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More than 428,000 livestock imported to meet the demand

The livestock imports are made in coordination with specialised companies, as well as the Veterinary Quarantine Centre



MUSCAT: The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resources has imported more than 428,000 heads of live animals to meet consumer needs for red meat this season. The livestock included 29,092

heads of cattle and 399,357 heads of sheep and goats. The livestock imports are made in coordination with specialised companies, as well as the Veterinary Quarantine Centre, which is taking measures to ensure that the imported animals are clear of contagious diseases. It is worth noting that the vet-

erinary staff at the Veterinary Quarantine Department is working diligently to verify and implement the necessary health measures on all imported live animals, as this is the first line of defence to prevent the spread of contagious, epidemic, or common animal diseases into the Sultanate of Oman. -ONA

Search on for missing persons

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Royal Air Force of Oman (RAFO) has launched a search operation in the Qarn Al Alam area of the Al Dakhiliyah Governorate, following the loss of contact with a citizen and two

Indian residents. The Ministry of Defence confirmed that the RAFO personnel are conducting the search operation. The statement by the MoD indicated that search efforts are ongoing, as they try to locate the missing individuals.



Ramadan Iftar Program

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STUDY

Good number of frankincense trees present in Dhofar region

SALALAH: A scientific study on the status of frankincense trees in Dhofar Governorate has shown that they are present in good numbers in their natural environments, in addition to monitoring a promising plant succession in terms of the presence of new species of "Boswellia sacra".

The study, conducted by the Environment Authority in co-operation with the Environment Society of Oman, covered the geographical and numerical distribution and condition of trees and the main challenges they currently face in Dhofar Governorate.

The Environment Authority stated that the most prominent threats facing frankincense trees are overgrazing, unsustainable harvesting, mining activities, insect pests, and erosion during hurricanes and floods.

It is worth noting that the Environment Authority and the Environment Society of Oman have been implementing a co-operation program since 2022 to establish a classification for the species at the national and global levels, in coordination with the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). Surveys in this field continue annually. -ONA

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ACADEMIC COOPERATION

Pakistan Schools Oman, Modern College of Business and Science sign strategic collaboration agreement

Times News Service

MUSCAT: In a landmark development, Pakistan Schools Oman and the Modern College of Business and Science (MCBS) have formalised a Memorandum of Collaboration (MoC) to enhance academic cooperation and foster mutual growth.

The signing ceremony took place in a spirit of shared commitment, highlighting both institutions' dedication to community engagement, sustainability, and expanded educational opportunities. Under this collaboration, MCBS faculty will provide career counselling to Pakistan Schools Oman students, equipping them with broader professional insights.

Additionally, students will have access to MCBS club activities, enriching their extracurricular involvement.

Ameer Hamza, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Pakistan Schools Oman, emphasised the significance of this initiative,



stating, "This partnership is a vital step towards academic excellence and student development. By collaborating with MCBS, we are unlocking new avenues for our students to grow intellectually and professionally."

Following the signing, the Pakistan Schools Oman delegation toured the MCBS campus, exploring its advanced facilities designed to benefit students. This collaboration is set to strengthen academic ties, fostering innovation and excellence in education.



Oman's GDP at current prices tops OMR41bn

The added value of non-oil activities went up by 4.1 percent, posting a total of OMR28,319 million by end of the 2024 fourth quarter

MUSCAT: The Sultanate of Oman's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at current prices grew by one percent to OMR41,119.5 million at the end of the fourth quarter of 2024, compared to OMR40,716.9 million at the end of the fourth quarter of 2023.

Preliminary data released by the National Centre for Statistics and Information (NCSI) showed that the added value of oil activities went down by 4 percent to OMR14,162.7 million by the end of the fourth quarter of 2024, compared to OMR14,750.3 million by the end of the fourth quarter of 2023. The contribution of oil activities constituted 32.1 percent.



The added value of crude oil activities stood at OMR11.95 billion, down by 5.3 percent, while the value of natural gas activities went up by 4 percent to OMR2,212.7 million.

The added value of non-oil activities went up by 4.1 percent, posting a total of OMR28,319 million at the end of the fourth quarter of 2024, compared to OMR27,213.6

million billion at the end of the corresponding quarter in 2023.

Industrial activities

The total added value of industrial activities stood at OMR8,121.7 million as against OMR7,761.9 million at the end of the fourth quarter of 2023.

Meanwhile, the value of activities in the sectors of agricul-

ture, forestry and fishing stood at OMR1,070.3 million, while service activities generated a value of OMR19,127 million.

The construction activity contributed 7.1 percent, compared to 8 percent by the wholesale and retail trade activity, 9 percent by public administration and defence activity and 40 percent by other non-oil activities. -ONA

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12TH EDITION

Nominations open for Sultan Qaboos Award for culture

MUSCAT: The Sultan Qaboos Higher Centre for Culture and Science at the Diwan of Royal Court on Wednesday announced the opening of nominations for the 12th edition of the Sultan Qaboos Award for Culture, Arts and Literature 2025.

