governorates as well as the standing of candidates were revealed. The date for filing of nominations was from 25 September 2022 to 29 September.

Ali bin Salim Al Kasbi, Director of Legal Affairs Department at OCCI said that Royal Decree No.56/2022 on issuance of the system of Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry has detailed the prerogatives and powers of OCCI which included proposal of the general strategy regulating the activities of the private sector and setting the plan necessary for execution of the strategy.

The decree has added a text on a new authority to OCCI which is

to classify the companies and establishments in accordance with certain principles and standards, he added, pointing to that the decree also applied several amendments including the amendment of the formation of the board of OCCI by incorporating representatives of the public joint stock companies and foreign investors.

He also pointed out that there are five seats for representatives of the public joint stock companies and one seat for representatives of foreign investors who are residents in the Sultanate and other seats for the branches of the OCCI in the governorates.

The total members of OCCI board stand at 21 including 10 members from the governorates and 11 members from Muscat Governorates.

Dr. Mohammed bin Rashid Al Badi, Director of Legal Affairs Department at the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion said that the elections committee has announced the elections process and released notices in all local newspapers for updating the details related to the companies and registration of voters in the elections register which process started on 29 September to end on 13 October 2022.

The committee stated that the

voters should be holders of Ri-yada Cards or to have at least one Omani employee registered with the Public Authority for Social Insurance and to have paid the membership fee of OCCI up to 31 October 2022, he said adding that the elections committee has earlier announced opening the door for standing as candidates for OCCI Board membership up to end of 6 October 2022, which date is extended to 9 October 2022, he added.

He said that the committee stipulated that the candidate should be Omani with exception to representatives of public joint stock companies registered with Muscat Stock Exchange and foreign investors having investment residence.

Sihambint Ahmed Al Harthy, a candidate for OCCI Board membership said that the change in the laws and systems in OCI elections reflected the interest of the government in improving the conditions of the private sector.

The elections are not open for all active and inactive commercial registrations as there are clear measures and terms for those interested in casting their votes. The terms included Omanisation percentage and activation of the commercial registration among other conditions.

EVENT

ROHM to present concert on Omani Women's Day

MUSCAT: The Royal Opera House Muscat (ROHM) will present the beloved annual concert, Omani Women's Day on 17 October 2022. This much anticipated annual event, presented to audiences to coincide with the Omani Women's Day, has always been an opportunity for everyone to come together in a celebration of the wonderful women both in this country and across the world.

In 2022, ROHM presents a concert which celebrates the women involved in music in Oman. Women now making up more than 30% of the Royal Oman Symphony Orchestra, and the establishment of the first Royal Ensemble for Music and Folklore where women's engagement in a traditionally male



genre of folk music is promoted. Finally, the events marking the occasions is also the participation of the special guest artist, Kuwaiti born, Rawan Behbehani, a pianist of international standing, demonstrating a rare and an extraordinary talent from an incredibly young age.

The concert has been pro-

grammed to present music which encompasses traditional sounds of the nation's heritage and classical music from the world stage performed by a talented host of musicians from Oman and beyond. The season's theme of Tradition, Innovation and Talent are underpinned in a concert audiences will love. -ONA



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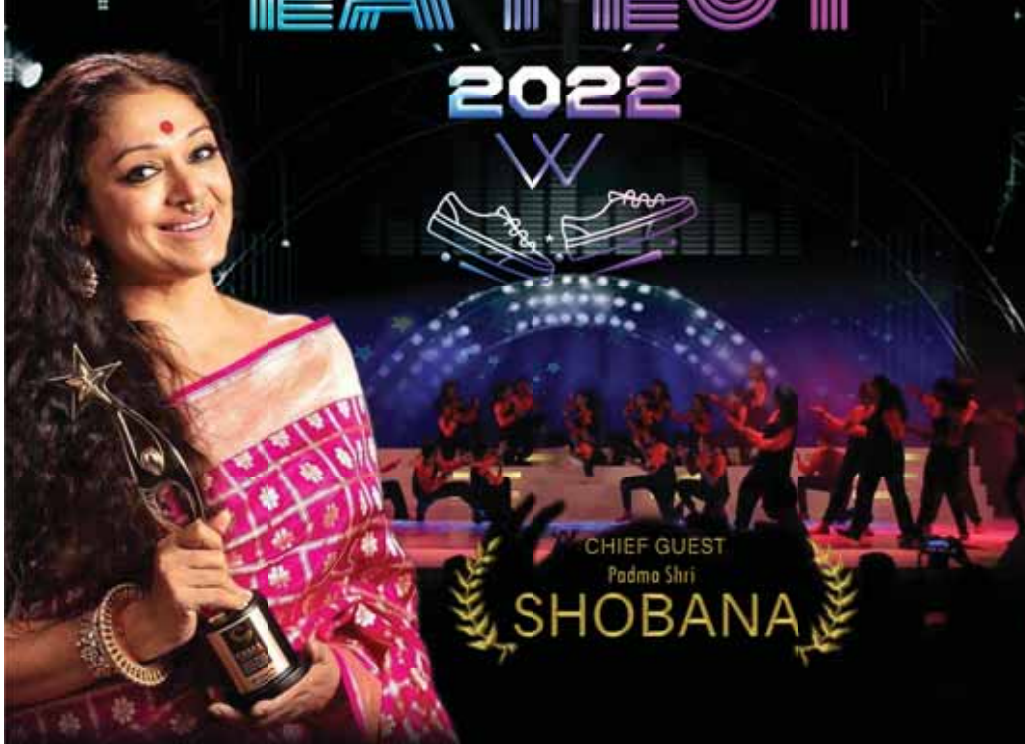
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INTERNATIONAL MINING COMPANY LLC INVITES TENDERS FOR THE BELOW MENTIONED PROJECTS TO BE PROVIDED FOR ITS GYPSUM QUARRY LOCATED IN THUMRAIT AREA.

Tender Number	Project Name	Fee (OMR) Non refundable
01/2022	Drilling and Blasting	25.000
02/2022	Mining	25.000
03/2022	Transporting crushed gypsum from quarry to port of Salalah	25.000

DESCRIPTION	DATE - Year 2022	LOCATION
Tender Advertising	10th Oct	Local News papers
Tender Issuance	12th Oct to 20th Oct	Email
All Queries	23rd Oct to 31st Oct	Email
Site Visit	1st Nov to 10th Nov (9 AM- 3 PM)	Quarry
Tender Submission Deadline	20th Nov	Email
Evaluations & Negotiations	21st Nov to 5th Dec	Email
Awarding	15th Dec	Email

Interested companies may obtain proposal/Tender document by depositing fees mentioned in the table:

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BUSINESS FORUM

President of Zanzibar calls to strengthen ties

MUSCAT: Dr. Hussain Ali Mwinyi, President of Zanzibar, met with a number of Omani and Zanzibari businessmen, on the sidelines of the Omani-Zanzibari Business Forum. This took place as part of his official visit to the Sultanate of Oman.

The forum, organised by Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OCCI) at the Al Bustan Palace Hotel yesterday, aims at strengthening trade and economic relations and contributing to raising rates of trade and investment exchange between the two sides.

The President of Zanzibar underscored the importance of the role of the private sector of both sides to enhance the Omani-Zanzibari economic relations by taking advantage of the investment potentials and opportunities available in the Sultanate of Oman and Zanzibar.

He called on Omani businessmen to invest in the promising sectors that Zanzibar focuses on, such as tourism, the blue economy, oil and gas, and maritime trade, in view of the historic ties between the Sultanate of Oman and Zanzibar.

Qais Mohammed Al Yousef, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion, said in his speech that the Sultanate of Oman has taken many measures to attract foreign investments and fo-



cus on several lucrative sectors for economic diversification. These opportunities can be benefited by Oman and Zanzibar for greater economic cooperation.

