

Three evening labour courts announced in Muscat

Our Correspondent Muscat

The Council of Administrative Affairs for the Judiciary will set up three evening labour courts in the Governorate of Muscat to expedite labour dispute resolution.

A statement said, 'The coun-

cil has issued a decision to form three evening labour courts in Muscat, in each of the courts of first instance in Muscat, Seeb and Amerat, in coordination with the Ministry of Labour and Oman Vision 2040 Implementation Follow-Up Unit, to speed up resolution of labour disputes.'

The decision aims to implement the provisions of the law, simplify litigation procedures and shorten litigation time, besides improving the business environment and reducing the number of court visitors.

'Most beneficiaries of the new decision will be workers, businessmen and investors.'

Fourth edition of French Week begins on March 20

Our Correspondent Muscat

French Week is back after a two-year hiatus with a week full of activities to attract people from all walks of life. The fourth edition of French Week will run from March 20 to 27 under the theme 'Tradition and Modernity'.

Addressing a press conference on Wednesday to announce the week, H E Véronique Aulagnon, Ambassador of France to Oman, said, "This year, we would like to highlight traditional modernity which is something very appealing both in France and Oman. Like Omanis, we are very attached to our roots, to our food, to our towns and villages. But we are also willing to project ourselves into the future like the sultanate is doing now with Oman Vision 2040."

The objective of French Week, she noted, is to showcase and promote France in Oman and encourage cooperation between the two countries, includ-



(Syed Fasiuddin/Muscat Daily)

ing joint ventures and investments.

"France is a significant trade partner of Oman with over €300mn worth of trade in 2021. It is growing and progressively going back to pre-pandemic figures," H E Véronique informed.

The week will kick-start with a ceremonial opening at the French-Omani Centre. This year, activities include a tribute by French-Tunisian singer Dosraf Hamadani to 'the soul of Lebanon' Fairuz and French leg-

end Barbara who earned the sobriquet 'the midnight singer' on March 23 at 8:30pm in the garden of Crowne Plaza Muscat.

On March 24, 8am, an invitational conference at Crowne Plaza Muscat will focus on digital innovation.

The highlight of this edition of French Week will be the inauguration of a new digital space at the French-Omani Centre on March 26 where visitors can experience the popular tourist attractions of France virtually.

Those interested to attend must register through the French-Omani Centre website.

Other activities include a short films festival - March 15 to 17 at the centre - and an open day at French High School Muscat on March 19 featuring food stands and activities for children.

Participation in the inaugural ceremony of the week, music concert and economic conference are by invitation only. For registration for events, visit www.frenchweekoman.com



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EA launches programme to spread environmental awareness in Dakhliyah

Our Correspondent Muscat

Environment Authority (EA) has launched a campaign in Dakhliyah to preserve the natural environment of the governorate, its perennial and rare trees and spread environmental awareness among community members and visitors.

In a statement, EA said, 'The campaign aims to monitor perennial trees in tourist places, spread awareness among visitors, prevent tree fires and maintain cleanliness of these areas.'

'Our specialists will also intensify efforts to educate visitors about preserving vegetation



(Supplied photo)

cover and wild trees.'

According to the Environmental Protection and Pollution Control Law No 114/2001, the offence of cutting or burning trees invites imprisonment of up to three months and a fine of not less than RO500 and not exceeding RO5,000, besides confiscation of tools.

'The law punishes anyone who cuts, uproots or burns any tree. The law also punishes anyone who moves sand from valleys or beaches without permission from the Environment Authority.'

EA urged all to preserve the environment 'because it is the responsibility of all members of society'.

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HM tours Ministry of Defence, SAF

Muscat - His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tariq toured the Ministry of Defence and the headquarters of Sultan's Armed Forces (SAF) at Al Murtafaa Garrison on Wednesday.

During the tour, His Majesty the Sultan was presented a gift by Sayyid Shihab bin Tariq al Said, Deputy Prime Minister for Defence Affairs. His Majesty the Sultan also posed for commemorative photos with top officials and senior commanders in the Ministry of De-

fence and SAF.

Later, His Majesty the Sultan visited the Joint Operations Centre (JOC) at the SAF headquarters.

Upon his arrival there, His Majesty the Sultan received a military salute from a guard of honour and heard a briefing about the facilities and capabilities of the JOC, as well as the tasks entrusted to it. The briefing was delivered by Brig Abdulaziz bin Abdullah al Mantheri, Assistant Chief of Staff of SAF for Op-

erations and Planning.

Then, His Majesty the Sultan heard a briefing about the Maritime Security Centre (MSC) and the tasks and responsibilities entrusted to it. The briefing was delivered by Cdre Mohammed bin Hamoud al Zedjali, Commander of MSC.

During his visits to the JOC and MSC, His Majesty the Sultan posed for commemorative photos with senior officers of the headquarters, divisions of SAF and other administrative units of

Ministry of Defence.

The Royal visit reflects the attention accorded to personnel of the Ministry of Defence and the SAF by His Majesty the Sultan. It also affirms the Supreme Commander's strong faith in the significant roles of the Ministry of Defence and the SAF in safeguarding the gains of the homeland, as well as their role in fostering domestic development alongside other government institutions.

ONA

Fans mourn death of actress Shamaa Mohammed

Shaddad al Musalmay
Muscat

Omani actress Shamaa Mohammed, 64, passed away following a heart attack on Wednesday morning in Saudi Arabia.

Fans of Shamaa posted heartfelt condolences and messages on social media condoling her death which has left a void in this developing field in the sultanate. They prayed to God to show his mercy and benevolence on her soul and to give solace and comfort to her family and relatives.

Born in Kuwait on February 19, 1958, Shamaa was educated in Kuwait and Bahrain.

Shamaa began her career as an actress in 1975 but her real break came in 2002 when she featured in many television programmes and theatre, including *Al Asouf*, *Ghorba Feelings*, *Adhari* and *Draish*, all of which were well received.

She was an active volunteer



Shamaa Mohammed

for several humanitarian initiatives, too.

Well-known broadcaster Suhaa Ruqaishi said, "Oman has lost Shamaa's smile on screens but she will remain in the memories of all."

On Twitter, Alhusam said, "Today, the light of Oman has gone but her smile will forever shine."

Nasser al Jassasi, another fan, described the actress as a goodwill ambassador, too. "Shamaa participated in many voluntary

activities in the country. We will miss her a lot," he said.

Mohammed al Hina'i, who works with children with cancer, said, "There was never an occasion when we invited her to participate in events for children with cancer and she refused. She always obliged without hesitation."

She appeared in projects made locally and other Gulf countries from where condolences have been pouring in.

"Oh! God have mercy on Shamaa, forgive her, and settle her in the expanse of your gardens. Pass over her and bring her down to the House of Hassan and crown her with righteousness," Mai al Aidan, a fan from Saudi Arabia, tweeted.

Abdul Rahman Nasser, a journalist working for *Al Riyadh* newspaper, tweeted, "May God have mercy on Omani actress Shamaa Muhammad and give her family and relatives patience and comfort."

SAYYID THEYAZIN CROWNS WINNERS OF SAIF AL ITTIHAD CAMEL RACE



H H Sayyid Theyazin bin Haitham al Said, Minister of Culture, Sports and Youth, gave away prizes to winners of the Saif al Ittihad (Sword of the Federation) 2022 annual camel race at the Royal Camel Corps Racecourse in Al Fulaij in the wilayat of Barka on Wednesday.

The four-day event was organised by Oman Camel Racing Federation under the direct supervision of the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth. As many as 1,600 camels from different governorates took part in the race (ONA)

COVID-19 booster dose free in private hospitals

Our Correspondent
Muscat

The Ministry of Health (MoH) on Wednesday announced that the booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine will be available free in several government and private health facilities across Muscat.

The private health facilities where the booster dose will be administered free of charge include Adlife Hospital in the wilayat of Amerat, Ihtimam Health Centre in Seeb Market, Bombay Diagnostic Centre in Ruwi and all branches of Badr al Samaa Group of Hospitals in Muscat.

Referring to the current infection rate, Dr Zakaria bin Yahya al Balushi, infectious diseases consultant at The Royal Hospital, said, "The affect of vaccinations

in enhancing community immunity is clear to everyone. The third dose raises antibodies and immunity."

He attributed the drop in daily case count to record levels and increase in the rate of community immunity to the ongoing vaccination campaign.

"We anticipate the people of Oman will have a normal Ramadan without closures and in a beautiful Ramadan atmosphere like 2019," Dr Balushi said.

MoH urged all those who haven't to take the third dose in order to 'maintain stability of the epidemiological situation and enhance society's immunity'.

MoH on Wednesday announced 180 new COVID-19 infections registered within the past 24 hours, taking the total cases in Oman to 387,009.



Two British nationals released by Iran arrive in Muscat

Muscat - British-Iranian nationals Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe and Anoosheh Ashoori were released by Iran and arrived in Muscat on Wednesday evening.

In a statement, Foreign Ministry of Oman said that 'in accordance with His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tariq's directives to respond to the request from the government of the United Kingdom, the relevant authorities of Oman, Iran and the UK, coordi-

nated for the release of the two British citizens who were held in the Islamic Republic of Iran.

"Both arrived in Muscat on board a Royal Air Force of Oman flight, in preparation for their safe return to the UK."

Sayyid Badr bin Hamad al Bussaidi, Foreign Minister, tweeted, "Nazanin and Anoosheh have arrived safely in Oman. Soon they will be with their loved ones at home."

WEATHER WATCH

	Max	Min
Abu Dhabi	25	17
Doha	21	14
Kuwait City	20	10
Manama	19	13
Muscat	32	21
Riyadh	18	5

PRAYER TIMINGS

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Tbilisi Opera to perform 'The Nutcracker' at ROHM

The Royal Opera House Muscat (ROHM) is delighted to announce the upcoming ballet - Tchaikovsky's unfailingly popular, magical children's story, *The Nutcracker*.

The Nutcracker is a ballet for families and children, revealing a fairy-tale world which has enriched cultural experiences for all age groups, over many generations, a press release said. Celebrating all the classical features of the original ballet, this production is performed by the Tbilisi Opera and Ballet State Theatre with choreography from Nina Ananiashvili and Alexey Fedeechev.

The wonderful story of the Nutcracker doll rallying forces, and defeating the Mouse King and his army is unchanged, with the famous dances of the Sugar Plum Fairy playing a key role in the enchanting narrative.

In this production, the setting is a house in Georgia, and a park where the children spend days playing around a huge ancient



tree, which becomes the Land of Sweets. The staging is inspired by children's folklore of Georgia, with delicious confectionary inspired backdrops and vibrant costumes. The production fea-

tures live music with the Tbilisi State Orchestra conducted by Alevtina Ioffe.

All visits to the ROHM are conducted under the guidelines of the Supreme Committee

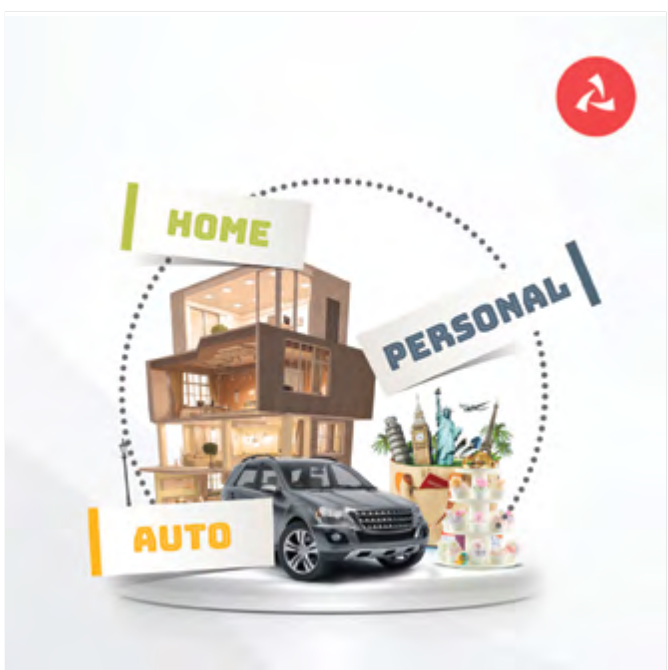
responsible for measures to tackle the development of COVID-19. Social distancing is maintained throughout the building and the wearing of facemasks is mandatory.

Bank Muscat extends home, auto, personal finance offers till March 31

Bank Muscat offers a large number of state of the art services and facilities to its large family of customers across the sultanate. The bank recently announced that it would extend its highly competitive offers on Personal, Auto and Baituna home financing options for Omani nationals working in the government sector, government-related entities and select corporates till March 31. Takeover options on personal and home financing are also included in this special offer.

Bank Muscat endeavours to provide the best banking and financing products and services in Oman in line with the needs of different customer segments. It offers various financing options aligned to customer needs and the bank's aim of facilitating a high standard of living for people in Oman, a press release said.

Customers will be delighted by the fact that the bank is at present offering highly competitive rates, starting at just 3.5 per



cent for Auto Finance, 3.75 per cent for Personal Finance and 4.95 per cent for Baituna Home Financing. the leading financial services provider in the sultanate for the last four decades, Bank Muscat has the largest banking network in Oman with 146 retail

banking branches and over 800 ATMs, CDMs and FFM's. Its vast array of digital banking channels including Internet Banking and Mobile Banking are helping customers meet the vast majority of financial requirements and needs 24x7.

Indian Social Club holds tennis camp for children with special needs

Indian Social Club Oman, in association with KTT Logistics, held the fourth tennis camp for Care and Special Education (CSE) children with special needs. Around 37 students of the Center for Special Education received lessons in tennis at the camp conducted at the tennis facility of Indian Social Club Oman.

Although other sports programmes for special needs students do exist, it was important for tennis to be offered because of the instant gratification associated with net sports, a press release said.

This is the fourth consecutive year that ISC organised the camp. While it was the first time for some, the other students received their first-hand experi-



ence of tennis. ISC's tennis coach Sivan Govind supervised the tennis camp and was assisted by a team of dedicated volunteers and teachers from

ISC and the Center for Special Education.

Dr Sathish Nambiar, chairman Indian Social Club Oman, appreciated the effort of the organising

committee and commented that Sport has been recognised as being able to make a positive impact in the lives of persons with disabilities. He mentioned that

this programme was essential for the children with special needs in order to increase their physical and mental activity which was not always possible with typical

classroom activities. The architect behind the tennis camp, Babu Rajendran, general secretary Indian Social Club, thanked all the teachers and par-

ents for the support and participation and specified the importance of identifying the abilities of the kids as they are enriched with multiple talents. Babu is a member of advisory board of CSE and also associated with a similar organisation back in India which currently has 200 plus students undergoing special classes in magic and sports, in addition to their normal academic lessons.

Sports Secretary Saji Abraham mentioned that it was his vision to make tennis a sport which is inclusive and accessible to all, including children with special needs. He also said that more sports opportunities will be provided for persons with special needs in the near future.

