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OMR3 MILLION PACT

## Qalhat's cultural legacy gets a big boost with new pact

**MUSCAT:** The Ministry of Heritage and Tourism and the Development Foundation of Oman Liquefied Natural Gas Company Oman LNG yesterday signed a financing agreement worth OMR3 million for the establishment of a visitor centre at the ancient city of Qalhat. This initiative falls within the ministry's efforts to develop UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

The project, spanning an area of 5,000 square meters, will include two museum halls to display archaeological artefacts discovered at the site. The centre's facilities will feature administrative offices, a gift shop, a café, an outdoor events plaza, internal pathways connecting the visitor centre to the ancient city, shaded seating areas, and vehicle parking.



The agreement was signed on behalf of the ministry by Salem Mohammed Al Mahrouqi, Minister of Heritage and Tourism, while Dr. Amer Nasser Al Mata'ani, CEO of Oman LNG Development Foundation, signed on behalf of the company.

The historical city of Qalhat is one of Oman's oldest cities and ports, boasting a strategic location overlooking the Sea of Oman. This made its ancient harbour a hub for trading ships, a crossroads of diverse cultures, and a maritime trade link with India, Yemen, and



other regions of the world. It also served as a centre for exporting Arabian horses to India.

Khalifa Mubarak Al Farsi, Director of the Qalhat Archaeological Site Department, stated that the visitor centre project represents a new cultural legacy and

a significant addition to Qalhat city, the Wilayat of Sur, and the South Al Sharqiyah Governorate as a whole.

Meanwhile, Eng. Ismail Sulaiman Al Sawafi, General Manager of Social Responsibility and Public Relations at Oman LNG, explained that the project will enhance the city's appeal as a heritage and tourist destination at the national, regional, and international levels.

It will also generate direct employment opportunities and promote the sale of local products. It is worth mentioning that the ancient city of Qalhat was inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage List in 2018, underscoring the historical significance of this landmark. — OMA

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**MUSCAT:** Sheikh Ghuson bin Hilal Al Alawi, Chairman of State Audit Institution (State Financial and Administrative Audit Authority) submitted the 2024 Annual Report on the outcomes of its work to His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik.

With regard to community partnership, based on the principle that protecting public funds

is a joint responsibility, SAI dealt with 1,378 complaints and reports in 2024 concerning financial and administrative violations, the integrity of awarding some tenders, abuse of power, and other related issues.

These were received through various communication channels, and approximately 90% of the complaints and reports have

been examined and addressed.

Based on materiality and risk analysis, and applying the principle of sample-based auditing, SAI carried out 225 audit tasks, which resulted in 172 audit reports.

The findings were communicated to the relevant entities, which responded positively by taking corrective actions and implementing SAI's recommendations.

### Criminal suspicions

In addition, some irregularities that constituted criminal suspicions were referred to the Public Prosecution for appropriate legal action. The report also included a statement outlining SAI's efforts to promote integrity, presenting statistics on financial and administrative violations and the actions taken in response.

It also covered follow-up on the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption, as well as SAI's participation in the meetings, conferences, relevant agreements, and committees associated with it.

In addition, the report detailed SAI's review of draft laws, regulations, and systems prepared by the entities subject to the audit of SAI, providing comments regarding them.

The report also showcased SAI's efforts in carrying out a number of awareness activities and training programmes, and preparing related manuals aimed at protecting public funds and promoting integrity. **>A3**

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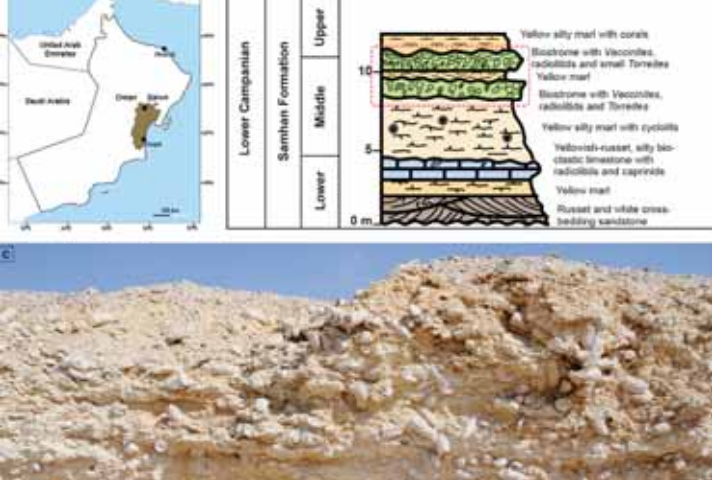
## Omani researcher contributes to study on marine ecosystems

**MUSCAT:** An Omani researcher has participated in a peer-reviewed international study published on the European Geosciences Union (EGU) platform, in collaboration with three leading European universities: Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Utrecht University, and Friedrich-Alexander University of Erlangen-Nuremberg.

This achievement reflects Oman's commitment to advancing research and development.

Engineer and researcher Najat Al Fadhli from the Industrial Innovation Academy contributed to the scientific study, which examined the response of ancient marine organisms—dating back over 60 million years—to environmental changes in Oman's geologically significant "Saiwan" site.

This participation aligns with the academy's efforts to foster a vibrant research environment and publish peer-reviewed papers, supporting its mission to promote innovation, environmental sus-



tainability, and the objectives of Oman Vision 2040.

The study enhances understanding of climate change impacts on fragile marine ecosystems while contributing to a knowledge-based economy by empowering national competencies in earth and climate sciences.

The Industrial Innovation Academy emphasized that such research is not merely an academic contribution but a strategic pillar for supporting resource sustainability, achieving sustainable development goals, and setting a national model for investing in scientific knowledge. -OMA

ILLUSTRIOUS CAREER

## New Patron appointed for Oman Switzerland Friendship Association

Times News Service

**MUSCAT:** The Oman Switzerland Friendship Association announced the appointment of Sheikh Saif bin Hashil Al Maskery as their new Omani Patron.

Sheikh Saif brings with him an illustrious career spanning over five decades in public service and diplomacy.

Prominent roles

His distinguished roles have included Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Sultanate of Oman to the United Nations and various international organisations, Assistant Secretary General for Political Affairs at the Gulf Cooperation Council, and Undersecretary at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry for Tourism.

Importantly, Sheikh Saif is a founding member and former Chairman of the Oman Switzerland Friendship Association,



Sheikh Saif bin Hashil Al Maskery.

cooperation make him exceptionally well suited to assume this important role.

Speaking on his appointment, Sheikh Saif said, "It is an honour to become the Oman Patron and continue strengthening the enduring ties between Oman and Switzerland, fostering collaboration built on mutual respect, shared values, and a spirit of friendship. I am delighted to take on this role and look forward to supporting new initiatives that bring our two nations even closer—whether in culture, business, education, or innovation."

Sheikh Saif will serve alongside Vincent Maitre, the Swiss Patron, and the Oman Switzerland Friendship Association looks forward to their shared guidance and leadership as they continue their mission to strengthen the bonds of friendship and collaboration between Oman and Switzerland.

underscoring his long-standing commitment to fostering closer ties between the two nations.

His depth of experience, diplomatic acumen, and unwavering support for Oman-Switzerland

FAMILY COHESION

## ‘Our Safe Home’ initiative launched in Al Dakhiliyah

**NIZWA:** The Directorate General of Social Development in Al Dakhiliyah Governorate, represented by the Family Development Department, on Monday launched the "Our Safe Home" initiative to promote concepts of family security and foster a home environment based on understanding, affection, and mutual respect among family members.

The initiative focuses on strengthening family cohesion, encouraging positive dialogue within households, and reinforcing shared values that contribute to a safe and stable environment supporting the psychological and social growth of all family members.

The initiative featured three working papers. The first addressed the topic of "How to Find Yourself Amidst the Crowd of Comparisons," targeting the 13-28 age group. It explored characteristics of future generations, the impact of comparing oneself to others, and tools for psychological balance.

The second paper, titled "Red Flag," examined warning signs during engagement and marriage, distinguishing between normal conflicts and red flags, along with observation mechanisms, educational attention, and self-calming techniques within family and societal contexts—aimed at ado-

lescents and soon-to-be-married individuals.

The third paper is titled "Digital Upbringing in a Fast-Paced World." It highlighted differences between digital and traditional upbringing, characteristics and challenges of the digital world, balancing reality and virtual life, and supportive tools for digital parenting.

This initiative aligns with the Ministry of Social Development's efforts to enhance family cohesion and establish constructive dialogue principles, contributing to psychological and familial stability while strengthening societal values. -OMA



ANNUAL REPORT

## SAI's reports window selected as one of the best by UN body

**FROM A1** The Annual Report also included the review of various topics within government units, such as the audit of the State's final account for the year 2024, review of tax collection and assessment, review of financial and administrative activities, and evaluation of the performance of certain directorates and departments within these units.

With regard to matters related to the activities of authorities, investments, and companies, the report covered several topics related to the sectors of energy, minerals, aviation, environment, electricity, water, food security, wastewater, and other important matters that were reported to the relevant entities along with SAI's observations and recommendations.

It is important to note that SAI's complaints and reports window was selected as one of the best practices by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA).

The report also featured an overview of the key media and awareness initiatives undertaken by SAI, aimed at fostering optimal awareness and adherence to ethical practices at both institutional and societal levels.

A total of 187 media and awareness programs, activities, and events were carried out in 2024.

Throughout the year, SAI dedi-



cated all its resources and capabilities to fulfilling its national role by carrying out its assigned responsibilities and achieving its objectives with high level of efficiency and professionalism.

It also promoted effective institutional and societal partnership in support of the goals of sustainable development.

SAI also sent copies of the Annual Report to the Council of Ministers and Shura and State Councils as per Article (66) of the Basic Law of the State, issued under Royal Decree No. 6/2021, and Article (29) of State Audit Law, issued under Royal Decree No. 111/2011.

These articles stipulate that SAI shall prepare an annual report on the results of its work, and the Chairman of the Institution submits it directly to His Majesty the Sultan.

A copy of the report is also sent to the Council of Ministers, State and Shura Councils before the end of the following financial year.

The report included several topics resulting from SAI's exercise of its mandates and audit of government units, authorities, investments, and companies subject to its audit, in accordance with the approved 2024 annual audit plan.

The execution of these tasks took into consideration the objectives of Oman Vision 2040 and was guided by the principles, foundations, and standard guidelines of the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI), particularly with regard to comprehensiveness, clarity, conciseness, accuracy, objectivity, and audit manuals.

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DUQM QUARRIES

## TENDER ANNOUNCEMENT

Duqm Quarries SAOC is pleased to announce the following tender:

| Tender No.    | Tender Name                               | Last date for Collecting Documents | Last Date for Submission of Tender |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| DQ-TD-2025-02 | ERECTION OF THE LIMESTONE CRUSHER 700 TPH | 07th July 2025                     | 17th July 2025                     |

Tender Conditions:

- Interested Bidders shall send an Expression of Interest (EOI) to [tenders@duqmquarries.om](mailto:tenders@duqmquarries.om). The last date to receive the Expression of Interest (EOI) is 17 th July 2025 at 02:00 p.m. The bidders shall mention the Tender Name and Tender Number in the Expression of Interest (EOI).
- Proposals shall be submitted in two separate envelopes (Technical and Commercial) sealed with red wax and addressed to the Honorable Audit Committee Chairman at Duqm Quarries Company. The Number and Name of the Tender shall be written on the outside, provided that the name of the bidder or what he refers to is not written on the envelope.
- A bank guarantee or certified check from one of the banks operating in the Sultanate shall be attached to the bid, at a value of 1% of the value of the bid, and it shall be valid for 90 days. Bids that do not meet the guarantee will not be considered.
- The company is not obligated to accept the lowest or any other bid. The company has the right to accept or reject any bid without stating the reason.

# National Museum’s summer programme to boost creativity and cultural identity

The Learning Centre at the National Museum offers various educational programmes aimed at raising cultural awareness

**MUSCAT:** The National Museum launched the ‘Our Summer: Heritage and Identity’ programme, organised by the museum’s Learning Centre, with support from bp Oman, to enhance participating students’ awareness of national identity and consolidate the values of Omani cultural heritage.