In his turn, Eng. Ridha Juma Al Saleh, Chairman of the Board of Directors of OCCI, said that organizing the forum aims at promoting trade and economic relations between the Sultanate of Oman and Zanzibar, thanks to the potentials and enablers enjoyed by both sides.

He added that the statistics show that the volume of trade exchange between the Sultanate of Oman and the United Republic of Tanzania hit more than \$182 million by the end of June 2022.

RIISING PRICES

Europe faces winter of discontent

BRUSSELS: A barrel of European Brent crude cost around \$94 (€95) this week, after rising 4% to a 5-week high of \$98 per barrel last week on news that OPEC+ (OPEC plus Russia) had agreed to cut production by 2 million barrels per day, about 2% of global supply, from November.

On Tuesday, US President Joe Biden said there would be “consequences” for Saudi Arabia following the Riyadh-led alliance’s move to cut oil production. While he remained vague about specifics in an interview with CNN, he suggested he would act soon.

White House officials said the administration would reevaluate its relationship with the Saudi Kingdom.

The cut comes as the EU prepares for slowing growth due to higher energy prices, with recessionary fears competing with inflationary ones as the key issue facing policymakers. “This shows that the energy crisis in Europe is threatening to escalate into a global price war,” German business paper reported.

TM DONE and Jahez Sign MoU to Expand Collaboration in Aggregation and Delivery Services



In tandem with the visit of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia delegation to the Sultanate of Oman, led by His Excellency Eng. Abdullah bin Amer Al Suwaha to strengthen the ties of partnership between the two brotherly countries, TM DONE and Jahez have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to explore and assess avenues of collaboration in the fields of aggregation and delivery services.

TM DONE and Jahez are pioneers in the food delivery business, with each boasting significant, yet complementary, experience that would allow for the development and enhancement of related services within the field.

Jahez is a major brand within the aggregation and delivery business in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia while TM DONE has cemented its position as a widely-recognized super app providing various services within the Sultanate of Oman.

The memorandum was signed by Mr. Ghassab S. Al Mandeel, CEO of Jahez and Mr. Yasser Al Barami, CEO of TM DONE.



SULTANATE OF OMAN

Ministry of Interior

TENDER NOTICE

The Internal Tender Committee at the Ministry of Interior announces the following tender:

Tender No.	Tender Description	Grade	Last date for obtainment of tender documents	Last date of bid submission	Tender Document's fee
31/2022	Maintenance works for the buildings of the Ministry's General Office	Second Grade	18/10/2022	06/11/2022	RO 25/-

Interested companies specialized in the above-mentioned works and having valid registration certificates from the Tender Board may obtain the tender documents of terms and specifications from the following website:

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MARKET BUSINESS & FINANCE



MSX INDEX ENDS HIGHER

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BankDhofar raises largest single tranche OMR AT1 bond

The issue attracted a high-quality order book with strong participation from local investors that allowed BankDhofar to set the yield at 6.75 per cent

Times News Service

MUSCAT: BankDhofar announced that it has successfully raised OMR115.5 million Basel III compliant Additional Tier 1 (AT1) bond listed on the Muscat Stock Exchange.

This is the largest OMRAT1 single-tranche offering by any bank in Oman. The issue attracted a high-quality order book with strong participation from local investors that allowed BankDhofar to set the yield at 6.75 per cent.

This issue will benefit BankDhofar's already strong Tier I capital base. The offering was well received



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We thank all the investors for their confidence in us. This reinforces the faith investors have in BankDhofar and its prudent and robust business model. We would like to thank the Central Bank of Oman, Capital Market Authority, Muscat Stock Exchange and Muscat Clearing and Depository Company for their guidance and support

Abdul Hakeem Ojaili
Chief Executive Officer, BankDhofar



by a diverse set of investors consisting of pension and sovereign wealth funds, corporates, family offices and high-net-worth individuals.

Commenting on the transaction, Abdul Hakeem Ojaili, Chief Executive Officer said, “We thank all the investors for their confidence in us. This reinforces the faith investors have in BankDhofar and its prudent and robust business

model. We would like to thank the Central Bank of Oman, Capital Market Authority, Muscat Stock Exchange and Muscat Clearing and Depository Company for their guidance and support.”

K Gopakumar, Deputy Chief Executive Officer added, “We are delighted with the positive outcome of our landmark OMR-denominated AT1 transaction. The issue has

met all our expectations around price, size, and investor diversity. It also allows us to optimise our capital structure and prepare us to further support local Omani businesses. This transaction is testimony to the bank's robust strategy and execution. We would like to thank all parties involved in this issuance and in particular the investors supporting the growth and

success of the bank.”

BankDhofar acted as the sole Issuer Manager.

Since its inception in 1990, BankDhofar has played a key role in the growth and development of the banking industry in the Sultanate of Oman, with a strong presence in Corporate Banking, Retail Banking, Treasury and Project Finance. The bank caters

to customers' needs and requirements and sets the standard for the best customer experience through innovative products and creative financial solutions. BankDhofar's commitment to community development and contribution to the growth of the national economy has given it a reputation for commitment, foresight and solid growth.

RIGID PACKAGING SOLUTIONS

OQ boost its bottles & closures portfolio with new solutions

Times News Service

MUSCAT: OQ, the multifaceted Oman-based enterprise that specialises in flexible and rigid packaging solutions, continues to advance its portfolio in response to key market trends.

Specifically, the company has strengthened its presence in the bottles and closures industry with a broad offering – Luban DMDA 6200 and DMDZ 6147 for HDPE blow moulded bottles, and Luban EP 2348R and DNDA 8320 for closures.

Moreover, new high-flow random copolymer grades like Luban RP 2251T and impact copolymer EP 2348T ideal for customised closures are on the way towards imminent launch.

Customers are seeking enhanced performance and value addition across a range of metrics. In terms of durability, there is heightened demand for superior environmental stress cracking resistance (ESCR) to protect bottles from cracks caused by the chemicals they are storing.

On top of this important performance indicator, customers are looking for increased convenience, customization, and improved aesthetics. Offering solutions to meet a range of end-uses and applications is essential. In today's highly competitive environment, converters require a variety of grades to fit different bottle and closure combinations designed for B2C and B2B end users.



Trevor Robinson, Global Head of Marketing at OQ, commented: “We are responding to many key trends with our grade offerings in this focus segment. For example, the Luban DMDZ 6147 offers more than 1,000 hours ESCR to ensure long-term protection of bottles against aggressive chemicals such as bleaches and agrochemicals, giving peace of mind to converters, bottlers and retailers. Meanwhile, the Luban EP 2348R provides exceptional stiffness and impact balance, delivering durability and strong functionality and design freedom in customised closures to customers.”

OQ is set to deliver even more innovation across its rigid packaging portfolio in the near future.

Another six grades are in development and are close to launching, which focuses on high performance in bottles and customised closures fulfilling functional

needs, delivering benefits across a range of parameters, including stiffness, flexibility, transparency, hinge performance and impact resistance. The new grades will cover a variety of end uses and applications covering small and medium-sized bottles and closures for the food and beverage, personal and home care and industrial segments.

Ali Al Lawati, Vice President of Global Sales, added, “We continue to make strong progress with a globally accepted portfolio of Luban HDPE, LLDPE and Luban PP grades.

“To date, we have more than 200 customer approvals across six continents for our existing bottles and closures offering. Our solutions are providing major advantages across key parameters such as bottle stacking drop performance, ESCR, and processibility in moulding machines.”

CO-FOUNDER OF CARZATY

Omani entrepreneur makes it big

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Oman's young entrepreneur Hassan Jaffar Al Lawati, one of the co-founders of Carzaty, along with Marwan Chaar, have taken their company, an online platform to search, compare, buy and finance new and assured used cars, to a new level after the home-grown regional player merged with Latin America's most valuable startup Kavak.

On Wednesday, Kavak announced the launch of its operations in Oman and the UAE, as the first step of its expansion plans in the GCC with Saudi Arabia to follow soon.

