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The initiative will help to strengthen e-government in the Sultanate

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Oman's first space satellite is expected to be launched in 2024, the country's Minister of Transport, Communications and Information Technology has said.

Speaking ahead of the country's 50th National Day, Dr Said bin Hamoud Al Mawali said plans for Oman to join the world's spacefaring countries had begun in 2006.

"We have to address the role of the private sector to this effect, and establish a company to launch the first satellite in 2024," he said. "There are practical advantages here for our national space programme, advanced technology, and artificial intelligence."

The minister was speaking on a programme titled '50 Golden Years' run by Shabiba FM, the radio arm of *Al Shabiba*, the sister Arabic publication of *Times of Oman*. During his interview, he said a key indicator for his ministry was the Sultanate's space programme, which is to be announced in 2021.

He added that in keeping with the e-government policies of the country, the ministry was looking to digitise 2,700 types of transactions, making it easier for them to be completed.

"There are directives from His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik that we continue with digital transformation," he said. "There is continued coordination between the Ministry of



Dr Said bin Hamoud Al Mawali, Minister of Transport, Communications and Information Technology

Transport, Communications and Information Technology, and the ministries and other government departments in terms of digital transformation.

"This does not just mean the use of programmes or online platforms, but also the handling and improvement of existing procedures," said Al Mawali. "Once we realise how to improve them, then we can create the appropriate online platform. The ministry will

be directly supervising this project, and there has been a positive response from other government bodies regarding its execution."

The minister added that many ways to boost the country's economy that will provide better sources of revenue in future. Among these are port expansions and development, improving laws to boost earnings by the country, and continued expansion of the Sultanate's road network.

He said: "We have invested huge amounts in the construction of ports and now, we have the opportunity to utilise the same and to get new ideas to establish more e-commerce opportunities and create job opportunities for citizens. The world is rapidly heading towards a digital economy, where focus will be lessened towards infrastructure.

"Following the completion of our projects involving ports, we will take the necessary steps towards introducing regulations that will generate more direct revenues for the state and our economy," Al Mawali explained. "We will focus on both direct import and export - not just imports - and work on better linkages between our ports and ports located in other parts of the world." >A3

PANDEMIC



700 mosques reopen in Oman

Times News Service

MUSCAT: More than 700 mosques in Oman, which had been temporarily closed during the pandemic, were reopened to worshippers, with certain rules in place.

Their reopening had been sanctioned by the Supreme Committee to deal with COVID-19, which has stipulated that only mosques that could accommodate 400 worshippers can reopen to the public. "Registration is still open for

more mosques to be allowed to reopen," said Zahir Abdullah Al Hosani, the Director of the Mosques Department at the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Awqaf. "Mosque supervisors can get this done by filling the online form available to them."

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

Financing regulation circular issued

MUSCAT: The Ministry of Finance (MOF) has issued a circular (No. 21/2020) where it has instructed all government units and companies to provide their proposed annual financing plans latest by January 31 every year to the Debt Management Office (DMO) at the Ministry.

MOF also emphasised the importance of coordination with DMO before initiating any procedure to select local or foreign lenders for any form of borrowing, and prior to liaising with the issue managers or financial advisers in relation to the bonds or Sukuk proposed to be issued.



The Ministry said that it is essential to obtain an approval from DMO for any proposed loan contracts before and after negotiating with the lenders. The approval must also be obtained for the details and terms and conditions of the bonds or Sukuk prior to the issuance. The circular comes within MOF efforts to manage financing needs and limit borrowings to needs of high-priority listed in the State General Budget, in line with debt management strategy. - ONA

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DEVELOPMENT

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Govt looking at greater role for private sector: Minister

The Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technology is also looking towards promoting the increased involvement of the private sector in more infrastructure projects.

“We will implement some practices used worldwide when it comes to rolling this out in Oman,

in keeping with the Royal Orders issued by His Majesty the Sultan” he said. “We will make sure these ideas do not negatively affect the lives of our citizens.

“There are, for example, some roads that are under stress because trucks bearing excessive loads travel on them,” added Al Mawali.

“We can therefore set up outlets or services used by people who go on these roads, raising revenue that could be used to maintain them.”

The minister pointed out that many of the projects aimed toward improving the country’s roads, airports and ports had been successfully completed, with the view

of making them some of the best worldwide.

Road network

“We are yet to complete some 407km of the road between Haima and Salalah on the Adam-Thumrait road,” he said. “We have about 40,000 km of paved roads in the

country. The government has spent a lot on infrastructure, and the upcoming stage involving these completed projects will look at how their contribution to the economy can be improved, so that they continue to add more to the GDP.

“The Sultanate has accorded due care and attention to the transport,

communications and information technology sector, led by late His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said bin Taimour since the dawn of the blessed renaissance,” he revealed

“We are heading forward with the march of the renaissance under the leadership of His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik.”

WEATHER

Depression likely to bring more rains in parts of Sultanate

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Oman is likely to receive more rain on November 18 and 19, owing to a depression that could affect the coastline of the Sea of Oman, and Musandam.

The country is already facing the effects of one depression – the Tayibat trough, which is currently passing through parts of the country, and has already seen its impact felt in Khasab, as well as towns in the North Batinah Governorate.

“Some wilayats in Musandam have witnessed heavy rains – Khasab recorded 13.8mm of rain – and some coastal wilayats of North Batinah – such as Saham, Sohar, Shinas and Suwaiq – all received rain, and in some cases, hailstones,” said an official from the Directorate of Meteorology at the Civil Aviation Authority.

“The meteorological station in Saham recorded 21.2mm of rain – the highest amount seen by any wilayat,” he added. “Rustaq, as well as the mountainous areas of North and South Batinah witnessed moderate rains, while Barka and Muscat saw light rains.”

While Musandam continued to receive rain, the country’s Public Authority for Civil Defence and Ambulance (PACDA) asked people in those areas to avoid venturing into areas prone to flash flooding.

“Most of the wilayats in the governorate of Musandam are witnessing rains of varying inten-



sity,” said the government body.

“We call on everyone to take caution, and ask them to not risk crossing wadis and other water bodies that are affected by the weather depression.”

Despite the presence of rain, temperatures recorded in the areas of North Batinah were among the highest in the country. Suwaiq, at 35.9 degrees, posted the highest temperature reading on November 14, followed by Khabourah (35.8), Saham (35.3), Sohar (35.1) and Wadi Al Maawil (34.4).

Temperatures in other parts of the country were relatively cooler. Saiq, up in the mountains of the Dakhiliyah Governorate, was the coldest area in Oman on 14 November, at 11.5 degrees. Yaaloni and Mazyunah (both 15.2 degrees), Maqshin (16 degrees) and Thumrait (16.5 degrees), all recorded temperatures in the teens, making them some of the most pleasant places in the country.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

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Worshippers happy to return to mosques

“Our department had to turn down a number of applications from mosques that requested reopening, because they did not meet the requirements for safe congregation,” he added.

Rules and regulations mosques are required to follow on reopening have been listed in MERA’s Directory of COVID-19 Guidelines, which were issued last week.

Omani citizens said they were happy to be able to go to places of worship once more, after they’d been previously shut to stop the spread of infection. Naif Al Sinani, from Wilayat Saham in North Batinah was among those who was happy to return there to pray.

“I went to the mosque in Saham to perform Fajr prayers,” he said. “I shed tears while praying, when I heard the voice of the imam, because I was able to come to the mosque after nearly eight months. I am very happy with the decision of the Supreme Committee to reopen mosques in the country. We have been waiting for this decision for a long time.

“Without coming to the mosque to pray, I do not feel the sweetness of prayer and worship

that one is supposed to experience,” added Al Sinani. “Prayer is an obligation for all of us. Now that this has happened, I hope God gives us the strength to make this disease that has changed our lives disappear.”

Another of those who went to pray on Monday morning was Mohammed Al Badi, who lives in Sohar, the capital of North Batinah. He too attended the early morning Fajr prayer.

“I experienced a strong feeling of faith I had not witnessed for the last eight months,” he admitted. “It was a very beautiful experience that I felt in all parts of my body. My eyes were shedding tears, and I experienced euphoria because I was able to pray in the mosque after such a long time.”

“We performed prayers at distances of about two metres between each other,” he added. “All of us wore masks, and on coming to the mosque, I made sure to sterilise my hands and not shake hands with others there. It was good to see other members of my community come to pray. We were very happy that we were able to pray together.”

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Sayyid Theyazin participates in GCC Culture Ministers meeting



MUSCAT: His Highness Sayyid Theyazin bin Haitham Al Said, Minister of Culture, Sports and Youth, took part via video-conferencing in the 24th session of GCC Ministers of Culture's Council.

The meeting touched on a number of topics listed on the agenda with a view to developing GCC joint cultural activities, drafting policies to regulate these activities and devising a common cul-

tural plan action that achieves the member state's vision on consolidating the GCC Cultural Identity and promoting it beyond the region's boundaries through strong presence at the global arena.