The summer programme targets three age groups: children (6 to 11 years old), school students (12 to 16 years old), and college and university students.

During the current month of July, a number of artistic and interactive sessions inspired by the National Museum’s collections will be implemented to contribute to developing the participants’ skills and stimulating their creative abilities.

Amina bint Abdullah Al Abri, Head of the Learning Centre at the National Museum, explained that the ‘Our Summer: Heritage and Identity’ programme is one of the annual initiatives the Learning Centre is keen to implement, aiming to instill the values of national identity and strengthen young people’s connection to their cultural heritage through a creative and experimental approach that embodies the intersection of art and heritage.

She pointed out that the National Museum is participating in the “Our Summer: Leadership and Creativity” programme in North Al Batinah Governorate, in cooperation with the Governor’s Office, from July 6 to 10, 2025, through a group of artistic sessions organised by the Learning Centre within the framework of the Community Awareness Programme and the Children’s Literature Reading Series Programme, and includes various fields, such as colouring, traditional architecture, and the history of Omani maritime navigation.

She stated that the programme aims to instill national identity in the new generation through artistic educational methods that combine enjoyment



and knowledge, as part of the National Museum’s efforts to enhance its presence outside its premises and convey its cultural message, contributing to consolidating the values of national identity and heritage.

The summer programme in North Al Batinah is held in a number of governorate’s wilayats, namely: Sohar, Liwa, Shinas, Saham, Al Khabourah, and Suwaig, to include (240) beneficiaries, while the Learning Centre implements the activities of the first programme at the headquarters of the National Museum for the age group (6-11 years) during the period from July 6-10, while the second and third programmes are implemented in the Learning Centre corner in Al Mouj Muscat, for the category of school students (12-16 years) and college and university students, respectively from (July 13-17) and from (July 20-24), to include (260) beneficiaries.

It is worth noting that the Learning Centre at the National Museum is the first of its kind in the Sultanate of Oman. It is equipped according to the highest international standards and offers various educational programmes aimed at raising public awareness about Omani heritage, including: the School Visits Programme, the Colleges and Universities Programme, the Family Programme, the Community Awareness Programme, the Continuing Education Programme, the People with Disabilities Programme, and the Children’s Literature Reading Series Programme. These generate interest among visitors about Oman’s rich history. -ONA





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STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP



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**MUSCAT:** Promofix, MENA's fastest growing technology provider and a subsidiary of JGROUP, has announced the expansion of its strategic partnership with Google, becoming the authorised media sales representative of Google Ads products and services in five key Middle East and North Africa (MENA) countries: Oman, Bahrain, Qatar, Kuwait, and Jordan.

With this new authorisation, Promofix reinforces its position as a digital solutions leader across the Middle East and North Africa. As the officially appointed media sales representative for Google Advertising solutions, Promofix will deliver tailored training, expert account management, strategic guidance, and on-ground services in local languages across key markets.



This milestone reflects the company's commitment to driving digital transformation, enabling businesses to reach billions of potential customers at critical moments, and fostering measurable growth and regional competitiveness. Google will continue to directly manage a select portfolio of clients as part of this expanded partnership.

Imad Jomaa, Founder and President of JGROUP, stated: "We are proud to strengthen our collaboration with Google and to bring world class digital solutions closer to businesses in Qatar, Oman, Bahrain, Kuwait, and Jordan. This partnership reflects our commitment to em-

powering organisations with the tools they need to elevate their digital strategies, enhance customer engagement, and achieve sustainable growth in an ever-evolving digital landscape."

Anthony Nakache, Managing Director at Google MENA, commented: "We are pleased with our partnership with Promofix to enable the growing digital ads ecosystem. This partnership is a testament to our commitment to empowering businesses across MENA, helping them to connect meaningfully with their customers and unlock new opportunities for growth in the digital economy."

As Promofix looks to the future, the company remains steadfast in its commitment to driving digital excellence and delivering advanced, market-relevant technology solutions that empower clients to grow and succeed across the region.

LABOUR MINISTRY

Workshop on training governance organised

**MUSCAT:** The Ministry of Labour on Monday inaugurated a three-day development workshop on training governance, aimed at conducting a comprehensive assessment and proposing realistic, effective, sustainable, and streamlined initiatives and projects for the training system.

Salim Musallam Al Busaidi, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Labour for Human Resources Development, stated that the workshop seeks to reshape the future of government and private training, as well as vocational education in Oman.

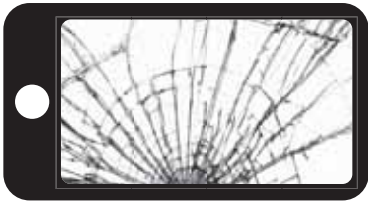
It aims to develop a roadmap aligning all training pathways with the objectives and enablers of Oman Vision 2040, which prioritises human capital development.

The workshop will examine key facts, identify general challenges, and reach consensus on solutions.

It will also review initiatives, finalise detailed draft plans, and assess the quality of planning and implementation of Oman Vision 2040 within the Ministry of Labour.



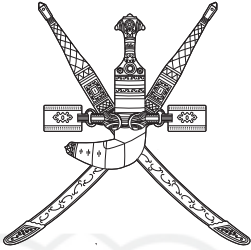
Additionally, the event will analyse challenges facing the training sector, explore updated laws and regulations for training governance, and propose projects and initiatives to enhance and regulate the training and human resources development sector in Oman. — ONA



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|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------|
|            |                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                        |                                             |                                 | Small and Medium companies             | Local companies |
| 296/2025   | Engineering consulting services (design + supervision) for the project to establish a juvenile reform and guidance center | Companies specialized in the field of consulting offices and registered with the General Secretariat of the Tender Board in the first or second degree | Saturday 26-7-2025 02:00 PM                 | Friday 15-8-2025 10:00 AM       | 10 R.O                                 | 25 R.O          |
| 297/2025   | Lining works for speech rooms at Al Wafa Center for the Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities at Nizwa              | Companies specialized in the field of building contracting and registered with the General Secretariat of the Tender Board in the fourth degree        | Wednesday 16-07-2025 02:00 PM               | Thursday 24-07-2025 10:00 AM    | 10 R.O                                 | 25 R.O          |

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Ministry of Health

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Ministry of Health - Directorate General of Health Service AL Dhahira Governorate of Health- invites specialized companies to participate in the following Tender

Tenders should be submitted online on <https://etendering.tenderboard.gov.om>.

| Tender Ref.                | Tender Ref.                                                                    | Last date for Collection of tender Document | Bid Submission /Closing Date         | Eligibility                                                                       | Tender Fee (Non-Refundable) Per set |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 2520/2025/ MOH/ DGHSDH-3   | Replacement of waterproofing system at Kehanate Health Center                  | Saturday 19/ JUL /2025                      | Before 9 am on Tuesday 12/ AUG /2025 | Specialized Companies registered with the General Secretariat of the Tender Board | • SME:10 R.O<br>• LO:25 R.O         |
| 2521/2025/ MOH/ DGHSDH-4   | Maintenance of the regional medical warehouse in Al Dhahirah Governorate       |                                             |                                      |                                                                                   |                                     |
| 2526/2025/ MOH/ DGHSDHP-50 | Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Mortuary at Yanqul Hospital |                                             |                                      |                                                                                   |                                     |

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WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME

Food airdrops to families in South Sudan begin

**JUBA:** The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) said Monday it has begun airdropping emergency food assistance to thousands of families in South Sudan's conflict-hit Upper Nile State. According to a statement issued by the WFP, these distributions mark the first access in over four months to deliver life-saving food and nutrition assistance to

more than 40,000 people facing catastrophic hunger in the most remote parts of Nasir and Ulang counties, areas only accessible by air. "The link between conflict and hunger is tragically clear in South Sudan, and we've seen this over the past few months in Upper Nile," said Mary-Ellen McGroarty, WFP country director in South Sudan.

"Without a major scale-up in assistance, the counties of Nasir and Ulang risk slipping into full-blown famine." **UN agency** The UN agency noted that it aims to reach 470,000 people in Upper Nile and northern Jonglei through the lean season, the hungriest time of year, which runs through Au-

gust, but continued fighting and logistical constraints have hindered access and a comprehensive response. More than one million people across Upper Nile are facing acute hunger, including over 32,000 people already experiencing catastrophic levels of hunger -- the highest level of food insecurity, the WFP warned. — *Xinhua*



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‘Will define BRICS in a new form under India’s chairmanship’

New Delhi would carry forward the spirit of people-centric progress during its leadership of the bloc comprising Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa



**RIO DE JANEIRO:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said India would redefine the BRICS grouping under its upcoming chairmanship by focusing on "Building Resilience and Innovation for Cooperation and Sustainability." Addressing the BRICS Summit in Brazil, PM Modi said, "Under India's BRICS Chairmanship, we will define BRICS in a new form. BRICS would mean 'Building Resilience and Innovation for Coop-

eration and Sustainability." He affirmed that New Delhi would carry forward the spirit of people-centric progress during its leadership of the bloc comprising Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa. "In the coming year, under India's BRICS Chairmanship, we will continue close cooperation on all subjects," the Prime Minister said. Modi underlined how India's presidency of the G20 elevated the concerns of the developing world and promised a similar approach for BRICS. "Just as during our G-20 Presi-

dency, we ensured inclusivity and prioritized issues of the Global South in the agenda," he said, "In the same way, during our BRICS Chairmanship, we will take this forum forward with a people-centric approach and the spirit of Humanity First." This message of unity and collaboration was reflected earlier in the day, as Prime Minister Narendra Modi, along with other BRICS leaders, partners and outreach invitees, gathered for the traditional family photo at the 17th BRICS Summit in Rio de Janeiro on Monday morning (local time).

The summit brought together leaders and representatives from BRICS nations and partner countries to discuss cooperation and strategic partnerships, marking a significant moment of unity and collaboration among the countries that the grouping represents. Hosted by Brazil from July 7 to July 9, the summit saw leaders from Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, and new members Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, the UAE, and Indonesia come together during the event. Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the 17th BRICS Summit be-

ing held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on July 6-7, 2025, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said in a statement. During the summit, the leaders held productive discussions on various issues on the BRICS agenda, including reform of global governance, enhancing the voice of the global south, peace and security, strengthening multilateralism, development issues, and Artificial Intelligence. Prime Minister Modi thanked the President of Brazil for his warm hospitality and the successful organisation of the Summit, the

statement added. In his address to the inaugural session on "Reform of Global Governance and Peace and Security," the Prime Minister reaffirmed India's commitment to enhancing the voice of the Global South. He noted that developing countries required greater support for sustainable development, especially in terms of access to climate finance and technology. Highlighting that the global organisations of the 20th century could not deal with the challenges of the 21st century, he underscored the need for reforming them. — *ANI*



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|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| PRE/25/048    | Proposed Traffics Lights in Al Maalah Road at Qurriyat                                       | 15/07/2025                      | 23/07/2025         |
| PRE/25/099    | Design & Operation of Drone Show at Qurum Natural Park                                       | 28/07/2025                      | 17/08/2025         |
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| PRE/25/102    | Design & Build of Booths for the International & Local Enterprises at Al Amerat Natural Park | 28/07/2025                      | 17/08/2025         |
| PRE/25/103    | Design & Build of Booths for the SMEs at Al Amerat Natural Park                              | 28/07/2025                      | 17/08/2025         |
| PRE/25/104    | Design & Construction of Toilets at different locations                                      | 28/07/2025                      | 17/08/2025         |
| PRE/25/105    | Supply & Fix of Chairs at Qurum Natural Park                                                 | 28/07/2025                      | 17/08/2025         |
| PRE/25/106    | Replacement of Al-Madinah Theater Chairs                                                     | 28/07/2025                      | 17/08/2025         |

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DEATH TOLL EXCEEDS 80



Texas floods: Camp Mystic says 27 campers and counsellors dead

**TEXAS:** The summer camp hit by flash floods in Texas said on Monday that 27 campers and counsellors had died, while state officials put the overall death toll from the disaster at more than 80. Officials have said the death toll is sure to rise, with the risk of life-threatening flooding still high in central Texas and more rain on the way. **What did the summer camp say?** "Camp Mystic is grieving the loss of 27 campers and counsellors following the catastrophic flooding on the Guadalupe River," the camp said in a statement. "We have been in communication with local and state authorities who are tirelessly deploying extensive resources to search for our missing girls." "We are deeply grateful for the outpouring of support from [the] community, first responders, and officials at every level."