Carzaty was founded in Oman at the end of 2018 by ex-McKinsey consultant Lawati and Harvard Business School alumnus Chaar.

The duo identified an enormous regional opportunity after recognising the challenges involved in buying or selling a used car and the commercial inefficiencies surrounding the industry.

Kavak is the market-leading tech and data-driven platform for used cars at a current valuation of \$8.7 billion. Founded in 2016 by Carlos Garcia Ottati, Kavak has expanded into a global player with a presence in 10 countries.

Following the launch of Turkey in July 2022, Kavak has now entered the GCC by merging with Carzaty to fast-track growth across the region.

Kavak plans to invest \$130 million over the next two years to establish the largest used car operation in the Gulf region with more than 1,000 employees, and



the largest vehicle reconditioning centres in the GCC

Speaking about Carzaty's early journey and the future with Kavak, co-CEO of Kavak GCC, Lawati said, “When we launched Carzaty in Oman we were problem-solving for the immediate market needs - to create a data-driven business that could best address customer demands with a strong focus on improving the customer journey. With an investment from the Omani government, we were equipped to build the foundations of our business locally and expand into the UAE which acted as our launch pad to scale.

“As we start this new chapter with our colleagues at Kavak, we are excited to bring our local market knowledge to their global play-book as we double down on Oman and the UAE and expand further into KSA and the rest of the GCC.”

As part of its operations in GCC, Kavak has invested in building a 15,000 sqm reconditioning centre

in Dubai - when fully operational the facility will employ 150 expert mechanics and staff and will handle a monthly capacity of 1,300 vehicles including refurbishment, servicing, and repairs under warranty.

On Kavak's entry into the region, Carlos Garcia Ottati, Global CEO of Kavak said, “The GCC region represents a massive untapped opportunity for Kavak. With our unmatched customer service centres and vehicle quality assurance, we are excited to show customers what a pleasant and rewarding experience purchasing a used car can and should be. With our commitment to investing \$130 million into the GCC over the next two years, we are excited to bring customers a new level of customer experience as well as a wealth of employment opportunities in the region. Marwan and Hassan are the perfect matches to help bring local insights so we grow the business at scale in a meaningful and lasting way.”

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

General budget records over OMR1 billion surplus



Times News Service

MUSCAT: The state's general budget has recorded a surplus of more than OMR1 billion by the end of August 2022, according to a financial performance bulletin published by the Ministry of Finance.

Oman News Agency reported that the state's general budget recorded by the end of August 2022 a surplus of OMR1 billion and 90 million, compared to a financial deficit during the same period in 2021. The bulletin indicates a 47.3 per cent increase in the state's public revenues until the

end of August 2022 amounting to OMR9.325 billion.

Expenditures of ministries

The development expenditures of ministries and civil units amounted to about OMR566 million, with an exchange rate of 51 per cent of the total development liquidity allocated for 2022, amounting to OMR1.100 billion.

And, the total public spending until the end of August 2022 increased by 11.5 per cent to reach about OMR1.235 billion, compared to the same period in 2021.

An earlier publication of the

ministry said the general budget of Oman achieved a financial surplus of more than OMR1 billion, at the end of July 2022.

Positive measures

His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik Al Said, while presiding over the meeting of the Council of Ministers, indicated his approval of the government's positive measures to reduce public debt and the efforts of government institutions to achieve balanced spending rates, and directed the importance of continuing efforts to reduce public debt and bring it within safe limits.



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MSX index ends higher

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The report released by MSX

pointed out that the market value went up by 0.126 per cent to reach about OMR23.25 billion.

The report added that the value of shares bought by non-Omani investors reached OMR159,000, comprising 15.50 per cent. The value of shares sold by non-Omani investors reached OMR108,000, comprising 10.47 per cent. The net non-Omani investment increased by 5.03 per cent to OMR52,000. -BNA

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INDICES

Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff.	Diff%
MSX 30 INDEX	4,554.70	4,515.58	4,543.70	4,520.19	23.51	0.52
FINANCIAL INDEX	7,249.76	7,182.05	7,237.90	7,190.55	47.35	0.66
Industry Index	6,347.22	6,310.35	6,319.96	6,310.35	9.61	0.15
Services Index	1,615.22	1,603.20	1,603.92	1,606.66	-2.74	-0.17
MSX Shariah Index	490.59	487.03	487.77	487.60	0.17	0.04
MSX TR INDEX	5,744.54	5,695.20	5,730.66	5,701.01	29.65	0.52
FINANCIAL TR IDX	7,586.06	7,515.22	7,573.65	7,524.11	49.54	0.66
SERVICES TR IDX	1,677.25	1,664.78	1,665.52	1,668.37	-2.85	-0.17
INDUSTRIAL TR IDX	6,587.35	6,549.08	6,559.05	6,549.08	9.97	0.15

Trading Summary

Volume	Turnover	Trades	Market Cap.	Up	Down	Equal	Sec. Traded
3,763,503	1,027,027	292	23,248,082,382	15	9	13	37

SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 12

ISIN	SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR.	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF (OMR)	DIFF %	LAST PR.	LAST NO.	LAST OFFER	PRE VALUE	MARKET CAP
REGULAR MARKET																
OM0000007407	DHOFAR GENERATING	100	5	1	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.048	0.004	8.333	0.052	0.000	0.052	0.100	11,556,480
OM0000003125	GLOBAL INV.H	2,050	119	9	0.058	0.058	0.058	0.058	0.057	0.001	1.754	0.058	0.056	0.058	0.100	11,600,000
OM0000003398	SOHAR INT BANK	75,200	7,520	4	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.099	0.001	1.010	0.100	0.095	0.100	0.100	459,096,229
OM0000003026	OMAN TELECOM	141,048	122,616	9	0.872	0.872	0.868	0.872	0.864	0.008	0.926	0.872	0.860	0.872	0.100	654,000,000
OM0000001525	OMAN INVST&FIN.	114,000	14,820	12	0.130	0.130	0.130	0.130	0.129	0.001	0.775	0.130	0.128	0.130	0.100	30,810,000
OM0000001483	NATIONAL BANK OMAN	17,500	4,638	1	0.265	0.265	0.265	0.265	0.263	0.002	0.760	0.265	0.250	0.263	0.100	430,875,784
OM0000002796	BANK MUSCAT	565,072	326,859	25	0.580	0.580	0.578	0.580	0.578	0.002	0.346	0.580	0.578	0.580	0.100	2,176,855,148
OM0000001152	OMAN NAT. ENG.	5,000	550	1	0.110	0.110	0.110	0.110	0.110	0.000	0.000	0.110	0.110	0.119	0.100	15,400,000
OM0000000376	JAZEERA STEEL PROD.	2,000	496	1	0.248	0.248	0.248	0.248	0.248	0.000	0.000	0.248	0.248	0.249	0.100	30,974,694
OM0000000226	ALJAZEERA SERVICES	20,800	5,622	4	0.278	0.278	0.270	0.270	0.270	0.000	0.000	0.270	0.270	0.282	0.100	16,525,154
OM0000000440	AL SHARGIA INV.	5,000	390	1	0.078	0.078	0.078	0.078	0.078	0.000	0.000	0.078	0.076	0.079	0.100	7,020,000
OM0000000328	TAAGEER FINANCE	26,000	2,574	3	0.099	0.099	0.099	0.099	0.099	0.000	0.000	0.099	0.099	0.104	0.100	25,607,518
OM00000002168	AL ANWAR CERAMIC	83,150	33,162	6	0.400	0.400	0.398	0.398	0.400	-0.002	-0.500	0.398	0.400	0.398	0.100	87,560,000
OM00000005005	ALMAHA CERAMICS	99,229	48,455	6	0.490	0.490	0.486	0.486	0.490	-0.004	-0.816	0.486	0.486	0.500	0.100	26,730,000
OM00000003968	OOREDOO	114,030	47,305	13	0.418	0.418	0.412	0.412	0.418	-0.006	-1.435	0.412	0.400	0.418	0.100	268,189,023
OM00000003224	RENAISSANCE SER.	134,800	65,834	8	0.490	0.490	0.486	0.486	0.494	-0.008	-1.619	0.486	0.486	0.486	0.100	114,895,260
Total	16	1,494,979	680,964	97												
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OM00000004933	AL SUWADI POWER	1,000	38	2	0.038	0.038	0.038	0.038	0.036	0.002	5.556	0.038	0.036	0.038	0.100	27,147,441
OM00000004768	MADINA TAKAFUL	70,000	6,051	6	0.086	0.089	0.086	0.089	0.086	0.003	3.488	0.089	0.084	0.093	0.100	15,575,000
OM00000002549	BANK DHOFAR	332,000	47,960	8	0.140	0.150	0.140	0.150	0.145	0.005	3.448	0.150	0.145	0.150	0.100	449,452,715
OM00000004925	ALBATHNAH POWER	31,331	1,128	3	0.036	0.036	0.036	0.036	0.035	0.001	2.857	0.036	0.034	0.038	0.100	24,295,947
OM0000000418	RAYSUT CEMENT	35,680	70,803	49	0.195	0.205	0.195	0.200	0.195	0.005	2.564	0.200	0.198	0.200	0.100	40,000,000
OM00000003139	ALUMINIUM PROD.	36,830	3,041	4	0.082	0.083	0.082	0.083	0.081	0.002	2.469	0.083	0.083	0.084	0.100	2,786,430
OM00000002267	GULF MUSHROOM P.	193,210	50,446	28	0.260	0.266	0.260	0.263	0.259	0.004	1.544	0.263	0.263	0.280	0.100	10,942,186
OM00000003521	GALFAR ENGINEER	490,428	80,614	28	0.165	0.166	0.163	0.165	0.163	0.002	1.227	0.165	0.163	0.165	0.100	33,492,764
OM00000001301	DHOFAR CATTLE	8,000	632	2	0.079	0.079	0.079	0.079	0.079	0.000	0.000	0.079	0.072	0.079	0.100	6,387,150
OM00000001566	OMAN FISHERIES	82,200	8,901	12	0.110	0.110	0.108	0.108	0.108	0.000	0.000	0.108	0.107	0.109	0.100	19,664,467
OM00000001590	MUSCAT FINANCE	10,000	640	1	0.064	0.064	0.064	0.064	0.064	0.000	0.000	0.064	0.062	0.064	0.100	19,657,365
OM00000003661	VOLTAMP ENERGY	684	68	1	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.103	0.103	0.000	0.000	0.100	0.100	0.112	0.100	8,384,483
OM00000004420	BANK NIZWA	46,000	4,463	4	0.097	0.098	0.097	0.097	0.097	0.000	0.000	0.097	0.096	0.097	0.100	216,864,444
OM00000005963	PHOENIX POWER	458,206	20,165	14	0.044	0.044	0.044	0.044	0.044	0.000	0.000	0.044	0.044	0.044	0.100	64,254,464
OM00000007910	AMAN REAL ESTATE	20,000	1,920	2	0.096	0.096	0.096	0.096	0.096	0.000	0.000	0.096	0.096	0.097	0.100	19,200,000
OM00000008447	OMAN REIT FUND	100	7	1	0.065	0.065	0.065	0.060	0.060	0.000	0.000	0.065	0.065	0.065	0.100	28,271,183
OM00000001517	HSBC BANK OMAN	100,350	15,855	2	0.158	0.158	0.157	0.157	0.158	-0.001	-0.633	0.157	0.157	0.158	0.100	314,040,108
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OM00000001608	OMAN PACKAGING	4,900	1,299	1	0.265	0.265	0.265	0.270	0.265	0.005	1.852	0.265	0.000	0.297	0.100	8,595,503
OM00000002804	ASAFFA FOODS	104,231	31,045	23	0.300	0.300	0.293	0.293	0.300	-0.007	-2.333	0.293	0.293	0.298	0.100	35,160,000
OM00000004735	SEMBCORP SALALAH	14,000	840	3	0.060	0.060	0.060	0.060	0.063	-0.003	-4.762	0.060	0.057	0.060	0.100	57,274,317
Total	21	2,368,524	346,063	195												

CHINA

Services trade value up 20%

BEIJING: China's services trade value grew 20.4 per cent year on year in the first eight months of 2022, data from the Ministry of Commerce showed on Wednesday. The total trade value stood at nearly 3.94 trillion yuan (about \$554.13 billion), according to the data. -Xinhua

DATA

UK economy on brink of recession

LONDON: Britain's economy looks set to go into recession as data showed it unexpectedly shrank in August, underscoring the challenge for Prime Minister Liz Truss to make good on her promises to speed up growth.

Weakness in manufacturing and maintenance work in the North Sea oil and gas fields contributed to a 0.3 per cent fall in gross domestic product from July, and the report also showed how a jump in inflation was hitting consumers.



A Reuters poll of economists had pointed to zero growth.

July's increase in output was revised down to 0.1 per cent from a previous estimate of 0.2 per cent, and in the three months to August gross domestic product (GDP) fell 0.3 per cent, its first decline since early 2021 when the country was mired in the coronavirus crisis.

"The ongoing squeeze on household finances continues to weigh on growth, and is likely to have caused the UK economy to enter a technical recession from

the third quarter of this year," Yael Selfin, chief economist at Klynveld Peat Marwick Goerdeler (KPMG) UK, said.

The economy was now believed to be back at its size just before the pandemic, having previously been estimated at 1.1 per cent above that, the Office for National Statistics said.

Manufacturing fell by 1.6 per cent from July and more maintenance than unusual in the North Sea hit the mining and quarrying sector which includes oil and gas. It slumped by 8.2 per cent.

"Many other consumer-facing services struggled, with retail, hairdressers and hotels all faring relatively poorly," the Chief of the Office for National Statistics Economist Grant Fitzner said.

GDP in September is likely to be weakened by a one-off public holiday to mark the funeral of Queen Elizabeth.

Further ahead, Britain's economy looks set to slow sharply as surging inflation hits households and forces the Bank of England to raise interest rates quickly, even as activity stagnates. -BNA



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ELECTRONIC GAMING CAN CAUSE LIFE-THREATENING CARDIAC ARRHYTHMIAS IN SUSCEPTIBLE CHILDREN



LIFESTYLE



Video games may represent a serious risk to some children with arrhythmic conditions; they might be lethal in patients with predisposing, but often previously unrecognised arrhythmic conditions

Researchers revealed how electronic gaming can cause life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias in susceptible children whose predisposition may have gone unnoticed previously. The researchers discovered a rare yet distinct trend in youngsters who lose consciousness while playing electronic (video) games.

The findings of the study were published in the journal of the Heart Rhythm Society, the Cardiac Electrophysiology Society, and the Pediatric & Congenital Electrophysiology Society.

“Video games may represent a serious risk to some children with arrhythmic conditions; they might be lethal in patients with predisposing, but often previously unrecognised arrhythmic conditions,” explained lead investigator Claire M. Lawley, MBBS, PhD, The Heart Centre for Children, Sydney Children’s Hospitals Network, Sydney, Australia. “Children who suddenly lose consciousness while electronic gaming should be assessed by a heart specialist as this could be the first sign of a serious heart problem.”

The investigators performed a systematic review of literature and

initiated a multisite international outreach effort to identify cases of children with sudden loss of consciousness while playing video games. Across the 22 cases they found, multiplayer war gaming was the most frequent trigger. Some children died following a cardiac arrest. Subsequent diagnoses of several heart rhythm conditions put the children at continuing risk. Catecholaminergic polymorphic ventricular tachycardia (CPVT) and congenital long QT syndrome (LQTS) types 1 and 2 were the most common underlying causes.