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Notice for Annual Ordinary General Meeting

The Board of Directors of GULF PLASTICS INDUSTRIES CO. SAOC (the "Company") has the pleasure to invite the shareholders to attend the Ordinary Annual General Meeting, which will be held at 3.00 pm on Thursday, 31/03/2022, at Safer Continental Hotel in Al Barakah Hall, Al Khuwair. If the quorum requirement for holding the Annual General Meeting is not fulfilled, a second Annual General Meeting will be held at 03.00 p.m. on Sunday, 03/04/2022, in the same premises as above to discuss the following agenda:-

- To consider and approve the Board of Director's report for the year ended 31 December 2021.
- To consider the Auditor's report and to approve the Financial Statements of the company (Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account) for the year ended 31/12/2021.
- To approve and ratify the sitting fees paid to the Board of Directors and Audit Committee members for attending meetings for the previous financial year 2021 and fixing it for the forthcoming financial year 2022 (as attached).
- To consider and approve the transaction entered into by the company with related parties during the financial year ended 31/12/2021 (as attached).
- To appoint the Auditors of the company and fix their remuneration for the financial year ended 31 December 2022.

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

- Legal person, exclusively, has the right to delegate a natural person to attend the General Meeting and vote on its behalf through the technical means, provided that this natural person has an investor number in MCD.
- Voting on any of the agenda items begins no more than three days before the date of the General Meeting until the voting process ends on the day of the General Meeting. If the shareholder's shares are increased or decreased, the voting process will be cancelled, and the shareholder will have to vote again on the day of the General Meeting.

For further information please contact on Telephone No. 95053198 or email: abuhamed1414@hotmail.com

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SUMMARY OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021					
ASSETS	31.12.2021 (RO' 000)	31.12.2020 (RO' 000)	LIABILITIES	31.12.2021 (RO' 000)	31.12.2020 (RO' 000)
1. CASH IN HAND	948	834	1. CAPITAL AND RESERVE	1,264	1,462
2. DEPOSITED WITH CENTRAL BANK OF OMAN	100	100	2. BORROWING FROM BANKS	-	-
3. PRECIOUS METALS	-	-	3. BALANCES DUE TO BRANCHES	-	-
4. BALANCES DUE FROM BANKS	548	695	4. BALANCES DUE TO MONEY- CHANGER	309	183
5. BALANCES DUE FROM BRANCHES	-	-	5. LOANS AND ADVANCES PAYABLE	-	-
6. BALANCES DUE FROM MONEY-CHANGER	36	68	6. CHEQUES AND DRAFTS ISSUED AND OUTSTANDING	-	-
7. CHEQUES AND DRAFTS PURCHASED	-	-	7. OTHER LIABILITIES	651	555
8. LOANS AND ADVANCES	-	-			
9. INVESTMENTS	-	-			
10. FIXED AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS	87	133			
11. OTHER ASSETS	505	370			
TOTAL	2,224	2,200	TOTAL	2,224	2,200
WE CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE BALANCES ARE IN AGREEMENT WITH THE BOOKS AND RECORDS OF THE COMPANY AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021					
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Omantel signs MoU with LG Uplus Corporation

Omantel, the sultanate's foremost integrated telecom service provider, is adding more edge to its 5G offerings. The first telco to introduce 5G in Oman has now partnered with South Korean mobile network operator, LG Uplus Corporation, owned by LG Group.

A memorandum of understanding underscoring collaboration and knowledge exchange on 5G specialised services provided by LG Uplus was signed by Talal al Mamari, CEO of Omantel, and Hyeon-sik Hwang, CEO of LG Uplus, in Barcelona recently, a press release said.

The expansive scope of the MoU includes Augmented reality (AR), Virtual Reality (VR), Multiview, Timeslice solution and any potential business cooperation opportunities on XR platforms.

Commenting on this exclusive agreement, Aladdin Baitfadhil, acting chief commercial officer at Omantel, said, "Omantel's 5G footprint is rapidly growing across the sultanate. We continue to explore areas where the technology is leveraged to create more exciting experiences way beyond high-speed internet. Innovation underscores this partnership with LG Uplus and we can promise exciting and versatile offerings for our individual and enterprise customers."

Surreal art experience to open at Muttrah Fort on March 18

‘Ahlam el Asr’ is a common Arabic term that refers to a psychedelic daydream

Oman's latest art experience, Ahlam el Asr, will open to the public in Muttrah on March 18, a press release said.

The special art event is born out of a collaboration between Sekka, a London-based independent magazine and integrated creative platform that is dedicated to art, culture, literature and opinions from the Arab world, Zawraq Collective, a duo of creative Omani women who reimagine Muscat's art scene as belonging to its youth and their explosive talents, and Teepee, an Omani pop-up glamping experience that creates one of a kind experiences that encourage cultural immersion, reconnecting with nature, and ignite a sense of adventure.

“Earlier this year, we published a special print issue, titled ‘The Creative Giants’ dedicated entirely to Oman’s creative scene that we sold across the world, from London to New York,” said Manar al Hinai, Sekka’s founder and editor in chief. “As part of our continued activation of the issue, which generated a lot of international interest in Oman’s blossoming art scene, we collaborated with the incredibly creative women behind Zawraq Collective and Teepee Oman to organise an art experience that will feature some of Oman’s most talented young artists in a special setting, where visitors will be able to see and discuss Omani art.”



After months of collaborative planning and organising between the three, Ahlam el Asr was born. Set in the historic Muttrah Fort, ‘Ahlam el Asr is a nostalgic and surreal pop-up, where visitors will walk through Muttrah Fort and explore a maze of illusive installations created by contemporary Omani artists,’ say Zaima al Adawi and Noor al Mahruqi, the founders of Zawraq Collective, and the event’s art curators.

“We all yearn for a rose-tinted past that only exists in our imagination. In this space, you will travel through a utopia of nostal-

gia that intertwines cultures of the past and the present. You will wake up from reality and be here and now,” they said.

“Ahlam el Asr is a commonly used [Arabic] term that refers to a kind of psychedelic daydream that is both strange and entertaining. It has a double entendre that could also mean ‘the dreams of the generation’ which fits perfectly with this experience,” they said, adding, “The inspiration behind the title came from an innate desire to create something for the youth, by the youth. It is exciting to be able to juxtapose

the historical fort with the fantasies of young people.’

The same sentiment was shared by Hilal al Busaidi, chairman of Muttrah Fort Tourism - the main sponsor of the event which is providing the venue for it. He said, “Muttrah Fort played a major part in the country’s history, defending the sovereignty of our nation. Today, it will play the role of inspiring our young generations through our history and unity. It will be a blend of history and culture.” He adds, ‘the youth is the future, and it’s important for us as entities to give

them the opportunities to showcase their creative minds and unlock hidden talents.’

Visitors to the art experience, which will run from March 18 to 19, from 4pm to 10pm, will see installations by Brash Collective, an art initiative spearheaded by 28-year-old Omani artist Majeda al Hinai, after they climb the 120 steps leading up to the fort.

One of the installations titled ‘Us’, is a sculptural piece with mirror elements that explores identity, self-reflection and mindfulness.



Ahlibank credit card holders get 50% discount

In an endeavour to continuously enhance the value-added products and services it offers to its esteemed clientele, Ahlibank’s ongoing collaboration with Talabat, the region’s leading food delivery and q-commerce app, will enable ahlibank customers to avail even more exciting offers for purchases made through the app.

The six-month long collaboration will offer credit card holders of ahlibank a discount of 50% on orders made through the App. Scheduled to run the third week of each month from January to June. The promotion will be open for all customers making purchases using their credit cards. This initiative will enable the Bank to meet specific requirements of its customers, as part of its strategic approach to widen their access to a host of products and services that it offers, a press release said.

Commenting on this new

partnership, Muneer al Balushi, AGM – Head of Retail Distribution, said, “We are always keen to communicate with our customers and take advantage of their feedback and suggestions. We are constantly studying market trends, which has been reflected in a number of initiatives and offers that we have launched over the past period. This new offer, which targets the category of ahlibank’s credit cardholders, approves our belief in the importance of keeping up with customers’ needs and lifestyle, as the world is currently witnessing a marked shift towards digital services that ensure security, low cost and speed of delivery.

“This campaign reflects our focus on expanding the Bank’s growth by signing agreements with partners from different sectors. Through our collaboration with Talabat, we aim to enhance the comfort of our customers with advanced services.”



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ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

The Board of Directors of **National Pharmaceutical Industry Co (SAOG)** is pleased to invite the Company's shareholders to attend the company's Ordinary Annual General Meetings, to be held at **3.00 pm. on Thursday , 31 /03/ 2022**, via the electronic platform to hold general meetings which can be accessed through the website of Muscat Clearing and Depository Company (www.mcd.gov.om) If the required quorum is not satisfied another Ordinary Annual General Meetings would be held on **Monday 04/04/2022 , at 3:00 pm** via the same electronic platform to discuss the following Agenda:

- 1- To consider and approve the Board of Director's Report for the financial year ended 31 December 2021.
- 2- To consider the Auditors' Report and to approve the Financial Statements (Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Account) in respect of the Company for the financial year ended 31 December 2021
- 3- To consider and approve the proposed final cash dividend to Shareholders, as per the date of the meeting, in the rate of ...6.....% of the company's capital of per share .006 baisa for each share) for the financial year ended on 31/12/ 2021.
- 4- To approve the sitting fees of the Board meetings paid to the Board of Director's members for previous financial year ended 31/12/ 2021, and to determine the sitting fees for the next fiscal year ending on 31/12/ 2022 (as per Attachment).
- 5- To consider and approve the transactions entered into by the company with related parties during the fiscal year ended on 31/12/2021 (as per Attachment)
- 6- To consider and approve the transactions the company will enter into with related parties during the financial year ending on 31/12/2022 (as per Attachment)
- 7- Electing a member to fill the vacant position from among the shareholders and non-shareholders, anyone who wishes to be nominated for a membership in the Board of Directors must fill in the nomination form which can be obtained from the company, and submit the form after filling it to the company at least Five 5 working days before the meeting of date, no later than the end of the business day of **Thursday 24/03/2022** The company will not accept any application form after that.
- 8- The appointment of the Auditors for the Company for the financial year ending 31/12/ 2022 and approve their fees.

According to the Company's Articles of Association and the controls of holding General Meetings using electronic platform , we would like to draw your attention to the following

- a) Juristic persons only, have the right to appoint a natural person as a proxy to attend the General Meeting and vote on its behalf through technical means, provided that this natural person has an investor number in MCD.
- b) Voting on any of the agenda items begins no more than three days before the date of the General Meeting until the voting process ends on the day of the General Meeting. If the shareholder's shares are increased or decreased, the voting process will be canceled, and the shareholder will have to vote again on the day of the General Meeting.

For further information please contact Mr.Vinod Hari Pillai on phone No 24449070

NOTICE INVITATION TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING AND THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

The Board of Directors of the National Bank of Oman S.A.O.G ("The Bank") has the pleasure to invite the Shareholders to attend the Extraordinary General Meeting ("EGM") and the Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of the bank, scheduled to be held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 30 March 2022 through the electronic platform for holding General Meetings, which you can log in through the website of Muscat Clearing and Depository Company (www.mcd.gov.om) or the Bank's headquarters in Al Athaiba, Muscat, and in the event that quorum was not achieved for the Extraordinary General Meeting ("EGM") and/or the Annual General Meeting ("AGM"), the second Extraordinary General Meeting ("EGM") and/or the second Annual General Meeting ("AGM"), shall be held at 3 p.m. on Thursday, 31 March 2022 through the above-mentioned electronic platform and the Bank's headquarters to discuss the following agenda items:

Extraordinary General Meeting ("EGM"):

1. To approve the Bank's capital raising plans which may take the form of a new issue of Additional Tier 1 capital for a benchmark size in the region of USD 300 million (and/or the OMR equivalent amount). Such instruments may be listed locally on the MSX, internationally on a foreign exchange and/or issued on a private placement basis.
2. The capital raising transactions referred to in items 1 above may proceed at any time over the next five years as the Board may approve (taking into account any requisite prior CBO consent to any issuance) and subject to prevailing market conditions ("Transaction");
3. To authorize the Board of Directors of the Bank (and the relevant authorized signatories acting pursuant to any limits, as set out on the commercial register of the Bank) together with the management team of the Bank, to take any and all required steps and actions to implement and give effect to the above Transaction (or any element of them), including (but not limited to) any steps as may be required to give effect to any appointments of advisors, submissions or filings to any regulator or exchange, updates to the Transaction terms and negotiation thereof, issuances thereunder, amendments (including to issuance size and terms, however fundamental) pursuant to the above work streams and as per prevailing market conditions.
4. To authorize the relevant authorized signatory or signatories of the Bank in accordance with the commercial register to execute the Transaction documentation and any and all related documentation that may be necessary or desirable to give effect to the Transactions or any element of them.

Annual General Meeting ("AGM"):

1. To consider and approve the report of the Board of Directors about the business of the bank and its financial position for the financial year ended 31st December 2021.
2. To consider and approve the report of the Board of Directors about the Bank's Corporate Governance during the financial year ended 31st December 2021.
3. To consider and approve the Auditors Report about the Bank's audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31st December 2021.
4. Notify the Shareholders regarding the report of the Sharia Board on the "Muzn" Islamic Banking for the financial year ended 31st December 2021.
5. To consider and approve on the AGM date the proposal for distribution of cash dividends to the Shareholders at the rate of Baisa 3.7 per one share for the financial year ended 31st December 2021.
6. To approve the sitting fees being availed by the members of the Board of Directors and members of the Board's sub-committees for the previous financial year and to fix the sitting fees for the next financial year.
7. To consider and approve the proposal for the distribution of remuneration of RO 300,000 to the members of the Board of Directors for the financial year ended 31st December 2021.
8. To approve the appointment of the members of the Bank's Sharia Supervisory Committee.
9. To approve the sitting fees and remuneration being availed by the members of the Sharia Board for the previous financial year and to fix the sitting fees and remuneration for the financial year ending 31st December 2022.
10. Notify the Shareholders regarding the related parties' transactions during the financial year ended 31st December 2021
11. Notify the Shareholders regarding the donations paid to support community services during the financial year ended 31st December 2021.
12. To consider and approve the allocation of RO 300,000 for community support services during the financial year ending 31st December 2022.
13. To appoint the Auditor and the Sharia Auditor for the financial year ending 31st December 2022 and approve their remuneration.
14. To appoint an independent entity to evaluate the Board of Directors performance and approve their remuneration.
15. To Approve the criteria for measuring the performance of the Board of Directors for the financial year ending 31st December 2022

As per the Bank's Articles of Association and the regulations of the convening of the AGMs through electronic platforms, issued by the Capital Market Authority (CMA), we would like to attract your kind attention to the following:

1. Only juristic persons may give proxy to a natural person to attend the AGM and vote on their behalf through the electronic systems, provided that the deputized natural person has an investor number at Muscat Clearing and Depository Company.
2. Voting on the subject items offered for voting in the agenda starts before a period of not more than 3 days and until the end of the voting process on the Meeting's day. If the investor's balance of shares increased or decreased, his/her voting will be cancelled and they should vote again on the AGM's date.

For any queries please contact Ms. Jawaher Saud Al Tamami on 24778218 or 95108251 or e-mail at: jawaheraltamami@nbo.co.om

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CRICKET ROUND-UP

Azam and Rizwan foil Australia as Test thriller ends in a draw

Karachi, Pakistan - Pakistan skipper Babar Azam smashed 196 and Mohammad Rizwan 104 not out to deny Australia victory Wednesday and force a dramatic draw in the second Test in Karachi.

The Pakistan pair put the home team well on course for a draw, but spinner Nathan Lyon turned the match on its head by dismissing Azam and Faheem Ashraf with successive deliveries.