said. Camp Mystic, a nearly century-old Christian girls' summer retreat on the banks of the Guadalupe, was among the worst-hit sites. The waters reached treetops and the roofs of cabins as girls slept overnight Friday, washing away some children and leaving a scene of devastation. **What might happen now?** The National Weather Service (NWS) warned Sunday that slow-moving thunderstorms could unleash more flash floods on the already-soaked heart of Texas. Texas Governor Gregg Abbott said the heavy rain might "lead to potential flash flooding" in Kerrville and nearby towns, urging residents to steer clear of the swollen river and creeks. Pressed on Sunday about whether federal budget cuts had weakened the disaster response or left key posts vacant at the NWS under his watch, Trump pushed back. Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem, who oversees FEMA and NOAA, admitted that a "moderate" flood watch issued Thursday by the NWS hadn't captured the brutal scale of the downpour. She insisted the Trump administration was working to modernise the system. Joaquin Castro, a Democratic congressman from Texas, told CNN's "State of the Union" that short-staffing the weather service

could spell danger. "When you have flash flooding, there's a risk that if you don't have the personnel ... to do that analysis, do the predictions in the best way, it could lead to tragedy," Castro said. Meanwhile, US President Donald Trump in New Jersey described the floods in Texas as a "100-year catastrophe" and said he is likely to visit the state on Friday. He said the administration is working in close coordination with local representatives to manage the situation. "Everybody in Texas, we'll continue to be there, and we're working very closely, representing us from Texas," Trump said during a media interaction at Morristown Municipal Airport. "And it's a horrible thing at this place, absolutely horrible. So we say, God bless all of the people that have gone through so much, and God bless, God bless the state of Texas." On federal relief, Trump said, "FEMA is something we can talk about later, but right now they're busy working, so we'll leave it at that." The President said letters related to trade deals would begin going out on Monday. "We're going to be sending letters out on Monday, having to do with the trade deals. It could be 12, maybe 15, you know, Secretary of Commerce right here, I guess Howard I would say it could be maybe as many as could be." — *dw*

PALESTINIAN SOURCES

First round of Israel-Hamas ceasefire talks ends indecisively

**DOHA:** The first round of ceasefire talks between Israel and Hamas in Doha, Qatar, ended inconclusively, Palestinian sources close to the matter said on Monday.

“After the first session of indirect negotiations in Doha, the Israeli delegation is not sufficiently authorized ... to reach an agreement with Hamas, as it has no real powers,” the sources told Reuters news agency.

The BBC reported that the talks took place in two different buildings, and lasted for about three and a half hours.

The two sides communicated through Qatari and Egyptian mediators, but to no avail. Talks are expected to resume again on Monday. — **DW**

YEMENI PORT

Israel launches fresh strikes on Houthi targets

**HODEIDAH:** Israel on Monday launched attacks at Houthi targets in Yemen hours after a Greek-owned, Liberian-flagged cargo ship — the Magic Seas — was attacked near the Yemeni port of Hodeidah. Israeli air forces on Monday struck targets in ports of Hodeidah, Ras Isa and Salif, as well as a power plant at Ras Qantib.

“These ports are used by the Houthi terrorist regime to transfer weapons from the Iranian regime, which are employed to carry out terrorist operations against the state of Israel and its allies,” read an Israeli military statement.

Israel also struck the Galaxy Leader, a vessel seized by the Houthis last November. The group had been using it to track international maritime traffic and plan further attacks. Yemen's Houthi rebels, who are thought to be behind the attack on the Magic Seas, fired two missiles at Israel in response to the strikes. Israeli military efforts to intercept the missiles appear to have failed, though no injuries have been reported. — **DW**

Several civilians killed in Israeli attacks on Gaza’s tent camps

The death toll from Israel’s ongoing aggression on Gaza since October 7, 2023, has risen to 57,418 killed and 136,261 wounded

**GAZA:** Several Palestinian civilians were killed and others were wounded Monday evening as Israeli fighter jets struck a tent sheltering displaced persons near Musab bin Umair Mosque in the Tel al-Hawa neighbourhood, southern Gaza City.

In a separate strike, two members of the Ramlaoui family were killed when their home was destroyed in an Israeli airstrike on Al-Tuffah neighbourhood, east of Gaza City. Several other family members sustained injuries of varying severity.

Earlier in the day, Israeli airstrikes and gunfire killed three Palestinians and wounded others in separate attacks across Gaza



City and Rafah.

The death toll from Israel’s ongoing aggression on Gaza since October 7, 2023, has risen to 57,418 killed and 136,261 wounded. Thousands remain under the rubble or in streets as rescue teams face grave difficulties in reaching them due to relentless bombardment.

Israel’s intensified attacks on residential areas, hospitals, and shelters for displaced civilians have plunged Gaza into worsening humanitarian catastrophe. Aid agencies continue to warn of an imminent collapse of the

health and sanitation systems, compounded by severe shortages of food, clean water, and medicine.

**UN: Gaza’s food system deepens, blocking aid means more deaths**

The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) warned on Monday that Gaza’s food system has completely collapsed, as famine tightens its grip on the besieged enclave.

The ongoing obstruction of humanitarian aid is leading to the

**Foreign Ministry welcomes BRICS leaders’ call for ceasefire, Israeli withdrawal from occupied territories**

The Palestinian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates welcomed the final communiqué of the BRICS Leaders’ Summit, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, which called for an immediate, unconditional ceasefire in Gaza and for Israel’s full withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and all occupied Palestinian territories, in line with international law and UN resolutions.

In a press statement on Monday, the Ministry urged the international community to urgently intervene and take concrete measures to compel Israel to halt its aggression, acts of genocide, forced displacement, and annexation policies targeting the Palestinian people.

The Ministry also stressed the importance of reviving a political process based on international peace references and the Arab Peace Initiative, aimed at enabling the Palestinian people to exercise their right to self-determination and secure their legitimate national rights.

This, it added, is the only viable path toward achieving lasting security, stability, and prosperity in the region and the world.

— **Wafa**

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German space capsule lost ashes of 166 people

**BAVARIA:** Bavaria-based start-up The Exploration Company (TEC) says it is investigating the loss of a space capsule that was carrying the ashes of 166 people back to their families.

The “Nyx Mission Possible” craft had been due to return the ashes to Earth — and the bereaved — after orbiting the planet twice in late June. However, an anomaly occurred and the capsule was lost during its planned re-entry.



**What did TEC say about the missing capsule?**

In a statement posted on professional networking site LinkedIn, TEC said it had re-established communication with the capsule

upon reentry — after a standard blackout because of the heat — before losing it again.

“From an orbital altitude of 550 kilometres [about 340 miles], the capsule re-entered success-

fully in a controlled manner, with communication established post maximum heat. Communications were, however, lost at 26 km altitude, just before the transonic phase preceding the opening of the parachutes.”

“To better understand the outcomes, we have established an independent investigation team. Their findings will be shared with our clients, investors, and internal teams.”

In an earlier statement, TEC apologised “to all our clients who entrusted us with their payloads.”

**What more do we know about the flight?**

Charles Chafer, co-founder and CEO of the Texas-based “memorial spaceflight” company Celestis, who hired TEC, said it was the first time that such a reentry had been attempted.

“As a result of this unforeseen event, we believe that we will not

be able to recover or return the flight capsules aboard. We share in the disappointment of our families, and we offer our sincerest gratitude for their trust.”

“Though we currently believe that we cannot return the flight capsules, we hope families will find some peace in knowing their loved ones were part of a historic journey, launched into space, orbited Earth, and are now resting in the vastness of the Pacific, akin to a traditional and honored sea scattering.”

As well as the human remains, the Nyx capsule had been carrying cannabis plant material and seeds for a citizen science project to study the viability of growing cannabis on Mars. — **DW**

TIPPLATION

The growing pitfalls of proper tipping

**BERLIN:** Frank Sinatra was known for giving serving staff crispy \$100-bill tips. That was a long time ago when a hundred dollars really meant something. What are the rules for tipping today, and why are customers confused?

Many people wouldn’t think twice about tipping a waiter in a nice restaurant, the hairdresser, a good bartender or the porter carrying heavy luggage through a busy hotel. These are situations with clear, long-standing norms in many countries.

But what about the barista at Starbucks? Or the person taking your order at a fast-food takeaway window? What about a self-service kiosk?

**To tip or not to tip?**

Most historians agree that tipping started in medieval Europe with aristocrats handing out gratuities to servants or those who worked their land.

By the 19th century, the idea was disappearing in Europe but had arrived in the US. Later, it was re-exported around the world.

Today, people tip for any number of reasons: To feel better about themselves, to impress others, to help make up for paltry service-staff pay or because they are asked to.

Tipping is primarily driven by motivations to help servers or reward good service, says Michael Lynn, a professor of services marketing at Cornell University in the United States, who studies tipping.

Others tip to fulfill a perceived obligation to tip, Lynn told DW. Still others are more self-interested. These people tip to gain or maintain future preferential service or social approval, said Lynn, who is currently writing a book on the subject slated to be called “The Psychology of Tipping: Insights



for Service Workers, Managers and Customers.”

**Digital tipping: How did we get here?**

Now new technology is changing how and where tips are expected. In the past, a few dollars were left on the restaurant table or small change was put in the tip jar next to the cash register.

Increased card use, apps and touch-screen payment systems have added tipping options — and more confusion for customers.

“We have seen an explosion in tip requests, though the tip amounts have not changed drastically,” says Ismail Karabas, an associate professor of marketing at Kentucky’s Murray State University.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, many businesses moved further away from cash and switched to contactless and online payments, and the point-of-sales companies that provide these digital devices decided to include a tip request.

“The tip request is already embedded in the process, so the businesses have to opt out of this option. Many did not, for various reasons, and then we started experiencing tip request inflation across the board,” Karabas, who specializes in services marketing, tipping and advertising, told DW.

**The design of not opting out**

When customers are presented with pre-calculated tips of 15%, 20% or 25% what should they do? Just hit one of the buttons and get it over with, take the time to add in their own amount or leave nothing while looking directly at the cashier?

Customers often just choose a pre-set tip option instead of holding up the line. This gives tech designers a lot of influence over tipping.

Lynn argues that the question of how the design of interfaces affects tipping is a “hot new area of research.”

“Increasing the ask size of tip

options increases the amount given — even though it can decrease the proportion of people leaving a tip,” he said.

Designers have an incentive to make tipping the default option and make it harder to opt out of tipping. Anyone who wants to opt out is forced to fumble around or ask how to do it.

“More tips mean better income for employees, but also for the tech designers because they charge a fee per transaction that goes through their systems,” Karabas added.

**What do tippers actually think?**

A survey by YouGov done in May 2023 in the US, UK, France, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Spain and Italy showed that the overwhelming majority of restaurant tippers in these countries would tip 5-10% and not much more.

The US was an outlier with two-thirds of tippers adding 15% or more. The survey also found that many Americans would leave a tip at a restaurant despite poor or terrible service.

Another survey on American tipping culture by the Pew Research Center published in November 2023 looked into tipping

and so-called tipflation in the US.

The Pew report found that 72% of adults say tipping service workers is indeed expected more often than compared to five years ago. Additionally, only 34% of the adults polled said it is extremely or very easy to know when it is actually appropriate to tip.

**A few tips for tricky situations**

How to deal with this new tipping culture? First, know where you are. What is the local situation and how are staff paid. Are they earning a minimum wage where a tip is a gratuity on top? Or do they get a much smaller sub-minimum wage and therefore rely on tips to subsidize their take-home pay?

In some places in the US, this sub-minimum wage for tipped workers can mean earning just \$2.13 (€1.84) an hour. Knowing how much people earn can help when deciding if and how much of a tip to leave.

Second, take time to understand the system. Once you know the local norms and wage situation, then you can deal with the actual tipping technology, like calculating what that 25% button really means in dollars and cents.