There was a high incidence of potentially relevant genetic variants (63%) among the patients, which has significant implications for their families. In some cases, the investigation of a child who lost consciousness during video gaming led to many family members being diagnosed with an important familial heart rhythm problem. “Families and healthcare teams should think about safety precautions around electronic gaming in children who have a condition where dangerous fast heart rhythms are a risk,” noted Dr. Lawley.

The investigators attributed adrenergic stimulation related to the

emotionally charged electronic gaming environment as the pathophysiological basis for this phenomenon. Electronic gaming is not always the “safe alternative” to competitive sports it is often considered. At the time of the cardiac incidents, many of the patients were in excited states, having just won or lost games, or were engaging in conflict with companions.

“We already know that some children have heart conditions that can put them at risk when playing competitive sports, but we were shocked to discover that some patients were having life-threatening blackouts during video gaming,” added co-investigator Christian Turner, MBBS, The Heart Centre for Children, Sydney Children’s Hospitals Network, Sydney, Australia. “Video gaming was something I previously thought would be an alternative ‘safe activity.’ This is a really important discovery. We need to ensure everyone knows how important it is to get checked out when someone has had a blacking out episode in these circumstances.”

The study notes that while this phenomenon is not a common occurrence, it is becoming more prevalent. “Having

looked after children with heart rhythm problems for more than 25 years, I was staggered to see how widespread this emerging presentation is, and to find that a number of children had even died from it. All of the collaborators are keen to publicise this phenomenon so our colleagues across the globe can recognise it and protect these children and their families,” noted co-investigator of the study, Jonathan Skinner, MBChB, MD, also from Sydney.

As an accompanying editorial Daniel Sohinki, MD, MSc, Department of Cardiology, Augusta University, Augusta, GA, USA, and coauthors pointed out that, “exertion should be understood to encompass activities outside of traditional competitive athletics. Appropriate counselling regarding the risks of intense video gameplay should be targeted in children with a pro-arrhythmic cardiac diagnosis, and in any child with a history of exertional syncope of undetermined etiology. Further, any future screening programs aimed at identifying athletes at risk for malignant arrhythmias should encompass athletes being considered for participation in eSports.” -ANI



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EUROPEAN LE MANS SERIES

Ahmad Al Harthy highly motivated for ELMS season final

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Multiple GT endurance racing champion Ahmad Al Harthy is targeting a successful conclusion to his maiden season in the prestigious European Le Mans Series during the final event of the campaign in Portugal this weekend, 15th/16th October.

In what has been a very strong, and also at times frustrating, season in the ELMS, Al Harthy and his Oman Racing team go into the sixth race of the championship determined to return to the LMGTE podium with the No.69 Aston Martin Vantage GTE.

Ahead of the final four-hour race at the Autodromo Internacional do Algarve, Al Harthy and teammates Sam De Haan and Marco Sorensen are sixth in the LMGTE Driver Standings with Oman Racing also sixth in the LMGTE Team Standings.

“We’re all really looking forward to being in Portugal this weekend and absolutely determined to end



the season as strongly as we possibly can”, said Al Harthy, “It’s been a good first season for us in the ELMS and we showed right from

the beginning of the championship we could challenge for podiums and wins in LMGTE.

“It’s true we have had quite a

few frustrations during the year as well, some contact on track not of our making and also some of the Balance of Performance grad-

ings have been very negative, but we’ve continued to push and fight for every point and position as we always do. Last time out at Spa we had a very good car and a chance of being back on the podium, that’s the aim again in Portimao.”

Starring in qualifying throughout the year, the Omani – who is supported by partners Oman Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth, Sohar International Bank, OQ, Omantel and MHD-ITICS – has two pole positions and a pair of other front-row starts in LMGTE under his belt.

The highlight result of the season to-date, of course, was the famous maiden LMGTE victory achieved by Al Harthy and teammates De Haan and Sorensen at Imola during round two in May – another piece of history in Al Harthy’s glittering motorsport career, the first Omani to win in ELMS and all on his first appearance at the Italian track.

With a luckless opening lap retirement to begin the season

following contact, at Paul Ricard in France, a ninth place finish at Monza in Italy during round three with a car badly impacted by a harsh BOP grading and a 10th place finish at Barcelona in Spain, after more contact, the No.69 Oman Racing entry has endured more than its share of misfortune in 2022.

At Spa-Francorchamps in Belgium just over three weeks ago, Al Harthy’s second LMGTE podium of his maiden season looked set fair following a tremendous double-stint during the first couple of hours on a wet-but-drying track. Ultimately the team had to settle for fourth position.

Opening free practice in Portimao will get underway at 11.20 local time on Friday, 14th October, with a standalone session for the Bronze graded drivers, including Al Harthy, beginning at 16.30 local time. Another free practice session will follow at 12.40 on Saturday, 15th October, before LMGTE qualifying at 17.35.

Rudiger’s goal helps Real 1-1 draw with Shakhtar Donetsk

The result also means Madrid are through to the knockout stage with two matches to spare

MADRID: Antonio Rudiger’s goal deep in stoppage time helped Real Madrid salvage a 1-1 draw with Shakhtar Donetsk in the Champions League (CL).

Los Blancos looked set for their first defeat of the campaign in all competitions after Oleksandr Zubkov opened the scoring in the second half, only for the German to break the hearts of the home fans.

The result also means Madrid are through to the knockout stage with two matches to spare.

The contest was even in the first half, with Karim Benzema’s shot on goal in the 18th minute forcing Anatoliy Trubin into action, while Federico Valverde’s bending strike was palmed over after 40 minutes.

Shakhtar, who looked like they had learned a lesson or two after what coach Igor Jovicic called



a nervous display at the Bernabeu last week, began to put pressure on Los Blancos towards the end of the half, with Nacho coming to the rescue on more than one occasion.

Shakhtar wasted no time in opening the scoring a minute after the restart. A cross in from the left caught Ferland Mendy off guard, allowing Zubkov to header home at the far post to the delight of the home fans.

Lassina Traore should have made it 2-0 after 64 minutes

when Zubkov played the ball into the striker’s path for a one-on-one with Andriy Lunin.

The goalkeeper managed to get a hand on the ball, only for it to pop back to Traore, who rushed his attempt and hit the top of the bar. Shakhtar controlled proceedings as Madrid struggled to create much, with Marco Asensio unable to get on the end of a Vinicius cross.

After Vinicius and Rudiger wasted chances to level the score,

the German finally found a way through in the 95th minute.

Toni Kroos’ deep cross was headed off the post and in by Rudiger, who needed treatment after clattering with Trubin leaving the defender with a bloody gash in his head.

The result means Real Madrid sit atop Group F on 10 points, followed by Leipzig, who defeated Celtic in the other group match, and Shakhtar on six and five, respectively. -ONA

ARAB SAILING CHAMPIONSHIP

Omani sailors shine on the first day of racing at the Arab Sailing Championship 2022

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The first day of racing at the Arab Sailing Championship 2022 concluded at Barceló Musanah Resort with Omani sailors in leading positions in the majority of classes.

Marking the debut for the class at the Arab Sailing Championships, the four teams in the RS Venture para sailing race showed that sailing is a sport for all. After the first day of racing, The teams from Oman occupy the top two positions with skippers Malik Al Qartoobi in first and Sami Al Sulaimai in second, just ahead of the team led by Saleh Al Tuwaylie of Saudi Arabia in second and the team skippered by Ahmed Salman Abdulwahid of Iraq in third. The Omani pair traded wins with Malik’s crew winning the first two races and Sami’s team the third.

Malik Al Qartoobi said, “It was a very tough competition between the teams. We had the opportunity to train with Saleh (Al Tuwaylie, KSA), so we all knew each other’s capabilities and favoured moves, but I am pleased to be leading today. Wind was ideal, between 8 and 12 knots, and I am looking forward to racing tomorrow which I am sure will be just as tough.”