In addition to joint GCC identity, the ministers discussed a common approach to spread dialogue, tolerance and respect among people belonging to different cultures. During the meeting, the minis-

ters of culture approved recommendations submitted by their respective culture under-secretaries, including ways to forge a GCC Strategic Cultural Plan of Action. The ministers also discussed a proposal to establish a GCC Centre for Translation, Arabization and Arabic language, to be hosted by the Sultanate as a unit of the GCC Secretariat-General.

The meeting also touched on various scopes for joint cultural action between GCC states and other friendly countries and global institutions.

The ministers also looked into efforts made by GCC states to tackle coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic and proposals to eliminate the threat on the sector of culture and to consider post-coronavirus rehabilitation steps. — ONA

SECOND ANNUAL SITTING



Majlis Al Shura session begins

MUSCAT: In implementation of the royal orders of His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik, Majlis Al Shura started works of the second annual sitting of the 9th period (2019-2023) under the chairmanship of Khalid bin Hilal Al Ma'awali, Chairman of Majlis Al Shura on Sunday.

The first session of the second annual sitting began with a speech by the Chairman, after which the four new members (who replaced the former members) took the oath of office. Those members are Salim bin Ali Al Omari, representative of the Wilayat of Sadah, Sulayim bin Salim Al Askari, representative of the Wilayat of Mahout, Ali bin Rashid Al Ghaithi, representative of the Wilayat of Al-Buraimi and Mohammed bin Ahmed Al Madhani, representative of the Wilayat of Madha.

After that, Yaqoub bin Mohammed Al-Harthy was elected as Deputy Chairman of Majlis Al Shura.

During the session, a number of ministerial responses were reviewed, including the response of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resources regarding the use of saltwater and tertiary treated water in the production of fodder crops, in addition to the response of the Chairman of the Environment Authority about Orpic waste in Sohar Port.

The session was briefed on the draft General Budget of the State for the fiscal year 2021 and the 10th Five-Year Development Plan (2021-2025). — ONA

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Meeting reviews ways to improve economy

Muscat: On the orders of His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik, the State Council opened the Second Annual Sitting of the Seventh Term on Sunday.

During the opening, the State Council approved the minutes of the 11th ordinary session of the first annual convening and reviewed the report of the Council's Secretariat-General.

The session was headed by Sheikh Abdulmalik bin Abdullah Al Khalili, Chairman of the State Council, who expressed the Council's allegiance to His Majesty the Sultan and its appreciation for the Royal confidence in the council's ability to shoulder the responsibilities entrusted to it.

Sheikh Abdulmalik vowed to maintain the council's positive role in enhancing the development march and consolidating it in line with the Royal vision of the late His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said bin Taimour.

The current term of the State Council, Al Khalili said, "Constitutes a new, historic turning point that equates in its importance the foundation term due to the fact that it is the first term in

the reign of His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik who charted out the State institutions' method of functioning during his inaugural nation address on January 11."

Al Khalili called for matching work plans of the Council's sessions in line with the Royal vision stated in the nation address.

Al Khalili pointed out that the Council's foremost mission during the current term will be to discuss ways for improving the economic situation and achieving fiscal balance.

He spoke about constructive steps that have been undertaken at the national level, since January till date with respect to ameliorating the Sultanate's economic position, restructuring of the State's Administrative Apparatus and government firms and developing investment potential to realise fiscal balance and upgrade economic performance.

Effort in this direction, he said, culminated into the Royal endorsement, last October, of the Sultanate's mid-term Fiscal Balance Plan (2020-2024). — OMA

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Trump calls on Congress to pass coronavirus relief bill as cases surge

Trump's comments came after the United States reported an all-time high of nearly 200,000 new cases on Thursday

WASHINGTON: US President Donald Trump on Saturday called for Congress to pass a "big and focused" COVID-19 relief bill as confirmed cases are surging across the country.

"Congress must now do a Covid Relief Bill. Needs Democrats support. Make it big and focused. Get it done!" Trump said on Twitter.

Trump's comments came after the United States reported an all-time high of nearly 200,000 new COVID-19 cases Thursday, setting a new record for the fifth time in a week.

US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi on Friday also called the surging COVID-19 cases a "red alert" that requires "all hands on deck" in Congress.

"Our focus in the Congress, now in this lame duck, continues to be



RELIEF BILL: Economists, as well as Federal Reserve officials, have repeatedly argued that more fiscal relief is needed to sustain the US economic recovery.

on COVID-19 relief. This is a red alert," Pelosi said at a press briefing.

"We must save lives and livelihoods, and yet Republicans in Congress continue their tactics of delay, distort, and deny, which has led to deaths," Pelosi said, adding over 10 million Americans have been infected and 240,000 people have died because of this pandemic.

Pelosi and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin have been negotiating a new COVID-19 relief package for months, but have

failed to reach an agreement.

U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell on Tuesday renewed his push for a focused, targeted COVID-19 relief, and denounced Democrats' proposal as "absurd" and "socialist."

"Our country needs more smart, focused relief that is targeted to schools, healthcare, small businesses, & those who are hurting the most," McConnell said in a tweet.

The Democrats-controlled House of Representatives in

early October passed a 2.2-trillion-U.S.-dollar relief bill. Some Senate Republicans, however, insisted on a relief package below 1 trillion dollars, and failed to advance a 500-billion-dollar bill in late October.

Economists, as well as Federal Reserve officials, have repeatedly argued that more fiscal relief is needed to sustain the U.S. economic recovery, warning of dire consequences if further fiscal support is not provided in time. **Xinhua**

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Armenians torch own homes near Nagorno-Karabakh

YEREVAN: Outraged Kalbajar residents set their houses alight and fled to Armenia Saturday on the eve of a deadline that will see the disputed area just outside of Nagorno-Karabakh handed over to Azerbaijan.

The town of Kalbajar and its surrounding district are to be returned to Azerbaijani control on Sunday under the ceasefire which was signed on 9 November by Azerbaijan President Ilham Aliyev, Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan and Russian President Vladimir Putin.

After the ceasefire agreement was signed thousands of people poured out onto the streets of the Armenian capital of Yerevan to protest.

Some demonstrators managed to force their way into a government building, occupying rooms and smashing furniture in the prime minister's office.

In Charektar, a mountainous

village on Kalbajar border, at least six houses were on fire Saturday morning with thick smoke rising up over the valley.

Death tolls uncertain

In addition to Kalbajar, Armenians are set to cede control of two other regions to Azerbaijan by December 1.

Fighting between the separatists backed by Armenian troops and the Azerbaijan army erupted over the Nagorno-Karabakh region in late September.

Armenia said on Saturday that 2,317 of its troops had been killed in the fighting, an increase of almost 1,000 on the last confirmed death toll.

Azerbaijan has not revealed its military casualties. Earlier this week Vladimir Putin said the combined death toll was higher than 4,000 and that tens of thousands of people had been forced to flee their homes. **BW**

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Storm Vamco hits Vietnam as Philippines death toll rises

HANOI: Storm Vamco barreled into Vietnam on Sunday after wreaking devastation in the Philippines, where the death toll rose further and the search for survivors continued.

Vietnam's Disaster Management Authority said at least five people were injured but no fatalities were reported.

The storm, which was downgraded from a typhoon, made landfall with winds of up to 90 kilometers per hour (56 mph), uprooting trees and ripping the roofs off houses and schools.

In an effort to reduce the number of casualties, Vietnamese authorities had evacuated some 650,000 residents from seven coastal provinces to higher and safer ground.

Battered by multiple storms

Vamco is the latest in a series of storms that have pummeled Vietnam over the past six weeks, causing flooding and landslides that have resulted in the deaths of at least 159 people while 70 others are still missing.

The severe weather events have



damaged or destroyed more than 400,000 homes, according to the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. Roads and bridges have been washed away, power supplies disrupted, and crucial food crops ruined, meaning at least 150,000 people are at risk of going hungry.

Philippines devastation

Vamco's strength has diminished since pummeling the Philippines earlier this week with winds of up to 155 kilometers per hour.

The typhoon caused some of the worst flooding in years, swamping villages, destroying crops and leaving hundreds of thousands without power.

Philippine authorities said Sunday the death toll had risen to 67, though floodwaters are now receding, giving hope that the worst could be over.

Twelve people are still missing and emergency teams have now concentrating on rescuing residents trapped in their submerged homes or on their rooftops. **BW**

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Tender Title	: Fire Protection Upgrades - Carbon Paste Plant
Scope	: Contractor shall Design, Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Fire Protection Upgrades - Carbon Paste Plant at SA Smelter. Contractors must be SFC (Specialist fire Protection Contractor) registered with PACDA Oman for fulfilling project requirements.

Kindly send your email and company profile to: tender@sohar-aluminium.com
For list of active tenders visit: <https://www.sohar-aluminium.com/en/content/tender-listing>

Invitation to Tender

Dhofar Power Company S.A.O.C (DPC) invites reputable Contractors for carrying out following works in Dhofar Region on turnkey basis:

TENDER REFERENCE NO.	TITLE OF THE TENDER
DPC/Tender/2020/126	CONSTRUCTION OF NEW 11kV OUTGOING FEEDERS AND ONE INTERLINK JOB FROM DHAHBOON PSS

Contractors participating in the tendering process shall be at least Grade-C registered electrical contractor with Distribution Code Review Panel (DCRP), Sultanate of Oman and should have performed similar jobs in Sultanate of Oman.