Don’t be pressured by the line behind you or the group sitting at the table with you — though admittedly this is probably the hardest part, especially if it is a date.

Don’t tip out of guilt either. “Guilt tipping leaves a bad impression on customers, makes them irritated about the request, and less likely to return to the same establishment,” said Karabas.

Finally, as a last resort to avoid confusing or unexpected tip requests, customers should consider paying with cash, says Karabas. That way, everything is in their hands even if it is a brand-new \$100 bill. — **DW**

NEW POLITICAL PARTY

Trump slams Elon Musk’s ‘America Party’ plan

**WASHINGTON DC:** US President Donald Trump on Sunday blasted multibillionaire CEO Elon Musk’s launch of a new US political party called the America Party.

The Tesla and SpaceX CEO, and until recently a close adviser to Trump, announced the creation of the America Party in a series of posts late on Saturday.

“When it comes to bankrupting our country with waste & graft, we live in a one-party system, not a democracy. Today, the America Party is formed to give you back your freedom,” he posted on X, the social media platform he owns.

On Sunday, Trump said it was “ridiculous” to start a third party.

“The Democrats have lost their way, but it’s always been a two-party system,” Trump said, adding, “and I think starting a third party just adds to confusion. It really seems to have been developed, but three parties have never worked.”

Musk first floated the idea of forming a new political party after a public and bitter falling-out with Trump.

Musk spent hundreds of millions of dollars to support Trump’s re-election and led the so-called Department of Government Efficiency or DOGE in the Trump administration, which aimed to cut government spending, before their disagreements spilled into the open.

He revived the idea of a new political party this week as US lawmakers approved Trump’s sweeping tax and spending bill.

Musk was among the legislation’s most vocal critics and has pledged to establish a new party to oppose Republicans who supported the bill. — **DW**

SPORTS

OOC HEADQUARTERS

OOC holds meetings for participation in Riyadh Solidarity Games

Times News Service

**MUSCAT:** As part of its preparations for the 6th Islamic Solidarity Games, Oman Olympic Committee (OOC) commenced a series of meetings on Monday with several sports federations and committees.

These meetings will continue for three consecutive days at the OOC headquarters. The aim of the meetings is to discuss the technical and administrative aspects of Oman's participation in the

Games, which will be held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, from November 7 to 21, 2025.

The event will feature athletes from 57 member states of the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation.

These meetings reflect OOC commitment to strengthening co-ordination with sports federations and committees to ensure effective participation in the Games—one of the most prominent multi-sport events in the Islamic world.

The Games provide an ideal



platform for fair competition and for showcasing national talents across various sports.

The discussions will cover aspects related to selecting the sports in which Oman will participate, based on established technical criteria.

They will also review timelines, logistical requirements, and the technical preparation needs of national teams in alignment with this important regional sporting event.

The Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation recently announced

that the sixth edition of the Games will be hosted in Riyadh, featuring 24 sports.

This will be organised in coordination with the host committee and the national Olympic committees, with an emphasis on selecting appropriate dates to avoid conflicts with major championships and Islamic events.

This scheduling aims to enhance athletes' opportunities to perform at their best as they prepare for the upcoming Olympic Games in Los Angeles 2028.

GRAND SLAM

Sabalenka marches into quarters with win over former doubles partner

**LONDON:** The world number one Aryna Sabalenka marched into the quarterfinals of Wimbledon, defeating world number 19 Elise Mertens in her round of 16 match.

Sabalenka defeated her former doubles partner, Elise, with whom she won her first Grand Slam title six years back at the US Open, with a margin of 6-4, 7-6 (4), in the fourth round at the All England Club. Sabalenka has now secured wins in 11 out of 13 matches against Elise.

Sabalenka, the US Open champion, is the only one of the top six seeds left in the women's draw.

The 27-year-old missed last year's Wimbledon due to injury and was banned in 2022 as part of a blanket suspension on Russian and Belarusian athletes due to the invasion of Ukraine.

Now a three-time Grand Slam champion, Sabalenka is just a few steps away from her fourth title and her first-ever Wimbledon title, where she has finished in the semifinals twice, back in 2021 and 2023, as per WTA's official website.

The Belarusian's next challenge will be the 37-year-old Laura Siegemund, who ousted Solana Sierra with a 6-3, 6-2 victory.

Sabalenka finished with a total of six aces and won 32 of her 38 first-serve points. Both players had 18 unforced errors, Sabalen-



ka had 36 winners, nine more in comparison to Elise.

Sabalenka is in red-hot form in Grand Slams, and she has reached the quarterfinals in her previous 10 Grand Slam events. Her 16 Grand Slam wins this year are way more than any other player,

so are her 46 wins overall, as per WTA's official website.

Elise, currently ranked world number 19, is no less at the age of 29. The Belgian secured the Libema Open last month and came into the match with a career record of 15-7 at Wimbledon. -ANI

Alcaraz storms into Wimbledon quarter-finals

Alcaraz defeated  
Andrey Rublev  
6-7(5), 6-3, 6-4, 6-4

**LONDON:** Carlos Alcaraz stormed into the quarter-finals of Wimbledon 2025 after his 22nd consecutive victory. The Spanish tennis sensation came from behind for his 18th straight win at the Championships, defeating 14th seed Andrey Rublev 6-7(5), 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 on Sunday, according to Olympics.com.

The two-time Wimbledon defending men's singles champion has made it to the second week for the third year in a row, as he continues his pursuit of a three-peat in south-west London.

Alcaraz will meet Cameron Norrie in the quarter-final, the last remaining Briton in the men's or women's singles draw, who battled through a five-set thriller against qualifier Nicolas Jarry on No. 1 Court.

Norrie, a former World No. 8, is now back in the ATP top 50, his highest position since last year. In



the 2023 Rio Open final, the Briton was victorious in their previous meeting. Sunday evening's prime-time match was Alcaraz's second-longest outing of the tournament, only behind his first-round, four-and-a-half marathon win.

"It is a different kind of tennis this year at Wimbledon...a different feeling. For me, it's a little bit slower, the balls are a little bit

slower. But today I just played my best match so far in the tournament. Just feeling great," Carlos Alcaraz said as quoted from Olympics.com.

Earlier, the Spaniard extended his winning streak to 21 matches after beating Germany's Jan-Lennard Struff in four sets, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4. This Wimbledon could be historic for Alcaraz. -ANI

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**OMAN CRUDE PRICE FALLS**  
The price of Oman oil has decreased, with prices for delivery by September 2025 reaching \$69.71, said Dubai Mercantile Exchange (DME). The DME statement said that the price of Oman oil fell by 6 cents from the price of Friday, which was \$69.77. - **ONA**

# MARKET

## BUSINESS & FINANCE



**MSX INDEX ENDS HIGHER**  
The MSX index closed at 4,578.22 points, up by 0.29% from previous close. The Sharia Index ended up by 0.14% at 438.87 points. Voltamp Energy, up 10.00%, was the top gainer while, Arabia Falcon Insurance, down 3.70%, was the top loser.

# Treasury bills worth OMR20.3mn issued



The value of the allotted treasury bills amounted to OMR 5 million, for a maturity period of 28 days. While, the value of the allotted treasury bills amounted to OMR 15.3 million, for a maturity period of 91 days



**MUSCAT:** The Central Bank of Oman (CBO) raised OMR20.3 million by a way of allotting treasury bills on Monday.  
The value of the allotted treasury bills amounted to OMR 5 million, for a maturity period of 28 days. The average accepted price reached OMR 99.700 for every

OMR 100, and the minimum accepted price arrived at OMR 99.700 per OMR 100. The average discount rate and the average yield reached 3.91071 per cent and 3.92248 per cent, respectively.  
While, the value of the allotted treasury bills amounted to OMR 15.3 million, for a maturity period of 91 days. The average accepted price reached OMR 98.936 for every OMR 100, and the minimum accepted price arrived at OMR 98.930 per OMR 100. The aver-

age discount rate and the average yield reached 4.26790 per cent and 4.31381%, respectively.  
Treasury bills are short-term highly secured financial instruments issued by the Ministry of Finance, and they provide licensed commercial banks the opportunity to invest their surplus funds. The Central Bank of Oman (CBO) acts as the Issue Manager and provides the added advantage of ready liquidity through discounting and repurchase facilities (Repo).

It may be noted that the interest rate on the Repo operations with CBO is 5.00 per cent while the discount rate on the Treasury Bills Discounting Facility with CBO is 5.50 per cent.  
Furthermore, treasury bills promote the local money market by creating a benchmark yield curve for short-term interest rates. Additionally, the Government may also resort to this instrument whenever felt necessary for financing its recurrent expenditures. -**ONA**

## STOCKS

### Global markets react cautiously to trade policy developments



**LONDON:** Stocks showed mixed performance on Monday, while the US dollar remained near multi-year lows, amid market uncertainty related to potential changes in tariff policies. Officials indicated that updates to tariff rates were forthcoming, but no specific details were provided.  
According to official statements, new trade agreements are expected to be finalised in the coming days, with updated tariff rates to be com-

municated to international partners by July 9 and implemented starting August 1, Reuters reported.  
Markets responded cautiously, reflecting investor sensitivity to ongoing trade developments. In early European trading, S&P 500 futures declined by 0.3%, and Nasdaq futures fell 0.45%. Meanwhile, Europe's STOXX index gained 0.3%, while MSCI's index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan edged down 0.5%. -**BNA**

## APPOINTMENT

### Douglas OHI's Aaron Hennessy appointed as Sustainability Ambassador for CIOB Oman Hub

Times News Service

**MUSCAT:** Douglas OHI announced that Aaron Hennessy, Group Managing Director of Douglas OHI and Group COO of the OHI Group of Companies, has been appointed as the Sustainability Ambassador for the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) Oman Hub Committee, effective 1 July 2025.  
Aaron is a Chartered Environmentalist and Fellow of the CIOB, with nearly 30 years of experience in leading large-scale construction and engineering projects across multiple geographies, including Ireland, the UAE, Qatar, Libya, Liberia, Oman, and Saudi Arabia. He previously served as Chair of the CIOB Oman Hub and remains an active voice in the industry's push towards higher professional and environmental standards.  
Reflecting on his appointment, Aaron said: "I'm genuinely honoured to return to the CIOB Oman Hub Committee in the capacity of Sustainability Ambassador. Sustainability in construction is no longer optional - it is a fundamental responsibility we all share. This role provides an opportunity to help shape how we embed environmental principles into project delivery, business culture, and professional development. I look forward to working with peers across the industry to drive positive, measurable change that benefits both people and planet."



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**Aaron Hennessy,**  
Group Managing Director of Douglas OHI and Group COO of the OHI Group of Companies

Welcoming the appointment, Wade Kilian, Oman Hub Committee Chairman, CIOB said: "Aaron has long been a champion of sustainable construction and a highly respected leader in the region. His experience, strate-

gic insight, and dedication to the built environment will be invaluable as we continue to promote sustainability as a cornerstone of professional excellence in Oman and across the wider industry."  
Aaron's appointment reinforces Douglas OHI's commitment to environmental stewardship, collaboration, and the ongoing development of a resilient and responsible construction sector.

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# MARKET

## MSX index ends higher

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A total number of 1550 trades were executed during the day's trading session, generating turnover of RO 15.26 million, with more than 96.97 million shares changing hands. Out of 69 traded securities, 18 advanced, 17 declined, and 34 remained unchanged. At the session close, GCC & Arab investors were net sellers for RO 397K while foreign investors were net buyers for RO 358K, followed by domestic investors for RO 38K worth of shares.

Financial Index closed at 7,922.49 points, up 0.19%. Prices of Financial Corporation, Global Financial Investments, Oman & Emirates Investment, Al Anwar

Investment, Oman United Insurance were up by 5.41%, 3.54%, 1.43%, 1.11%, 0.44% respectively. Prices of Arabia Falcon Insurance, Dhofar Insurance, United Finance were down by 3.70%, 3.55%, 1.61% respectively.