Both Omanis and other Arab counterparts in the fields of "Private Cultural Institutions" (for the Culture category), "Sculpture" (for the Arts category) and "Autobiography" (for the Literature category).

The Sultan Qaboos Award for Culture, Arts and Literature is a bi-yearly trophy that is awarded

in one year to Omanis only and in the following edition to Omanis and Arabs together, consecutively. -ONA

IFTAR ORGANISED IN MUTTRAH

Hundreds of people gathered for iftar in Muttrah on Wednesday. More than just a shared meal, the iftar is seen as a platform for building friendships and celebrating the values of Ramadan. — Photos by Purushothaman. K

AL DAKHILIYAH

Project expected to provide 309 new job opportunities



<FROM A1 Sheikh Hilal Said Al Hajri, Governor of Al Dakhiliyah explained that the first phase of the project includes site levelling and preparing the land for construction work, implementing road plans and service networks such as electricity, water, sewage, and communications, in addition to construction of reception and administration buildings, basic and public facilities, parking lots, and green spaces.

He added that the second phase of the project includes the implementation of components such as a public square, an open theatre, an illuminated cultural park, a recreational area containing various

children's play areas, a glass walkway, and a summer camp.

In addition, a 200-metre zip line will provide a unique experience for tourists, a 250-metre long slide track, a health walkway, and a geological exhibition highlighting the geological diversity of the Omani environment.

The project will also include public facilities and recreational services, remote work offices, an information centre, reception and administration offices, an adventure centre, and kiosks selling seasonal products.

He explained that, in conjunction with the Al Dakhiliyah Governorate's progress in implementing infrastructure, investment

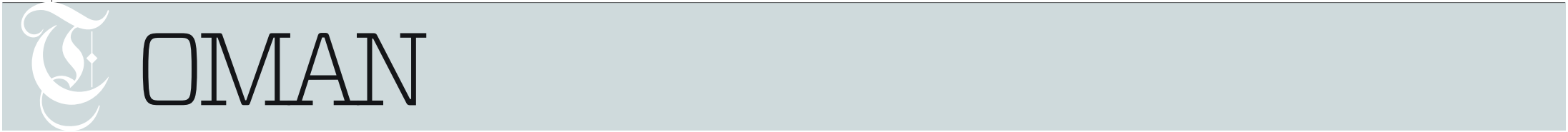
opportunities will be offered to the private sector after mid-April. These include the construction of a luxury resort overlooking Wadi Al Nakhr, a coffee and fruit farm, an adventure activities centre, and a suspended glass bridge.

The Governor of Al Dakhiliyah, pointed out that the project won first place in the Best Development Project Proposal competition within the governorates' competition for 2024, in implementation of the royal directives aimed at developing the governorates and aligning their programs with the goals of Oman Vision 2040.

He affirmed that the project is a pioneering initiative that promotes local content, and will contribute

throughout its phases, from construction to actual operation, in strengthening the national economy. During the construction period, local materials will be heavily relied upon, and the project is expected to provide approximately 309 new jobs in fields such as management, construction, tourism, and services.

The Governor of Al Dakhiliyah, explained that the project features a sustainable design inspired by the surrounding environment, with its towering mountain slopes and unique geological formations, while ensuring harmony between the place and the people to ensure integration and maximise the use of available opportunities. -ONA





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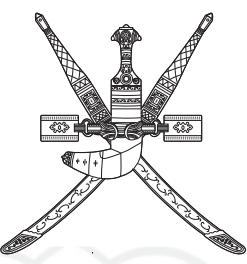
INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

Nama Dhofar Services invites specialized companies to participate in the Unit Rate Contract below in Dhofar Governorate.

Tender Number	Tender Name	Time & Last Date for Documents Submission
DISC/M/2025/002	Unit Rate Contract For 11KV & LV Network Extension Works in Dhofar Governorate-Year 2025	10-Apr-2025

- To view the tender details and submit your application, please contact us via the email below: tenders@nds.nama.om
- In the event of receipt of the EOI document on behalf of another company, the interested in the above EOI document should provide details of the person's name and the company details.
- Valid "CEP Authorized card copy issued by NDS" Shall only consider for assessment.
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- For any clarifications contact us on: **Tel No. 23232554, email: tenders@nds.nama.om**





Tender Announcement

The Internal Tender committee of **Ministry of Social Development** hereby announces the following tender :-

Tender No.	Tender Subject	Grade	Last date for obtaining of tender document	Last date for tender submission	Tender Document Price (non-retundable)	
					Small and Medium companies	Local companies
133/2025	Purchase of 8 PaloAlto-PA-440 firewall devices and renewal of licenses for 7 PaloAlto-PA-440 devices	Companies specialized in Information Technology services and registered with the General Secretariat of the Tender Board with an Excellent or First Class.	Tuesday 15-04-2025 02:00 PM	Sunday 04-05-2025 10:00 AM	10 R.O	25 R.O

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Specialized Companies, registered with the **Tender Board** may obtain the Tender documents at the Tender Board e-tendering digital portal link (<https://etendering.tenderboard.gov.om>), On Thursday 27/03/2025

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AL DHAHIRAH GOVERNORATE

Construction of Wadi Baiha Dam in Yanqul completed

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The construction work of the Wadi Baiha Dam in the Wilayat of Yanqul, Al Dhahirah Governorate, has been completed. The dam was built through community efforts and under the supervision of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resources at a cost of approximately OMR60,000.