Apart from the above, the Contractors participating in the tendering process shall have Competent Electrical Person (CEP) certified by DPC and copy of the valid CEP certificate shall be submitted along with bid without which the bids will not be considered for evaluation. Further, Tenderers will be evaluated as per the HSE qualification criterion specified in the Tender documents.

The tender documents detailing the scope of work can be obtained from DPC's office by paying an amount of **RO. 100/-** each at the address provided below .

The schedule for the tendering process is as below:

- Last Date for issue of tender documents : 3:00 PM 30th November 2020
- Last Date for submission of Proposals : 2:00 PM 07th December 2020

Tenderers are requested to note that the bids accompanied with Tender Bond (2% of the quoted bid price) shall only be considered for evaluation.



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SPORTS

CRICKET ROUND-UP

Awtad, ARTT post impressive victories

Times News Service
MUSCAT: Arun Pushpan struck a match-winning 91 to power Awtad International to an exciting 5-wicket victory against Ernst and Young (E&Y) in an A Division 50-over League game at OC Turf 2 in Amerat on Saturday.

A superb 136-run partnership between Pushpan and Nidhin Mohan (70) was the highlight of Awtad's chase of E&Y's 255 that it surpassed in the 48th over, scoring 257 for 5. Farhan Afzal bowled well, taking 4 for 46.

Earlier, E&Y played much of their 50 overs with considerable composure, posting a robust total of 255 for 8 on the board. Young Shrey Wilson led the way with an unbeaten 76. Openers Issa Abdul (50) and Muhammed Attique (35) laid the foundation for a big total with a 99-run opening partnership in 20 overs but then both fell at the same score, leaving Wilson to steady the ship, though without much support. Pradeep Kumar was the pick of Awtad bowlers, taking 3 for 41 while Shankar Parmeswaran bagged 2 for 30.

Siddiqui shines again
In another A Division match on Friday, former Oman player Zeeshan Siddiqui (98 ff 69) and left-arm spinner Aqil Khan (4 for 19) steered Arabian Region Travel and Tourism (ARTT) to a massive 278-run win over OCT Muscat on OCT Turf 2. ARTT rode on brilliant batting by Siddiqui, Syed Amir Ali (65 off 61), Pranav Mehta (56 off 81), Adeel Abbas (42 off 49) to reach a huge 362 for 8 that also included a whirlwind 24 off only 5 balls by Mohsin Qureshi who also hit three big sixes.

Rashad Mohammed and Mohammed Aslam claimed three and two wickets respectively. ARTT bowlers ripped OCT Muscat apart, dismissing the whole side for a meagre 84 inside 25 overs. Apart from impressive Aqil, Nazir Ahmed and young Adeel Abbas bowled well too, taking 3 for 16 and 2 for 17 respectively.

Orient win
Wonderful all-round show by veteran Arif Hussain helped Orient Travels to a comfortable 7-wicket win over OCT Seeb in a 30-over B Division clash at Muscat Municipality ground 1 on Friday.

Batting first, OCT Seeb failed to post a big total on the board, getting bundled out for 140 in the 30 th over.

Hamilton wins 7th Formula One championship

ISTANBUL: Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton's astounding performance in the Turkish Grand Prix gave him his 10th victory of the season - and, more crucially, saw him claim the seventh drivers' title of his career, to equal the record of Michael Schumacher.

The Racing Point's Sergio Perez and Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel completed the podium after a thrilling race in Istanbul. **ANI**

Invitation to Tender

Dhofar Power Company S.A.O.C (DPC) invites reputable contractors for carrying out following services in Dhofar Region.

Tender Reference	DPC/Tender/2020/125
Subject	Housekeeping and Waste Disposal at DPC's Corporate Office, DCC, Store and Store Yard
Tender Fee	RO. 100,000 Note: Tenderer who wish to participate in the above tender should collect the tender document from DPC's office
Pre-Qualification of Tenderer & Experience	The Tenderer should be a registered business owner with valid commercial registration with Ministry of Commerce & Industry and Chamber of Commerce. The Tenderer must show previous experience in similar services in the past.
Last date for issue of tender documents	03:00 PM on 30 th November 2020
Visit Site	10:00 AM on 1 st December 2020
Last date for seeking pre-bid clarifications	03:00 PM on 6 th December 2020
Last date for providing pre-bid clarifications	03:00 PM on 9 th December 2020
Last date for submission of bids	02:00 PM on 16 th December 2020
Any Queries Please Contact	Phone 23232554 / 92772047, lawrances@dpcoman.nama.om; praveena@dpcoman.nama.om

Tenderers are requested to note that the bids accompanied with Tender Bond (2% of the quoted bid price and having 150 days validity) shall only be considered for evaluation.



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TENDER ANNOUNCEMENT

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Muscat Electricity Distribution Company (SAOC), as the Employer of the works invites the interested and qualified companies to participate in the "UNIT RATE CONTRACT" for Maintenance & Repair Works for Distribution Substations in Muscat Governance

Description	Last Date of obtaining the Documents	Date of Submission the Offer	Grade	Tender Price (R.O)
Unite Rate Contract for Maintenance & Repair Works for Distribution Substations in Muscat Governance	23/11/2020	08/12/2020	C	Free

The table below shows the instructions for participation: -

Participation	- Companies registered with Tender Board may obtain Tender documents online. - to obtain the tender document, please contact us via e-mail Contract@medcoman.com - Tender documents can be obtain at the official working time between 08:00 – 13:00 hours
Enquiries	Any inquiry can be sent using clarification available in the tender documents , one week before bid submission date
Tender Submission	- Tenders should be submitted in a sealed and stamped envelope addressed to the CHAIRMAN OF INTERNAL TENDER COMMITTEE, MUSCAT ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION CO. marked only with tender number and the subject - Please follow SUBMISSION OF TENDER mentioned in clause 20.0 in Prime Document
Terms and Conditions	- The name of the bidder, other marks or any reference must not be specified on the envelope - Tenders received after the deadline stated in the Invitation to Tender, including any extension thereof, for any reason whatsoever will not be considered - The Tender shall be valid for a period of at least ninety (90) days from the last date of tender submission - MEDC is not bound to consent the lowest Bid or any other Tenders. - Preference of awarding the tender will be given to those bidders who achieved a high percentage of purchasing from Local Products and have a High-level percentage of Omanization - Participants must provide a company profile that clarifies the business definition with information about the company's ability. The company's expertise and ability to provide high-quality service must also be provided.
Bid Placement	The Completed Tender should be deposited in the Tender Box No. 1 in the ground floor of MEDC Head Office building at Airport Heights, before 10 a.m. on the assigned date of tender submission
Email/Tele No.	contract@medcoman.com 24588600 – Ext: 8577 - 8674 - 8726

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DIRECTORS REPORT FOR THE NINE MONTHS PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

Dear Shareholders,
On behalf of the Board of Directors, I have the pleasure in presenting the unaudited consolidated financial results of your Company for the period ended 30th Sept, 2020 (YTD Sept20).

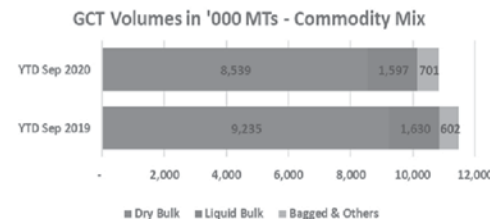
At the outset, I hope you and your family are safe. We are indeed living through very unusual times and as the disruption continues unabated your Company is ensuring business continuity. The health and safety of our employees, customers and immediate community will remain our priority.

Operational Overview
The CT has handled 3,220 million TEUs (Twenty-foot Equivalent Units) for the period ending Sept'20 (2,995 million TEUs Sept'19) representing an increase of 8% compared to the same period last year. This has been possible due to strong support from one of our major customers despite very challenging business environment.



On productivity, the CT has registered consistent improvements in Port Moves per Hour (PMPH) during YTD Sept, 2020. This showcases the organization's success in focusing on continuous improvements.

The GCT has handled 10,837 million tons of general cargo during YTD Sept, 2020, a decrease of 5% as compared to same period last year. The negative growth of general cargo volumes continued in Q3 2020 with lower throughput of the commodities gypsum & limestone driven by the lockdown measures in Q2 2020 and the closure of the border due to COVID-19 pandemic.



Financial Overview
Consolidated net profit for YTD Sept'20 was recorded at RO 12,750 million, as compared to the corresponding period last year at profit of RO 3,370 Million. Consolidated EBITDA was recorded at RO 22,978 million YTD Sept'20, as compared to RO 12,148 million during same period last year. This includes a compensation received from insurance parties of OMR 11,250 million. The underlying net result of YTD Sept'20 excluding insurance settlement was RO 4,104 Million.