Competition in the Optimist class kicked off the championships as 27 sailors took to the water. Mohammed Al Marzouqi of UAE took an early lead and never surrendered it, finishing first after



the first day with two wins from the first three races. Omani sailors

Tamim Al Balushi and Abdullateef Al Qassmi finished second and third respectively. Karma Walid Mohamed of Egypt leads the female race, finishing fourth overall, ahead of Bahrain’s Malak Al Doseri in second and Camelia Al Qubaisi for UAE in third.

In the ILCA 4 class, Othman Al Hammadi of the UAE won all three races to end the day in top spot, two points ahead of teammate Alharith Al Ali. Waleed Daraan of Bahrain ends the day in third. Ganna Mohamed Shalaan of Egypt finished the day as the top female, third overall, with teammate Asmaa Wael Mahfouz in second and Ourabah Sofia of Algeria in third.

Omani Almutasim Al Farsi excelled in the ILCA 6 racing, finishing three points ahead of the Bahraini pair of Dawood Abdullah in second and Hussam Daraan in third. Oman’s Zakariya Al Wahabi ended the day in seventh.

FOOTBALL

Mbappe fails to take PSG in last 16 of the Champions League



PARIS: Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) failed to book their spot in the last 16 of the Champions League (CL) after being held to a 1-1 draw at home by Benfica.

It looked good for PSG, as after a first half that saw the two teams struggle to break each other down, they found the breakthrough from the penalty spot after 39 minutes.

Marco Verratti’s perfectly-weighted through ball found Juan Bernat, only for the Spaniard to be taken down by Antonio Silva for a clear penalty. Mbappe stepped up and fired home from the spot, becoming PSG’s record goalscorer in the Champions League with 31 goals, the Spanish MARCA news-

paper reported.

However Benfica took the field with a more positive approach after the restart, and their efforts were rewarded after 61 minutes.

After a check of the monitor referee Michael Oliver gave the away side a penalty for a foul by Verratti on Rafa Silva, and Joao Mario blasted down the middle to bring Benfica level.

Mbappe thought he had won it with minutes remaining after firing an acrobatic volley into the back of the net, only for it to be called offside.

In the end, the two teams had to settle for a point each, leaving them both on eight points. -ONA

CRICKET

Suryakumar Yadav could be India’s version of AB de Villiers: Dale Steyn

NEW DELHI: South Africa’s veteran pacer Dale Steyn has touted Suryakumar Yadav to be India’s version of AB de Villiers in Australia during the T20 World Cup.

Citing that the Australian conditions offer more pace and bounce, the former World number one bowler explained that the batter likes to use the pace on the ball making the Aussie conditions tailor-made for him while speaking exclusively on Star Sports show Cricket Live. Suryakumar Yadav’s emergence as a stalwart in the Indian batting line-up was clearly on show when the Men in Blue squared off against Australia and South Africa in the bilateral series.

As India look to end the wait of winning the ICC Men’s T20 World Cup, Suryakumar Yadav’s red-hot form will be crucial to India’s success in the tournament.

Dale Steyn said, “He’s the kind of player that likes to use the pace of the ball. He likes to get in behind the square. In places like Perth, Melbourne, all of these grounds, there is a little bit of extra pace on it. So, you can use the pace, you can hit on fine leg, behind and all



along the carpet. And he’s also really good when standing still and getting off the back foot.”

“He has played some amazing back foot cover drives and some beautiful cover drives off the front foot too. So, he’s an all-round player, and it’s in Australia, where the wickets are so good, they are batter friendly. You can also get

away when a bowler tries to bowl full, you can place the ball left and you can use the pace of the ball really well, given some room. So, he is a wonderful 360-degree player and reminds me of AB de Villiers. He could be India’s version of AB de Villiers and with the red-hot form that he’s in right now, he’s a player to definitely watch out for

this World Cup.”

Dale Steyn also heaped praise on Shreyas Iyer, who scored a match-winning century in the second ODI against South Africa, “There’s just little things you can do to improve your game, but the way he’s batting at the moment, I don’t think he has to change much. He looks in phenomenal form. He’s seeing the ball like it’s a beach ball and for him in India, that’s continued a long way,” he said.

Former South Africa all-rounder Chris Morris shared his views on the Australian pitches, “The wickets in Australia are usually pretty good to bat on. There’s a lot of extra pace and bounce where guys like getting through the line, especially in the T20’s. And the quicker the ball gets onto the bat, the quicker it goes. So, looking at the conditions in Australia, it would be quite consistent and good enough to favour the fast bowlers. They’ve been saying that batters have scored a lot of runs in Australia, so I recommend it’s a 50-50 at both ends”. The ICC Men’s T20 World Cup will be played from October 16 to November 13, 2022, in Australia. -ONA



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ROUND-UP



McLaren Artura marks future of HPH supercars

MHD ACERE, the official distributor of McLaren cars announced that the launch of the vehicle marks a new era for hybrid supercars because the future is electric



MUSCAT: McLaren's first-ever series-production High-Performance Hybrid (HPH) supercar McLaren Artura was launched at the McLaren Muscat showroom.

MHD ACERE, the official distributor of McLaren cars announced that the launch of the vehicle marks a new era for hybrid supercars because the future is electric. The McLaren Artura model available at the showroom is priced at OMR 120,000 and the pricing varies as per customer specification.

The all-new Artura is not just meant to be a technological game-changer. It is the distillation of every attribute inherent in a McLaren – distinctive design, unrivalled performance, dynamic excellence and engineering innovation – with blistering electrified power now bringing the additional benefits of even faster throttle response and lower emissions. Both on the road and the track. The refinement of the EV mode is striking as the car serenely cruises on urban streets.

With the legendary DNA of McLaren's engineering and innovation over half a century, the Artura introduces a number of

patent-pending technologies – multiple elements of the MCLA; a patent relating to the use of the E-motor in lieu of a mechanical reverse gear to enable rearwards travel and also allows gearbox length to be reduced; and a patent that covers the innovative light-weight adjustment mechanism of the all-new Clubsport seat. It is also the only supercar in its class to offer the combined attractions of super-lightweight carbon fibre construction, a mid-engine, rear-wheel drive configuration, the purity of electro-hydraulic steering, the instant torque of an E-motor (which helps to deliver throttle response that is twice as rapid as any non-hybrid McLaren) and the advanced handling benefits of an E-differential.

Artura is the first model to be built on the all-new McLaren Carbon Lightweight Architecture (MCLA), uniquely optimised for HPH powertrains.

Designed and manufactured at the McLaren Composites Technology Centre (MCTC) in the

Sheffield region, UK, the MCLA sets a new standard for McLaren's advanced flexible chassis design. This scalable platform architecture heralds the beginning of a new era of McLaren supercars.

The Artura has the world's finest petrol engine with an E-motor. The all-new twin-turbocharged 3.0-litre V6 petrol engine with an E-motor produces a combined output of 671bhp and 531 lb-ft. of torque. The 94bhp E-motor delivers instant torque of 166lb-ft, ensuring the sharpest-ever throttle response from a McLaren with 0-60mph in 3.0 seconds.

Designed around 'everything for a reason' principle at McLaren, the Artura has a 'shrink-wrapped' appearance to optimise performance and manage airflow for aerodynamic performance and cooling.

The driving mode selection enhances the driving ergonomics. Dynamic precision is additionally enhanced by Pirelli Cyber Tyre® technology. Other innovations in-

clude the stiffness of the MCLA, fluid-filled mounts for the powertrain and the new rear suspension design and settings. Pirelli's patented Noise Cancelling System (PNCS), which uses a sound-absorbing device on the inside wall of the Pirelli P-ZERO tyre, reduces vibration and noise.