Industrial Index closed at 6,707.34 points, up 1.1%. Prices of Voltamp Energy, Dhofar Cattle Feed, Al Maha Ceramics, Oman Flour Mills were up by 10.00%, 5.88%, 3.45%, 0.62% respectively. Prices of Oman Fisheries, A'Saffa Foods, Gulf International Chemicals, Al Anwar Ceramics, Salalah Mills were down by 3.45%, 2.50%, 1.37%, 1.12%, 1.06% respectively.

Services Index was up by 0.38% before closing at 1,631.70 points. Prices of SMN Power Holding, Ooredoo, Renaissance Services, Al Batinah Power, Oman Telecom were up by 2.02%, 1.58%, 1.39%, 1.33%, 0.24% respectively. Prices of Muscat Gases, Dhofar Generating, Phoenix Power, Baraka Water & Power Company, Al Jazeera Services were down by 1.75%, 1.70%, 1.33%, 0.96%, 0.55% respectively. — **United Securities**

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#### INDICES

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|--------------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|-------|--------|
| MSX 30 INDEX       | 4,578.22 | 4,534.34 | 4,578.22 | 4,565.00    | 13.22 | 0.29   |
| FINANCIAL INDEX    | 7,922.49 | 7,882.13 | 7,922.49 | 7,907.73    | 14.76 | 0.19   |
| Industry Index     | 6,714.45 | 6,610.65 | 6,707.34 | 6,634.65    | 72.69 | 1.10   |
| Services Index     | 1,631.98 | 1,619.22 | 1,631.70 | 1,625.54    | 6.16  | 0.38   |
| MSX Shariah Index  | 438.87   | 436.06   | 438.87   | 438.26      | 0.61  | 0.14   |
| MSX TR INDEX       | 6,772.25 | 6,707.34 | 6,772.25 | 6,752.70    | 19.55 | 0.29   |
| FINANCIAL TR IDX   | 9,412.19 | 9,364.25 | 9,412.19 | 9,394.66    | 17.53 | 0.19   |
| INDUSTRIAL TR IDX  | 8,251.05 | 8,123.50 | 8,242.32 | 8,152.99    | 89.32 | 1.10   |
| SERVICES TR IDX    | 2,081.17 | 2,064.90 | 2,080.81 | 2,072.95    | 7.85  | 0.38   |
| FIXED INCOME INDEX | 1,204.48 | 1,204.48 | 1,204.48 | 1,204.48    | 0.00  | 0.00   |

#### Trading Summary

| Volume     | Turnover   | Trades | Market Cap.    | Up | Down | Equal | Sec. Traded |
|------------|------------|--------|----------------|----|------|-------|-------------|
| 96,974,061 | 15,260,127 | 1,550  | 28,384,380,658 | 18 | 17   | 34    | 69          |

## SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR MONDAY, JULY 7

| SEC. NAME | VOLUME | TURNOVER | TRADES | OPEN PRICE | HIGH | LOW | CLOSE PR. | PREV. CLOSE | DIFF. RD. | DIFF. % | LAST PR. | LAST BID | LAST OFFER | PREV. VALUE | MARKET CAP. |
|-----------|--------|----------|--------|------------|------|-----|-----------|-------------|-----------|---------|----------|----------|------------|-------------|-------------|
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### REGULAR MARKET

|              |                                 |            |           |     |       |       |       |       |       |        |        |       |       |       |       |               |
|--------------|---------------------------------|------------|-----------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------------|
| OM0000003661 | VOLTAMP ENERGY                  | 49,960     | 42,935    | 34  | 0.800 | 0.880 | 0.800 | 0.880 | 0.800 | 0.080  | 10.000 | 0.880 | 0.880 | 0.880 | 0.100 | 82,379,583    |
| OM0000003125 | GLOBAL FINANCIAL INVESTMENT HO. | 9,383      | 1,058     | 5   | 0.113 | 0.117 | 0.113 | 0.117 | 0.113 | 0.004  | 3.540  | 0.117 | 0.113 | 0.117 | 0.100 | 23,400,000    |
| OM0000003968 | OOREDOO                         | 123,330    | 23,670    | 13  | 0.191 | 0.193 | 0.190 | 0.193 | 0.190 | 0.003  | 1.579  | 0.193 | 0.193 | 0.193 | 0.100 | 128,632,236   |
| OM0000002254 | RENAISSANCE SERVICES            | 3,027,851  | 874,606   | 81  | 0.285 | 0.286 | 0.285 | 0.286 | 0.285 | 0.001  | 1.384  | 0.286 | 0.286 | 0.286 | 0.100 | 68,785,310    |
| OM0000004925 | ALBATINAH POWER                 | 137,909    | 10,481    | 8   | 0.076 | 0.076 | 0.076 | 0.076 | 0.075 | 0.001  | 1.333  | 0.076 | 0.076 | 0.076 | 0.100 | 51,291,445    |
| OM0000001897 | OMAN UNITED INSURANCE           | 87,075     | 179,592   | 4   | 0.225 | 0.226 | 0.225 | 0.226 | 0.225 | 0.001  | 1.444  | 0.226 | 0.225 | 0.226 | 0.100 | 22,600,000    |
| OM0000003026 | OMAN TELECOM                    | 306,326    | 258,098   | 38  | 0.842 | 0.845 | 0.839 | 0.845 | 0.843 | 0.002  | 0.237  | 0.845 | 0.844 | 0.845 | 0.100 | 633,750,000   |
| OM0000001533 | OMINVEST                        | 48,850     | 10,787    | 14  | 0.221 | 0.222 | 0.220 | 0.220 | 0.220 | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.220 | 0.220 | 0.221 | 0.100 | 205,856,551   |
| OM0000002176 | JAZEERA STEEL PRODUCTS          | 29,500     | 11,803    | 10  | 0.389 | 0.410 | 0.389 | 0.400 | 0.400 | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.400 | 0.382 | 0.400 | 0.100 | 49,959,184    |
| OM0000002440 | AL SHARQIYA INVESTMENT HO.      | 65,513     | 5,371     | 7   | 0.082 | 0.082 | 0.081 | 0.081 | 0.081 | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.081 | 0.081 | 0.089 | 0.100 | 7,290,000     |
| OM0000002796 | BANK MUSCAT                     | 5,323,756  | 1,460,526 | 53  | 0.276 | 0.276 | 0.272 | 0.276 | 0.276 | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.276 | 0.276 | 0.276 | 0.100 | 2,071,765,589 |
| OM0000002386 | SOHAR INTERNATIONAL BANK        | 3,232,247  | 446,736   | 54  | 0.139 | 0.139 | 0.138 | 0.139 | 0.139 | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.139 | 0.139 | 0.139 | 0.100 | 819,737,232   |
| OM0000004420 | BANK NIZWA                      | 241,644    | 24,304    | 10  | 0.100 | 0.101 | 0.100 | 0.101 | 0.101 | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.101 | 0.100 | 0.101 | 0.100 | 225,952,256   |
| OM0000004788 | MADINA TAKAFUL                  | 391,735    | 31,327    | 17  | 0.079 | 0.080 | 0.079 | 0.080 | 0.080 | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.080 | 0.078 | 0.082 | 0.100 | 14,000,000    |
| OM0000004933 | AL SUWADI POWER                 | 405,406    | 30,437    | 13  | 0.076 | 0.076 | 0.075 | 0.076 | 0.075 | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.075 | 0.074 | 0.075 | 0.100 | 53,580,476    |
| OM0000008072 | OQ GAS NETWORKS                 | 7,588,518  | 1,161,930 | 195 | 0.154 | 0.155 | 0.151 | 0.155 | 0.155 | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.155 | 0.155 | 0.155 | 0.100 | 671,248,708   |
| OM0000008934 | ABRAJ ENERGY SERVICES           | 2,452,337  | 631,367   | 60  | 0.261 | 0.261 | 0.256 | 0.258 | 0.258 | -0.001 | -0.386 | 0.258 | 0.258 | 0.258 | 0.100 | 198,711,600   |
| OM0000002226 | ALJAZEERA SERVICES              | 17,200     | 3,131     | 4   | 0.184 | 0.184 | 0.182 | 0.182 | 0.183 | -0.001 | -0.546 | 0.182 | 0.182 | 0.185 | 0.100 | 7,797,424     |
| OM0000002168 | AL ANWAR CERAMIC                | 235,134    | 41,814    | 25  | 0.178 | 0.180 | 0.177 | 0.177 | 0.179 | -0.002 | -0.417 | 0.177 | 0.176 | 0.180 | 0.100 | 38,940,000    |
| OM0000002274 | UNITED FINANCE                  | 100,000    | 6,100     | 5   | 0.061 | 0.061 | 0.061 | 0.061 | 0.062 | -0.001 | -1.613 | 0.061 | 0.060 | 0.063 | 0.100 | 21,725,765    |
| OM0000002804 | ASAFFA FOODS                    | 2,000      | 780       | 1   | 0.390 | 0.390 | 0.390 | 0.390 | 0.400 | -0.010 | -2.500 | 0.390 | 0.390 | 0.403 | 0.100 | 46,800,000    |
| Total        | 21                              | 23,885,354 | 5,096,836 | 691 |       |       |       |       |       |        |        |       |       |       |       |               |