As reported previously in May 2018, Port of Salalah was impacted by Cyclone Mekunu. The Company reached a settlement with the insurance parties for USD 67.75 mil (OMR 26,050 mill) for loss and damage compensation, which was accepted by SPS Board in February 2020. In this regard, an advance payment of USD 38.5 mill (OMR 14,808 mill) was already received in 2018 and recognized as income in the 2018 financial statements. The balance of USD 29.25 mill (OMR 11,250 mill) is fully received and recognized in the first 6 months of 2020.

CT revenue has increased by 3.6% as compared to corresponding period last year due to growth in CT volumes. Revenues of GCT have decreased by 15.5% compared to the same period last year mainly due drop in GCT volumes.

Total Expenses increased by 3% as compared to corresponding period last year mainly due mainly due to increases in staff costs, government franchise fees, corporate income tax and port insurance premium. The cost increases were partially offset by lower fuel costs and lower Mekunu related cost.

Year	Particulars	1st Jan 2020 to 30th Sept 2020	1st Jan 2019 to 30th Sept 2019
4,109	Volume		2,995
16,728	Container Terminal (TEUs'000)	3,220	10,837
64,724	General Cargo Terminal (Tons'000)	47,293	48,083
	Revenue (RO'000)		
6,554	Net Profit before tax	15,000	3,965
5,673	Net Profit/ (Loss) after tax	12,750	
	Ratios		
8.76%	Net profit / (Loss) (%)	27%	7%
0.03	Earnings per share (RO)	0.07	0.02
0.342	Book value per share (RO)	0.390	0.330

Employee Development
The Company is steadfast in developing and enhancing employees' productivity as people are the primary asset of the company. Various safety, technical, management and administration trainings are imparted to the staff. Safety continues to be maintained as a top priority to ensure that employees continue to perform and deliver their tasks safely.

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)
The Company strongly believes in a CSR program that is aligned with the pillars of sustainability and volunteerism and it is fundamental to our business. During YTD Sept, 2020 the Company is constantly committed to local initiatives with a significant focus on education, community development, environment, safety and health.

Future Outlook
Recent reports indicate that the global recession is slowly yielding to recovery due to re-opening of various economies. The global economy expected to show a more moderate contraction in the year than previously estimated. Overall, the global economic recovery should regain momentum in 2021. While the container carriers are expecting improved freight rates and healthy bottom line in 2020 through optimizing their capacity, Ports are witnessing overall reduction on vessel calls compared to 2019.

The Company saw container volumes dip in the last 2 months mainly due to COVID impact on manpower resource availability. Steps taken to mitigate this situation have helped avert any negative impact for the full year and it is forecasted that container volume will pick up in Q4 as the current trend indicates.

GCT volumes and revenues, driven primarily by limestone and gypsum, have been negatively impacted by the lockdown in main consumption area like India, South East Asia and Japan resulting in a drop in volumes in Q3 2020. Q4 volume is forecasted to improve compared to Q3 primarily due to the pickup in demand for gypsum, however limestone demand remains subdued due to the COVID situation in the main market, India.

Overall, the Company will continue its commercial strategy of diversifying customer and commodity mix to provide growth and stability to the port while at the same time also focusing increasing revenue streams from business units like container at freight station (CFS), warehousing etc. which is expected to increase customer stickiness.

Conclusion
On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Shareholders of the Company, we record the sincere appreciation and gratitude to His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tariq, for his strategic vision, leadership, and his continued support, without which it would not have been possible to establish and maintain this world-class port.

We also thank our customers, investors, and various Government departments for their continued support to the Company.

We place on record our appreciation for the contributions of all our employees, who continue to perform with high distinction.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,
Sheikh Braik Musallam Al Amri
Deputy Chairman, Board of Directors,
Salalah Port Services Co. SAOG, November 12, 2020

UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

Parent Company		Consolidated	
30-Sep-19	30-Sep-20	30-Sep-19	30-Sep-20
US \$ '000	US \$ '000	US \$ '000	US \$ '000
ASSETS			
Non Current Assets			
156,997	144,866	157,280	145,121
341	302	341	302
31,248	29,775	31,248	29,865
312	312	-	-
188,898	175,255	188,869	175,288
5,236	5,868	5,236	5,868
8,235	8,667	8,235	8,667
2,790	3,049	2,790	3,049
5,004	5,636	5,004	5,636
39,000	26,000	39,000	26,000
40,923	108,973	41,083	108,973
101,188	158,193	101,348	158,193
900	-	900	-
102,088	158,193	102,248	158,193
290,986	333,448	291,117	333,481
46,758	46,758	46,758	46,758
7,666	7,666	7,666	7,666
15,584	15,584	15,584	15,584
83,651	113,287	84,134	113,895
153,659	183,295	154,142	183,904
-	-	166	203
153,659	183,295	154,308	184,107
14,903	14,190	14,903	14,190
8,490	9,717	8,490	9,717
34,008	29,506	34,008	29,600
57,401	53,413	57,401	53,507
75,490	87,589	74,972	86,716
4,436	4,435	4,436	4,435
-	4,716	-	4,716
79,926	96,740	79,408	95,867
137,327	150,153	136,809	149,374
290,986	333,448	291,117	333,481
0.86	1.02	0.86	1.02
LIABILITIES			
Non Current Liabilities			
14,903	14,190	14,903	14,190
8,490	9,717	8,490	9,717
34,008	29,506	34,008	29,600
57,401	53,413	57,401	53,507
75,490	87,589	74,972	86,716
4,436	4,435	4,436	4,435
-	4,716	-	4,716
79,926	96,740	79,408	95,867
137,327	150,153	136,809	149,374
290,986	333,448	291,117	333,481
0.86	1.02	0.86	1.02
UNCONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE NINE MONTHS PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020.			
Parent Company		Consolidated	
30-Sep-19	30-Sep-20	30-Sep-19	30-Sep-20
US \$ '000	US \$ '000	US \$ '000	US \$ '000
124,804	122,779	125,016	122,962
(76,750)	(80,212)	(76,750)	(80,212)
(12,050)	(16,212)	(12,087)	(16,251)
(18,739)	(18,320)	(18,754)	(18,330)
(314)	(39)	(314)	(39)
68	(647)	68	(647)
70	1,245	70	1,245
17,089	8,594	17,249	8,728
(7,055)	(49)	(7,055)	(49)
-	29,633	-	29,633
1,685	2,292	1,685	2,292
(1,570)	(1,598)	(1,570)	(1,602)
10,149	38,872	10,309	39,002
(1,522)	(5,831)	(1,547)	(5,850)
8,627	33,041	8,762	33,152
-	-	-	-
8,627	33,041	8,762	33,152
8,627	33,041	8,760	33,130
-	-	2	22
8,627	33,041	8,762	33,152
0.05	0.18	0.05	0.18
Basic earnings per share (US \$ / RO)			

Parent Company		Consolidated	
30-Sep-19	30-Sep-20	30-Sep-19	30-Sep-20
RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000
47,223	48,002	47,293	48,083
(30,851)	(29,519)	(30,851)	(29,519)
(6,235)	(4,635)	(6,250)	(4,649)
(7,046)	(7,207)	(7,050)	(7,213)
(15)	(121)	(15)	(121)
(249)	26	(249)	26
479	27	479	27
3,305	6,573	3,357	6,634
(19)	(2,713)	(19)	(2,713)
11,397	-	11,397	-
881	648	881	648
(615)	(604)	(616)	(604)
14,951	3,903	15,000	3,965
(2,243)	(585)	(2,250)	(595)
12,708	3,318	12,750	3,370
-	-	-	-
12,708	3,318	12,750	3,370
12,708	3,318	12,742	3,368
-	-	8	1
12,708	3,318	12,742	3,368
12,708	3,318	12,750	3,370
0.07	0.02	0.07	0.02

The complete accounts of the company will be delivered or sent by mail to any shareholder who requests them, in either Arabic or English as requested, within seven days of receipt of the request.

Q3 results for 2020



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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I present the unaudited accounts for Renaissance Services SAOG, for the nine-month period ended 30 September 2020.

Renaissance continues to deliver profit, maintain healthy cash flow and a strong balance sheet, and achieve year-on-year growth in continuing operations. The enormous market challenges of 2020 have delayed the scale of our original growth plans, but they have not stopped our positive progress.

The COVID-19 crisis continues to dominate the agenda and impact performance. We have all been experiencing unprecedented changes to the way we live and work. The economic impact of the pandemic is a consequence of the trade-off between protecting public health: saving lives; and regenerating economic activity: saving jobs, businesses, and livelihoods.

The oil price crash at the start of 2020 has also damaged the hydrocarbon-reliant economies where we operate. This turmoil is compounded by the drop-off in global energy demand caused by COVID-19.

Clients, authorities and other stakeholders have shown appreciation for the measures we have taken to deal with COVID-19. We have absorbed the costs of these efforts to keep people safe. These initiatives have allowed both our customers' operations and our own business to remain operational at robust levels. Despite the elevated costs we have remained profitable albeit at reduced levels for the time being.