Mohsin Hani Al Bahrani, CEO of MHD ACERE, commented during the launch, "Artura represents a new era for McLaren and we are delighted to launch the next-generation hybrid supercar in Oman. It is quite inspiring to know how the engineering and design teams created a truly marvellous car, going beyond the brief.

"With all the pending patents, the unique F1 racing pedigree, and every challenge met on its way, the McLaren Artura emerges insanely brilliant! We are overwhelmed by the response of the McLaren tribe and supercar enthusiasts in Oman and believe our customers are going to be deeply enthralled by what the state-of-the-art Artura has to offer."

Bollywood actor Anil Kapoor to inaugurate renovated Malabar Gold showroom at Oman Avenues Mall

MUSCAT: With an impressive network of over 285 outlets spread across 10 countries, Malabar Gold & Diamonds, the 6th largest jewellery retailer globally, is all set for the grand relaunch of its renovated and restyled showroom in Oman Avenues Mall, Baushar.

The showroom will be inaugurated by popular Indian film actor, Anil Kapoor on Friday, October 14 at 6.30pm.

The revamped showroom will showcase a wide variety of jewellery collections across Malabar Gold & Diamonds' various sub-brands such as Mine, Era, Viraaaz, Ethnix and Precia. Comprising traditional jewellery, modern jewellery, daily wear jewellery and much more, the design in Gold, Diamond and Precious gems has been curated from over 20 countries.

"It gives us great joy to present the renovated showroom at Oman Avenues Mall to our customers. We have made every effort to turn the showroom into a place for an exceptional shopping experience for our customers in Oman, who have accepted Malabar Gold & Diamonds with open arms. Our 18 showrooms in the Sultanate have turned our brand into one of the largest jewellery retailers in the country," said Najeeb K, Regional Head, Malabar Gold & Diamonds, Oman.

With the inaugural offers that Malabar Gold & Diamonds have offered, customers can get assured gold coins on gold & diamond jewellery purchases. For every diamond or precious gem jewellery purchase worth OMR 500, the customer will get 1g gold coin and for diamond and precious gem jewellery purchase worth OMR



300, they will be eligible for half gram gold coin. The offer will be valid until October 23.

Embracing the spirit of the season, the festive jewellery collection that the brand has unveiled puts forward an exquisite collection of gold and diamond jewellery designed to enthrall jewellery lovers. The special design has been made available across a wide range of sub-brands such as Mine, Era, Precia, Viraaaz, Ethnix and Divine, comprising 22k gold, diamonds and precious gem jewellery. Elegant designs crafted in contemporary fashion have also been introduced in the 18K gold category.

With the tastes and preferences of the local Omani population in mind, the brand has launched the 'Brides of Oman' campaign, showcasing both traditional bridal jewellery in 21K gold as well as contemporary designs in diamond jewellery.

Malabar Gold & Diamonds has also launched the Pay 10% advance campaign, where customers can block the gold rate by paying 10% of the total amount as an advance, valid until October 23.



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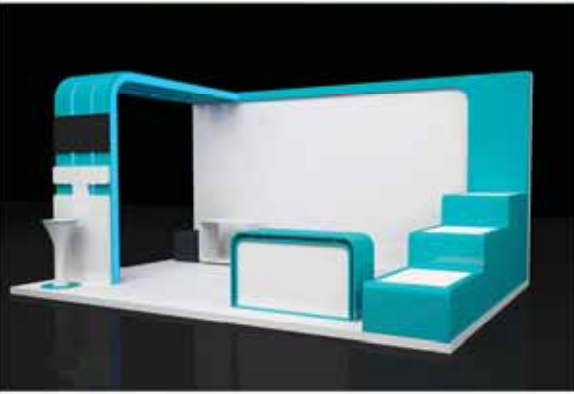
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Himam programme wins ‘Talent Management Initiative of Year’ award

Launched in 2015 by ahlibank, Himam continues to endow young graduates with career development opportunities through a well-structured and rigorous training programme

MUSCAT: ahlibank’s sustainable human resource development programme – Himam - won the prestigious ‘Talent Management Initiative of the Year’ Award at the Alam Al-Iktisaad Awards ceremony, recently. The award was received by Taher Al Balushi Deputy General Manager – Strategy and Transformation on behalf of ahlibank.

The celebratory event, organised by AlamAl-Iktissad was attended by a host of dignitaries, including business leaders, CEOs and senior government officials from a cross-section of industries, as well as key decision-makers from the world of business and economy. Salim bin Mohammed Al Mahrouqi, Minister of Heritage and Tourism, pre-



sided over the proceedings as the Chief Guest, with Shaikh Salim Bin Mustahail Al Mashani, as the host of the evening. Speaking on the sidelines of the Awards ceremony, Taher Al Balushi, Deputy General Manager – Strategy and Transformation, ahlibank, said, “We are hon-

oured to receive this distinguished award. It is a true recognition of our hard work and dedication to moulding our young trainees to keep pace with our digital transformation. Through Himam, we are empowering a generation of talented workforce with requisite training and skill development

programmes, thereby paving the way forward to realise the objectives of Oman Vision 2040. Our focus is on enhancing personal and leadership skills in line with the requirements of the banking industry today.” He added, “Talent Management Initiative Award is a sincere recognition of our inclusive growth strategy. We are thankful to AlamAl-Iktissad for rightly assessing the potential of Himam in identifying and building young talents for the challenging and ever-changing world of banking and finance. We have invested our resources to engage with the community we operate in, and Himam mirrors our intent to create relevant and appropriate avenues for all-round growth. Our awards list, which also includes the ‘Excellence in Institutional Coaching’ award by Middle East PRISM Awards, last year, is a clear endorse-

ment of our commitment to sustainable human resource development. Our impressive performance is thanks, in no small measure, to our human capital.” Launched in 2015, Himam continues to endow young graduates with career development opportunities through a well-structured and rigorous training programme. Trainees who are inducted into the programme are also assured of responsible positions within the organisation, upon successful completion of their training. On our part, ahlibank is committed to continuing to enhance the programme to meet the needs of the changing dynamic world with technological inputs that are on par with global standards. The larger objective is to equip young graduates with relevant skills, knowledge, and experience to enable them to realize their full potential.

STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIP

Bank Muscat’s Asalah Priority Banking hosts special customer event in Sohar

MUSCAT: Asalah Priority Banking from Bank Muscat recently hosted a special event in Sohar, in line with the bank’s customer-centric vision and commitment to further strengthen its partnership and communication channels with its customers.

Attended by Abdulnaseer Al Raisi, General Manager - Personal Banking and a number of the bank’s Management Team, the event saw excellent participation from a large number of Priority Banking customers, who were able to freely exchange their views and feedback on a number of services and benefits provided by the bank to its esteemed clientele. Bank officials also took the opportunity to explain details of a number of exclusive Asalah services, benefits and rewards during a detailed presentation to the audience.

Speaking on the occasion, Saleh Mohammed Al Maaini, Deputy General Manager – Capital Regions, Bank Muscat thanked Asalah customers for their wholehearted support and confidence in Bank Muscat’s various high-tech services and products which are backed by its customer-centric vision. He said that promptly responding to customer feedback and having a strategy of keeping



pace with global trends were key to Bank Muscat’s continued leadership in the financial services sector in Oman. He added that the bank would further work towards realising customer aspirations and expectations in line with the world-class banking experience provided by the bank.

Customers having a monthly salary of OMR5,000 or those who maintain a savings deposit of OMR30,000 are eligible for Asalah Priority Banking and enjoy a range of unrivalled benefits including access to a team of dedicated Relationship Managers, 39 Asalah Centres across Oman and a dedicated 24/7

Asalah Call Centre. Asalah customers also enjoy access to an integrated wealth management platform that allows them to invest in global asset classes through a single touchpoint. They also get the latest updates and reports on local and international investment opportunities.

Exclusive lifestyle benefits for its clientele include the Asalah Entertainer App, which has more than 3,500 “Buy 1, Get 1 Free” offers in Oman and at international destinations as well as rewards of indulgence and merchant discounts across fine dining, entertainment, leisure, and the beauty and wellness segments.