Lyon came on to bowl the third of the 15 mandatory remaining overs of the match, and with his fourth delivery had Azam glove a catch to Marnus Labuschagne at forward short-leg.

Next ball Lyon had Ashraf caught at slip to raise hopes of an Australian win.

The late-hour drama also saw Usman Khawaja drop Rizwan on 91 off luckless spinner Mitchell Swepson with 18 balls left in the match.

The pugnacious Rizwan, in company of tailender Nauman Ali (nought), batted out 46 balls during their 29-run stand for the eighth wicket to keep the three-match series tied at 0-0.

The first Test also ended in a draw in Rawalpindi, while the third and final Test will start in Lahore from Monday.

Azam's score become the best-ever fourth innings by a captain, surpassing Mike Atherton's 185 for England against



Pakistan's Babar Azam (L) and Mohammad Rizwan run between the wickets during the fifth and final day of the second Test cricket match against Australia in Karachi on March 16 (AFP)

South Africa in 1995.

His score is also the highest fourth-innings individual total by a Pakistani, erasing the 171 not out Younis Khan made against Sri Lanka inallekele in 2015.

The Pakistan skipper added an invaluable 228 runs for the third wicket with Abdullah Shafique (96) and another 115 for the fifth with Rizwan, keeping Australia's spin-cum-pace attack at bay.

Rizwan hit 11 boundaries and a six
With Pakistan falling 63 short of the 506-run target, the record for the highest chase in all Test cricket remains with the West Indies who scored 418 against

Australia at Antigua in 2003.

Azam's knock frustrated Australia and their skipper Pat Cummins who dismissed Shafique and Fawad Alam in the first two sessions to raise hopes of a win.

But Australia were them-

selves to blame for not dislodging Azam as Travis Head and then Labuschagne dropped sharp catches off Swepson off successive deliveries with the batsman on 161.

Azam also survived a confi-

SCOREBOARD		
Australia 1 st Innings 556/9d		
Pakistan 1 st Innings 148		
Australia 2 nd Innings 97/2d		
PAKISTAN 2 nd INNINGS		
A Shafique	c Smith b Cummins	96
Imam-ul-Haq	lbw b Lyon	1
Azhar Ali	lbw b Green	6
Babar Azam	c Labuschagne b Lyon	196
Fawad Alam	c Carey b Cummins	9
M Rizwan	not out	104
Faheem Ashraf	c Smith b Lyon	0
Sajid Khan	c Smith b Lyon	9
Nauman Ali	not out	0
Extras:	(b 8, lb 2, nb 5, w 7)	22
TOTAL:	(171.4 Ov, RR: 2.58)443/7	
Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-21, 3-249, 4-277, 5-392, 6-392, 7-414		
Bowling: M Starc 21-6-58-0, P Cummins 26-6-75-2, M Swepson 53.4-8-156-0, Nathan Lyon 55-20-112-4, C Green 15-4-32-1, M Labuschagne 1-1-0-0		

dent leg-before appeal against spinner Lyon when on 157, but it turned out to be umpire Aleem Dar's call on review.

Lyon was the best Australian bowler with 4-112 off a marathon 55 overs. Earlier, Cummins struck eight minutes before lunch to end an epic third-wicket stand with the score on 249.

Shafique, who hit 136 not out in the first Test, drove Cummins for a boundary to reach 96.

But in his next over the Australian fast bowler drew the right-hander into another drive which this time found the edge.

Smith held a sharp catch in the slips, making amends for dropping the same batsman, on 20, from a more straightforward chance at slip off Cummins the day before.

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Morkel to help Bangladesh batters for South Africa series

Dhaka, Bangladesh - Former South Africa all-rounder Albie Morkel will join Bangladesh as power-hitting batting coach ahead of their three-match one-day international series against the Proteas, the country's cricket board said Wednesday.

The short-format specialist's international career ended in 2015 after 50 Twenty20 matches, 58 ODIs and a solitary Test.

He will serve as the first Bangladesh power-hitting coach with a view to helping batsmen improve their boundary clearances - a weak link in the current squad's white-ball matches.

Morkel joins fellow South Africans Russell Domingo, the head coach and Allan Donald, the pace bowling coach, on the backroom team. Australian Jamie Siddons is the batting coach.

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Invitation To Attend Annual Ordinary General Meeting of Saraya Bandar Jissah (S.A.O.C)

The Board of Directors of Saraya Bandar Jissah SAOC (the "Company") invites all Shareholders to attend the Annual General Meeting, which will be held on 31 March 2022 at 4 pm at the Company's offices located at the Facility Management Building, Muscat Bay, Jissah, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman.

Failing quorum of the Annual General Meeting, a second Annual General Meeting shall be convened at 11 a.m., on 3 April 2022, at the Company's offices located at the Facility Management Building, Muscat Bay, Jissah, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman to discuss and consider the following agenda of the meetings:

- To consider and approve the report of the Board of Directors for the financial year ended 31st December 2021.
- To consider the Auditor's report and to approve the financial statements (Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss Account) in respect of the Company for the financial year ended 31st December 2021.
- To consider and, approve the sitting fees of the Company's board members and sub-committees during the year ended 31st December 2021.
- To consider and approve the sitting fees of the Company's board members and sub-committees during the next financial year ending on 31 December 2022.
- To notify the general assembly of the transactions entered into by the Company with related parties during the financial year ended 31st December 2021 (Annexure 1).
- To consider and approve transactions that the Company has or will enter into with related parties during the financial year ending 31st December 2022 (Annexure 2).
- To appoint auditors for the Company for the year ending 31st December 2022 and to fix their remuneration.

Shareholders are requested to arrive about half an hour before the scheduled meeting time.

According to the Commercial Companies Law RD 18/2019, Executive Regulations Issued by MOCIP Decision 146/2021, the Shareholders shall have the right to nominate a proxy to attend and vote on their behalf on decisions/resolutions of the meeting, such proxy must be on the proxy form attached herewith. If the proxy is on behalf of more than one shareholder, it must not be on behalf of more than five percent (5%) of the shares of the Company, else the proxy shall be deemed null and void. The natural shareholder shall enclose a copy of the ID card, or the passport copy for females and minors who do not have an ID card, residence card or passport copy for non-Omanis along with the proxy form. The juristic shareholder's proxy must be signed by an authorized signatory and sealed with entity's stamp, and should be submitted along with a commercial registration certificate and copy of the authorized signatory. The proxy will not be valid if a member of the board of directors represents a shareholder.

For further information, please contact Mr. Guillaume Nassif at (+971504558730)

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Oman wrap up successful UAE tour

United Arab Emirates - Oman's tour of the UAE for the triangular series against Namibia and the hosts concluded successfully on Monday. They played a total of five matches, the final one being a rescheduled game against Namibia from last year.

Oman won three of their four games in the triangular series, the most for any side competing. Both their opponents boasted strong sides of their own, with the UAE in particular posing a tremendous threat to the visitors.

The UAE entered the series on home soil after winning the ICC Men's T20 World Cup Qualifier in Oman to book a spot in the showpiece event later this year. Oman played them twice and were victorious on both occasions.

Although they fell short in the final game against Namibia, injuries to key players played a significant role in the same. In the other game that slipped away, Oman had Namibia at 103/8 before encountering a Gerhard Erasmus in the form of his life.

Some of the individual performances for Oman over the two weeks were not only eye-catching, but also historic. Bilal Khan picked up a total of 17 wickets over the five-game course. Two matches saw him register five-wicket hauls and he set a new record for career-best figures with his 5/31 showing against the UAE on March 5. Bilal also reached a personal milestone of 50 ODI wickets for Oman in this tournament.

Shoaib Khan was the pick of the tour with the bat. He followed up his unbeaten century against Namibia in the fourth game with a brilliant 86 against the same opponents to cap the series off.

There were other positives too. Kashyap Prajapati looked comfortable at the top of the



Bilal Khan picked up a total of 17 wickets in five games



Shoaib Khan batted brilliantly

batting order and Jatinder Singh was back to his best with a stunning 74-run knock in the final game of the series. Khawar Ali was consistently excellent with the ball and bat, and Kaleemullah chipped in with some crucial wickets of his own to provide cutting-edge to Oman's pace attack.

All in all, Oman managed to

put a disappointing month of cricket in February behind them, where they won just three of 11 games played. The setbacks faced in the ODI series against the UAE and the Quadrangular series involving Ireland, Nepal, UAE and themselves resurfaced later in the month, in a sub-par showing at the World T20 Qualifiers held at home.

Oman was unable to seal a trip to Australia later in the year. But with a change in format and venue, they adopted a positive mindset and collectively rallied to produce a top-class display of fighting cricket in the UAE. The batting was fantastic, the bowling inspired.

All the five games were a part of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup League 2, a competition that Oman now leads by 18 points thanks to recent performances. The team is high on confidence and Oman remain frontrunners to qualify for the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup in India, 2023.

Badosa keeps Indian Wells WTA title defense on track

Indian Wells, United States - Spain's Paula Badosa kept her Indian Wells WTA title defense on track Tuesday, holding off determined Canadian Leylah Fernandez to reach the quarter-finals in the California desert.

Badosa, seeded fifth, saved five of the six break points she faced and kept last year's US Open runner-up under pressure - converting three of her 12 break chances.

"Today was very tough," said Badosa, who lifted the trophy last October in a tournament moved from its usual March date because of the coronavirus pandemic. "Leylah is an amazing player, very fast and good timing. I knew I had to fight and serve very well. I think I did that the entire match."

Badosa is vying to become the first woman to win back-to-back Indian Wells titles since Martina Navratilova in 1990-91.

She gained the upper hand in the second set with a break for 3-2, then saved a pair of break points in the eighth game to take a 5-3 lead.

"In the important moments, like 4-3, down the break points, I think I stayed very composed," added Badosa, who next faces Veronica Kudermetova, a 7-6 (7/5), 6-7 (5/7), 7-5 winner over Marketa Vondrousova.

World number four Iga Swiatek, the highest-ranked player remaining in the women's field, rallied from a set down for a third straight match to book her quarter-final berth, beating crafty German veteran Angelique Kerber 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Swiatek, the 2020 French Open champion, is coming off a



Paula Badosa of Spain celebrates match point against Leylah Fernandez of Canada (AFP)

I knew I had to fight and serve very well. I think I did that the entire match.

PAULA BADOSA



title in Doha last month, but the 20-year-old admitted it took her a while to figure out how to tackle Kerber - another former Grand Slam champion.

"Truth be told, I wasn't really sure what my tactics should be,

if I should be more aggressive or play more patient game," Swiatek said. "But at the end I think I made the right decision in right time, in right moments of the match."

She said Kerber showed her a different game than she'd expected after practising with the German. "I felt like she wanted to use her experience and kind of trick me," Swiatek said.

Swiatek next faces American Madison Keys, who beat British qualifier Harriet Dart 6-1, 6-4.

Former world number one Simona Halep of Romania, seeded 24th, swept into the quarter-finals with a 6-1, 6-4 victory over

26th-seeded compatriot Sorana Cirstea.

Halep, a two-time Grand Slam champion is in the quarters for the fifth time at Indian Wells, where she lifted the trophy in 2015. Halep will play Petra Martic for a place in the semi-finals. Croatia's Martic beat Liudmila Samsonova 7-6 (8/6), 6-4.

Sixth-seeded Maria Sakkari of Greece advanced with a victory over Australian qualifier Daria Saville, who was trailing 4-1 when she retired with a left thigh injury. Sakkari will play Elena Rybakina, who beat Viktorija Golubic 7-6 (7/5), 6-2.

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RO in 000's				
	This Year End	Last Year End		
Gross interest income	67,192	70,153		
Interest expense	(15,134)	(16,379)		
Net interest income	52,058	53,774		
Other operating income:				
1. Dividend income	3	11		
2. Net fee and commission income				
a) Fee and Commission Income	12,934	11,484		
Less: b) Fee and Commission Expense	(3,516)	(3,416)		
3. Net foreign exchange income				
a) Income	6,144	8,918		
Less: b) Expense	-	-		
4. Net income from dealing in securities	-	-		
5. Net income from investment in securities				
a) Income	51	-		
Less: b) Expense	-	(441)		
6. Other income/loss	37	(252)		
Gross income	67,711	70,078		
General administrative expenses	(50,894)	(49,892)		
Depreciation	(2,146)	(11,096)		
Total operating costs	(53,040)	(60,988)		
Net operating profit (Profit on ordinary activities before provisions)	14,671	9,090		
Income from				
a) subsidiaries	-	-		
b) Associate companies	-	-		
c) Investment licensing activity	-	-		
d) Profit from sale of non-banking assets	-	-		
Bad debts Written off (net of recoveries from written off customers)	3,415	3,320		
ECL Allowance (net) charged for Loans & Advances	2,046	(18,496)		
ECL Allowance (net) charged for Investments (FVOCI)	134	(713)		
ECL Allowance (net) charged for Placements	141	(124)		
ECL Allowance charged (net) for Off-balance sheet items	2,011	(1,822)		
ECL Allowance charged (net) for Others (if any)	(247)	(143)		
Provision for diminution / gain in value of investments	-	-		
Profit/loss for the year after loan loss provisions	22,171	(8,888)		
Taxation	(3,839)	677		
Net Profit/loss after Tax	18,332	(8,211)		
Other comprehensive income for the year				
- Movement in fair value of available for sale / FVOCI investment for the year	(309)	1,072		
- Effect of currency translation for the year	-	-		
- Remeasurement of defined benefit liability	(22)	36		
Total comprehensive income/loss for the year	18,001	(7,103)		

Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December, 2021				
RO in 000's				
	This Year	Last Year	This Year	Last Year
1. Cash	43,019	34,711	1. Deposits (incl. Govt.)	
2. Balances with CBO	239,202	185,274	a) Demand	1,024,431
3. Capital Deposit with CBO	500	500	b) Savings	399,685
4. Government and other securities	-	-	c) Time	476,978
5. Treasury bills & other bills	274,737	189,944	2. Certificate of deposits	-
6. Due from HQ,branches,principal shareholders and affiliates abroad	41,793	67,825	3. Due to HQ,branches,principal shareholders and affiliates abroad	23,564
7. Due from banks:			4. Due to banks:	
i) Placements	171,907	145,036	i) Placements	-
ii) Loans and advances	-	14,587	ii) Borrowings	24,880
8. Other money market placements	-	-	5. Other money market deposits	-
9. Investments	174,225	293,625	6. Borrowings from CBO	-
10. Loans and advances	1,347,188	1,363,582	7. Capital	200,031
11. Tangible fixed assets	20,342	19,488	8. Reserves	49,157
12. Losses carried forward	-	-	9. Retained Earnings	96,299
13. Other assets	36,334	41,015	10. Capital bonds	-
			11. Other liabilities	54,222
Total Assets	2,349,247	2,355,587	Total Liabilities	2,349,247

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Marco Odermatt takes part in the men's downhill training session of the World Cup Alpine Skiing finals in Meribel on March 15 (AFP)

Odermatt wins overall World Cup alpine skiing title

Courchevel, France - Marco Odermatt became the first Swiss man to win the overall World Cup alpine skiing title since 2010 on Wednesday while Mikaela Shiffrin stretched her lead in the women's standings. Shiffrin showed she is putting her disastrous Beijing Winter Olympics behind her as the American won the women's downhill in Courchevel to stretch her lead in the overall standings. Odermatt, 24, who won the Olympic men's giant slalom gold, clinched the overall title by finishing second in the downhill behind Austria's Vincent Kriechmayr. That gave the Swiss an unassailable 359-point lead over Norwegian rival Aleksander Aamodt Kilde with three races in other disciplines left this season.