We have openly shared our initiatives, best practices and protocols in the public interest. Our 'In Service of the Nation' programme has provided hundreds of thousands of free meals to quarantine, support and outbreak centres throughout the country. Our valued employees have all remained productively employed, deployed and fully paid, in recognition of their service. Working together, the sooner the virus is in retreat, the sooner the economy may bounce back.

While dealing with the present crisis, we have maintained our focus on future opportunity. COVID-19 and the unprecedented challenges of 2020 are only an interruption on the way to our strategic goals. Indeed, the crisis has brought into sharp relief the relevance of our capabilities and service offerings.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

The COVID-19 financial impact remained severe throughout Q3, although a slow upturn in occupancy at RSVD and re-opening of some retail outlets in Renaissance Villages and client facilities, provided some performance improvement. A relentless focus on efficiency and supply chain has generated savings for clients and our own business. Despite current pressures, profit after tax (PAT) from continuing operations has risen to Rial 7.1 million, an increase of 60% over the same period last year.

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	Rial Million		USD Million	
	Q3 2020	Q3 2019	Q3 2020	Q3 2019
Continuing operations				
Revenue	80.0	78.4	207.8	203.6
EBITDA	16.2	15.6	42.1	40.5
Operating profit	10.5	8.6	27.3	22.3
Net profit after tax from continuing operations				
	7.1	4.4	18.4	11.4
Net Profit after tax from discontinued operations (Note 1)	-	11.5	-	29.9
Net profit after tax	7.1	15.9	18.4	41.3
Net profit after non-controlling interest	5.5	9.8	14.3	25.5

Note:

Renaissance had divested Topaz in Q3 2019. Net profit after tax from discontinued operations of RO 11.5 million represents the net result of divestment including profit till the date of divestment. Net profit after non-controlling interest for 2019 includes RO 6 million of the divestment gain.

LOOKING AHEAD

We accept this negative impact of COVID-19 shall continue into Q4. At the same time, we shall continue to grow profitably. We expect additional gradual improvements in November and December. Positive developments include the re-opening of international and domestic airports, and restoration of steel production in China, which help re-energise project activity. On the negative side, ongoing travel restrictions and regulations slow up customer occupancy build-up on all projects.

Oman crude c. \$40 per barrel means oil & gas and government contracts continue to reduce in volume, cancel projects and seek cost savings from service providers. At the same time, clients are increasingly focused on outsourcing solutions from companies like Renaissance, who deliver cost efficiencies while ensuring high standards.

RENAISSANCE VILLAGE DUQM

At the start of the pandemic occupancy had reached >16,000. This fell to 10,500 in Q2 and has slowly re-built to c. 12,000 in Q3.

Our expansion plan will increase capacity by 5,080 beds in this year, to an overall total of 22,781. We have approved a further expansion of 3,840 beds in 2021 – but we will only start construction of the project as restrictions ease.

Long-term demand exceeds this capacity, but as long as COVID-19 factors prevail, short-term demand remains muted, which may mean that projects progress with lower numbers of workforce over longer delay timescales. With our own plans and approvals in place, we have the agility to react to meet sustainable demand, when required.

OTHER GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

Meanwhile, we continue to work on strategic issues that have positive impact on the future.

We are in competitive tender, or dialogue with potential clients, for several growth opportunities some of which are of material scale. The serious outbreaks of COVID-19 in non-compliant workforce accommodation has highlighted the urgent need for increased regulation and enforcement of standards. We continue to investigate these and other outsourcing projects by government and others, including PPP model projects.

We have had a number of contract wins during this period, with revenue value of Rial 12.5 million. Although the majority of these include existing contract operations, re-won through competitive re-tender or extension.

OUTLOOK

COVID-19 has impacted every business, community and economy. It shall continue to do so for the foreseeable future. At some point, the crisis will pass but none of us can say when with any certainty.

What is certain, is the resilience of our business – proven again, during this crisis. What is also certain, is the relevance of this company's capabilities and service offerings to the future, with or without the pandemic.

Despite all that 2020 has thrown at us, we remain on track to deliver our goals of profit, growth, healthy cash flows, regular dividends and a strong balance sheet.

TRIBUTE

This statement coincides with National Day and the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Oman's Renaissance. We thank His Majesty Sultan Haitham for his leadership in these unprecedented, turbulent times. His steady, reform-driven and purposeful approach means we can join with all Oman's citizens in enjoying this major milestone, with resolve to meet today's challenges, and with belief in the future. These times will pass. Happy 50th National Day.

Samir J. Fancy
Chairman

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2020

	2020 Rial '000	2019 Rial '000
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	132,637	134,707
Intangible assets	1,974	2,215
Investments	2,444	-
	<u>137,055</u>	<u>136,922</u>
Current assets		
	69,417	115,795
Current liabilities		
	46,446	46,783
Non-current liabilities		
Term loans excluding current maturities	71,902	76,022
Non current payables and advance	9,910	12,338
	<u>81,812</u>	<u>88,360</u>
Net assets		
	<u>78,214</u>	<u>117,574</u>
Equity		
Share capital	23,641	36,727
Treasury shares	(6,853)	(6,853)
Share premium	26,936	26,936
Legal reserve	8,347	12,446
Subordinated loan reserve	3,000	3,000
Other reserves	217	-
Retained earnings	4,270	(14,414)
	<u>59,558</u>	<u>57,842</u>
Perpetual notes	-	46,799
Non-controlling interest	18,656	12,933
Total equity	<u>78,214</u>	<u>117,574</u>

Notes:

- Share capital of Renaissance was reduced from RO 36,727,750 to RO 23,641,000 in Q4 2019.
- Renaissance had divested its subsidiary, Topaz Energy and Marine Limited (Topaz) in Q3 2019. A part of the divestment proceeds was utilised to repurchase/redeem Perpetual notes in Q4 2019.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2020

	2020 Rial '000	2019 Rial '000
Revenue		
	80,023	78,420
Operating expenses		
	(69,495)	(69,799)
Profit from operations		
	10,528	8,621
Net finance costs		
	(3,450)	(4,134)
Profit before tax		
	7,078	4,487
Tax		
	(13)	(104)
Profit after tax from continuing operations		
	7,065	4,383
Profit after tax from discontinued operations (Note 1)		
	-	11,560
Profit for the period		
	7,065	15,943
Net profit attributable to:		
Shareholders of the Parent Company	5,460	9,793
Non-controlling interest	1,605	6,150
	<u>7,065</u>	<u>15,943</u>

Notes:

- Renaissance had divested Topaz in Q3 2019. Net profit after tax from discontinued operations of RO 11.5 million represents the net result of divestment including profit till the date of divestment. Net profit after non-controlling interest for 2019 includes RO 6 million of the divestment gain.
- The complete accounts will be sent by mail to shareholders within 7 days of receipt of request.
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Sultanate's inflation falls 1.5% in October



NCSI REPORT: Among food and non-alcoholic beverages category, a marked rise was witnessed in the price of oils and fats by 0.16 per cent, fruit by 0.93 per cent, and meat by 0.95 per cent. - **File picture**

According to NCSI report, the inflation rate in October declined by 0.11 per cent compared to September 2020

MUSCAT: The Sultanate's Consumer Price Index (CPI)-based inflation fell by 1.51 per cent in October 2020 compared to the same month in 2019, according to the latest data released by the National Centre for Statistics and Information (NCSI) on the consumer price index.

According to the report, the inflation rate in October declined by 0.11 per cent compared to

September 2020.

The price of food and non-alcoholic beverages witnessed a rise of 0.32 per cent; health by 0.02 per cent; education by 0.08 per cent, recreation, and culture by 0.51 per cent.

However, the prices of housing, water, electricity, gas, and other fuels dropped by 0.42 per cent; communication by 0.03 per cent; transport by 7.02 per cent; and

furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance by 0.29 per cent in October 2020 compared to the same month of 2019.

Meanwhile, among food and non-alcoholic beverages category, a marked rise was witnessed in the price of oils and fats; fruit; and meat by 0.16 per cent; 0.93 per cent; and 0.95 per cent, respectively.

However, the price of fish and seafood fell by 4.31 per cent, bread and cereals by 0.29 per cent; and milk, cheese and eggs by 0.28 per cent.

Non-alcoholic beverages registered a price rise of 5.08 per cent while those of clothing and footwear declined by 0.30 per cent in October 2020 against the same period of 2019. - **ONA**

BOOSTING TRADE

Japanese business leaders welcome signing of RCEP trade pact

TOKYO: Japanese business leaders welcomed the signing of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) agreement, expecting it to boost trade and investment in the Asia-Pacific region.

Ten member countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and China, Japan, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand signed the RCEP on Sunday, launching the world's biggest free-trade bloc.

Hiroaki Nakanishi, chairman of the Japan Business Federation known as Keidanren, said, "The signing is extremely significant toward realising a free and open international economic order" at a time when some countries are becoming inward-looking amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to local media, the mega trade deal among 15 Asia-Pacific countries, covering about 46 per cent of Japan's total trade, will be the country's first trade deal with both China, its largest trading partner, and South Korea, its third-largest.