Salem bin Hamid Al Badi, the supervisor of the dam construction, said that the length of the dam is 53 metres, its height is 11 metres, and its storage capacity is about 33,000 gallons.

The construction process, which took 235 days, utilised reinforced concrete materials, stones, filters, and other materials, he said, adding that the length of the valley that feeds the dam is about 12 kilometres.

He added that the dam was built according to the highest standards for dam construction in the Sultanate of Oman, with a specialised team from the Dams Department at the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resources supervising field and construction work, as well as the design and implementation phases of the dam, in accordance with applicable procedures.

Regarding the benefits of the

dam, he explained that when the dam is filled with water from the flow of the valleys, it will feed a number of villages and towns, including the village of "Bayhaa" and "Al-Waqba" and other villages near the dam.

He said that the location of the dam is one of the well-known tourist sites, and when it is filled, it will create a tourist hotspot, especially for adventurers, and nature enthusiasts.

FOR HOSTING EVENTS

Plan to increase sports venues in Dhofar

Times News Service

SALALAH: The Directorate General of Culture, Sports and Youth in Dhofar Governorate is seeking to increase the number of recreational and sports venues in the governorate this year to host nearly 100 events, and increase the occupancy rate of sports facilities and halls in the governorates.

In this regard, the General Directorate of Culture, Sports and Youth in Dhofar Governorate is making continuous efforts to enable its sports facilities and equip them with all services.

11 projects will be implemented in a number of wilayats this year, including two projects for supplying and installing lighting at Thumrait Centre, supplying and installing an artificial turf field with fencing and lighting in Thumrait Wilayat, and a project to supply and install lighting at Taqah Club in Taqah Wilayat.

The projects for supplying and installing lighting at Shaleem Center and constructing a fence around the land of Shaleem Center will also be implemented.

The projects for supplying and installing lighting at Maqshan Centre and constructing a fence around the land of Maqshan Centre will also be implemented.



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Tender No.	Description of Service	Location	Tender Fee (R.O)	Last Date for Purchasing Tender
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Interested vendors may obtain the tender documents through email -tender@almoroojdairy.om after the payment of the non-refundable tender fee.

All bidders are required to submit their proposals addressed to the Chairman of BOD in Al Morooj Dairy, P.O Box:1385/ PC-211 and should be submitted to the Bait Al Musharat Building, Fourth Floor, Salalah, sultanate Of Oman

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Foreign exchange income	902,384	828,512
Commission income	440,742	377,616
	1,343,126	1,206,128
Staff costs	(412,057)	(400,232)
Depreciation	(6,349)	(4,778)
Profit on disposal of equipment	—	902
Other operating expenses	(512,680)	(447,620)
Profit from operating activities	412,040	354,400
Interest income	12,580	9,825
Net profit for the year before tax	424,620	364,225
Income tax expense for current year	(62,196)	(54,907)
Net profit for the year after tax	362,424	309,318
Other comprehensive income for the year	—	—
Total comprehensive income for the year	362,424	309,318

SUMMARY OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES - TRAVELEX & CO. LLC AS OF 31 DECEMBER 2024

Assets	2024 RO	2023 RO
Cash in hand	519,000	410,049
Deposit with Central bank of Oman	110,000	110,000
Precious metals	—	—
Balances due from banks	1,255,989	1,012,227
Balances due from branches	—	—
Balances due from money changers	—	—
Cheques and drafts purchased	—	—
Loans and advances	—	—
Investments	8,036	13,591
Fixed assets	99,353	288,458
Other assets	—	—
Total	1,992,378	1,834,325

Liabilities	2024 RO	2023 RO
Capital and reserves	1,695,757	1,474,718
Borrowings from banks	—	—
Balances due to branches	—	—
Balances due To Money Changers	—	—
Loans and advances payable	—	—
Cheques and drafts issued and outstanding	—	—
Other liabilities	296,621	359,607
Total	1,992,378	1,834,325

The contents of this advertisement are extracted from the unofficial translation of the Arabic Prospectus approved by the Financial Services Authority through Administrative Decision No. **71/2025** Dated **26/03/2025**. Investors are advised to carefully review the Prospectus before deciding to subscribe to the shares offered.