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Abdullah al Rawahi ready for tough fight in Kuwait Rally challenge

Young Omani holds second place in FIA Middle East Rally Championship

Kuwait City, Kuwait - Oman's Abdullah al Rawahi resumes his challenge for top honours in the 2022 FIA Middle East Rally Championship at this weekend's 26th Kuwait International Rally. The third round of the regional series gets underway at Kuwait Motor Town on Thursday evening, before 14 teams and competitors from eight nations tackle 10 gravel special stages in the southern Kuwaiti deserts on Friday and Saturday. Rawahi arrives in Kuwait lying in a strong second position in the Drivers' Championship, 24 points behind Qatari legend Nasser Saleh al Attiyah and 15 points clear of Jordan's Ihab al Shorafa. The Omani driver's Jordanian co-driver Ata al Hmoud holds a 15-point advantage over a three-way tie for second place in the Co-Drivers' Championship, with Mathieu Baumel, Alba Sanchez Gonzalez and Yousef Juma all on 39 points after two rounds of the series in Oman and Qatar. Rawahi and Hmoud were able to test their new Škoda Fabia R2 evo on Tuesday morning, iron



Kuwait Rally is really fast, quite similar to Qatar but less rough. We are expecting the same strategy as Qatar. Hopefully, we can achieve a good result here as well.

ABDULLAH AL RAWAHI

out any issues and make some minor set-up changes before they carried out a full reconnaissance of the special stages on Wednesday. "The team has been working really hard to get the car ready and we tested on Tuesday," said Rawahi. "We changed a few things to make it suitable for these conditions. Kuwait Rally is

really fast, quite similar to Qatar but less rough. We are expecting the same strategy as Qatar. Hopefully, we can achieve a good result here as well. It has been a while since we have been here in Kuwait. I think we are ready. Hopefully we can do a great job." The talented young Omani has made a strong start to his challenge for regional honours

this season. Despite first day technical issues in Oman - an event he won for the first time in late 2021 - Rawahi recovered to finish sixth overall and score points as the fourth registered driver behind Attiyah, Nasser Khalifa al Atya and Ihab al Shorafa. But it was at last month's Qatar International Rally where Rawahi excelled against fierce competition from two of the fastest drivers in the world. He avoided becoming embroiled in the frantic battle for honours being waged between Attiyah, Kris Meeke and Mads Østberg and was able to stay clear of major issues to finish in a sensational second overall. That result

2022 FIA MIDDLE EAST RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP
Standings after Round 2
DRIVERS:

1. Nasser Saleh al Attiyah (QAT)	78pts
2. Abdullah al Rawahi (OMN)	54pts
3. Ihab al Shorafa (JOR)	39pts
4. Issa Abu Jamous (JOR)	38pts
5. Nasser Khalifa al Atya (QAT)	31pts
6. Meshari al Thefiri (KWT)	25pts
7. Zakariya al Aamri (OMN)	24pts
8. Edith Weiss (QAT)	13pts

gave the Omani 30 valuable championship points to put him in an excellent position to challenge for honours this weekend. Rawahi and Hmoud finished seventh overall and fifth in MERC2 the last time they attended the Kuwait event in 2018. The Kuwait International Rally has attracted six drivers of RC2 machines and a further eight entered in the MERC2 category. In addition to title rival Attiyah, Rawahi faces competition from local driver Meshari al Thefiri, Atya and Qatari duo of Abdulaziz al Kuwari and Khaled al Suwaidi in the RC2 section. The rally is being organised by the Kuwait International Motorsport Club (KIMC) in co-operation with the Kuwait International Automobile Club (KIAC). It is being held under the patronage of Ali Husain Ali al Mousa, Minister of Public Works and Minister of State for Youth Affairs.

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For the Year Ended 31 December 2021

Dear Shareholders

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am pleased to present the Audited Financial Results of OMINVEST Group for the financial year ended 31 December 2021. During the year, OMINVEST achieved healthy results both at the Group and Parent level, despite the fact, that two of our portfolio companies faced unexpected challenges due to the lingering effects of COVID-19 on their businesses. Below, I would like to present our macroeconomic overview and the financial performance of OMINVEST Group and our major portfolio companies for the year ended 31 December 2021:

Macroeconomic Overview

Regional and global economic conditions witnessed a major rebound in 2021, as the debilitating effects of COVID-19 abated and businesses and social life in most countries started moving towards normalcy.

From the regional perspective, oil prices staged a remarkable comeback and averaged around \$71 per barrel compared to \$42 per barrel in 2020, a rise of 69%. Strong oil prices during last year brought a big relief to the Omani and to the other GCC economies, which have been grappling with rising national debt and budget deficits for the past few years. With continued strength in oil prices, we expect local and regional economic conditions to improve further in 2022. It will trickle down to stronger performance across key sectors, including: financial services, insurance, industry and other consumer-related businesses.

Globally, major economies saw robust economic growth as major sectors and industries resumed their growth trajectory and consumers across the world spent heavily. While COVID-19 variants remain a stumbling block, particularly to supply chains and logistics, it seems the worst of the pandemic is behind us. Yet, a main side effect has been a more persistent inflation globally than what the policy makers had anticipated just a few months ago. This will necessitate aggressive rate hikes in 2022-2023 by all major central banks and much tighter monetary policies. With this backdrop, there are risks to regional and global capital markets and of certain developed economies dipping into a recession, if the central banks tighten policies too aggressively to combat inflation.

In the wake of these global macroeconomic uncertainties ahead, we would proceed with our business and investment initiatives more cautiously.

Group Consolidated Performance

During last year, Oman Arab Bank SAOG (OAB) was converted from a subsidiary of OMINVEST to an associate, and the Group discontinued the consolidation of OAB's financials and commenced equity accounting of its results in accordance with the requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards. Consequently, during 2021, total Group revenues decreased by 24% to RO 198.5m. The net profit attributable to OMINVEST's shareholders decreased by 20% to RO 27m in comparison with RO 33.70m in 2020, mainly due to the following reasons:

- The Group's profits edged lower as we did not have a large and profitable investment exit such as the sale of a sizeable stake in OAB in the previous year.
- Our main insurance subsidiary, National Life & General Insurance Company SAOG (NLGIC), reported lower profits due to a sharp rise in medical claims related to COVID-19 and certain high pay-outs in the motor business during the current year.
- Our significant banking associate, Oman Arab Bank SAOG, reported 50% lower profits mainly on account of higher loan provisions taken by the management considering the prevailing economic environment and the impact of the

pandemic on business activities.

Parent Company Performance

During the year ended 31 December 2021, total revenues decreased by 15% to RO 50.67m and net profit decreased by 19% to RO 30.86m, compared to the previous year. The reasons for decline in the revenues and profits of the Parent company are the same as highlighted above in Group Performance. Parent company's total liabilities stand at RO 319.7 m with a healthy leverage ratio of 0.98.

OMINVEST has successfully issued a RO 52 million perpetual sukuk in the Muscat Securities Exchange at competitive indicative profit rate of 6.75%. The perpetual sukuk was issued by OMINVEST and exchanged for non-revenue generative Treasury Shares held by Jabreen International Development Company SAOC (Jabreen), a fully owned subsidiary of OMINVEST. After the exchange transaction was completed, the Treasury Shares were cancelled by OMINVEST and Jabreen sold these perpetual sukuk and generated cash for Group's investment purpose. This will create value for OMINVEST stakeholders through improved earnings, stronger liquidity and better return ratios.

For 2021, the Board of Directors has proposed a cash dividend of 30%. Accordingly, the shareholders would receive a cash dividend of RO 0.030 per share aggregating to RO 20,050,963/- on the Parent company's existing share capital. The proposed cash dividend is subject to the approval of the shareholders in the Annual General Meeting.

Performance of Key Subsidiaries & Associates:

Jabreen International Development Company SAOC (Jabreen), our subsidiary, is focused on making private equity investments in diverse sectors and expanding into new growth markets in Asia. Jabreen reported a net profit of RO 25.49m for the year ended 31 December 2021 compared to RO 23.72m for the previous year, an increase of 7%. The increase in profit is primarily due to good performance by Bank Muscat SAOG and other portfolio companies. The increase was partially offset by an absence of a one-time gain of RO 5.2m recorded on change in investment classification of International General Insurance Holding Ltd (Nasdaq listed company) during the first half of 2020. On 31 December 2021, Jabreen's total assets stood at RO 350m compared to RO 329m on 31 December 2020. We expect Jabreen to further enhance and diversify its investment income in the years ahead.

National Life & General Insurance Company SAOG (NLGIC), our subsidiary in the insurance sector, reported a Gross Written Premium (GWP) of RO 146.5m, an increase of 9% compared to RO 134m for the previous year and a net profit of RO 7.47m for the year ended 31 December 2021 compared to RO 15.01m for the previous year; a decrease of 50%. Decline in profitability was primarily attributable to a significant rise in medical claims and motor insurance claims, which on a combined basis rose by 16% (net of re-insurance share). We expect the claims to stabilize and performance to improve in the coming year. The decrease was partially offset by an increase in investment income by 26%. In terms of geographical distribution of GWP, Sultanate of Oman contributed 44%, UAE 52%, and Kuwait 4% during the year. We believe that NLGIC's growth prospects are strong; its recurring revenues from insurance business are stable and on a clear growth trend.

Oman Arab Bank SAOG (OAB), our associate in the banking sector, reported a profit of RO 7.08m for the year ended 31 December 2021 compared to RO 14.17m for the previous year; a decrease of 50%. OAB increased its loans and advances by 4% to RO 2.75bn compared to RO 2.64bn, as of 31 December 2020. Customers' deposits increased by 2% to RO 2.81bn compared to RO 2.75bn, as of 31 December 2020. The shareholders' funds were RO 356m compared to RO 359m, as of 31 December 2020. OAB successfully issued USD 250m Tier 1 capital securities during the year.

National Finance Company SAOG (NFC), our associate in the leasing sector, reported a net profit of RO 8.62m for the year ended 31 December 2021 compared to RO 8.02m for the previous year; an increase of 7.5%. NFC's revenues decreased by 1% to RO 43.5m this year compared to RO 43.9m in the previous year. NFC continues to adopt a conservative approach to credit approvals keeping in view the overall macroeconomic scenario and perceived increase in credit risk. NFC will continue to focus on strengthening its efficiencies, customer experience, product offerings and quality of service delivery. We expect NFC to further consolidate its position as the leading and best performing finance company in the Sultanate of Oman.

Corporate Citizenship

The past year witnessed a renewed commitment by OMINVEST's board of directors and management towards our impactful role in society. It was a year of challenges and opportunities and through it all, we worked tirelessly to fulfill our corporate purpose: **'Transforming Businesses to Enrich Societies'**.

Upon the unfortunate impact of Cyclone Shaheen, which hit parts of the Sultanate of Oman, OMINVEST contributed OMR 100,000 in solidarity with national relief efforts addressing the needs of the affected local communities.

We have also taken solid steps to promote Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) practices across the Group. Training workshops and awareness sessions were conducted for OMINVEST's board of directors, senior and middle management executives, and staff members across the Group to build needed skills and knowledge about the integration of ESG standards and practices at the operation and investment levels.

Earlier in the year, OMINVEST signed a Strategic Partnership agreement with the General Commission of the Sultanate at Expo 2020 Dubai to support and promote Omani small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and innovators at the Expo Omani pavilion.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021				
	Group		Parent Company	
	2021 (RO'000)	2020 (RO'000)	2021 (RO'000)	2020 (RO'000)
Assets				
Balances with banks and money at call	46,493	40,874	23,846	24,125
Deposits with banks	52,643	85,885	5,000	44,289
Premium and reinsurance balance receivable	49,383	43,156	-	-
Re-insurance share in insurance funds	17,515	16,175	-	-
Investment securities	208,246	142,903	5,227	5,328
Investments in associates	341,363	319,181	147,138	142,250
Investments in subsidiaries	-	-	338,144	295,204
Due from subsidiaries	-	-	119,733	112,173
Other assets	30,715	14,400	3,604	1,140
Investment properties	8,587	11,139	2,100	2,100
Property and equipment	22,883	12,579	830	969
Intangible assets	20,737	21,795	-	-
Total assets	798,565	708,087	645,622	627,578
Equity and liabilities				
Equity				
Share capital	66,837	80,777	66,837	80,777
Share premium	5,778	43,838	5,778	43,838
Treasury shares	-	(58,580)	-	-
Legal reserve	22,279	19,859	22,279	19,859
Other non-distributable reserves	7,801	5,641	7,801	5,641
Cumulative changes in fair value reserve	(14,090)	(13,155)	(11,684)	(23,004)
Retained earnings	124,080	132,766	122,420	130,998
Equity attributable to equity holders of the Parent Company	212,685	211,146	213,431	258,109
Perpetual bonds/sukuk	81,188	52,098	112,638	60,638
	293,873	263,244	326,069	318,747
Non-controlling interests	20,968	21,268	-	-
Total equity	314,841	284,512	326,069	318,747
Liabilities				
Bank borrowings	349,556	302,470	280,160	302,470
Insurance funds	85,969	74,713	-	-
Other liabilities	46,777	43,555	38,954	5,722
Taxation	1,422	2,837	439	639
Total liabilities	483,724	423,575	319,553	308,831
Total equity and liabilities	798,565	708,087	645,622	627,578
Net assets per share (RO)	0.318	0.316	0.319	0.320

Note:

The audited financial statements of the company be made available to any Shareholder or interested Party on request in Arabic or in English within 7 days from the date of request.

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On the environmental front, we signed a Main Partnership agreement with 'Oman In Focus' for a documentaries-production project that will highlight the natural beauty of the Sultanate of Oman and promote it as a destination for eco-tourism. OMINVEST also held a Knowledge Exchange session in partnership with 'Oman In Focus'. The session served as a platform for sharing environment conservation knowledge and expertise by international and local environmental experts with members of the local community, university students, academics, and environmentalists.

In 2021, we continued supporting our active social impact partners – Zubair Small Enterprises Center (Zubair SEC), Injaz Oman, and Environment Society of Oman. OMINVEST also extended financial support to causes and associations that align with our social impact pillars: Education, Small Businesses, Youth, and the Environment.

Acknowledgements:

We are profoundly grateful to our beloved leader His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tariq for his great vision and initiatives as he continues to lead the Sultanate on the path of development, peace, and enduring prosperity.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank the Capital Market Authority, Muscat Stock Exchange, Central Bank of Oman and Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion for their continued support and guidance. I also take this opportunity to thank the management teams and employees at OMINVEST and across our Group companies for their dedication and hard work.