Under the deal, supply chains established by Japanese companies in Asia "will become more broad, effective and resilient," said Akio Mimura, chairman of Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Ken Kobayashi, chairman of the Japan Foreign Trade Council, told reporters that the trade deal is of great significance to Japan.

After signing the agreement, Japan's Trade Minister Hiroshi Kajiyama said the 15 countries were seeking to wrap up domestic procedures and put the pact into effect "as quickly as possible." - **Xinhua**

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MSM index ends higher

Sohar International Bank, up 3.09 per cent was the top gainer while Galfar Engineering, down 2.33 per cent, was the top loser

MUSCAT: The MSM index closed at 3,641.48 points, up 0.37 per cent from the previous close. The Sharia Index ended up 0.03 per cent at 518.17 points. Sohar International Bank, up 3.09 per cent was the top gainer while Galfar Engineering, down 2.33 per cent, was the top loser. Shares of Sohar International Bank was the most active in terms of the number of shares traded while Sovereign Sukuk Issue 3 was the most active in terms of turnover. A total number of 313 trades were executed during the day's

trading session, generating a turnover of OMR4.9 million, with more than 6.7 million shares changing hands.

Out of 32 traded stocks, 12 advanced, 3 declined and 17 remained unchanged. At the session close, GCC & Arab investors were net buyers for OMR36,000 while foreign investors were net sellers for OMR28,000 followed by local investors for OMR8,000 worth of shares. Financial Index closed at 5,780.92 points, up by 0.37 per cent. Sohar International Bank, National Bank of Oman and Bank Muscat were up 3.09 per cent, 0.64 per cent, and 0.53 per cent respectively. Al Sharqiya Investment Holding closed lower by 1.41 per cent.

Industrial Index closed at 4,050.85 points, up 0.29 per cent. National Aluminium Products, Al Anwar Ceramic Tiles, Al Jazeera Steel Products, Oman Cement, Raysut Cement were up 1.14 per cent, 0.99 per cent, 0.96 per cent, 0.84 per cent, and 0.62 per cent respectively. Galfar Engineering closed lower by 2.33 per cent.

Services index was up by 0.12 per cent before closing at 1,605.01 points. - **United Securities**

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MUSCAT SECURITIES MARKET

INDICES

Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff	Diff %
MSM30 Index	3,641.80	3,627.90	3,641.48	3,628.14	13.34	0.37
Financial Index	5,782.01	5,758.68	5,780.92	5,759.76	21.16	0.37
Industrial Index	4,054.68	4,039.02	4,050.85	4,039.02	11.83	0.29
Services Index	1,605.11	1,602.82	1,605.01	1,603.16	1.85	0.12
MSM SHARIAH INDEX	518.17	517.87	518.17	518.02	0.15	0.03
MSM TOTAL RETURN	4,148.56	4,132.73	4,148.19	4,133.00	15.19	0.37

Trading Summary

Volume	Turnover	Trades	Market Cap.	Up	Down	Equal	Sec. Traded
4,900,194	6,701,744	313	20,374,984,633	12	3	17	32

SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR.	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF (RD)	DIFF %	LAST PR	LAST HD	LAST OFFER	PUR VALUE	MARKET CAP
REGULAR MARKET															
OM0000003398	SOHAR INTERNATIONAL BANK	2,100,547	209,643	29	0.099	0.100	0.099	0.100	0.097	0.003	3.093	0.099	0.099	0.100	243,450,674
OM0000001525	OMAN INVESTMENT AND FINANCE	364,300	33,821	24	0.081	0.083	0.081	0.083	0.081	0.002	2.198	0.082	0.082	0.083	18,600,000
OM0000005005	ALMAHA CERAMICS	20,246	4,251	2	0.210	0.210	0.208	0.210	0.208	0.002	0.962	0.208	0.208	0.209	11,550,000
OM0000001749	OMAN CEMENT	118,961	26,534	14	0.240	0.240	0.238	0.240	0.238	0.002	0.840	0.239	0.238	0.239	79,408,450
OM0000001169	NATIONAL GAS	54,500	8,669	15	0.158	0.162	0.158	0.159	0.158	0.001	0.833	0.159	0.155	0.159	13,515,000
OM0000001418	RAYSUT CEMENT	45,000	14,670	3	0.326	0.326	0.326	0.326	0.324	0.002	0.617	0.326	0.310	0.326	65,200,000
OM0000002796	BANK MUSCAT	587,120	222,774	67	0.378	0.382	0.378	0.380	0.378	0.002	0.529	0.380	0.376	0.380	1,234,818,565
OM0000001590	MUSCAT FINANCE	50,000	1,900	4	0.038	0.038	0.038	0.038	0.038	0.000	0.000	0.038	0.038	0.039	11,671,560
OM0000001772	AL ANWAR HOLDING	24,982	1,579	3	0.063	0.064	0.063	0.063	0.063	0.000	0.000	0.063	0.063	0.064	12,600,000
OM0000002176	AL JAZEERA STEEL PRODUCTS	48,179	5,988	7	0.126	0.126	0.124	0.124	0.124	0.000	0.000	0.124	0.124	0.125	15,487,347
OM0000003026	OMAN TELECOMMUNICATION	10,003	6,242	2	0.624	0.624	0.624	0.624	0.624	0.000	0.000	0.624	0.624	0.628	468,000,000
OM0000003234	RENAISSANCE SERVICES	32,500	11,245	3	0.346	0.346	0.346	0.346	0.346	0.000	0.000	0.346	0.340	0.346	81,797,860
OM0000003965	COBREDO	315,748	119,731	54	0.380	0.382	0.378	0.380	0.380	0.000	0.000	0.380	0.380	0.382	247,558,807
OM0000002440	AL SHARQIA INVESTMENT HOLDING	200,000	14,086	5	0.071	0.071	0.070	0.070	0.071	-0.001	-1.408	0.070	0.070	0.071	6,300,000
Total	14	3,972,086	683,132	232											

Parallel Market

OM0000001319	NATIONAL ALUMINIUM PRODUCTS	75,000	6,675	4	0.089	0.089	0.089	0.089	0.088	0.001	1.136	0.089	0.088	0.089	2,987,859
OM0000007084	MUSCAT CITY DESALINATION	10,000	984	3	0.099	0.099	0.098	0.098	0.097	0.001	1.031	0.098	0.098	0.100	15,243,939
OM0000002188	AL ANWAR CERAMIC TILES	17,162	3,501	4	0.204	0.204	0.204	0.204	0.202	0.002	0.990	0.204	0.203	0.204	60,427,591
OM0000001483	NATIONAL BANK OF OMAN	129,469	20,287	9	0.156	0.158	0.156	0.157	0.156	0.001	0.641	0.157	0.156	0.157	255,273,578
OM0000001707	OMAN CABLES INDUSTRY	58,832	24,821	4	0.420	0.422	0.420	0.422	0.420	0.002	0.478	0.422	0.420	0.446	37,853,400
OM0000001020	OMAN CHROMITE	237	777	1	3.280	3.280	3.280	3.640	3.640	0.000	0.000	3.280	0.000	3.280	10,920,000
OM0000001962	AL MADINA INVESTMENT	65,000	1,560	3	0.024	0.024	0.024	0.024	0.024	0.000	0.000	0.024	0.024	0.025	4,971,633
OM0000002028	GULF INTERNATIONAL CHEMICALS	8,000	794	2	0.099	0.100	0.099	0.099	0.099	0.000	0.000	0.100	0.099	0.100	2,079,000
OM0000002374	UNITED FINANCE	65,098	2,604	9	0.040	0.040	0.040	0.040	0.040	0.000	0.000	0.040	0.039	0.040	13,965,776
OM0000003000	ALMAHA PETROLEUM PRODUCTS MAR.	500	314	2	0.628	0.628	0.628	0.632	0.632	0.000	0.000	0.628	0.620	0.632	43,608,000
OM0000003281	TAGEER FINANCE	315	28	1	0.080	0.080	0.080	0.088	0.088	0.000	0.000	0.080	0.085	0.090	22,315,920
OM0000004420	BANK NIZWA	10,212	1,011	5	0.099	0.099	0.099	0.099	0.099	0.000	0.000	0.099	0.099	0.100	148,500,000
OM0000004788	AL MADINA TAKAFUL	133,500	10,013	5	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.000	0.000	0.075	0.075	0.076	13,125,000
OM0000004932	AL SUWADI POWER	10,100	564	3	0.055	0.055	0.055	0.055	0.055	0.000	0.000	0.055	0.054	0.055	39,292,349
OM0000006920	VISION INSURANCE	1,000	85	1	0.085	0.085	0.085	0.089	0.089	0.000	0.000	0.085	0.085	0.089	8,900,000
OM0000007043	NATIONAL LIFE & GENERAL INS.	150,081	54,730	13	0.364	0.366	0.364	0.364	0.364	0.000	0.000	0.366	0.362	0.366	96,460,000
OM0000003521	GALFAR ENGINEERING AND CON.	133,602	5,672	11	0.043	0.043	0.042	0.042	0.043	-0.001	-2.326	0.042	0.042	0.043	12,170,187
Total	17	868,108	134,411	80											

OIL MARKET

Oil prices slip amid COVID concerns

NEW YORK: Oil prices fell on Friday as the pandemic cast a shadow on the prospect.