Issuer	Ahli Bank SAOG.
Commercial Registration No.	1558660 (established on 1 March 1997).
Principal place of business	Al Wattayah, Muscat Governorate. PO Box 545, PC 116, Mina Al Fahal, Oman.
Bank's duration	Unlimited.
Authorised Share Capital	RO 500,000,000 (Five hundred million Omani Rials) divided into 5,000,000,000 shares (Five billion shares).
Issued Capital (pre-issue)	RO 244,965,746.600 (two hundred forty-four million nine hundred sixty-five thousand seven hundred forty-six and six hundred Baizas) divided into 2,349,657,466 (two billion three hundred forty-nine million six hundred fifty-seven thousand four hundred sixty-six).
Issued Capital (post-issue)	RO 294,965,746.600 (Two Hundred Ninety-Four Million Nine Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Six and Six Hundred Baizas) divided into 2,706,800,323 (two billion seven hundred six million eight hundred thousand three hundred twenty-three) shares after issuance of the Offer Shares (assuming full subscription).
Issue size	357,142,857 (Three hundred fifty-seven million one hundred forty-two thousand eight hundred fifty-seven) Shares offered at Baizas 142 per Offer Share, consisting of Issue Price of Baizas 140 plus Baiza 2 towards issue expenses, aggregating to RO 50,714,285.714 (Fifty million seven hundred fourteen thousand two hundred eighty-five Baizas).
Issue Price	Baizas 142 per Offer Share, consisting of issue price of Baizas 140 plus Baiza 2 towards issue expenses, payable in full on submission of the Application Form.
Purpose of the issue	The purpose of the Rights Issue is to increase the capital of the Bank by increasing its issued capital, so as to enable its business growth and capital adequacy compliance.
Rights Subscription Period	Opening Date: 20th April, 2025 Closing Date: 24th April, 2025
Rights Trading Period	Opening Date: 17th April, 2025 Closing Date: 20th April, 2025
Rights Entitlement	Each Eligible Shareholder is entitled to participate in the Rights Issue pro rata based on their percentage shareholding in the Bank as on the Record Date, rounded down in the case of fractional entitlements. Accordingly, each Eligible Shareholder is entitled to approximately 15,1998 Offer Shares for every 100 Shares held by them on the Record Date, duly rounded down, or to 1 Offer Share for approximately every 6.5790 Shares held by them on the Record Date, duly rounded down.
Eligibility for Subscription	Subscription for the Rights Issue is open to Shareholders whose names appear in the Bank's shareholder register with the MCD as on the Record Date. Persons who purchase the rights on the MSX within the Rights Trading Period are also eligible to subscribe for the Offer Shares before the Subscription Closing Date. The 'rights' representing ownership rights of Shareholders to subscribe to the Rights Issue may be traded on the MSX during the Rights Trading Period. A Shareholder has the option to either subscribe to the Rights Issue or sell its Rights Entitlement on the MSX. The eligibility to subscribe for Offer Shares shall lapse in the event a Shareholder neither subscribes to the Rights Issue nor sells their 'rights' on the MSX during the Rights Trading Period.
Application for Additional Shares	An Eligible Shareholder wishing to apply for Additional Shares shall complete the required details in the Application Form and submit it during the Subscription Period to the Collecting Bank together with the requisite subscription amount. A Shareholder who does not subscribe for their full Rights Entitlement during the Subscription Period or who sells their Rights Entitlement (either in part or in full) is not eligible to apply for Additional Shares. An Applicant that is not a Shareholder on the Record Date but that has acquired a Rights Entitlement is not eligible to apply for Additional Shares. The application and allotment of Additional Shares shall be subject to the terms and conditions stipulated in Chapter 14.
Record Date	6th April 2025
Start of Trading of Rights Entitlement	17th April 2025
End of Trading of Rights Entitlement	20th April 2025
Subscription Opening Date	20th April 2025
Subscription Closing Date	24th April 2025
Allotment	The Offer Shares shall be allotted against valid and approved Application Forms, subject to the provisions of Chapter 14. The Offer Shares shall be allotted and refunds will be made (if required) within three days after the Allotment Date. The Applicant, after the announcement of the allotment, shall ensure that the allotted shares are appearing in its account with MCD.
Refund of Application Money	Refund of application money, if any, shall be made to the Applicant's bank account within three days after the Allotment Date.
Listing	As the shares of the Bank are already listed on the MSX, the Offer Shares shall also be listed on the MSX.
Approvals for the Issue	Board approval vide its resolution at its meeting on 24th February, 2025 CBO approval vide its Letter No: LD/CBS/AB/2025/265 dated Date: 20th March 2025 FSA approval vide its Administrative Decision 71/2025 dated 26th March 2025
Issue Manager	Ahli Bank SAOG- Investment Banking P.O. Box 545, P.C. 116, Mina Al Fahal, Oman Tel: +968 24577000, Fax: +968 24568001 Email: cta@ahlibank.om
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Use of Proceeds

The purpose of the Rights Issue is to increase the capital of the Bank by increasing its issued capital, so as to enable its business growth and capital adequacy compliance.

Overview

The Bank was established under the name of Alliance Housing Bank, and was registered on the Commercial Register maintained by the MCDIP pursuant to the Commercial Registry Law (Royal Decree 3/74, as amended) in June 1997. It was reconstituted as the FSA. Apart from this, the Bank's business operations are subject to compliance with the Bank's own policies and procedures and the laws and regulations of Oman.

As a full-fledged commercial bank, it is active in all banking segments including retail banking, corporate banking, investment banking and Islamic banking in Oman.

In addition to being regulated by the CBO, as a public joint stock company whose shares are listed and traded on the MSX, the Bank is also regulated by the FSA. Apart from this, the Bank's business operations are subject to compliance with the Bank's own policies and procedures and the laws and regulations of Oman.