### Parallel Market

|               |                                  |            |           |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |        |       |       |       |       |               |
|---------------|----------------------------------|------------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------------|
| 0000000001301 | DHOFAR FOODS AND INVESTMENT      | 1,297      | 86        | 2     | 0.062 | 0.072 | 0.062 | 0.072 | 0.068 | 0.004  | 5.882  | 0.072 | 0.069 | 0.072 | 0.100 | 14,232,738    |
| 000000002911  | FINANCIAL CORPORATION            | 16,000     | 680       | 2     | 0.040 | 0.040 | 0.039 | 0.039 | 0.037 | 0.002  | 5.405  | 0.039 | 0.035 | 0.040 | 0.100 | 2,731,168     |
| 000000005005  | ALMAHA CERAMICS                  | 10,000     | 2,865     | 5     | 0.290 | 0.290 | 0.290 | 0.290 | 0.290 | 0.000  | 3.448  | 0.290 | 0.285 | 0.290 | 0.100 | 15,900,000    |
| 000000004248  | SMN POWER HOLDING                | 2,445      | 494       | 2     | 0.202 | 0.202 | 0.202 | 0.202 | 0.198 | 0.004  | 2.020  | 0.202 | 0.200 | 0.217 | 0.100 | 40,328,381    |
| 000000001681  | OMAN EMIRATES HO.                | 3,000      | 215       | 1     | 0.071 | 0.071 | 0.071 | 0.071 | 0.070 | 0.001  | 1.428  | 0.071 | 0.069 | 0.071 | 0.100 | 6,653,125     |
| 000000001772  | ALANWAR INVESTMENT               | 6,634,950  | 598,650   | 86    | 0.091 | 0.091 | 0.090 | 0.091 | 0.090 | 0.001  | 1.111  | 0.091 | 0.091 | 0.091 | 0.100 | 27,168,317    |
| 000000008969  | THE PEARL REIF                   | 24,015     | 2,656     | 7     | 0.118 | 0.119 | 0.118 | 0.119 | 0.118 | 0.001  | 0.847  | 0.119 | 0.118 | 0.119 | 0.100 | 70,380,989    |
| 000000001020  | ASYAD SHIPPING                   | 27,962,669 | 3,461,976 | 187   | 0.125 | 0.126 | 0.123 | 0.125 | 0.124 | 0.001  | 0.806  | 0.125 | 0.123 | 0.125 | 0.000 | 651,093,035   |
| 000000001400  | OMAN FLOUR MILLS                 | 17,144     | 8,318     | 6     | 0.485 | 0.488 | 0.485 | 0.488 | 0.485 | 0.003  | 0.619  | 0.488 | 0.488 | 0.485 | 0.100 | 80,703,000    |
| 000000009759  | OQ EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION    | 1,357,843  | 438,922   | 91    | 0.253 | 0.253 | 0.250 | 0.253 | 0.252 | 0.001  | 0.310  | 0.253 | 0.254 | 0.253 | 0.100 | 1,010,256,000 |
| 000000001152  | OMAN NATIONAL ENGINEERING & INV. | 25,000     | 3,000     | 2     | 0.120 | 0.120 | 0.120 | 0.120 | 0.120 | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.120 | 0.110 | 0.124 | 0.100 | 18,000,000    |
| 000000001160  | OMAN UNITED INSURANCE            | 87,075     | 179,592   | 4     | 0.225 | 0.226 | 0.225 | 0.226 | 0.225 | 0.001  | 1.444  | 0.226 | 0.225 | 0.226 | 0.100 | 22,600,000    |
| 000000001509  | DHOFAR INTERNATIONAL DEV & INV.  | 49,302     | 12,819    | 3     | 0.260 | 0.260 | 0.260 | 0.260 | 0.260 | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.260 | 0.260 | 0.266 | 0.100 | 128,974,597   |
| 000000001590  | MUSCAT FINANCE                   | 34,872     | 18,278    | 27    | 0.053 | 0.053 | 0.053 | 0.053 | 0.053 | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.053 | 0.052 | 0.053 | 0.100 | 16,278,755    |
| 000000001806  | MUSCAT FINANCE                   | 10,000     | 2,865     | 5     | 0.290 | 0.290 | 0.290 | 0.290 | 0.290 | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.290 | 0.285 | 0.290 | 0.100 | 15,900,000    |
| 000000001962  | AL MADINA INVESTMENT HOLDING     | 6,716      | 309       | 2     | 0.046 | 0.046 | 0.046 | 0.046 | 0.046 | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.046 | 0.046 | 0.050 | 0.100 | 3,910,000     |
| 000000002549  | OMAN OIL MARKETING               | 50,000     | 6,450     | 2     | 0.129 | 0.129 | 0.129 | 0.129 | 0.129 | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.129 | 0.128 | 0.129 | 0.100 | 392,154,011   |
| 000000002572  | OMAN OIL MARKETING               | 35,123     | 22,479    | 5     | 0.640 | 0.640 | 0.640 | 0.640 | 0.640 | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.640 | 0.640 | 0.640 | 0.100 | 39,216,000    |
| 000000002648  | NATIONAL FINANCE                 | 84,500     | 9,971     | 3     | 0.118 | 0.118 | 0.118 | 0.118 | 0.118 | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.118 | 0.118 | 0.119 | 0.100 | 71,738,951    |
| 000000003265  | NATIONAL DETERGENT               | 922        | 622       | 1     | 0.675 | 0.675 | 0.675 | 0.675 | 0.675 | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.675 | 0.675 | 0.675 | 0.100 | 13,500,000    |
| 000000004689  | SHARQIYA DESALINATION            | 100        | 14        | 1     | 0.138 | 0.138 | 0.138 | 0.138 | 0.138 | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.138 | 0.126 | 0.141 | 0.100 | 13,486,698    |
| 000000005280  | OMAN ARAB BANK                   | 1,500      | 219       | 2     | 0.146 | 0.146 | 0.146 | 0.146 | 0.146 | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.146 | 0.132 | 0.146 | 0.100 | 243,753,860   |
| 000000007084  | MUSCAT CITY DESALINATION         | 5,000      | 335       | 1     | 0.067 | 0.067 | 0.067 | 0.067 | 0.067 | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.067 | 0.068 | 0.072 | 0.100 | 10,421,177    |
| 000000007910  | OMAN UNITED INSURANCE            | 2,580      | 267       | 3     | 0.088 | 0.088 | 0.088 | 0.088 | 0.088 | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.088 | 0.088 | 0.089 | 0.100 | 17,900,000    |
| 000000008447  | OMAN REIT FUND                   | 120,565    | 9,890     | 16    | 0.082 | 0.083 | 0.082 | 0.083 | 0.083 | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.083 | 0.083 | 0.083 | 0.100 | 53,832,996    |
| 000000009906  | QO BASE INDUSTRIES (SFZ)         | 34,618,567 | 4,522,104 | 285   | 0.132 | 0.133 | 0.130 | 0.133 | 0.133 | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.133 | 0.133 | 0.133 | 0.040 | 460,112,583   |
| 000000001020  | OMAN CEMENT                      | 180        | 716       | 2     | 0.380 | 0.380 | 0.380 | 0.380 | 0.380 | -0.003 | -0.775 | 0.380 | 0.360 | 0.390 | 1.000 | 13,124,000    |
| 000000001749  | OMAN CEMENT                      | 26,000     | 12,430    | 4     | 0.478 | 0.479 | 0.478 | 0.478 | 0.480 | -0.002 | -0.417 | 0.478 | 0.477 | 0.520 | 0.100 | 158,157,155   |
| 000000002267  | GULF MUSHROOM PRODUCTS           | 19,045     | 4,201     | 8     | 0.221 | 0.221 | 0.220 | 0.221 | 0.221 | 0.001  | 0.432  | 0.221 | 0.218 | 0.243 | 0.100 | 10,068,476    |
| 000000003141  | BARAKA WATER AND POWER           | 231,757    | 48,232    | 27    | 0.209 | 0.209 | 0.207 | 0.207 | 0.209 | -0.002 | -0.867 | 0.207 | 0.207 | 0.213 | 0.100 | 33,120,000    |
| 000000001889  | SALALAH MILLS                    | 1,214      | 567       | 1     | 0.465 | 0.465 | 0.465 | 0.465 | 0.470 | -0.005 | -1.064 | 0.465 | 0.441 | 0.465 | 0.100 | 29,045,325    |
| 000000005963  | PHOENIX POWER                    | 49,781     | 3,689     | 5     | 0.075 | 0.075 | 0.074 | 0.074 | 0.075 | -0.001 | -1.335 | 0.074 | 0.074 | 0.075 | 0.100 | 10,882,550    |
| 000000006078  | GULF INTERNATIONAL CHEMICALS     | 10,000     | 2,865     | 5     | 0.290 | 0.290 | 0.290 | 0.290 | 0.290 | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.290 | 0.285 | 0.290 | 0.100 | 15,900,000    |
| 000000007078  | DHOFAR GENERATING                | 109,200    | 6,358     | 9     | 0.058 | 0.058 | 0.058 | 0.058 | 0.059 | -0.001 | -1.695 | 0.058 | 0.058 | 0.061 | 0.100 | 128,282,592   |
| 000000007910  | MUSCAT FINANCE                   | 18,000     | 2,000     | 2     | 0.114 | 0.114 | 0.114 | 0.114 | 0.114 | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.114 | 0.114 | 0.114 | 0.100 | 18,000,000    |
| 000000000165  | DHOFAR INSURANCE                 | 14,517     | 2,828     | 3     | 0.195 | 0.195 | 0.190 | 0.190 | 0.190 | -0.007 | -3.553 | 0.190 | 0.195 | 0.195 | 0.100 | 22,106,668    |
| 000000007290  | ARABIA FALCON INSURANCE          | 37,722     | 1,200     | 2     | 0.130 | 0.130 | 0.130 | 0.130 | 0.135 | -0.005 | -3.704 | 0.130 | 0.130 | 0.135 | 0.100 | 13,429,120    |
|               |                                  | 77,816     | 4,520     | 9,204 | 772   | 817   |       |       |       |        |        |       |       |       |       |               |

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This method of producing ATP, known as the Warburg effect, is considered inefficient, thus raising questions as to why cancer cells choose this energy pathway to fuel their proliferation and survival.

Scientists in Japan have discovered that a natural compound found in a type of ginger called kencur can throw cancer cells into disarray by disrupting how they generate energy. According to Osaka Metropolitan University, the finding opens new doors in the fight against cancer, showing how natural substances might help target cancer's hidden energy tricks. While healthy cells use oxygen to make energy efficiently, cancer cells often rely on a backup method. This ginger-derived molecule doesn't attack that method directly, it shuts down the cells' fat-making machinery instead, which surprisingly causes the cells to ramp up their backup system even more. For instance, human cells oxidise glucose to produce ATP (adenosine triphosphate), an energy source necessary for life. Cancer cells produce ATP through glycolysis, which does not utilise oxygen even under conditions where oxygen is present, and convert glucose into pyruvic acid and lactic acid. This method of producing ATP, known as the Warburg effect, is considered inefficient, thus raising questions as to why cancer cells choose this energy pathway to fuel their proliferation and survival. In search of this energy catalyst, Associate Professor Akiko Kojima-Yuasa's team at Osaka Metropolitan University's Graduate School of Human Life and Ecology analysed the cinnamic acid ester ethyl p-methoxycinnamate, a main component of kencur ginger, and its mechanism of action.

METABOLISM:

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In previous research, the team discovered that ethyl p-methoxycinnamate has inhibitory effects on cancer cells. Furthering their study, the acid ester was administered to Ehrlich ascites tumour cells to assess which component of the cancer cells' energy pathway was being affected. Results revealed that the acid ester inhibits ATP production by disrupting de novo fatty acid synthesis and lipid metabolism, rather than through glycolysis as commonly theorised. Further, the researchers discovered acid ester-induced inhibition triggered increased glycolysis, which acted as a possible survival mechanism in the cells. This adaptability was theorised to be attributed to ethyl p-methoxycinnamate's inability to induce cell death. "These findings not only provide new insights that supplement and expand the theory of the Warburg effect, which can be considered the starting point of cancer metabolism research, but are also expected to lead to the discovery of new therapeutic targets and the development of new treatment methods," stated Professor Kojima-Yuasa. -ANI

SPORTS

Australia coast to 133-run victory over West Indies in second Test

Pat Cummins has offered some advice for 19-year-old Konstas as he aims to be the Aussies' long-term answer at the top of the order

NEW DELHI : Australia skipper Pat Cummins has urged Sam Konstas to stay patient as the opener continues to wait to make a major contribution with the bat, according to the ICC website. Konstas managed scores of just 25 and zero during Australia's victory over the West Indies in the second Test in Grenada and has failed to make it past 30 since an impressive half-century on debut against India at the MCG at the end of last year.



With a crucial Ashes series against England coming up at the end of the year that will be pivotal to Australia's hopes in the new ICC

World Test Championship cycle, Cummins has offered some advice for the 19-year-old as he aims to be the Aussies' long-term answer at

the top of the order. "Look, he's been good," Cummins said of Konstas after Australia's 133-run victory over the West

Indies that sealed the three-match series. "I think for anyone who's starting out their Test career, you are kind of picked for a reason and... we know he's good enough. So I think it's just about concentrating on what makes you a really good player. For someone like a batter, it might be, where are your scoring areas, kind of what tempo do you normally operate at your best and don't get too caught up in every innings feels like the biggest thing in the world," Pat Cummins said. "I think the stat is that even the best batters in the world don't hit their average three out of four times or something like that. You're going to fail more often than you're going to succeed. So as long as you're a quick learner, as long as you're moving well and giving yourself the best chance, just keep kind of doubling down on that and judge yourself after a series or so, not innings by innings," he added.