The West Texas Intermediate for December delivery lost 99 cents to settle at 40.13 dollars a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, while Brent crude for January delivery decreased 75 cents to close at 42.78 dollars a barrel on the London ICE Futures Exchange.

“The price fall is attributable

not only to the fact that risk aversion is on the rise again because of the pandemic but rather to an apparent deterioration in the fundamental supply/demand situation,” Eugen Weinberg, energy analyst at Commerzbank Research, said.

“If OPEC+ were to scale up production as originally planned in early 2021, concerns about a renewed oversupply on the oil market would presumably increase

again, which would weigh on oil prices,” he said.

In their respective reports released earlier this week, both the International Energy Agency and the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries have revised down estimates of global oil demand for this year. For the week, WTI crude futures climbed 8.1 per cent, while Brent gained 8.4 per cent. - **Xinhua**

FRESH TO HOME

Investcorp invests in leading online brand

BAHRAIN: Investcorp, a leading global provider and manager of alternative investment products, announced that it has invested in FreshToHome, one of the world's largest fully integrated online brands in fresh fish and meat, as a part of a \$121 million funding round alongside other prominent investors.

Investcorp has been evaluating several potential opportunities which are beneficiaries of the COVID-19 led boost in e-commerce and health and hygiene awareness in India. FreshToHome is a direct beneficiary of shifting demand from fish and meat purchases that have typically been made in the past at wet markets.

FreshToHome creates a positive social and economic impact by enabling sellers to directly source from fishermen and farmers through its state-of-the-art and Artificial Intelligence-powered supply chain. Such use of technology reduces food waste for suppliers to less than 2 per cent versus an estimated 15 per cent in traditional unorganised markets.

As estimated by Euromonitor International, the consumer fish and meat segment in India in 2019 was a \$94 billion market.

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SUV RANGE

Mercedes-Benz Oman brings more character, space and safety with new GLA

MUSCAT: The new Mercedes-Benz GLA, the eighth model to join the line-up, rounds off the current compact-car generation from Mercedes-Benz. At the same time, it is the entry-level model in the brand’s successful SUV range. The character has been significantly reinforced compared with the previous model: With a height of 1611 millimetres (1616 with roof rails), the new Mercedes-Benz GLA is more than 10 centimetres higher than its predecessor. The correspondingly higher and characteristic SUV seating position also comes with more headroom in the first row. Legroom in the rear is likewise much more generous – even though the Mercedes-Benz GLA is now one-and-a-half centimetres shorter. Hallmark off-road design features include the upright front section, short overhangs at the front and rear, and protective



cladding all round. Active Brake Assist is charged in many situations with applying autonomous braking to avoid a collision or to reduce its severity. A typical city speeds the system is also able to brake for stationary vehicles and crossing pedestrians and avoid collisions depending on the situation. “The new Mercedes-Benz GLA is the perfect addition to our growing range of compact SUVs, and we are delighted to be bringing it

to Oman, offering our customers the pure dynamic experience they have grown to expect from one of our vehicles,” said Shaun Michael, CEO of Mercedes-Benz Oman. “As the sportiest off-road vehicle in its class, its perfect for traversing deserts and discovering wadis, but its functionality and shape perfectly fit the city too. Presenting more possibilities on and off-road, it makes no compromises on performance or luxury, boasting all the

technological features and hallmarks of comfort that Mercedes-Benz cars are renowned for.” The new Mercedes-Benz GLA is already available in Oman. and thanks to this worldwide sales presence, and according to Mercedes-Benz expectations, it will become one of the brand’s most popular compact-class models over its lifecycle. The Mercedes-Benz GLA features powerful overall proportions with short overhangs at the front and rear. The front section flows over the A-pillar into the visually compact greenhouse. Suggested powerdomes in the bonnet, along with wheels up to 20 inches in size and mounted flush with the outer edge of the body, reinforce the self-assured appearance. Typical of the Mercedes-Benz GLA is the powerful shoulders of the bodywork and the coupé-like lines of the side windows.

JOYOUS OCCASION

BankDhofar marks 30 years of business excellence



MUSCAT: As the Sultanate celebrates its 50th National Day, BankDhofar is marking the joyous occasion with three decades of business excellence, reaffirming the ongoing contributions of the Omani banking sector to the national development and the growth and diversification of the economy. Abdul Hakeem Omar Al Ojaili, CEO of BankDhofar, said, “We are celebrating 50 years of a nationwide comprehensive renaissance that commenced by the founder of modern Oman late HM Sultan Qaboos and continues under the wise

leadership of His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik. Today, the Sultanate continues moving ahead towards further progress and prosperity, translating His Majesty’s vision of sustainable development led by a strong and diversified economy that is driven by the participation and contributions of the private and public sectors, and all segments of the civil society. These collaborative efforts will pave the path for a growing, competitive and sustainable economy.” “Oman enjoys a strong and stable banking sector, thanks to the

significant and constant support by regulators and official authorities. We are also happy with the role BankDhofar has played in the development of the finance industry across the Sultanate. We have proudly facilitated various large-scale national-level infrastructure projects and worked on different investment and business partnerships nationwide, serving an expansive base of customers, investors, stakeholders and strategic partners,” noted Al Ojaili. Established in 1990, BankDhofar has grown from a small transaction-

al bank to the second largest bank in Oman, operating as a key financial advisory and strategic investment partner to various key government and private institutions. It has also been supporting developmental initiatives by the government in addition to aiding and nurturing SMEs and entrepreneurial projects to keep the economy cycle running. The bank introduced several programmes to attract local and foreign investors and has facilitated key strategic partnerships across government, quasi-government and private sector organisations.

BankDhofar went from a one-branch and 80-employee organisation to one of the top Omani financial institutions with over 1,600 employees, more than 93.5% of which are Omani, and a large network of branches across all governorates. As part of its strategic growth vision and to set an example for best banking practices in the region, BankDhofar has implemented major programmes within its organisational transformation journey, laying out a solid infrastructure to get ready for its next phase of business growth and development.



PROMOTING EXCELLENCE

Entrepreneurship Award winners to be announced on November 23

MUSCAT: The main committee of the Entrepreneurship Award announced recently that a ceremony announcing winners of the fourth edition of the award will be hosted on November 23. The event will take place under the auspices of His Highness Sayyid Taimur bin Asa’ad bin Tariq Al Said. The award is organised by the Public Authority of Small and Medium Enterprises Development in partnership with Oman Telecommunications Company (Omantel) for the second consecutive edition. This year’s theme of the award is ‘Competition and Innovation’ as these attributes reflect the Award’s goals of instilling a culture of entrepreneurship within the community. It also aims to promote excellence and innovation as well as strengthen the capacities of SMEs to further compete in the market. Furthermore, the initiative seeks to reinforce In-Country Value (ICV) by allying with local businesses and driving the Sultanate’s efforts of economic diversification based on knowledge and technological advancements. Previously, the award’s assessment team concluded the assessment phase for all categories. This phase included visiting participants and interviewing them based on a set of criteria approved by the European Foundation for Quality Management (EFQM), which is a non-profit organisation established to support sustainable economic development. Succeeding the assessments, participants moved to the judging phase, which was conducted by 11 jurors selected locally and internationally. The jurors are well-known for their extensive experience in the field of entrepreneurship and were chosen as per specific criteria and fields in line with the award’s categories. This year’s edition consists of two main categories. The first one is the ‘Entrepreneur Award’, which comprises the Best En-

trepreneur Award, Best Home Project, Best Small Enterprise Award, Best Micro Enterprise Award and Best Medium Enterprise Award. The second category is the ‘Entrepreneurship Supporters Award’, consisting of Best Finance Award, Best Corporate Support Award, Government Best Supporting Agency, Best Educational Initiative Award, Best Media Initiative Award and Best Development Initiative Award. The fourth edition of the Award also witnesses an increase in the amounts dedicated to the sub-categories under Entrepreneurship Award to OMR180,000. The total is divided into OMR87,000 as cash prizes and OMR93,000 for support programmes aimed at developing skills and knowledge of the winners. The support programmes provided by the award will be open to all participants who qualified for the judging phase to help them further enhance their capabilities and encourage them to innovate. This, ultimately, will accomplish the award’s objectives of developing the national SMEs and uplifting this vital sector in the Sultanate. The fourth edition has outdone previous awards in terms of participation as it witnessed the highest number of contenders. Around 691 people entered for various categories. Muscat saw the largest number with 302 participants, followed by the Governorate of Al Dakhiliyah with 77 entries and North Al Batinah with 75.

Low EMI on compact crossover Nissan Kicks

Nissan Kicks has been impressing with its excellent mileage, unique styling, roominess, personal technology, smart functionality, and advanced safety features



MUSCAT: Nissan Oman, from the house of Suhail Bahwan Automobiles (SBA), has announced a special low EMI on the compact crossover. Customers of Nissan Kicks

can now avail an exceptionally low EMI rate of OMR113 (terms and conditions apply). EMIs are calculated based on 3.2 per cent rate of Interest, 20 per cent down payment, six-year loan tenure.