Khalid Muhammad AlZubair

Chairman

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021				
	Group		Parent Company	
	2021 (RO'000)	2020 (RO'000)	2021 (RO'000)	2020 (RO'000)
Gross premium earned	140,750	140,890	-	-
Interest income	5,783	63,834	7,632	6,996
Investment income – net	12,338	17,866	4,991	7,965
Fee and commission income	6,708	9,518	-	-
Other operating income	3,859	7,350	1,245	451
Share of results of subsidiaries	-	-	31,576	40,387
Share of results of associates	29,136	22,080	5,230	3,956
Total revenues	198,574	261,538	50,674	59,755
Premium ceded to re-insurers	(23,372)	(27,088)	-	-
Net claims incurred	(92,617)	(80,077)	-	-
Fee and commission expenses	(12,214)	(10,876)	-	-
Interest expense	(15,518)	(36,526)	(15,398)	(14,851)
Operating expenses	(24,708)	(48,697)	(4,616)	(5,859)
COVID-19 contribution	-	(1,175)	-	(500)
Allowance for loan impairment of a subsidiary (net)	-	(9,237)	-	-
Total expenses	(168,429)	(213,676)	(20,014)	(21,210)
Profit before tax	30,145	47,862	30,660	38,545
Income tax	(1,286)	(5,463)	200	(500)
Profit for the year	28,859	42,399	30,860	38,045
Profit for the year attributable to:				
Equity holders of the Parent Company	27,000	33,700	30,860	38,045
Non-controlling interests	1,859	8,699	-	-
	28,859	42,399	30,860	38,045
Basic earnings per share attributable to the equity holders of the Parent Company (RO)	0.034	0.044	0.032	0.040
Other comprehensive income / (loss):				
Items that are or may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:				
Cash flow hedges – effective portion of change in fair value	637	(475)	637	(475)
Changes in fair value of debt instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income	(670)	350	(629)	257
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	(7)	(1)	(7)	(1)
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:				
Changes in fair value of equity instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income and share of OCI from equity accounted investee – net of tax	1,037	(6,600)	6,423	(5,121)
Other comprehensive income/ (loss) for the year	997	(6,726)	6,424	(5,340)
Total comprehensive income for the year	29,856	35,673	37,284	32,705
Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to:				
Equity holders of the Parent Company	27,801	27,210	37,284	32,705
Non-controlling interests	2,055	8,463	-	-
	29,856	35,673	37,284	32,705

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MARKET WATCH	
MSX30	4,312.02
Sensex	56,816.65
FOREX RATES (RO1 equals)	
Indian Rs	197.90
Pakistani Rs	467.19
Bangadesh taka	223.71
Philippines peso	135.70
Sri Lankan Rs	689.15
*Rates as on March 16 Source: xe.com	

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Global oil output rose in February, says OPEC

Global oil supply in February increased by around 960,000 barrels per day (bpd) compared to the previous month to average 99.50mn bpd, marking an 8.99mn bpd rise year-on-year, the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) said on Tuesday.

The organization's monthly oil market report shows that OPEC crude oil production averaged 28.47mn bpd in February for an increase of about 440,000 bpd month-on-month. Production increased by 141,000 bpd to 10.19mn bpd in Saudi Arabia and by 105,000 bpd to nearly 1.11mn bpd in Libya.

TotalEnergies won't seek compensation for Myanmar exit

France's TotalEnergies said on Wednesday that it would not seek financial compensation for its withdrawal from Myanmar over concerns about human rights abuses since a coup last year.

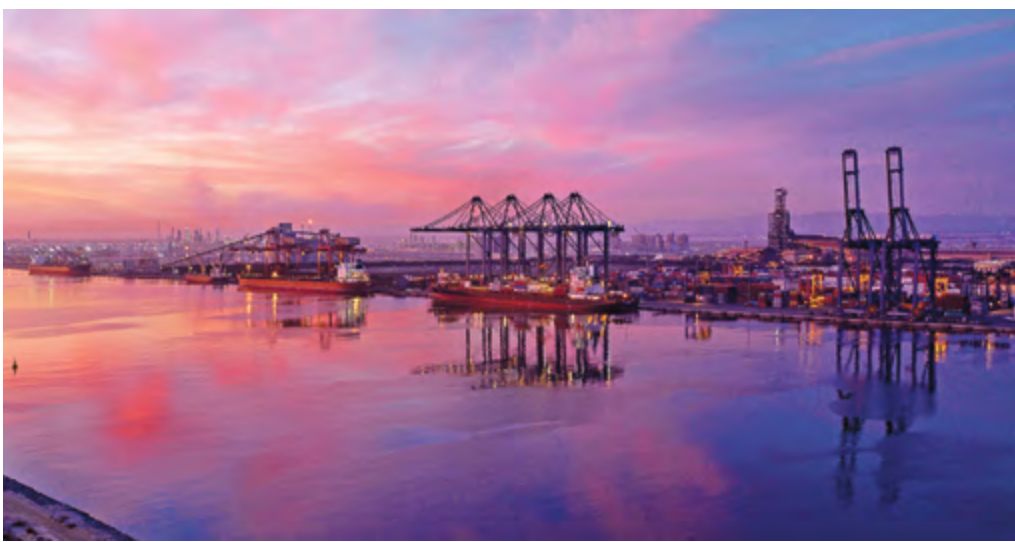
"In light of the exceptional situation, TotalEnergies has chosen to withdraw from Myanmar without seeking any financial compensation for its assets," the company said in a statement.

Sohar Port and Freezone exhibits sustainable efforts

Muscat - Sohar Port and Freezone (SOHAR) took part in Oman Sustainability Week alongside ASYAD Group to share the success of environmentally conscious practices introduced throughout the complex and prove its commitment to sustainability. As industries move towards cleaner forms of energy, SOHAR has developed strategic programmes to improve health and education, create jobs, reduce inequality and spur economic growth.

SOHAR has dedicated resources to creating a solid foundation for sustainable development in the fields of health, safety, security and environment (HSSE), circular economy, clean energy and energy conservation, corporate social responsibility (CSR), and clean shipping, all while tackling climate change challenges to protect the planet for the future generations which will be an added value for Oman's sustainable development, a press release said.

Mark Geilenkirchen, CEO of Sohar Port, said, "Sohar Port and Freezone has always strived to



deliver on its commitment to sustainability. This is clear in our efforts to tie up with industries within the complex to move towards sustainable forms of energy and set up projects in line with this concept. In addition, we presented our Integrated Environmental Management System (IEMS), which is used in the Port and Freezone to ensure an ideal balance between industrial development and environmental protection. Oman Sustainability Week is an opportunity to share

success stories, ideas and learn from each other by taking a more sustainable approach to the country's ongoing economic development."

SOHAR also offers incentives to ships and international shipping companies that express a commitment to reducing air emissions under the Global Ports in Climate Initiative and following the standards set by the International Maritime Organization. Measurements of the environmental footprint of ships visiting

SOHAR are checked by the Environmental Ship Index (ESI) with the port offering 5 per cent discount on port fees to shipping companies that have made added investments in their ships and crew to improve environmental performance, safety and quality. SOHAR rewarded 252 ships in 2021, 239 ships in 2020 and 148 ships in 2019, illustrating an ongoing commitment to reducing the environmental impact of ships docking at the port.



IEA cuts oil demand outlook, fears Russia supply 'shock'

Paris, France - The International Energy Agency (IEA) cut its world oil demand forecast for 2022 on Wednesday, warning that sanctions against Russia over its invasion of Ukraine could spark a global supply 'shock'.

"Faced with what could turn into the biggest supply crisis in decades, global energy markets are at a crossroads," the IEA said in a monthly report.

The agency lowered its forecast for growth in oil demand by nearly 1mn barrels per day.

It now expects world oil demand to reach 99.7mn barrels per day this year.

"While it is still too early to know how events will unfold, the crisis may result in lasting

changes to energy markets," said the Paris-based agency, which advises developed countries.

Russia, the world's biggest exporter of oil, has been hit with a slew of international sanctions over the war in Ukraine, which sent oil prices soaring.

"The implications of a potential loss of Russian oil exports to global markets cannot be understated," the IEA said.

"The prospect of large-scale disruptions in Russian production due to wide-ranging sanctions as well as decisions by companies to shun exports after Moscow's invasion of Ukraine is threatening to create a global oil supply shock," it said.

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Oman Cement Company reports RO4.44mn net profit for year 2021

Muscat - Oman Cement Company reported a net profit of RO4.44mn for year 2021 as the company managed to produce 2.4mn tonnes of cement during the same period.

The company managed to achieve a real growth in its commercial activities despite the economic conditions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, according to a press release.

Eng Salem Bin Abdullah al Hajri, CEO of Oman Cement, said, "Oman Cement Company is doing its best to maintain the growth continuity, which is being fulfilled in light of the trust and support it has from the government, various investors as well as the wise leadership of His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tariq, May the almighty Allah protect and preserve him, the



Eng Salem Bin Abdullah al Hajri

leader of the Blessed Renaissance march."

Hajri also said that these results have been achieved as a result of a number of policies implemented to cater to the increase in the demand and despite the strong competition that was witnessed in the market, not only from local cement companies, but also from imported cement brands.

Hajri added that Oman Cement Company applies the Omani, Gulf, European, British and American specifications, in addition to applying oil well cement specifications for the oil and gas sector regarding oil well cement production.

The firm is also moving forward with its efforts to enhance cement self-sufficiency in the sultanate, and reduce imports,

which will be reflected in supporting the national economy.

The company also intends to improve its production capacity and establish a new production line in the factory which is existing in Muscat, with a production capacity of up to 10,000 tonnes of clinker, in addition to modernisation of Production Line No. 3 to achieve a production capacity of up to 5,000 tonnes of clinker.



Invitation to attend the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of AMAN Real Estate Investment Fund ("Fund")

The Fund Management Body of the Fund are pleased to invite the unitholders to attend the Annual General Meeting ("AGM"), which takes place on 29/03/2021 , 7 PM to be held via the electronic platform to convene The General Meetings which is accessible through Muscat Clearing and Depository website (www.mcd.gov.om). If the quorum is not quorate, the meeting shall be re-scheduled to 6/04/2021 at 3:00 PM. To discuss the following Agenda:

- To consider and Approve the Chairman's Report for the financial year ended 31 December 2021.
- To consider the Audit's Report and to approve the financial statement Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Account, for the financial year ended on 31 December 2021.
- To consider and approve the distribution of cash dividend to the unit holders as per the AGM date with a percentage of 3.58% (an amount of 3.58 baiza per unit), for the financial year ended on 31 December 2021.
- To approve sitting fees to the meeting of the Fund Management Body for the year ended and determine the fees for the forthcoming financial year.) Annex 1(
- To brief the General Meeting of the related party transaction entered into by the Fund during the financial year ended 31 December 2021.) Annex 2(
- To appoint an auditor for the fiscal year that will end on 31 December 2022 and determine their fees.

In accordance with the Fund's articles of association and the regulations for holding General Meetings, using modern technology issued by the authority, we would like to draw your attention to the following:

- A Juristic person, exclusively, has the right to delegate a natural person, to attend the assembly meeting and vote on his behalf through technical means, provided that this natural person has an investor number in the MCDC.
- Voting on any of the items on the agenda begins no more than three days before the date of the Meeting until the voting process ends on the day of the meeting, and if the shareholder's balance is increased or decreased, the voting process will be cancelled, and he must re-vote again on the day of the meeting.

In case of any inquiries about the above agenda items, please contact Shaima Al Balushi at phone number 24625819 or send an email to s.albalushi@tharaglobal.com

Legal Advisor

Financial Auditor

Chairman of the Fund

Salalah Free Zone: A global platform for petrochemical and processing industries

Muscat - Salalah Free Zone (SFZ), a member of Asyad Group, continues to consolidate its logistics role in supporting the petrochemical and natural materials processing sectors and to make headway in attracting international investments and contributing to the diversification of Oman's revenue streams.

It is thanks to SFZ's prime location that serves as a gateway to global markets and international trade that all petrochemical and materials processing companies can easily tap into the large local and international supply and source raw materials and commodities, according to a press release.

Aside from its strategic location and easy access to global markets, Salalah Free Zone capitalises on its proximity to Salalah Port that enables companies operating the free zone to draw on its critical logistics offering. A key service provided by the port is the central service corridor that streamlines the transportation of



hydrocarbons and petrochemicals from SFZ to Salalah Port, offering a quick and efficient supply line. In addition, Salalah Port offers a variety of crucial services including 24/7 container loading and shipping, container maintenance and repair services, and a host of vessel support services such as fueling, storage and support for self-steering sailboats.

With this impressive service lineup, Salalah Free Zone is showing its clear and strong resolve to become a leading global

hub for the petrochemical and processing industries.

Along with such diverse services, SFZ provides companies operating in the field of chemical industries and materials processing with a massive space of approximately 2.6mn sqm, an area that hosts major players of the petrochemical sector such as OQ for Methanol, OQ for LPG, OCTAL, and many other companies boasting outstanding technical capabilities. Salalah Free Zone has become today home to

leading suppliers and manufacturers of a range of vital products such methanol, ammonia, PET, APET, and LPG.

Leveraging its proximity to gypsum and limestone quarrying locations and its unique strategic location on key maritime routes, Salalah Free Zone has grown into a coveted base of operations for exporters across the globe offering fast shipping and access to most international and regional markets within no later than two weeks.



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Ukraine shoots down ‘neutrality idea’

Fresh blasts hit Kyiv, which was under total curfew, and Russian rocket fire hit a train station

Kyiv, Ukraine - Ukraine on Wednesday dismissed Russian neutrality proposals, refused to surrender and vowed prosecution of ‘war crimes’ three weeks into an invasion that is drawing ever-increasing Western support against Moscow.

On the ground, fresh blasts hit the capital Kyiv, which was under a total curfew, and Russian rocket fire hit a train station in southern Ukraine used by thousands of fleeing refugees.

Regional officials reported no casualties as Russian strikes blew out windows at the railway station in Zaporizhzhia, where people have been arriving from the besieged city of Mariupol.

Some 20,000 residents have been allowed to leave Mariupol. But exhausted, shivering evacuees speak of harrowing escape journeys and rotting corpses littering the streets.

Hours before he was to give a landmark virtual speech to the US Congress, President Volodymyr Zelensky responded to the hacking of Ukrainian TV news with a message demanding Russia lay down its arms.

The hack was ‘the latest childish provocation’ from Moscow, he said, claiming the invasion had killed 103 Ukrainian children.

“We are defending our land, our children, our families. So we are not going to lay down any weapons until our victory,” Zelensky said.

The chief prosecutor of the International Criminal Court was in Ukraine to investigate Russian atrocities, the president added.

“So the occupiers will be held responsible for all of the war crimes against Ukrainians.”



Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky virtually addresses the US Congress at the US Capitol Visitor Center Congressional Auditorium, in Washington, DC, on Wednesday (AFP)

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VOLODYMYR ZELENSKY

The conflict has already sent more than three million Ukrainians fleeing across the border, and a peaceful resolution still seems beyond reach. Kyiv braced for an offensive from Russian forces trying to encircle the capital, although their progress has been slow due in part to resistance from Ukrainian troops using high-tech Western weaponry.

The city was subjected to a fresh round of bombardment overnight close to its centre, including on a 12-storey residential building, with columns of smoke rising high into the morning sky.

Ukraine’s State Emergency Service said at least two people were injured and 37 evacuated from the apartment block.

The attacks came as Ukraine and Russia continued stop-start peace talks, after Zelensky conceded that NATO membership was not on the table, in an apparent concession to Moscow.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said a ‘compromise’ outcome would centre on Ukraine becoming a neutral state comparable to Sweden and Austria.

But Zelensky’s office gave the idea short shrift. “Ukraine is now



Smoke rising after an explosion in Kyiv on Wednesday (AFP)

in a direct state of war with Russia. Consequently, the model can only be ‘Ukrainian’ and only on legally verified security guarantees,” Kyiv’s negotiator Mikhailo Podolyak said.