For more information visit www.ahlibank.om.

Approvals

- The Issue has been approved by:
- Board of Directors – vide its resolution dated 24th February, 2025.
- CBO approval vide its Letter No: LD/CBS/AB/2025/265 dated: 20th March 2025
- FSA – vide its Administrative Decision No. **71/2025** dated 26th March 2025.

The table below shows the Bank's six largest shareholders as of 28th March 2025:

Royal Court Affairs	Oman	411,190,048	17.50%
Al Hosn Investment Company SAOC	Oman	357,076,325	15.20%
Social Protection Fund	Oman	253,074,746	10.77%
Attag First Investment SPC	Oman	225,443,496	9.59%
Al Hosn Business Development LLC	Oman	202,862,546	8.63%
Others		900,010,305	38.31%
		2,349,657,466	100.00%

Source: MCD

Historical Financial Statements

The financial statements of the Bank including for FY2022, FY2023 and for FY2024 can be viewed on the website of Muscat Stock Exchange (www.msx.om) and the Bank (www.ahlibank.om).

Dividend Policy

The Bank's dividends policy complies with the CBO and FSA guidelines. The Board of Directors follows a conservative dividend policy and provides recommendations on the distribution of the dividends to the shareholders after due consideration of the regulatory guidelines, the future growth expectations, and other factors.

The historical dividend details of the Bank are given below:

2020	5.0%	-	
2021	7.5%	-	
2022	9.0%	-	
2023	4.5%	4.5%	

Source – MSX

ISSUE PRICE JUSTIFICATION

Average Share Price

1-month average closing price	0.152	6.58%
3-month average closing price	0.151	5.96%
6-month average closing price	0.151	5.96%
1-year average closing price	0.154	7.79%

Source: MSX

Note: Above calculations based on 31 December 2024

Peer Comparison

AHLI BANK	395	0.168	1.04	13.4	7.8	2.98
NATIONAL BANK OMAN	455	0.280	0.84	8.9	9.6	3.36
BANK NIZWA	226	0.101	0.90	12.1	7.1	2.47
BANK DHOFAR	452	0.151	0.77	13.2	5.7	5.30
BANK MUSCAT	1,907	0.254	0.99	9.4	10.7	6.50
OMAN ARAB BANK	239	0.143	0.63	9.4	6.7	0.00
SOHAR INTERNATIONAL BANK	893	0.135	0.97	8.3	11.6	5.93
Average	652.44	0.176	0.88	10.7	8.4	3.79

TTM: Trailing twelve months

Source: Bloomberg

Note: Above calculations based on 28 Feb 2025

Based on the aforesaid factors and considering the Issue Price of Baizas 142 per share, the Bank believes that the Issue Price compares favorably with the peer average, and is at a discount of more than 7.7% as compared to the pre-issue one-year average closing price.

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors consists of nine non-executive Directors. The term of office of the Board of Directors is three years, which will expire in March 2026.

Mr. Hamdan Ali Nasser Al Hirai	Chairman	Independent
Mr. Anwar Hilal Al Jabri	Deputy Chairman	Independent
Mr. Ibrahim Said Al Eisi	Director	Independent
Mr. Abdul Hameed Ahmed Al Bulushi	Director	Independent
Mr. Salim Ali Al Hasni	Director	Independent
Mr. Qais Al Kharusi	Director	Independent
Mr. Abdullah Saif Ali Al Rajhi *	Director	Independent
Mr. Ali Said Ali Al Uraimi *	Director	Independent
Mr. Sulaiman Abdullah Khalaf Al Balushi *	Director	Independent

*Appointed by the Board of Directors as temporary directors until the next annual general meeting.

SUBSCRIPTION CONDITIONS & PROCEDURES

Eligibility for Subscription

The Rights Issue is open to all Eligible Shareholders and to each person who purchases all or part of the Rights Entitlement of an Eligible Shareholder through the MSX.

Each Eligible Shareholder is entitled to approximately 15,1998 Offer Shares for every 100 Shares held by them on the Record Date, duly rounded down, or to 1 Offer Share for approximately every 6.5790 Shares held by them on the Record Date, duly rounded down.

The Rights Entitlement will be listed on the MSX and can be sold or purchased during the Rights Trading Period through the MSX.

Rights Subscription Period and Issue Price

Issue opens on – 20th April 2025 Issue closes on – 24th April 2025

The Collecting Bank will reject any Application Form that reaches it after its official working hours on the Subscription Closing Date.

The Rights Entitlement, and any right to participate in the Rights Issue, will lapse if a valid application is not made during the Subscription Period. A failure to validly apply for Offer Shares during the Subscription Period will constitute a waiver of rights of participation in the Rights Issue.

Issue Price – **Baizas 142** per Offer Share (with a share price of Baizas 140 per Offer Share plus issue expenses of 2 Baiza per Share).