Maintain place The victory in the second Test sees Australia maintain their place at the top of the World Test Championship standings as the team

attempts to qualify for the final for the third consecutive occasion. Australia won a first World Test Championship title when they defeated India at The Oval in 2023, but finished on the other side of the ledger last month when they were defeated by South Africa in the decider at Lord's. While Cummins knows there is still a long way to go before Australia books their place in a third World Test Championship Final, the skipper is thrilled by the way his team has started the new cycle. "It's a dream start really," Cummins said. "Two from two, gets us into the cycle. Really pumped with how we bounced back after Lord's a couple of weeks ago. It's been a good couple of weeks," he added. The third match of the ongoing Test series in the Caribbean will be new for both sides, with the West Indies to host Australia in a day-night contest with the pink-ball in Jamaica. The contest will also see a new Dukes ball used for the first time in day-night conditions and Cummins has admitted he is unsure what to expect. -ANI

STAND-IN SKIPPER

Proteas player Mulder slams highest ever score as Test captain

NEW DELHI: South Africa's stand-in skipper Wiaan Mulder created history on Sunday with a record-breaking innings against Zimbabwe in the second Test, becoming the highest scorer in a debut innings as Test captain and recording the fastest-ever 250 (in terms of balls) by a South African player, according to the ICC. Mulder remained unbeaten on a stunning 264 as South Africa ended Day 1 at 465/4. His knock also became the highest score by a South African batter in a single day of a Test match. In addition, he hit the second-fastest double century by a South African player. This was also South Africa's highest-ever single-day total in Test cricket and the most runs scored in a day's play on Zimbabwean soil. After Zimbabwe took early wickets, Mulder rebuilt the innings with a 184-run partnership alongside David Bedingham. Lhuan-dre Pretorius also contributed with a quick half-century to help the World Test Champions post a dominant total on the opening day. Mulder was appointed captain in place of Keshav Maharaj,



who is out of the series due to a groin injury. Regular skipper Temba Bavuma is also unavailable. Mulder had already made an impact in the first Test, where he scored a century and helped South Africa to a 328-run victory. Zimbabwe (Playing XI): Dion Myers, Takudzwanashe Kaitano, Nick Welch, Sean Williams, Craig Ervine(c), Wessly Madhevere, Tafadzwa Tsiga(w), Wellington Masakadza, Kundai Matigimu, Blessing Muzarabani, Tanaka Chivanga. -ANI

GAME-TURNING PERFORMANCES

Gill praises 'magnificent' Akash Deep, Siraj after Birmingham win

BIRMINGHAM : Following his side's win over England at Birmingham, Indian skipper Shubman Gill hailed pacers Akash Deep and Mohammed Siraj for their game-turning performances and asserted that any bowling attack of theirs can take 20 wickets in a Test, irrespective of the situation. Siraj's six-fer in the first innings and a historic ten-fer by Akash Deep in the match silenced all the doubts over India's pace bowling unit in the absence of Jasprit Bumrah as Team India wiped out the Birmingham blues with a 336-run win over England. Speaking after the match, Gill glowingly spoke of their contributions, calling them "magnificent". "Both of them, I think, took close to 16-17 wickets in a test match and that itself is a big, big achievement. Coming into this test match, especially without Jasprit Bhair, there were a lot of questions about if we were able to take those 20 wickets and the way these two guys delivered was just outstanding. I have no words to describe," he said. "I think I have said this before that this is one of the best Indian teams that is touring here. I think one of the best teams, out of which 16 players are selected here, I believe that any bowling attack can



take 20 wickets in any situation or condition. Definitely, Jasprit bhair, he is one of the best bowlers in the world right now. But irrespective of that fact, any bowling attack of ours can take 20 wickets anywhere, and this was just another example of that," he added. Gill also had a hilarious jibe at a journalist who, ahead of the Test, had reminded him of India's once-winless record at the venue, with seven losses and a draw. Gill said, "I cannot see my favourite journalist. Where is he? I actually wanted to see him, but I even said before the test match that I do not really be-

lieve in stats or history." "Like I said, over the history of 50-60 years, we played seven matches over different courses, different teams coming here. I believe this is the best Indian team to be able to come here in England and we have the capability to beat them, to win the series from here. We have got the right momentum with us," added Gill, expressing confidence in his team, asserting that it would be a series to remember if all the right decisions are taken. Gill said that dealing with an older, softer ball during 30 to 80

overs is extremely important, especially when wickets are flat. "The most important thing that becomes for us as a fielding or as a bowling unit is how do we stop those runs? Because we would get that second new ball. And it would be relatively easier to get wickets with the harder ball or with the second new ball," he said. He reflected on his team's misfired short-ball tactic during England's first innings when they had the hosts 84/5, due to which Prasidh leaked so many runs. "That was part of my plan because I wanted, if we would have gotten one wicket there, their tale would have started. And I think that gave them a little bit of momentum as well. But we were so ahead in the game that I could afford to take that risk. But in the sending, we spoke about, even if we are getting wickets consistently, we will still try to make them play in the areas where it is difficult to score or where it's difficult to hit," he said. "That is why we came a little bit closer to the stumps, where on a fifth-day wicket, the ball might go up and down. And the first spell of Prasad and Akash, how they bowled, I think they set the tone for the rest of the day," he said. -ANI

BRITISH GRAND PRIX

Norris wins chaotic F1 British GP after Piastri penalty

BEIJING: McLaren's Lando Norris claimed his first win on home soil and second straight victory in a chaotic, rain-affected Formula 1 British Grand Prix on Sunday, delighting a record crowd of 168,000 at Silverstone. The McLaren driver, who triumphed in Austria a week ago, was the chief beneficiary of a 10-second penalty handed to teammate Oscar Piastri, who had been leading before a misjudgment behind the safety car. As the safety car pulled in on lap 21, Piastri braked heavily in the wet, catching out Max Verstappen behind him. The Red Bull driver, unable to see clearly through the spray, passed Piastri momentarily and voiced strong objections over the radio. Race stewards decreed that Piastri had braked too heavily and issued the penalty, which he served on lap 43. The Australian later called on the team to swap positions with Norris in the closing stages, believing his punishment to be harsh. However, McLaren refused to issue team orders, allowing Norris to take the chequered flag and close to within eight points of Piastri's championship lead. Behind the McLaren duo, Nico Hulkenberg drove a stunning race to claim third for Sauber, marking



both the German's first podium in 238 starts and the team's first top-three finish since 2012. Starting 19th, Hulkenberg navigated the treacherous conditions superbly and passed Lance Stroll on lap 35 to secure the spot. Lewis Hamilton finished fourth in his Ferrari, ending a streak of 12 consecutive podiums at his home Grand Prix. Pole-sitter Verstappen recovered to fifth after a spin on lap 21 dropped him from second to 10th. The Dutchman had slid off at the exact moment the safety car was preparing to withdraw, but kept his car out of the barriers. The race was punctuated by multiple safety car and virtual safety car periods, as intermittent rain left patches of the circuit soaked and others nearly dry. Intermediate tyres were used for

the formation lap, which was surprisingly conducted behind the safety car. Several drivers, including George Russell and Charles Leclerc, pitted for slicks before the race officially began from a standing start. Racing Bulls' Liam Lawson was the first retiree after being clipped by Esteban Ocon, while Franco Colapinto's Alpine was stuck in second gear and forced out shortly after. Gabriel Bortoleto slid into a barrier after hitting a damp section on medium tires, becoming the third retiree and triggering another virtual safety car. Piastri passed Verstappen for the lead on lap 8, and Norris followed suit on lap 11 when Verstappen ran wide. Norris lost second place during the ensuing pit stops due to a slow change, but regained

the lead after Piastri's penalty and Verstappen's spin. The safety car reappeared on lap 14 as the rain intensified, and again on lap 18 after Isack Hadjar collided with Kimi Antonelli, taking both out of the race. As the rain relented, teams changed to slick tyres for the race's conclusion. Fernando Alonso and Russell were first to gamble, but the track remained too wet. Russell spun 720 degrees in a dramatic moment that cost him a shot at points. As conditions improved, Hamilton initiated a second wave of pit stops for slicks, but couldn't close the gap to Hulkenberg in the final laps. Behind the top five, Gasly finished sixth for Alpine, followed by Stroll, Williams' Alex Albon, Alonso and Russell. In the Drivers' Championship, Piastri still leads with 234 points, with Norris now just eight points behind, and both drivers now have five wins apiece at the halfway mark of the 2025 season. Third-placed Verstappen is a further 65 points adrift, with the race for the title increasingly looking like an all-McLaren affair. In the Constructors' standings, McLaren remains top with 460 points, more than double the total of second-placed Ferrari on 222 points. -Xinhua

BAYERN MUNICH CAREER



Muller bids quiet farewell

BERLIN: Thomas Muller's storied Bayern Munich career appeared to reach its quiet end at the FIFA Club World Cup, with the veteran forward choosing to sidestep farewell fanfare in the wake of teammate Jamal Musiala's devastating injury. The 35-year-old, who has made 756 appearances in Bayern colors, had hinted in recent days that he was ready to walk away from the only club he's ever known. "When it's over, it is over," Muller had said. But after a 2-0 quarterfinal loss to Paris Saint-Germain in Atlanta and a horrifying ankle injury to Musiala, Muller downplayed his own future. "It's not the time to talk about my career, not after what happened to Jamal," he said. Musiala, 22, suffered a fibula

fracture and multiple ligament tears just before halftime, a moment Muller described as emotionally destabilizing for the team. "You try to focus on the game, to stay tuned - you can't. We are not robots," he said. Substituted in the 80th minute, Muller later expressed frustration over speculation regarding his future. "It's tasteless to talk about what comes next for me after such a tragic incident. I hope we stop that discussion," he said when asked whether he would consider extending his career in light of Musiala's long-term absence. Muller had reportedly hoped to extend his Bayern deal, but the club declined, prompting speculation about a move to Major League Soccer. -Xinhua

# Hawana Salalah Hotels in Oman transforms to haven of lush greenery and picturesque landscapes

Amid growing demand for eco-tourism and cultural experiences, Hawana Salalah Hotels — one of Oman’s largest integrated tourism destinations — emerges as a successful model of sustainable tourism investment that fuses authenticity with quality

**MUSCAT:** The Dhofar Governorate in the Sultanate of Oman is witnessing a stunning natural transformation that draws the attention of tourists from across the region and the world. This transformation begins with the onset of the Khareef (monsoon) season, which runs from July to September. This season is a unique climatic phenomenon in the Arabian Peninsula, turning Salalah into a lush oasis blanketed in thick fog and dotted with seasonal waterfalls.

Amid growing demand for eco-tourism and cultural experiences, Hawana Salalah Hotels — one of Oman’s largest integrated tourism destinations — emerges as a successful model of sustainable tourism investment that fuses authenticity with quality. This leading hospitality complex comprises Fanar Hotel & Residences, Salalah Rotana Resort, The Club by Fanar, and Juweira Boutique Hotel.

Guests at Hawana Salalah don’t just enjoy luxury accommodations; They also explore breathtaking natural landscapes and



cultural landmarks. These include Wadi Darbat, Ayn Athum, and UNESCO-listed archaeological sites like Sumhuram and Al-Baleed, in addition to thrilling adventures in Mughsail’s cliffs and its unique natural blowholes.

Coinciding with the tourism boom, multiple airlines from GCC countries operate regular, direct flights to Salalah International Airport, significantly easing access to the destination. These

flights depart from major cities in Saudi Arabia, including Riyadh, Jeddah, Dammam, Medina, Taif, and Abha, operated by five carriers: Saudia, flynas, flyadeal, Oman Air, and SalamAir. Riyadh leads in frequency, with over eight weekly flights to Salalah, while other cities have varying schedules based on demand. A rise in flights is expected during July and August, aligning with peak season. Additional direct routes are available

from other GCC nations such as Kuwait (via Jazeera Airways and Kuwait Airways), Doha, Bahrain, and UAE cities including Dubai, Abu Dhabi, and Sharjah.

In this context, Ahmed Afifi, General Manager of Salalah Rotana Resort, emphasized that providing luxury accommodations is not the sole goal. “Our ultimate aim is to embody the essence of Omani hospitality in its finest form,” he said. “We take pride in

our Dhofari heritage and work to share it with guests from the moment they arrive, through culinary arts, architectural design, and the warm, genuine spirit of our staff. Our goal is to deliver experiences that exceed expectations and ensure guest loyalty and repeat visits. For us, success is measured by the guest’s smile—satisfaction is our key performance indicator.”

Hawana Salalah is a fully integrated tourism destination devel-

oped in the heart of Dhofar Governorate. It includes a variety of hotels, entertainment facilities, a marina, international restaurants, and open green spaces. The project is a standout example of a successful public-private partnership that boosts the local economy and promotes sustainable tourism in Oman, further cementing the country’s position as a premier summer destination in the Gulf and the Arab tourism map.

## HOME FINANCING SOLUTIONS

# Muzn Islamic Banking signs MoU to facilitate housing finance for Sarooj Oasis Project in Sultan Haitham City

**MUSCAT:** NBO Muzn Islamic Banking has announced the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Sarooj Development Company to provide Sharia-compliant home financing solutions for eligible customers purchasing properties developed under Sarooj Oasis Project, an integrated mixed-use development project located in Sultan Haitham City.

Held at NBO’s Head Office, the MOU was signed by Abdullah Zahran Al Hinai, Chief Executive Officer of NBO, Mohammed Yahya Al Jabri, Assistant General Manager of Global Transaction Banking at NBO and Sulaiman Khamis Al Qasmi, Deputy CEO of Sarooj Development Company.