Subject to credit approvals. A spokesperson for Nissan Oman said, "Nissan Kicks guarantees a top-quality driving experience with its expressive style, personal technology, intelligent safety, efficient powertrain and strong value positioning. Nissan Kicks is a great hit with all age group of car buyers who value innovation, agility and contemporary fashion trends. This is a good time for potential buyers to check out the Nissan Kicks which is available on low EMI." Nissan Kicks has been impressing with its excellent mileage, unique styling, roominess, personal technology, smart functionality, and advanced safety features.

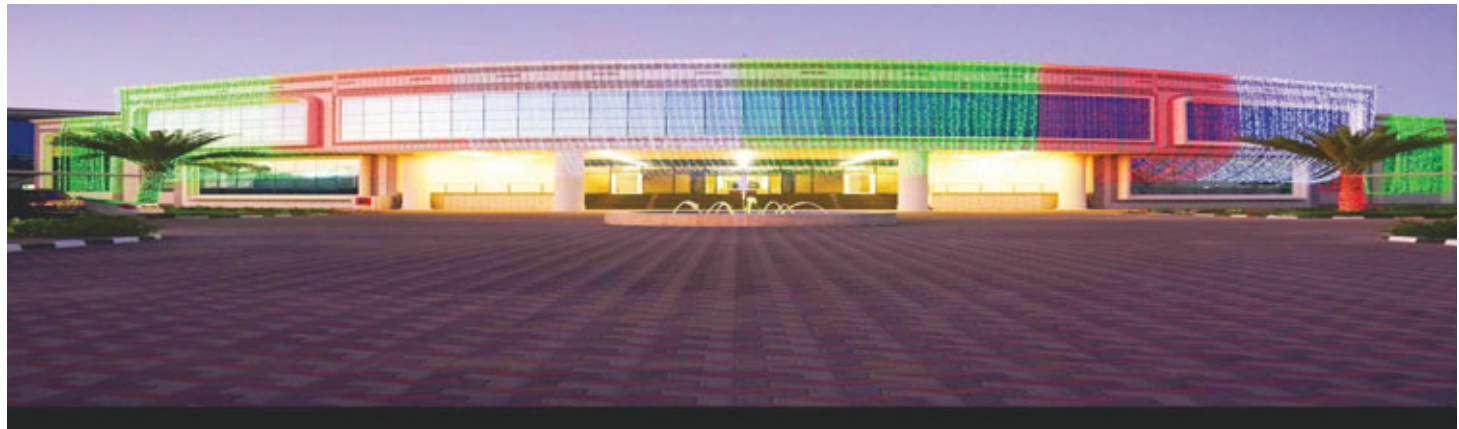


Z-Corp's 'collaboration team' distributes masks and sanitisers in Buraimi

MUSCAT: To emphasise the importance of wearing masks and maintaining hygiene in public, The Zubair Corporation (Z-Corp)'s 'collaboration team' distributed masks and sanitisers in all schools in the Buraimi governorate. The 'collaboration team' stressed the importance of using hand sanitisers and face masks and how they play a very vital role in personal hygiene and protection from germs and other deadly infections. On her part, Dr Fathiya bint Khalfan Al-Sadia, Director General of the General Directorate of Education in Al Buraimi Governorate said, "At the outset, we would like to thank the collaboration team at the Z-Corp for this initiative in contributing to the provision of masks and sterilisers to all schools in Buraimi governorate. The directorate conducts awareness programmes every day, especially in schools that have opened. We make sure through school administrations that they follow healthy habits that will contribute to limiting the spread of the virus. The health authorities in Oman and World Health Organisation (WHO) have mandated the use of face masks and hand sanitisers in all the public places and let us all continue to do so. The private sector collaborating with the Ministry of Education to spread awareness about COVID-19 virus is an important gesture." The 'collaboration team' com-

prises of a group of employees of Z-Corp and its subsidiaries who participate in community initiatives which are planned and conducted by them. The 'collaboration team' undertakes projects that bring to focus Z-Corp's continued and evolving socially relevant strategy to make a positive difference in society. This initiative comes within the framework of the corporate social responsibility strategy of Z-Corp and displayed the group's commitment to supporting the community it operates in. Faisal Al Mandhari a member of 'collaboration team' said, "We believe that wearing a mask and practising hygiene by washing hands or using sanitiser is an act of compassion. It indicates that individuals who do that care about the community, and country. We are pleased to distribute masks and encourage every member of the community to cover up and sanitise. Our collaboration team distributed masks and sanitisers in the Buraimi governorate schools to create awareness about the importance of wearing masks and the use of hand sanitiser to check the spread of the COVID-19." He added, "Through initiatives such as this we remind each other about the community responsibility we have to keep each other safe. During COVID-19 we do so by wearing a mask and using sanitiser. We are happy that our collaboration team has taken up an important initiative."

Oman College of Management and Technology inaugurates its new identity



MUSCAT: Oman College of Management and Technology is organising a ceremony inside the college to inaugurate its new identity. The ceremony will be held under the patronage of Reda bin Jumah bin Muhammad Al Saleh,

Chairman of the Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry. That is to coincide with the Sultanate's celebrations of the 50th National Day. In addition to the inauguration of the new identity, the ceremony

includes a visual presentation that lists the meanings of the college's new identity and the launch of the college's new website and its social media accounts. The decision to renew the identity comes within the frame-

work of the college's endeavour to achieve its vision and mission, to contribute to keeping pace with the developments that the college has witnessed over the past years, and to create knowledge awareness through the new identity.






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Omran Group: 15 years of progress in Oman's growing tourism industry

MUSCAT: As the Sultanate celebrates its 50th National Day of renaissance, the year 2020 also marks a special milestone for Omran Group, as the company commemorates its 15th anniversary. During the commemoration of its 15 years of progress, the group renews its pledge to the nation to continue its mandate towards creating sustainable and authentic tourism assets, lifestyle communities and destinations that drive economic growth, contribute to economic diversification, in line with Oman's Vision 2040 and the National Tourism Strategy. Continuous development in alignment with the goals of the Omani Investment Authority Deemed as the Sultanate's leading executive arm for tourism development, the group recalls the milestones achieved over the years and its strategic role in shaping the country's tourism sector. Omran works closely with the Ministry of Heritage and Tourism, Government entities and stakeholders to identify priorities, projects and opportunities that will maximise the potential of the Sultanate's tourism sector, in line with the National Tourism Strategy. The strategy has identified the tourism sector as a crucial economic diversifier and accelerator. An integrated operational framework to achieve economic



diversification Omran Group's operating framework is driven by four key pillars, tourism, master development, hospitality and development partnerships. The group is the key instigator for master developments in Oman that transforms tourism-oriented government plots into purposeful infrastructure that meet the demand for multi-use destinations and facilities, which contribute to the national economic growth. Omran also owns and oversees the management of a growing portfolio of hospitality properties across Oman, with 24 hotels and resorts encompassing over 3,800 hotel rooms ranging from luxury retreats, eco-reserves and large-scale beach resorts to convention and city centre business hotels and eco-tourism and heritage destinations. Few of Omran's prominent master developments include the Sultanate's largest urban project - Madinat Al Irfan, Oman Conven-

tion and Exhibition Centre, Mina Sultan Qaboos Waterfront and Muscat InterContinental Urban Re-Development. Omran also owns and oversees the management of a growing portfolio of hospitality properties across Oman, with 24 hotels and resorts encompassing over 3800 hotel rooms ranging from luxury retreats, eco-reserves and large-scale beach resorts to convention and city centre business hotels and eco-tourism and heritage destinations. These include the Millennium Resort Musannah, Alila Jabal Akhdar Resort and Atana Musandam, Atana Khasab, Crowne Plaza Duqm, City Hotel Duqm, Crowne Plaza OCEC, W Muscat, JW Marriot Muscat, Dibba Beach Resort and other hospitality assets in the country. The Omran Destinations also include Al Hoota Cave, Nizwa Fort, Harat Al Bilad and Majlis Al Jinn Cave. The group also carries out a

set of main tasks through which the group's role is to create a rich environment for the tourism sector across various aspects. These tasks cover a range of activities that include the below: Development and asset management of distinctive hotels and resorts, entering development partnerships with local and foreign developers and investors to create new tourism and mixed-use master-planned communities, managing heritage, cultural and outdoor activity sites and experiences, developing and managing strategic tourism and business infrastructure such as the Oman Convention and Exhibition Centre which participates in the regional MICE industry, promoting Oman as a destination through hosting international sporting events and emphasising Oman's maritime heritage by competing in international Sailing events, and preparing Omani's for a career in tourism through training and educational programs at the Oman Tourism College. Making headway as a catalyst of investment, one of Omran's core objective is to attract Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the tourism sector to advance the social and economic growth of the Sultanate. To date, the group has attracted OMR186 million as investments in Oman.




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