‘Enormous suffering’

In an earlier overnight video address, Zelensky said ‘all wars end with an agreement’ as he pointed to the ‘difficult’ but ‘important’ ongoing round of talks.

But in his virtual speech to the US Congress, the president was also expected to intensify pleas for NATO allies to intervene against Russia.

The alliance will hold an emergency summit next week in Brussels with US President Joe Biden attending - but it has so far resisted Zelensky’s pleas for direct involvement for fear of starting World War III.

Indirectly, however, Biden and other NATO leaders have been stepping up military support for Ukraine including anti-tank weapons that have helped to stall Russian forces north of Kyiv.

Coinciding with Zelensky’s speech, a White House official said Biden would unveil another US\$800mn of military aid, expected to include more anti-tank and anti-aircraft missiles.

After a morale-boosting train journey to Kyiv by the leaders of Poland, the Czech Republic and Slovenia, International Committee of the Red Cross president Peter Maurer came for a five-day visit.

He noted the ‘enormous suffering by the civilian population’ in Ukraine and stressed it was ‘utterly important’ for the ICRC’s neutral humanitarian work to be recognised on the ground.

Punishing Western sanctions against President Vladimir Putin’s regime have also stepped up this week, pushing Russia to the brink of default on its foreign debts.

Moscow was due Wednesday to pay US\$117mn on two dollar-denominated bonds - the first interest payment that has fallen due since it was largely shut out of the Western financial system.

AFP



Anti-war protesters hold placards during a demonstration against Russia’s invasion of Ukraine in front of the NATO headquarters in Brussels on Wednesday (AFP)

Zelensky urges US Congress to reconsider plea for ‘no-fly zone’

Washington, US - Ukraine’s besieged leader urged the United States on Wednesday to reconsider his plea for a no-fly zone, invoking the terror of the September 11 attacks as he ratcheted up pressure on the White House to move aggressively against the Russian invasion closing in on Kyiv.

More than three weeks into a war that has left hundreds of Ukrainian civilians dead and three million displaced abroad, President Volodymyr Zelensky told the US Congress the conflict was ‘a terror that Europe has not seen... for 80 years’.

“Remember Pearl Harbor, terrible morning of December 7, 1941, when your sky was black from the planes attacking you,” he said, recalling the air raid that brought the United States into World War II.

“Remember September 11, a terrible day in 2001 when evil tried to turn your cities, independent territories, in battlefields,” he told lawmakers via a video link livestreamed to the nation. “Our country experienced the same every day.”

The third president of post-Soviet Ukraine to address Congress, Zelensky’s appearance was being

touted as the most dramatic by a foreign leader since Winston Churchill spoke before Congress in 1941.

“I have a dream, these words are known to each of you today I can say. I have a need, I need to protect our sky. I need your decision, your help,” he said.

He addressed President Joe Biden directly, urging him to be ‘the leader of peace’ as he showed lawmakers a wrenching video of ruined buildings and injured Ukrainian civilians including children, with the final frame showing the words ‘close the sky’.

AFP

EU links up power grid to war-hit Ukraine

Brussels, Belgium - The EU on Wednesday completed linking up its electricity grid to Ukraine, making good on a promise to keep the lights on in the war-ravaged country under attack from Russia, officials said.

“In this area, Ukraine is now part of Europe,” EU energy commissioner Kadri Simson said in a statement, adding that Moldova - which also has a Russia-backed breakaway region - was also connected to the grid. “The EU will continue to support Ukraine in energy sector, by ensuring the reverse flows of gas to the country and the delivery of energy supplies,” she said.

EU energy ministers on February 28 announced they would hook up the grid of their 27-nation bloc with Ukraine after it disconnected from the Russian electricity network and suffered missile strikes and shelling to its infrastructure. Brussels has presented the move as part of its solidarity with Ukraine, even as it rebuffs Kyiv’s pleas for rapid EU membership.

AFP

Polish school offers Ukraine teens semblance of routine

Warsaw, Poland - Stuck to the door of one Warsaw high school is the sign ‘Laskavo prosimo do shkoli’, or ‘Welcome to school’ in Ukrainian, along with the flags of Poland and Ukraine.

Chattering in Russian and Ukrainian, teenagers who have just fled their war-torn homeland use magnetic key cards to enter and are welcomed again with a large yellow-blue flag and the slogan ‘Slava Ukraini’ or ‘Glory to Ukraine’.

It is their first day of school in Poland, where the 13 to 15-year-olds have sought shelter since Russia invaded their country.

Divided into two groups of 20, they are greeted by their new teacher, who shuttles from one classroom to the other throughout the lesson.

From the Ukrainian city of Lviv, a refugee just like them, Mariana Druchek, lays out the plan for the day and passes out a maths test.

“Uh oh,” comes the response. Viktoria, 16, and 15-year-olds Polina and Zoriana are in a panic. “It’s on things we covered three years ago, in grade eight - I forgot it all,” said Viktoria, to which the others chime in with ‘same’.

But they relax soon enough. By break time, they are all smiles, saying the atmosphere is ‘really good’ and ‘positive’ and ‘the class and school in general



Translator and assistant Katia helps students from Ukraine in a class newly created for them at the Limanowski High School in Warsaw on Tuesday (AFP)

are all right’.

It is as if their mad dash out of Kyiv with barely any luggage - to the backdrop of bombs and blasts - was already fading somewhat into the distance.

But the sense of danger is still there. “We’re afraid the Russians will even make their way over here, because everything is possible,” Viktoria told AFP.

‘Education and peace’

Limanowski High School has been able to accommodate the new students and hire new teachers thanks to funding from the mayor’s office.

On day one, Renata Kozłowska, a city official for the school’s neighbourhood of Zoliborz, came to welcome the teenagers.

She told them that ‘all of Poland is with you’ and stressed that they have the right to ‘an education and peace’.

The teenagers - who come from various cities, including Kyiv, Zhytomyr, Lutsk and Ivano-Frankivsk - will follow a pared-down version of Poland’s curriculum, including English, Polish, history, maths, physics and gym.

The classes will be taught by Ukrainian teachers who themselves had fled the war, with a bilingual educator at the helm of each group.

“What’s most important is to offer them some semblance of normalcy and quiet,” the school’s principal Andrzej Wyrozbowski told AFP.

AFP

North Korea's suspected ballistic missile explodes after launch

Seoul, South Korea - North Korea fired a suspected ballistic missile that exploded mid-air shortly after launch, Seoul said on Wednesday, with analysts warning it was likely a failed test of Pyongyang's so-called 'monster missile'.

The launch - North Korea's tenth suspected weapons test this year - comes after the United States said the nuclear-armed country was preparing to fire an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) 'at full range' for the first time since 2017.

Despite biting international sanctions over its weapons programmes, Pyongyang conducted seven missile tests in January and twice launched components of what it claimed was a 'reconnaissance satellite'.

South Korea and the US said last week those tests were actually of a new ICBM system that has never been launched before - likely the Hwasong-17, dubbed a 'monster missile' by analysts after it was first unveiled at a parade in October 2020.

The suspected ballistic missile 'seems to have exploded in midair shortly after launch', Seoul's Joint Chiefs of Staff told AFP.

The launch was from the Sunan area in Pyongyang around 09:30am (1230 GMT), they said - the same site as the February 27 and March 5 'satellite' tests.

Nuclear-armed North Korea has long coveted an ICBM that can carry multiple warheads, and the US said last week the recent tests marked a 'serious escalation' of the country's weapons programmes.

But the specialist NK News site reported that the Wednesday launch ended in 'catastrophic failure' with a red-tinged ball of smoke zigzagging across the sky as debris fell near the capital.



People watch a television screen showing a news broadcast with footage of a North Korean missile test, at a railway station in Seoul on Wednesday (AFP)

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CHEONG SEONG-CHANG

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The US military this week said it had 'enhanced' missile defence

systems in South Korea.

Monster missile?

North Korea has carried out three ICBM tests - the last in November 2017 of a Hwasong-15 -

deemed powerful enough to reach Washington and the rest of the continental United States.

But the country has been observing a self-imposed moratorium on testing long-range and nuclear weapons since leader Kim Jong Un embarked on a flurry of high-level diplomacy in 2018.

Negotiations with Donald Trump, US president at the time, collapsed a year later and since then Kim has doubled down on his plans to modernise his military while ignoring US offers of talks.

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Cheong Seong-chang, a senior researcher at the private Sejong Institute told AFP.

"With Russia now highly unlikely to agree to additional sanctions on the North in case of such a test-launch amidst its invasion of Ukraine, Pyongyang appears to have judged it was the optimal time to proceed," Cheong said.

The failure of the Wednesday launch will be closely studied by Pyongyang, and it can take around three tests to ensure the missile is functioning, he added.

"I expect the North to conduct one or two more test-launches before April 15," he said.

AFP



UN humanitarian chief Martin Griffiths (AFP)

Yemen not to be neglected over Ukraine, says UN

Geneva, Switzerland - Yemen must not become a forgotten crisis behind Ukraine, organisers of Wednesday's UN pledging conference said, warning of catastrophic hunger if donations were not forthcoming.

The United Nations considers war-torn Yemen as the world's worst humanitarian disaster - but the money preventing the situation from getting worse is now running out, they warned.

"Today we are meeting to plug a huge gap in funding for the life-saving response," UN humanitarian chief Martin Griffiths told reporters. "The war is in its seventh year and counting. The economy lies in ruins. Basic services are collapsing," he added.

"This year's response needs nearly US\$4.3bn to help over 17mn people across Yemen."

As funding had been drying up since late last year, aid agencies were being forced to cut back or stop food and health services, he said.

"Today we hope to raise the money to replenish the food pipeline, stock up health clinics

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MARTIN GRIFFITHS

and provide shelter to the displaced. "And to send a message to the people in Yemen that we do not forget them," said Griffiths. The British diplomat said Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, launched last month, would have far-reaching secondary impacts.

It will 'surely harm the lives of many Yemenis', he said, given that the country depends almost entirely on food imports, with nearly a third of its wheat supplies coming from Ukraine. Out of 31.9mn people in Yemen, 23.4mn were in need of humanitarian assistance, of which 12.9mn were in acute need.

AFP



This screen grab released on Monday by the Metropolitan Police Department in Washington, DC, shows the suspect they believe targeted homeless men (AFP)

'We've got our man': Arrest in US shootings of homeless men

Washington, US - A 30-year-old man with a lengthy criminal record and a history of mental illness was arrested on Tuesday for a string of shootings of homeless men in Washington and New York, police said.

"We've got our man," Washington police chief Robert Contee announced. Gerald Brevard III was arrested in Washington at around 2:30am by Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives agents, Contee said.

Brevard, a Washington resident, has been charged with first degree murder, assault with intent to kill, and assault with a dangerous weapon in connection

with the attacks on homeless men in Washington.

He faces further charges for the shootings of homeless men in New York.

The shootings, which took place between March 3 and March 12, left two homeless men dead and three wounded. Three of the shootings took place in Washington and two in New York. Contee said no motive has been established. "We believe that it's random," he said.

Washington and New York police were able to link the shootings after a police detective in Washington saw a social media post with a picture of the

suspect in the New York attacks, the police chief said.

He said Brevard has been arrested on several previous occasions, including for assaulting a police officer, assault with a deadly weapon and several misdemeanours.

In 2019, he was committed to a psychiatric hospital in Washington for a mental competency hearing to determine if he was fit to stand trial on the assault charge. He was found competent to stand trial. His father, Gerald that his son had been struggling with mental illness and the family had been trying to get him help. AFP

Hamas faces risk, opportunity from warming Israel-Turkey ties

Gaza City - A diplomatic thaw between Israel and Turkey has created challenges for Palestinian Islamist group Hamas, which counts on Ankara's support, but could also offer it a more 'trust-worthy' middleman to deal with the Jewish state, experts say.

With Turkey's ties to Israel effectively broken for more than a decade, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has fostered a close relationship with Hamas, which took power in the Gaza Strip in 2007.

In addition to providing financial and logistical support to the group, which is considered a terrorist organisation by much of the West, Turkey is also home to senior Hamas officials, including Salah al-Aruri, a long-standing Istanbul resident.

Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh and former chief Khaled Meshal visit Turkey often.

Erdogan is a vocal supporter of the Palestinian cause and a fierce critic of Israel - but he altered regional strategy earlier this year by initiating an outreach to Israel.

Ties between the two countries had collapsed in 2010 following the death of 10 civilians in an Israeli raid on the Turkish Mavi Marmara ship, part of a flotilla trying to breach a blockade to carry aid into Gaza.

But Erdogan took a step towards reconciliation by calling Israeli President Isaac Herzog following his inauguration in July.

He then hosted Herzog in Ankara last week, the first trip by an Israeli head of state to Turkey since 2007, in a visit both men hailed as a turning point in bilateral relations.



Israel President Isaac Herzog (third from left) and his wife Michal, during a state visit, in Istanbul, last week (AFP)

Israel to start direct flights to Egypt's Sharm el-Sheikh

Jerusalem - Israel is to launch direct flights to Sharm el-Sheikh on Egypt's Red Sea coast next month, in an expansion of air links between the two countries, officials said on Wednesday.

"The route from Ben Gurion International Airport to Sharm el-Sheikh will open soon. Flights are expected to begin during the intermediate days of Passover next month," a statement from the Israeli prime minister's office said.

Prime Minister Naftali Bennett said: "This agreement will bring Israel and Egypt closer together."

The statement said the new air link had been discussed in September talks between Bennett and President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi on the first visit to Egypt by an Israeli premier in a decade.

It was finalised during a visit by a delegation from Israel's Shin Bet domestic security agency over the past few days.

Bennett said Israel was "opening up to the countries of the region and the basis for this longstanding recognition is the peace between Israel and Egypt".

AFP

'Hamas concerned'

Experts have said that Erdogan's move towards Israel had little to do with Palestinian affairs, and that the Turkish leader was likely

motivated by a desire to shore up his struggling economy through improved ties with a key regional economic power.

But Hamas will feel the effects

of the rapprochement, said Mokhaimer Abu Sa'ada, a political scientist at Al-Azhar University in Gaza.

"Hamas is concerned," he told AFP.

"Israel is expected to increase the pressure on the Turkish authorities. I expect that Hamas leaders will leave, perhaps for Beirut or Iran, because Istanbul will no longer be welcoming."

Sources involved in the Erdogan-Herzog bilateral talks, who requested anonymity, said the presidents discussed the presence of Hamas leaders in Turkey, a longstanding Israeli grievance.

Possible upside?

Hamas issued a condemnation of Turkey's decision to welcome 'the Zionist occupation president', but it did not mention Turkey or Erdogan directly, a move experts saw as an attempt to safeguard essential ties with Ankara.

A senior Hamas figure told AFP that his group does not interfere in the internal politics of any country and wishes to 'preserve a good and balanced relationship with all Arab and Muslim countries, and particularly with Turkey'.

Hamas 'will not sacrifice its relations with Turkey' over the Israel outreach, said Naji Shourab, also a political scientist at Al-Azhar University.

He noted there may even be an upside for Hamas in Erdogan repairing ties with Israel. Hamas does not talk to Israel directly, but needs an interlocutor to deal with the Jewish state.

AFP

COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Morgues overflowing as HK suffers deadly wave

Hong Kong, China - Workers in PPE gear in Hong Kong carted the bodies of coronavirus victims into refrigerated shipping containers on Wednesday, as the city's morgues run out of space from a deadly Omicron surge.