Commenting on the partnership, Salima Obaid Issa Al-Marzouqi, Assistant General Manager and Chief Islamic Banking Officer at NBO, stated, “This MoU comes as a part of our broader commitment to empower individuals through providing ethical financial solutions and supporting the national development goals. At Muzn Islamic Banking, we are proud to be a trusted partner in Oman’s housing journey, ensuring citizens have access to home ownership opportunities that align with their values and aspirations.”

From his end, Sulaiman Khamis Al Qasmi, Deputy CEO of Sarooj Development Company, added, “At Sarooj Development Company, we are committed to shape integrated communities that offer real value



to Omani individuals. This agreement with NBO Muzn Islamic Banking represents more than just financial facilitation; it reflects our responsibility to ensure that home ownership is accessible, sustainable and aligned with Oman’s long-term urban development goals. We are proud to help deliver a project that supports both personal aspirations and national priorities.”

This agreement allows eligible Omani nationals to access financing through Muzn Islamic Banking in accordance with Islamic principles, enabling them to purchase homes in one of the Sultanate’s most strategically planned urban developments.

The financing solution is struc-

tured to protect the interests of all stakeholders, including the bank, the developer and the customer, while maintaining full alignment with regulatory requirements.

Sarooj Oasis is being developed under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning and forms part of the Sultan Haitham City initiative. The project aims to reduce pressure on land demand by providing integrated living environments with quality infrastructure and services.

This collaboration reinforces Muzn Islamic Banking’s role in enabling ethical financial access while supporting Oman’s broader development goals.

## RECOGNITION

# Bank Muscat receives Excellence in Digital Banking Award 2025

**MUSCAT:** Bank Muscat, the leading financial services provider in the Sultanate of Oman, has been honoured with the Excellence in Digital Banking Award at the annual Digital Transformation Conference OER Live DX Oman 2025, organised by Oman Economic Review magazine (OER).

The event was held under the patronage of Sheikh Saba bin Hamdan Al Saadi, Secretary General of National Celebrations, and attended by numerous officials, entrepreneurs, and experts in the fields of finance and digital technology.

Abdullah Hamood Al Jufaili, Assistant General Manager of Digital Banking at Bank Muscat, received the award on behalf of the Bank. The event served as a platform for experts and specialists in technology to discuss current and future trends in digital transformation, while also recognizing distinguished individuals and companies in this arena.

This recognition underscores Bank Muscat’s pivotal role in advancing digital transformation within the banking and financial services sector in the Sultanate of Oman. The Bank has embraced the latest digital technologies, aiming to deliver a seamless and exceptional experience for customers through a diverse range of innovative services tailored to meet their varied needs.

On this occasion, Abdullah Hamood Al Jufaili expressed his gratitude for the award, which highlights Bank Muscat’s significant contribution to shaping the modern financial and banking landscape in the Sultanate. He emphasized the Bank’s commitment to applying the principles



of digital transformation and investing in cutting-edge technologies as essential steps towards achieving strategic objectives aligned with Oman Vision 2040. Al Jufaili also acknowledged the OER magazine for the award and thanked customers for their continued trust in Bank Muscat.

Considering the high demand and interest witnessed by internet and mobile banking services by customers, the Bank has enhanced the quality of services provided through these channels by renewing the characteristics of more than 200 digital banking services and features to enable customers to benefit from them, taking into account the adoption of the latest technological solutions and applications in provid-

ing the best digital services with high quality and strengthening protection systems, thus ensuring the confidentiality of information and data and protecting them from potential threats.

As part of its commitment to keeping pace with the advancements of the digital transformation era, Bank Muscat provides an extensive array of innovative services and facilities tailored specifically for both individual and corporate customers. These offerings facilitate quicker, more efficient, and cost-effective transactions to meet diverse customer needs. Additionally, customers have access to over 800 ATMs and CDMs located across all states and governorates of the Sultanate.



ROUND-UP

# Own Toyota Corolla Cross and get a chance to win one out of five grand raffle trips to Istanbul

Born from the legacy of the world-renowned Corolla, the Corolla Cross combines versatility, style and innovation in one bold package

**MUSCAT:** Own a Toyota Corolla Cross and get exclusive benefits. Enjoy free service from 3 years / 30,000 kms up to 10 years / 100,000 kms (whichever is earlier), 1 year insurance and Scratch & Win prizes. In addition, they gain entry into a Raffle Draw to win one of 16 iPhone 16 Pro Max and a chance to win one of five international holiday packages to Istanbul for two adults (4 nights, 5 days) in the Grand Raffle Draw. (Terms & Conditions apply. Benefits vary by model, variant, model year and manufacturing year. Customers



are encouraged to visit any Saud Bahwan Automotive showroom for full details.) The campaign that began on 1st June will last until 31st July. Born from the legacy of the world-renowned Corolla, the Corolla Cross combines versatility, style and innovation in one bold package. It is everything you love about Corolla, elevated for a new adventure. With its commanding stance, spacious interior and Toyota's signature reliability, the Corolla Cross is crafted to help you Live Elevated. Built on Toyota's advanced TNGA (Toyota New Global Architecture) platform, this SUV is designed from the ground up for enhanced driving comfort, stability and performance.

Whether navigating city streets or exploring open roads, the Corolla Cross empowers every journey with confidence. With its wide, confident posture and refined styling, the Corolla Cross exudes strength and presence. The sculpted front grille, accentuated by a bold bumper and sleek double trapezoid design, creates a striking and mature expression. Sharp wraparound headlamps with integrated Daytime Running Lights flow outward from the grille, enhancing its assertive and modern look. Smooth, aerodynamic lines run along the sides, giving way to a sleek cabin that balances elegance with practicality. Muscular wheel arches and a sturdy lower body emphasise its SUV character,

while the 17" alloy wheels add a sense of strength and agility. At the rear, the solidly contoured fenders and stylish rear spoiler enhance performance and aerodynamics too. The Corolla Cross is equipped with a responsive 1.8L hybrid electric engine paired with an electronically controlled CVT transmission. This smart pairing delivers a thrilling acceleration experience along with impressive fuel efficiency, making it ideal for both urban commutes and weekend getaways. Step inside and the Corolla Cross welcomes you by a spacious, thoughtfully designed interior that is as practical as it is premium. The slim front seatbacks and thin pillars maximise visibility and rear legroom, while wide rear door openings make getting in and out effortless for all passengers. Toyota's unwavering commitment to safety is evident in every detail. The Corolla Cross is equipped with essential features to keep you and your loved ones protected such as Airbags for driver and front passenger, Anti-lock Braking System (ABS), Vehicle Stability Control (VSC), Rearview Camera and Rear Parking Sensors for effortless parking.

## REFINED ELEGANCE



## Hongqi H6: A new benchmark in luxury and performance

**MUSCAT:** The all-new Hongqi H6, launched in February 2025, is a bold statement in luxury, innovation, and region-specific performance, combining cutting-edge technology with the refined elegance Hongqi is renowned for. This premium sedan is meticulously tailored for discerning customers who demand more – from comfort and safety to power and design. The Hongqi H6 impresses with its striking design, featuring a prominent grille, split LED headlights, and a streamlined fastback silhouette that commands attention. Its elegant exterior is matched by an opulent cabin, crafted with NAPPA leather seats, microfiber accents, and 253-color ambient lighting that transforms every drive into a luxurious escape. Built for the region, the H6 is

equipped with a high-efficiency air conditioning system engineered for the Middle Eastern climate, along with an infotainment system that supports Arabic and seamless smartphone connectivity through Apple CarPlay and Android Auto. The spacious interior, comparable to larger C-segment vehicles, ensures superior comfort on longer drives.

**2.0T engine**  
Under the hood, the H6 features a next-generation 2.0T engine available in both high and low-power variants, paired with an 8-speed automatic transmission. The high-power variant accelerates from 0–100 km/h in just 6.8 seconds, delivering exhilarating performance while maintaining fuel efficiency at 17.9 km/l. On the safety front, the H6

leads with a 5-star C-NCAP rating, thanks to over 68% high-strength steel construction, 9 airbags, and 23 precision sensors that support its intelligent safety suite. To complete the experience, a Dynaudio premium sound system offers immersive audio, turning every journey into a refined acoustic experience. Mohsin Hani Al Bahrani, CEO of MHD ACERE, commented: "With the introduction of the Hongqi H6, we are bringing a new standard of luxury and performance to Oman. It is a vehicle that not only reflects sophistication and power, but also caters to the specific needs of our market – from its advanced air conditioning system to Arabic-language support in the infotainment. The H6 is designed for those who expect more from every drive."

## CREDIT CARD ACQUISITION

# Sohar International and Sohar Islamic reward 40 lucky customers with smart devices in credit card campaign

**MUSCAT:** Reinforcing their commitment to delivering value-driven customer experiences, Sohar International and its Islamic window, Sohar Islamic, have announced the first round of winners in their ongoing Credit Card Acquisition Campaign. The prize distribution ceremony honoured 40 winners—30 from Sohar International and 10 from Sohar Islamic—each receiving a smart device. The awards were presented by Abdul Qader Al Sumali, Chief Retail and Premier Banking Officer at Sohar International, and Fahad Akbar Al Zadjali, Head of Islamic Banking, in a ceremony that underscored the campaign's success in engaging customers and promoting the banks' diverse credit card offerings and associated benefits.

Commenting on the occasion, Abdul Qader Al Sumali, Chief Retail and Premier Banking Officer at Sohar International, stated: "At Sohar International, our ambition is to go beyond traditional banking by embedding real value into our customers' financial journeys. This campaign reflects our strategic intent to recognize and reward responsible financial behavior through practical and meaningful incentives. Such initiatives play a pivotal role in deepening customer trust, enhancing engagement, and contributing to a more rewarding banking experience." Fahad Al Zadjali, Head of Sohar Islamic added: "Sohar Islamic remains committed to offering value-led financial solutions grounded in ethical principles. Through this campaign, we aim to cultivate responsible spending habits while



reinforcing the tangible benefits of Sharia-compliant banking. Initiatives like this reflect our vision to empower customers through impactful solutions that support their financial wellbeing." Launched earlier this year, the Credit Card Acquisition Campaign is designed to encourage both new and existing customers to adopt and actively use their Sohar International or Sohar Islamic credit cards. Customers spending a minimum of OMR 50 are automatically entered into a monthly raffle draw, running until the end of the year. In total, 500 smart devices—including smartphones, smartwatches, and tablets—will be distributed throughout the campaign, with 30 winners from Sohar International and 10 from Sohar Islamic selected each month.

The structure of the campaign ensures equitable chances for all participants, reinforcing transparency and inclusivity. In addition to the rewards, the credit cards offer long-term value with benefits such as lifetime-free issuance, 1% cash-back on all purchases, up to 5,000 welcome points, activation bonuses, complimentary access to over 1,000 airport lounges worldwide, and the Entertainer App. This campaign represents a strategic approach by both Sohar International and Sohar Islamic to integrate immediate incentives with sustained customer value. It reflects the banks' broader vision to reshape the customer experience in Oman's banking landscape through initiatives that are meaningful, innovative, and aligned with evolving lifestyle needs.

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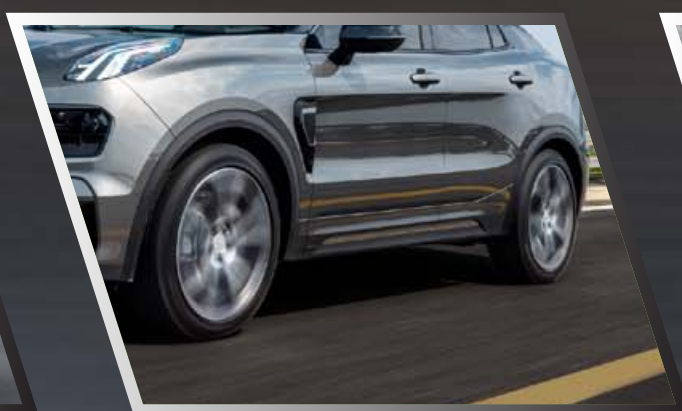
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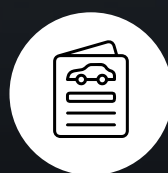
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