Trading of Rights

The Rights Entitlement is tradable on the MSX in accordance with applicable laws/regulations of the FSA and the MSX. Such rights can be traded i.e. bought and sold during the Rights Trading Period. The purchaser of a Rights Entitlement shall contact and instruct the Issue Manager to collect the requisite Application Form, complete and submit the Application Form to the Collecting Bank, together with application money and required documents, in each case on or before the Subscription Closing Date in accordance with the terms contained in this Prospectus. An unexercised Rights Entitlement shall lapse at the end of the Subscription Period.

Subscription for Additional Shares

- Only Eligible Shareholders are eligible to apply for Additional Shares.
- An Eligible Shareholder who does not subscribe to their full Rights Entitlement or sells their Rights Entitlement (either partially or in full) is not eligible to apply for Additional Shares.
- A non-Shareholder as on Record Date who purchases a Rights Entitlement, is not eligible to apply for Additional Shares.
- Eligible Shareholders validly subscribing for their full entitlement of Offer Shares may apply for Additional Shares.
- Eligible Shareholders who wish to apply for Additional Shares should indicate this by writing the desired number of Additional Shares in their Application Form and making the required payment with submission of the Application Form to the Collecting Bank.
- The minimum Additional Shares that can be applied for is one Offer Share with the maximum up to a number such that the total application (including such Eligible Shareholder's Rights Entitlement, any Rights Entitlement purchased from another Eligible Shareholder, and Additional Shares) does not exceed the entire Rights Issue size.
- Additional Shares will be allotted simultaneously with the Offer Shares, subject to FSA approval.
- If the total Additional Shares applied for by Applicants exceeds the under-subscription (before considering Additional Shares) in the Rights Issue, all eligible Applicants will be allotted Additional Shares on a pro-rata basis proportionate to the number of Additional Shares applied for, and the balance will be refunded.
- If the total Additional Shares applied for by Applicants is less than the under-subscription (before considering Additional Shares) in the Rights Issue, all eligible Applicants will be allotted all of the Additional Shares applied for by them.
- If the Applicants do not subscribe for all of the Additional Shares within the specified period, then the Board of Directors may offer such shares for public or private subscription pursuant to the provisions of the Securities Law and other applicable laws and regulations, or reduce the amount of the increase of the share capital to the level of the total received subscription amount, i.e. reduced by an amount equal to the value of the shares that have not been subscribed for, as per Article 140 of OCL.
- The decision of the Issue Manager, in consultation with the FSA, shall be final and binding in respect of the allotment of Offer Shares, including Additional Shares.

Note: Applicants should ensure that their post-rights issue shareholding is within the shareholding limits prescribed in the Bank's Articles of Association, Laws of Oman and applicable regulatory requirements. The following is a worked example using illustrative numbers to show the methodology for allotting Additional Shares:

Rights Issue Offer	100,000,000
Subscription	90,000,000
Unsubscribed	10,000,000
Additional Shares applications received from Eligible Shareholders	15,000,000
Allotment of unsubscribed shares on pro-rata basis based on applications received for Additional Shares	10,000,000
Percentage allotment of Additional Shares (10,000,000/15,000,000=66.67%)	
Refund of amount to Shareholders applying for Additional Shares equivalent to	5,000,000

Based on this example, a person applying for 3,000 Additional Shares will be allotted 2,000 Shares.

Subscription on Behalf of Minor Children

- An individual of age less than 18 years as on the Record Date will be considered a minor.
- Only a father may subscribe on behalf of his minor child(ren).
- If a subscription is made on behalf of a minor by any person other than the minor's father, the person submitting the subscription shall be required to attach a valid Sharia (Legal) Power of Attorney issued by the competent authorities authorizing him to deal in the funds of the minor through sale, purchase and investment.

Minimum and Maximum Application

The minimum application can be for one Share and the maximum application cannot exceed the Rights Issue size (including original Rights Entitlement, any Rights Entitlement purchased from an Eligible Shareholder, and Additional Shares).

Particulars of the Bank Account

- Each Applicant shall be required to furnish the particulars of their bank account (registered in the name of the Applicant). The Applicant shall not use the bank account number of any other person except in case of minor children only.
- If the bank account of the Applicant is registered with a bank other than the one receiving the Application Form, they shall be required to submit a document in evidence of correctness of the bank account particulars as provided for in the Application Form. This can be done by submitting any document from the Applicant's bank which clearly shows the account number and name of the account holder (Applicant), such as an account statement issued by the bank or a letter / document issued by the Applicant's bank, containing the aforesaid information. The Applicant shall ensure that such evidence submitted is readable in a clear manner. The Applicant is not obliged to submit evidence of their bank account if they are subscribing through the bank wherein they maintain their account. In this case, the bank receiving the subscription shall verify and confirm the Applicant's account details in its specific system and procedure.
- The bank account provided in the Application Form would be used only for refunds.
- The Application Form containing the bank account number of a person other than the Applicant shall be rejected except with respect to applications made on behalf of minor children that contain the bank account particulars of their father.