In under three months since the highly transmissible variant broke through, Hong Kong has recorded nearly a million infections and more than 4,600 deaths - the bulk of them from the city's unvaccinated elderly population.

A funeral industry representative told local media the soaring death toll had seen a crunch in the city's coffins supply, with only 300 remaining and expected to be gone by the weekend. Leader Carrie Lam acknowledged the supply issues during a press conference on Wednesday, and said two more shipments of coffins will arrive in Hong Kong from the mainland soon.

"I learned from the Food and Health Bureau last night that they are endeavouring to arrange transportation (of coffins) by water," she said.

She added that officials have been trying to help families concerned about post-mortem af-



Workers move the bodies of deceased people from a truck into a refrigerated container at the Fu Shan Public Mortuary in Hong Kong on Wednesday (AFP)

fairs, including how to retrieve bodies already transported to public morgues without a doctor issuing a death certificate.

"We will try to find a way for the family to take the body back so that they can arrange the funeral soon. The crematoriums... have also been working day and night at full capacity," Lam said.

Outside Fu Shan Public Mortuary on Wednesday, workers in full PPE gear moved bodies covered in black tarp from a truck into rows of shipping containers. Researchers estimate the infection toll in Hong Kong is significantly higher than official figures, likely already reaching half its 7.4mn population.

Lam has taken hits from all sides on her handling of the crisis, with her administration blamed for the spiralling deaths and unclear messaging about a potential lockdown and mass testing.

Beaches closed

Chinese social media users have reacted angrily, saying the spread of COVID in the mainland is due to Hong Kong's sluggish epidemic response. After photos emerged of maskless Hong Kong residents sunning at a beach, authorities announced on Wednesday that government-managed beaches will be cordoned off starting from Thursday.

"As we see a surge of people going to beaches, we have to take appropriate measures in order...to reduce the public's movements to ensure safety," Lam told reporters.

This new measure adds to Hong Kong's already strict distancing rules, including wearing masks while hiking.

The embattled chief executive - whose job is up for grabs in a few months - has so far declined to say if she will run for another term.

AFP

New Zealand to reopen borders early

Wellington, New Zealand - New Zealand will scrap its strict border controls early because the country's world-leading pandemic response has made it 'a safe place to visit', Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said on Wednesday.

"We're ready to welcome the world back," Ardern told reporters. "I'm proud that New Zealand is a country able at this moment in time to provide a safe place for our tourists to return to."

Ardern said that vaccinated Australians could visit without undergoing quarantine or self-isolation from April, rather than the July date originally planned.

Travellers from nations that have visa-free arrangements with New Zealand - including major markets in the Northern Hemisphere, Japan, Singapore, Korea and Taiwan - will be allowed to do the same from May 1. Ardern described the change as a major boost for tourism industry. "We are ready to safely move into a new chapter of our management of the pandemic, this change brings with it huge economic opportunities."

AFP

Vietnam ends quarantine for foreign travellers

Hanoi, Vietnam - Vietnam announced an end to quarantine for international travellers on Wednesday, as it seeks to restart its tourism industry after two years of strict COVID-19 restrictions.

The only virus requirement for the visitors will be a negative COVID-19 test, the country's ministry of health said in a statement.

The communist state's



Passengers wait for transportation outside the arrival hall of Noi Bai International Airport in Hanoi on Tuesday (AFP)

tourism sector was worth up to US\$32bn a year before the pandemic, but it ground to a standstill during the pandemic as the government restricted travel.

Virus curbs have slowly been eased in recent months, with visitors trickling back in since November to play golf at resorts, under a bubble arrangement.

Vietnam also announced the

resumption of 15 days' visa-free travel for citizens from 13 countries: Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Britain, Russia, Japan, South Korea, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland and Belarus.

The country, which has a population of 97mn, is still reporting nearly 200,000 new COVID cases a day as the Omicron variant sweeps through.

But the health ministry says the situation 'remains under

control' with hospitalisation and death rates staying low.

Officials attribute that to the high vaccination rate, with 98 per cent of adults fully inoculated according to the health ministry.

The country is making efforts to roll out booster jabs to the population while preparing to vaccinate children and young teenagers.

AFP

China boosts hospital bed spaces as Omicron outbreak spreads

Beijing, China - China has moved to free up hospital beds as officials on Wednesday reported thousands of new cases from an Omicron-led coronavirus outbreak that has put millions under lockdown and raised fears for the health system.

The country recorded 3,290 new COVID-19 cases on Wednesday, including 11 severe cases.

The total was down on Tuesday's count of more than 5,000, but the highly transmissible variant is posing the sternest challenge yet to

China's 'zero-COVID' strategy to contain the pandemic.

China, where the first virus case emerged in Wuhan in late 2019, has not officially reported any COVID-related deaths for more than a year.

Under strict COVID-19 protocols, the country previously sent all patients with any visible symptoms to specialist hospitals.

But a steep jump in cases, which has led to the 17.5mn residents of the southern tech hub of Shenzhen being locked down and restrictions imposed on Shanghai and other cities,



Residents queue to undergo nucleic acid tests in Dalian, in Liaoning province on Wednesday (AFP)

has driven concerns over looming bed shortages.

The National Health Commission late on Tuesday said patients with mild COVID-19 cases could isolate at a central quarantine facility to ease pressure on hospitals.

"Patients with Omicron variant strains are mainly asymptomatic infections and mild cases, most of them do not require serious treatment," the health authority said.

"All admission to designated hospitals will take up a lot of medical resources."

AFP

Landslide in Peruvian town of Retamas buries dozens of homes

Lima, Peru - A landslide on Tuesday in the northern Peruvian town of Retamas has buried dozens of homes and trapped at least 15 people, according to authorities. A video circulating on social media shows a hill's collapse, and the person filming can be heard screaming "No! God! It's all buried."

Manuel Llampen, the governor of the La Libertad region where Retamas is located, told RPP radio that 'the landslide has buried, according to the preliminary report, approximately 60 to 80 houses'.

"They are completely buried," he added.

"We have estimated between 15 and 20 people who are still missing," Defence Minister Jose Gavidia said on a visit to the town



Rescue workers dig in a building affected by a landslide in Retamas village, Parcoy district in northern Peru, on Tuesday (AFP)

The landslide has buried, according to preliminary report, approximately 60 to 80 houses. Fifteen to 20 people are still missing including three children. Landslide occurred at 8:30am local time

on Tuesday night, some 12 hours after the collapse of the hill.

Officials earlier said there were at least three children among the missing.

The landslide occurred around

8:30am local time (1330 GMT), according to Peru's National Emergency Operations Center (COEN). Retamas sits high in the Andes, at about 800 meters.

The town's police commissioner, Lieutenant Carlos Alberto Valderrama, told AFP that the police and fire departments were continuing their rescue operation. "We have managed to rescue four people, among them a Venezuelan citizen who was trapped in a market. So far we have found no fatalities," Valderrama said.

"The area is blocked off. There are cracks in the hill - we have been warned that there could be another landslide."

'Left us with nothing'

Retamas, a mining town, is a 16-

hour drive from the regional capital of Trujillo on the Pacific coast.

"I was able to get out in time, but my house was buried. The landslide left us with nothing," Ledy Leiva, who escaped with five other members of her family, told RPP radio.

Several people buried in the mud and rock were rescued by neighbours who drilled through their roofs and walls, local media reported.

"There are many people trapped... inside their houses," Governor Llampen said.

Peruvian President Pedro Castillo said he would visit the stricken town and promised government support for affected families.

"I am heading to Patate province [where Retamas is lo-

cated] to see the area affected by the landslide that occurred this morning," the president tweeted after delivering a speech to Congress. Earlier in the day Castillo ordered the defence minister and a team from the IN-DECI (Peruvian Civil Defense) to the landslide site.

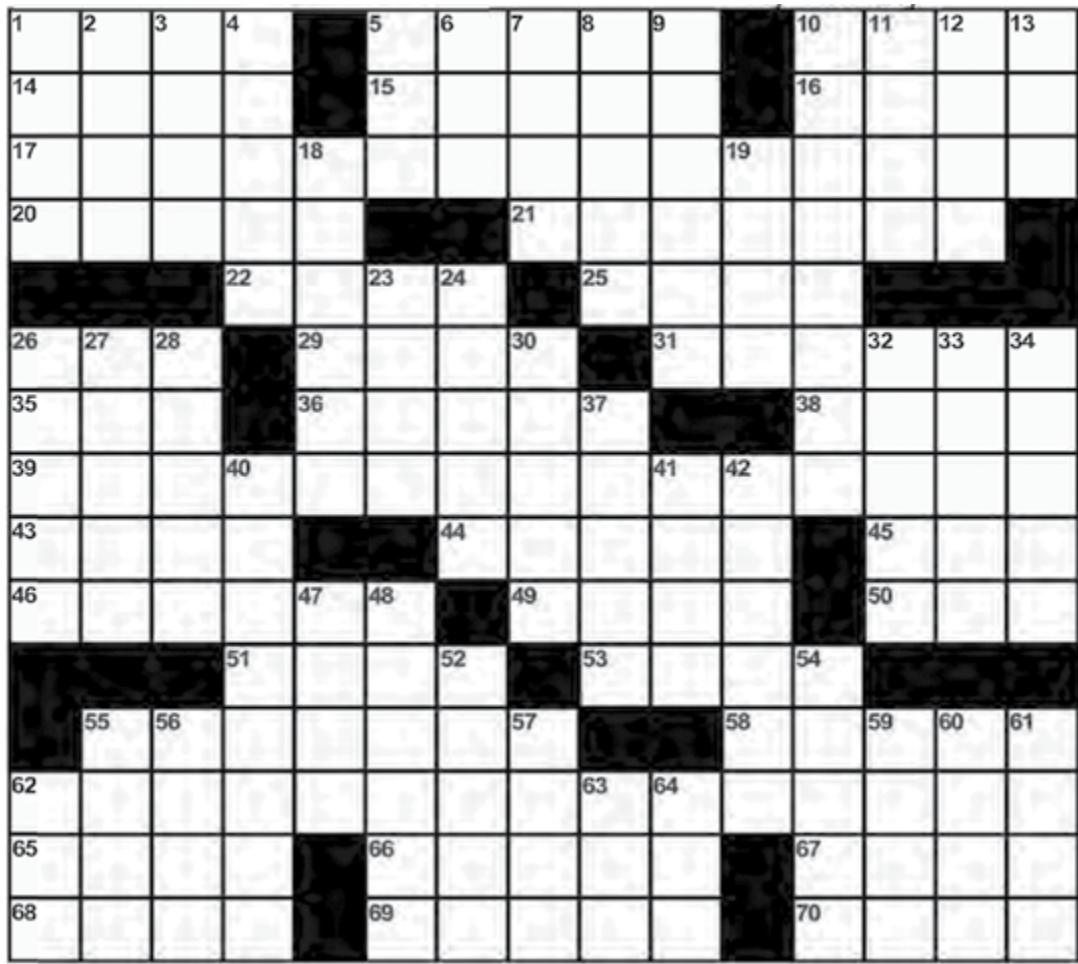
In 2009, at least 13 people were killed in Retamas by another landslide, including one child.

"This place has already been identified as a high-risk zone," warned Miguel Yamazaki, IN-DECI's director of preparedness.

Landslides occur most often in Peru's Andean region during the Southern Hemisphere's summer months, which are the country's rainy season.

AFP

DAILY CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1) Boys
5) They're effective when nutty?
10) "For goodness' _!"
14) Between continents, perhaps
15) Cognizant
16) Blender sound
17) Three hard things
20) Asparagus unit
21) Holds high
22) Fizzes out
25) Cause for a lawsuit
26) Summit
29) Spanish appetizer
31) Lunch or dinner, e.g.
35) Physicians' org.
36) Desktop pictures
38) Carve in stone
39) Three hard things
43) Knowing about
44) Andean animal
45) "We_ the World"
46) Afternoon nap
49) Clapton of music fame
50) Bow maker's wood
51) Little ones

53) Bowl over
55) Sort of cigar
58) Bang or boom, e.g.
62) Two hard things
65) Like a noted ranger
66) "Encore!"
67) _ mortals
68) Former communist country
69) Harps' kin, way back when
70) "Thank you, Jesus!"

DOWN

1) Research sites
2) " ... and make it fast!"
3) Editor's notation, sometimes
4) "Rabbit food"
5) Barnyard noise
6) Possess
7) Put on board, as cargo
8) Chancy get-together
9) Pie chart part
10) Climbing flowering plant
11) "Beg pardon ... "
12) Smooch
13) " _ he drove out of

sight..."
18) One making pans
19) Not there
23) A head
24) Sewing kit feature
26) Crunchy munchies
27) Yemeni's neighbor
28) Adhesive stuff
30) Cronelike
32) Cornered
33) Accompanying music for a film
34) Tossed
37) Accident reminders, sometimes
40) Innkeeper
41) Give off, as light
42) Missing portion of text
47) Spelling of T V
48) Hardly melodious
52) Damp and spongy
54)_ Jean (Marilyn Monroe's birth name)
55) Corporate leaders, briefly
56) Barnyard cluckers
57) Bygone autocrat

59) Gossip tidbit
60) Arid
61) Eve's garden
62) Winter weakener
63) Get a move on
64) Naval rank (abbr.)

NOTE PAD

MAGE BATON ECHO
OPAL AGORA GOOF
HORSESHOE MAGNET
ALGERIANS TAG
ILL ENS TIRADE
ROES TALUS IRE
AAH PERSONAL
HORSE AND BUGGY
HERITAGE OER
ERA AREAL EDAM
PETARD APP IVE
ORT FACES AVER
HORSE BACKRIDING
OLIO RUNES INGE
PEON OXEYE TEES

YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE

 **ARIES** MARCH 21-APRIL 19

Are you eating because your stomach is growling or because it's one way to distract yourself from life's little anxieties? Food should be enjoyed, not used as a means to avoid feelings or deal with emotions you'd rather not have. Instead of picking up a quart of ice cream, ask yourself what you're so scared of. You feel much better, and your physical and emotional health will benefit as well.

 **LEO** JULY 23-AUGUST 22

Your intentions, just like everything else about you, are nothing but innocent, but someone who's feeling edgy might take them in the wrong way. Before you get too excited or exasperated, sit down and take a few deep breaths. Try to see things from their point of view. While you know what you meant, you should be able to see how they could have misinterpreted it. The fix is easy.

 **SAGITTARIUS** NOVEMBER 22-DECEMBER 21

Big questions are on your mind right now, like Why am I here? or What is my purpose in life? You know, the conversation topics that make people back away a little. Your energy is driving you to take your offbeat, lighthearted attitude and apply it to answering these heavy issues. In fact, they're best understood in light of some new, weird, and energizing activity, so make sure you veer off the path.

 **TAURUS** APRIL 20-MAY 20

No one can help you if you never talk about your problems. You're reliable and love feeling self-reliant, but it doesn't mean weakness when you confide in others. On the contrary, a willingness to open up shows how much strength you have when it really counts. Don't try to shoulder this burden alone, especially since you have so many good people who can help you out.

 **VIRGO** AUGUST 23-SEPTEMBER 22

Once you see the value of those tasks you've been putting off, you plow right through them with time left over. In fact, you're so inspired that you spend all that spare time getting ahead on other stuff that's been looming for too long. Your positive attitude spills over with happy results into other areas of your life, and you don't take no for an answer in your various affairs.