The Asalah Debit Card offers access to 50 lounges worldwide and has a higher ATM withdrawal limit of OMR 1,000. Asalah Visa Signature credit cardholders can enjoy airport lounge access at more than 1,000 lounges worldwide, and a 24/7 global concierge service. The Credit Card also offers 1% cashback on purchases as well as free multi-trip travel insurance for customers and their direct family members. Cardholders can also enjoy complimentary chauffeur service to and from the Muscat International Airport.

Asalah customers can also benefit from the special referral scheme launched earlier this year. Hailed as an excellent example of the bank’s continuous innovation in serving customers better every day, all that existing customers have to do is to refer new customers to Asalah Priority Banking during the promotional period which ends on 31 December 2022. A reward of OMR 100 per successful referral will be paid out once the referred customer meets all eligibility criteria for a minimum of three months after opening an Asalah account with the bank. Existing customers can win up to OMR2,000 by making up to 20 successful referrals during this year.

KHIMJI RAMDAS

Buy Kelon appliances and win a chance to attend Fifa World Cup Qatar 2022

MUSCAT: Khimji Ramdas (Air Conditioning and Appliances Division), is giving football fans in Oman a once-in-a-lifetime chance to experience the Fifa World Cup Qatar 2022.

The company has kicked off a campaign for consumers of Kelon appliances to win match tickets to watch the football teams vying for the cherished trophy. To participate, customers, simply have to purchase any Kelon product during the campaign period and scan a QR code to be directed to the registering website.

The campaign duration is from October 10 until November 10 and will see winners selected through multiple draws to win Fifa World Cup match tickets.

Special opportunity

Kicking off the campaign, Sunil Vishnu, General Manager (Air conditioning and Appliances Division) said, “With the Fifa World Cup Qatar 2022, the first ever in the Middle East, we are delighted to offer this special op-

portunity to our loyal customers. Football has a vast fan following in Oman, and many are looking for a chance to witness the event live. This campaign is a great way to give football enthusiasts the best experience whilst strengthening our customer relationships. It also reflects our commitment to rewarding customers and making the Fifa World Cup Qatar 2022 celebration special through this campaign for Kelon appliances.”

After-sales support

Kelon offers a plethora of home appliances, including, but not limited to domestic air conditioners, chillers, refrigerators, chest freezers, and washing machines. These are retailed through over a hundred Khimji Ramdas, channel partners as well as its showrooms across Oman. Efficient and quick after-sales support is ensured through state-of-the-art service centres ‘SiyanaWaKhidmaat’ throughout the length and breadth of Oman.

PRESTIGIOUS

Dossier Construction Awards to be organised on November 2

MUSCAT: The leading names of the construction, infrastructure, real estate, manufacturing and design & engineering consultancy are participating in the 10th edition of Dossier Construction Awards, to be organised on November 2 at Hotel Sheraton Oman, Muscat.

The prestigious event is organised under the auspices of the Ministry of Housing & Urban Planning. Dr Khalfan Al Shueili, Minister of Housing & Urban Planning, will be the chief guest for the event organised by United Media Services (UMS).

Starting at 7pm onwards, the event’s objective is to felicitate industry performers, individuals, best practices, technology and project excellence through an awards ceremony; and drive the exchange of knowledge and best practices.



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Leading names from the industry are supporting the event as partners. Raysut Cement is the Associate Partner; The Sustainable City-Yiti is the Sustainable Development Partner; Al Osool is the Real Estate Partner; F&M Middle East is the Design Engineering

Partner; Masin Projects, Middle East Engineering Solutions, Best Infrastructure Developers, May-san Properties, Rezone, Al Ansari Group and Foton are the support partners; and UMS Digital is the digital partner.

HIGHER EDUCATION EXHIBITION

University of Buraimi participates in EduTrack Oman 2022 expo

MUSCAT: The University of Buraimi participated in the Higher Education Exhibition – Training and Human Resources Development (EduTrack Oman 2022) at Oman Convention and Exhibition Centre in Muscat from October 10 – 12.

More than 80 domestic and international higher education institutions, training institutes and higher education service offices participated.

Hamad bin Abdullah Al Ghaithi, the event supervisor at the Department of Marketing & Media at University of Buraimi, indicated that the exhibition witnessed a good public turnout, as UoB opens its doors to visitors from 10am until 1pm and from 4pm to 9pm.

Asmabint Saeed Al Jabriya,



Head of the Events Unit at the Media and Marketing Department at UoB, stated that brochures and introductory gifts have been prepared for UoB pavilion visitors, as well as visual presentations

explaining the various scientific programs offered by the university through its various faculties. University of Buraimi pavilion has even got the attention of some Arab diplomatic delegations.



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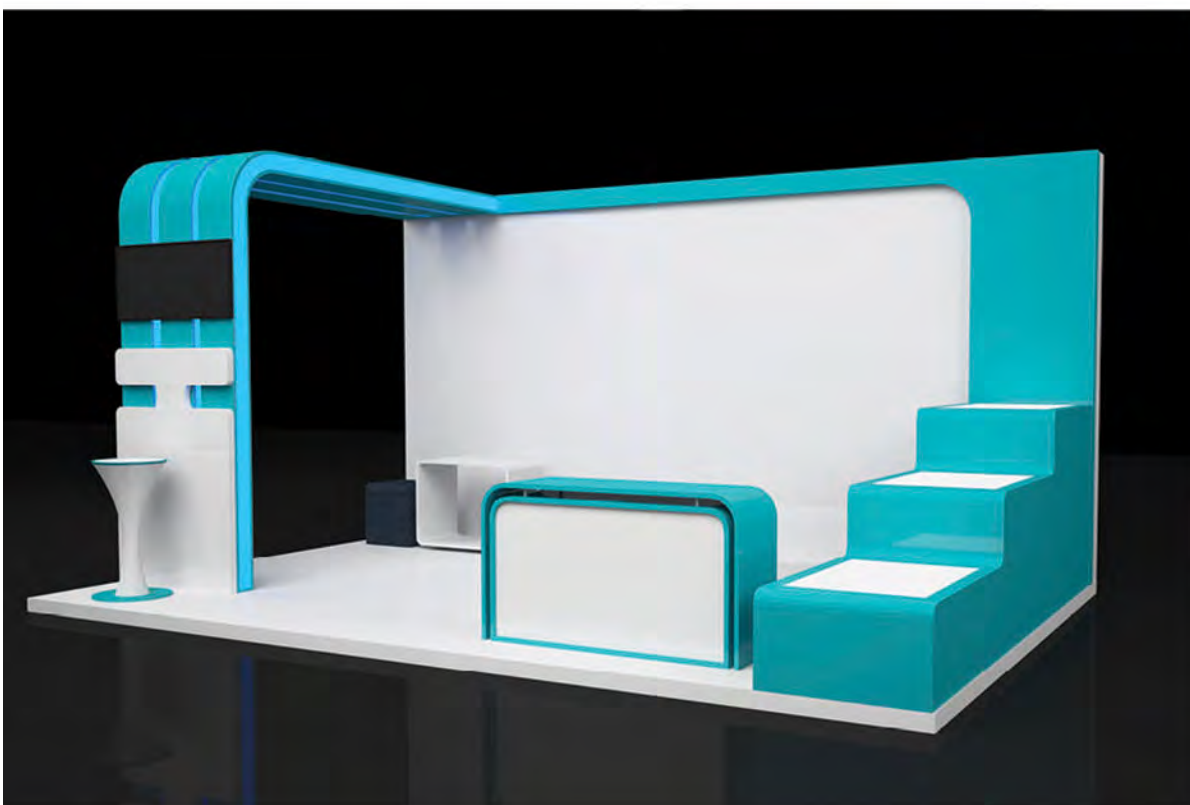
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