Documentation Required

- A copy of Applicant's Civil ID / Passport / Commercial Registration certificate, as applicable.
- Submission of a document confirming correctness of the bank account details written in the Application Form, only if the application is made through a bank other than the one with whom the Applicant has their bank account.
- A copy of a valid Power of Attorney duly endorsed by the competent legal authorities in the event the subscription is on behalf of another person.
- In case of applications made by juristic persons (non-individuals), which are signed by a person in their capacity as an authorized signatory, a copy of adequate and valid documentation should be attached.

Mode of Subscription

- The Collecting Bank has been instructed to only accept applications for subscriptions that comply with all the requirements as provided for in the Application Form and this Prospectus. It is the responsibility of the Applicant however, to ensure that the particulars and information contained in the Application Form are true, accurate and complete.
- The Applicant shall be required, before submitting the Application Form, to peruse this Prospectus and read the conditions and procedures governing the subscription with care and importance.
- Only the original Application Form (with pre-printed details) sent to Eligible Shareholders should be used. Photocopies of Application Forms will not be accepted. If any Eligible Shareholder does not receive the Application Form, such person must contact the Issue Manager sufficiently in advance of the Subscription Closing Date to obtain a duplicate Application Form duly stamped by the Issue Manager.
- Those who validly purchase a Rights Entitlement in the MSX during the Rights Trading Period should contact the Issue Manager and submit a copy of their purchase invoice issued by their broker or statement of account issued by MCD showing their holding of the Rights Entitlement. The Issue Manager will issue the Application Form to such Applicants. Only the Application Form issued by the Issue Manager should be used by such Applicants.
- The Applicants are required to complete the Application Form for the subscription and furnish all their particulars including the shareholder number available with MCD, civil number/passport number, commercial registration number or other prescribed details (including the date of birth in case of minor children).
- Applicants are required to sign the Application Form to confirm that the particulars and information contained therein are true, accurate and complete. In case of minor children, only the father or legal guardian may sign the Application Form, on behalf of his minor child(ren).
- The Applicant shall submit the Application Form to the Collecting Bank and make payment at the Issue Price for all Offer Shares (including any Additional Shares) that are the subject of such application. The Applicant shall make such application in accordance with this Prospectus and shall ensure that all documents in support of the information furnished (referred to above) are enclosed.
- If any overseas investor or Shareholder wishes to subscribe to the Rights Issue, they must pay in the currency of the Sultanate of Oman, i.e., Omani Rial. Payment shall be made by cheque or bank transfer.
- In case of payment of the value of the subscription by cheque, it shall be in favor of 'Ahli Bank Rights Issue'.

- In case of payment through bank transfer, the Applicant is responsible for ensuring the successful transfer of the subscription amount to the Collecting Bank within the subscription period and must attach a copy of the transfer acknowledgment copy to the Application Form. The transfers should be made to:

Ahli Bank Rights Issue a/c
A/c no. **9800-920908-519**
Ahli Bank SAOG
Swift Code: AUBOORUXXX

Availability of Duplicate Application Forms

Only the original Application Form (with pre-printed details) sent to Eligible Shareholders should be used. A photocopy of Application Forms will not be accepted. If any Eligible Shareholder does not receive the original Application Form, such person must contact the Issue Manager or the Collecting Bank sufficiently in advance of the Subscription Closing Date to obtain a duplicate Application Form. Applicants submitting a duplicate Application Form should not use the original Application Form, even if it is received/round subsequently. In case of violation of this requirement, both the Application Forms may be rejected.

Collecting Bank

Application Forms may only be submitted to the Collecting Bank - Ahli Bank SAOG during its official working hours.

The Collecting Bank will only accept receipt of an Application Form if the Applicant has complied with the procedure and submit matter in line with the requirements as provided for in this Prospectus; hence, the Collecting Bank must instruct the Applicants to comply and fulfil all requirements stated in the Application Form and this Prospectus.

An Applicant shall be responsible for the submission of their Application Form, together with full payment, to the Collecting Bank before closing of the Subscription Period. In this regard, the Collecting Bank has the right not to accept any Application Form that reaches it after its official working hours on the Subscription Closing Date.

Acceptance of the Applications

Applications will be invalid in the following circumstances:

- If the Application Form does not bear the signature and stamp (if applicable) of the Applicant with the exception of fathers who subscribe and sign on behalf of their minor children.
- Failure to pay the full subscription amount (including, for the avoidance of doubt, related issue expenses) in accordance with the conditions provided for in this Prospectus.
- If the value of the Offer Shares subscribed is paid through cheque and it is dishonored for whatever reason.
- If the Application Form does not bear the Applicant's investor number available with MCD.
- If the Applicant's account number stated in the Application Form is incorrect.
- If there is more than one Application Form with same Applicant name (in which case, all of them shall be rejected).
- If the supporting documents referred to in this Prospectus are not enclosed along with the Application Form.
- If the Application Form does not contain all particulars of the bank account of the Applicant.
- If the bank account details of the Applicant in the Application Form are found to be incorrect.
- If the bank account details provided in the Application Form are found to not be those of the Applicant with the exception of applications submitted in the name of minor children, which may include the particulars of bank accounts held by their father.
- In the case of a failure to attach the Power of Attorney with the Application Form as provided for in this Prospectus in respect of a person who subscribes and signs on behalf of another person (with the exception of a father who subscribes on behalf of his minor children).
- If the application is incomplete and/or has not complied with the legal and other requirements as provided for in this Prospectus.
- If the Application Form is not the original form sent by the Bank or a form which is not duly issued by the Issue Manager or the Collecting Bank.
- If the Application Form is not complete or any information provided in it is found to be incorrect.