 **CAPRICORN** DECEMBER 22-JANUARY 19

It may feel as if you're speeding along every which way but loose for the time being. How should you make the most of this energy? Just try not to force it, or you might end up feeling pouty and resentful instead of focused. First, observe that you're feeling a little extra dorky, then break down any action item into tiny, manageable steps and work from there.

 **GEMINI** MAY 21-JUNE 21

You like to move quickly and make decisions even more quickly, but when it comes to financial matters, your energy is telling you to put on the brakes no mater what. Are your finances in perfect shape? If so, go ahead, and keep up the good work! If not, now is the time to look at your accounts and figure out what you're spending. Focus on necessities, saving, and getting out of debt before all else.

 **LIBRA** SEPTEMBER 23-OCTOBER 22

You're in a position that most people would love to be in, as your professional success speeds up like a rocket just as someone new signals that they're ready to take things to a new level in your love life. Watch out, though, because it may be causing some stress. Even now, you need to be careful what you wish for! Lower your anxiety level by reminding yourself that even good changes cause upheaval.

 **AQUARIUS** JANUARY 20-FEBRUARY 18

That burned-out light bulb, that squeaky hinge, that frustrating faucet. It's way too easy to let that stuff slide and just ignore it all, but sooner or later they add up to a domestic nightmare. Why not tackle those tiny chores one by one before it's too late? It might also help with that lingering bad mood that's been so tenacious. It's amazing how great you feel when your house is once again a home!

 **CANCER** JUNE 22-JULY 22

Security of all kinds is on your mind, more so than usual. It never hurts to double-check locks, insurance, smoke alarms, and so forth, but if it feels like you're going a little crazy, it's time to take a step back and do two things. First, examine your fears and see if you can stop trying to eliminate them completely. Second, get some fresh air and do something invigorating.

 **SCORPIO** OCTOBER 23-NOVEMBER 21

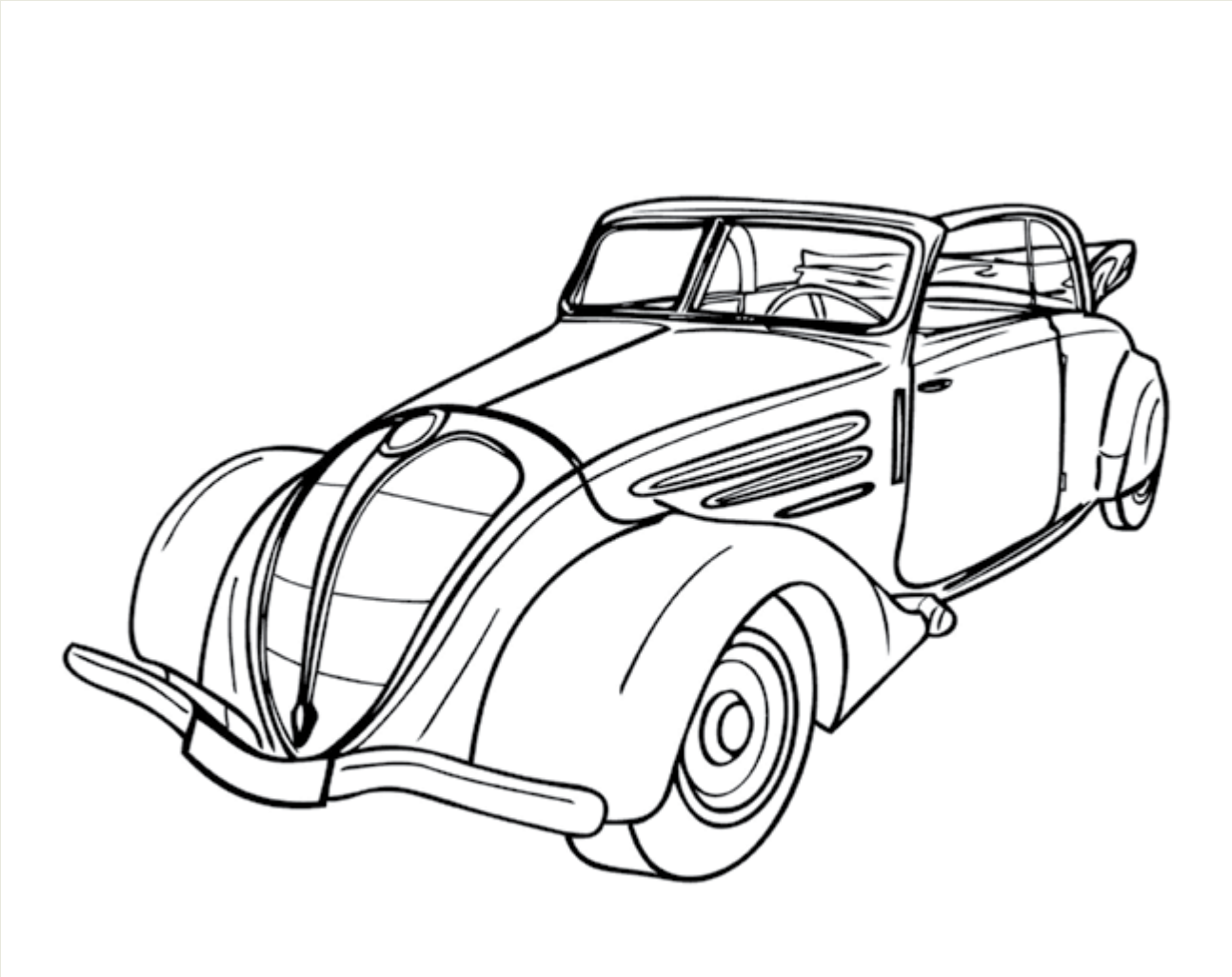
Exotic travel beckons, with good reason. It's a great time to simply enjoy yourself and indulge in a wildly hedonistic activity or two. It may not be possible to fly to Mexico at a moment's notice, but it's easy to get a good friend to go with you to a Mexican restaurant. Your openness improves your mind, body, and spirit in ways that could result in pleasant consequences later.

 **PISCES** FEBRUARY 19-MARCH 20

Why hasn't anyone ever tried putting mac and cheese in a taco shell? Crazy, awesome ideas strike you all day long in all areas of life, from the mundane to the sublime. Whether you're blazing trails in the lush wilderness of American comfort food or figuring out how to start that autobiographical epic, you've got hot ideas and inspiration to spare now.

Answers: 1. C 2. B 3. D

KIDS COLOURING



BOGGLER

N	T	W	O
O	I	T	G
B	D	G	L
D	H	O	Y

Each game will present you with a matrix filled with letters. The objective is to form words by linking adjacent letters - to the left, right, on top, bottom, or diagonal to each other. The Boggles Classic game uses a 4 x 4 matrix. Words are valued at one point for each letter in excess of two letters. A three letter word is worth one point, a four letter word is worth two points, and so on. Valid words must be at least three letters long.

Solution 20-25 words: Excellent, 15-20 words: Very good, 10-15 words: Good, 5-10 words: Average

DO YOU SUDOKU?

LEVEL EASY: Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9 and only one instance of each number

			7		8	2		3
4							8	
3	8		4		6			
5	4		3	1	9			
	7	3		8		1	9	
			2	7	4		5	8
			9		2		1	7
	6							2
7		2	1		3			

WORD BUILDER



You have three minutes to find all the words contained in this word.

Rules: Words should be at least four letters long, proper nouns and duplicates don't count

SUDOKU EASY ANSWER

6	9	8	3	4	1	2	6	7
2	3	6	7	9	8	4	5	1
7	1	4	2	9	6	5	3	8
8	5	3	7	2	9	1	6	
4	6	1	5	8	9	3	7	2
9	2	7	6	3	4	1	8	5
1	7	1	9	6	2	4	8	3
6	8	1	6	3	5	7	2	4
3	4	2	8	6	1	7	5	9

DEEP WATER



If there's one guy who knows how to make a sensual thriller in Hollywood, it's Adrian Lyne. The British director, 81, practically defined the genre in the 1980s and 1990s with films like *9 1/2 Weeks*, *Indecent Proposal*, and above all, *Fatal Attraction* which gave the world the term 'bunny-boiler'. Now Lyne is back after a 20-year break with another steamy tale of marital infidelity - *Deep Water* - starring Ben Affleck and Ana De Armas.

The pair briefly dated in real life, though hopefully with less grisly consequences than in the film, in which Armas's character drives her husband crazy with flagrant affairs.

"When I cast them, I did a test in my house in LA," Lyne told AFP in an interview over Zoom. "I didn't know a lot about Ana... but when I saw her work with Ben I could see straightaway that the chemistry was good. It's not about her or him, but them together."

Complicated emotion

One thing that has changed since Lyne was last behind the camera is the presence of 'intimacy coordinators' who try to make intimate scenes more comfortable for the actors.

"I was sort of appalled by the notion of it," admitted Lyne.

"I don't like the implication that there's a lack of trust between the actors and the director. If you don't have that, you've got nothing. I've got to die for them, and they've got to die for me."

The toughest battle, however, was keeping the unsettling tone of the movie: "Often, studios' instinct is to iron out the bumps in a screenplay, but those are often the most interesting parts," Lyne said.

"I wanted to do a movie where there's a

Celebrated director Adrian Lyne is back, after a two-decade sabbatical, with *Deep Water* starring Ben Affleck and Ana De Armas. But some things seem to have changed this time round...



sort of complicity between them. This is not a happy, conventional marriage. There's a sense of unease."

Incredibly destructive

At a time when Hollywood is seen as increasingly puritanical, was it hard for Lyne to get so sensual a story into production?

"People always want to isolate intimacy and talk about it in movies, but it's part of everything we do," he said.

The real theme was jealousy, he said,

"which is such a complicated emotion - obviously it's incredibly destructive, but there's also a sensual side".

Lyne has been married for almost 50 years, so should his wife be worried about his preoccupation with this theme (his last film was *Unfaithful* with Richard Gere)?

"She's sat right next to me, so I have to be careful," he said with a laugh. "I don't know why I do them endlessly. It sounds corny, but I like films where you can put yourselves in the shoes of the actor. I can appreciate *Dune*

or *The Matrix* or whatever, but I much prefer smaller pictures about you and me."

Nor is there any particular reason why Lyne has been away for two decades - it is just the reality of movie-making, where projects can take years to finance and sometimes collapse at the last minute. He is determined not to wait as long for the next one.

"I can't wait another 20 years," he says, laughing again. "I'd be 100!"

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ADRIAN LYNE

Deep Water

Deep Water is based upon Patricia Highsmith's novel of the same name, which was first published in 1957. Zach Helm and Sam Levinson adapted the novel for the big screen. This was originally set to hit theatre in 2020, before Disney and 20th Century Studios ultimately decided to pull it from a theatrical release in favour of a streaming exclusive debut. It is slated for release on March 18.

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FAMILY BUSINESS

Following years of relentless hard work, some grass-root eateries run by Indian expatriates in Oman have been thriving for one simple reason - they provide simple, quick bites in minutes for those on the move



Udit and his mother Pushpa Kishore Bhanushali

SNACK TRACK

If it's 10am, the tantalising aromas of hot 'Vadapavs' and Karak Chai do not let you pass by without stopping for a bite. And at sunset, the spicy aromas of steaming hot 'Pav-bhaji' instantly strap you down to a seat for an early dinner...

Located in prominent street corners in some parts of Muscat are a handful of 'coffee shops' which churn out tonnes of Indian snacks for people on the move everyday. And they have, indeed, stood the test of time for decades on end.



These shops, currently run by the second and third generations of the original proprietors, are involved in a simple task everyday - feeding the hungry traveller. Over the years, they have been providing popular Indian snacks and beverages all day long and within minutes.

Patronised by Omanis as well as expatriates (not just Indians), these coffee shops are also known for certain signature snacks which have these days become popular internationally because of their affordability as well as easy-to-prepare recipes using humble ingredients.

These family-run eateries, which cannot be called restaurants (since they are not allowed to serve traditional meals) were established decades ago on a small scale. Within humble premises and limited space at their disposal, they nevertheless, serve thousands of patrons everyday and have thrived with meagre profit margins.

Kishore Chandulal Bhanushali, one such proprietor who hails from Mandvi, Gujarat (India), came to Oman in 1992 and worked in a restaurant for a few years. After gaining experience and getting to know the tricks of the trade, he started out on his own - initially with a catering service and later with a coffee shop adjacent to the popular Souq al Jumma in Wadi Kabir.

Bhanusali's son Udit, who now runs the shop along with a few workers, says, "We wanted people to enjoy authentic Indian

snacks in Oman, so we initially started by making 'Dabeli', a spicy, tangy snack that originates from the Kutch region of Gujarat, inspired by preparations by my grandfather. We started out by putting up a snack stall during festivals and events, and going to malls to distribute pamphlets urging people to try out our snacks."

As per customer preferences and demands, many more dishes were added to the menu and today a whole range of Gujarati snacks are prepared on a daily basis, most of which have many a taker. While regulars come in for a bite all day long, some place orders for large quantities of snacks for functions/parties at their homes, he said.

"We have about 60-70 regular customers and about 20 new customers everyday. Our staff are personally trained and taught by my mother, Pushpa Kishore Bhanushali, while my father and I manage the logistics as well as attend to customers at the counter everyday," Udit said, adding that their stall in Wadi Kabir is extremely popular among people of different nationalities.

Prabhakar Petkar, an accountant by profession with no prior experience in the field but a foodie by heart, is yet another entrepreneur who walked into the hearts of many Indian expatriates in Oman through their stomachs. His popular stall, next to the

Oman Oil petrol pump in CBD area is a landmark, not because of its architecture but the exotic snacks that are dished out and served out till midnight everyday.

Hailing from Pune, in Maharashtra (India), Petkar came to Muscat in 1990 and stayed on as his passion for food kept him glued to the capital with patrons ranging in thousands everyday.

"Cooking was a hobby for me, and I used to cook for family and friends everyday until they motivated me to commercialise it in Muscat. Supported by my wife, I set up this cafe in CBD where snacks like 'Vada-pav' and 'Pav Bhaji' became extremely popular within days of starting out. Today, we prepare several snack from fried to chaat items, all of which are in good demand," he said.

He further said, "Indians as well as locals appreciate our authentic dishes and I have trained my staff to pay adequate attention to quality and hygiene everyday so that there is consistency in the food served out everyday. Petkar also has plans for expanding his business to a proper restaurant and would soon be opening two

proper Indian food restaurants in the sultanate.

Currently, he manages two coffee shops by the name of Mumbai Corner in Al Khuwayr and CBD area.

Khemraj Joshi, another coffee shop proprietor, who also hails from Gujarat, came to Muscat in 1985 as a cook in a restaurant. Having explored the market and tapped the demand for Indian dishes, he, too, decided to start his own venture soon.

Starting out on a small scale, by first supplying food to known families, Khemraj later started a catering service and started building more contacts for supply food regularly. His coffee shop was initially known for 'Puri bhaji' which was prepared as per traditional recipes.



Khemraj's son Bharat soon joined the business and helped out in procurement of ingredients and supervising the tasks carried out by a few trusted hands who were skilled in preparation as well as service as per Indian traditions.

Khemraj's 'Thali' lunch, at this restaurant off Ruwi High Street, is popular till date because of its homely taste as well as low tariff. He also provides a range of Indian sweets and snacks, all of which are very popular.

Miles away from India, these eateries are not just keeping the love for Indian food alive but also providing simple, affordable food for the common man who's hard on cash as well as time.

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