If the Collecting Bank observes, after receipt of the Application Form and before expiry of the time schedule prescribed for handing over the Application Forms in final form to the Issue Manager, that the application has not complied with the legal or other requirements as provided in this Prospectus, then the Collecting Bank shall take due efforts to contact the Applicant so as to correct the detected mistake. In case of failure to have the mistake corrected within the period referred to, the Collecting Bank shall return the Application Form to such Applicant together with the subscription amount.

Refusal / Rejection of Applications

The Issue Manager may reject a subscription application under any of the conditions referred to above, after securing the approval of the FSA and the submission of a report furnishing the details of the application that are required to be rejected and reasons behind such rejection. If it is observed, from the register of the final subscribers submitted by the Collecting Bank, that there are applications which bear the same shareholder number or same civil number or same bank account number (with the exception of minor children), all such application shall be rejected for belonging to the same Applicant.
Refunds of excess funds shall be made net of bank charges, and for refunds in foreign currency as per the foreign exchange rate between RO and the currency of the other country.

Enquiries and Complaints

Applicants seeking clarification or filing complaints about allotment or rejected applications or refunds may contact the branch of the Collecting Bank where the Application Form was submitted.

In case of absence of response from the branch, the Applicant may contact the person concerned as hereunder:

Mr. Mohammed Al Abri
Tel: +968 2465 3180
Email: MohammedG.AA@ahlibank.om

If the Collecting Bank fails to arrive at a solution or settlement with the Applicant, it shall refer the matter to the Issue Manager, and keep the Applicant updated. The Applicant shall also keep in touch with the Collecting Bank to know the outcome.

Issue Manager's Contact Details:

Ms. Hanin Al Balushi Ahli Bank SAOG P.O. Box 545, P.C. 116, Mina Al Fahal, Oman Tel: +968 24653732, Fax: +968 24568001 E-mail: Hanin.AlBalushi@ahlibank.om	Mr. Amin Al Balushi Ahli Bank SAOG P.O. Box 545, P.C. 116, Mina Al Fahal, Oman Tel: +968 24577830, Fax: +968 24568001 Email: amin.albalushi@ahlibank.om
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Restrictions on Shareholding

Applicants are required to comply with any shareholding limits prescribed by the Bank's Articles of Association, the Laws of Oman, any regulations/circulars issued by the CBO, and/or any other applicable legal and regulatory requirements (together the "Shareholding Limits"). Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Applicants are required to comply with the following Shareholding Limits prescribed by CBO regulation BM/REG/40/96:

- The aggregate holding by an individual and his related parties shall not exceed 15% of the voting shares in a locally incorporated bank;
 - The aggregate holding by an incorporated body and its related parties shall not exceed 25% of the voting shares in a locally incorporated bank;
 - The aggregate holding by a Joint Stock Company or a Holding Company and its related parties shall not exceed 35% of the voting shares in a locally incorporated bank; and
 - No individual, incorporated body or a Joint Stock Company or a Holding Company who, together with any related party already owns 10% or more of the voting shares of a locally incorporated bank shall own by way of invest-ment, more than 15% of the outstanding voting shares of another locally incorporated bank.
- If an Applicant's shareholding is likely to exceed any Shareholding Limits, such Applicant must obtain all requisite approvals for such potential excess shareholding before they submit their Application Form. The Applicant must attach to their Application Form a copy of the relevant approval for such excess shareholding.
- Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Prospectus, the allotment of Offer Shares under the Rights Issue will be restricted in accordance with the foregoing, and the rights of Eligible Shareholders (and of any purchaser of their Rights Entitlement) in this Prospectus shall be construed accordingly.

Payments for Additional Shares

The payment for Additional Shares shall be made at the time of submission of Application Form to the Collecting Bank. If the Applicant fails to pay for any Additional Shares pursuant to the Application Form, the application will be rejected.

Allotment and Refund

The Offer Shares shall be allotted, and refunds will be made (if required) within three days after the Allotment Date. The Applicant, after the announcement of the allotment, shall ensure that the allotted shares are appearing in its account with MCD.

Refund of excess funds (if any) must be made to the Applicant's bank account as provided in the Application Form, and in case of any discrepancy, the Collecting Bank / Issue Manager should be contacted immediately.

Responsibilities of Shareholders/ Applicants in Rights Issue

An Eligible Shareholder who sells their Rights Entitlement through the MSX will lose their right to subscribe to the Offer Shares to that extent. Furthermore, such Shareholders cannot apply for Additional Shares.

An investor who buys the Rights Entitlement through the MSX should exercise their right to subscribe to the Offer Shares by submitting their Application Form (which can be obtained from the Issue Manager) to the Collecting Bank before the end of the Subscription Period. Such investors are not eligible to apply for Additional Shares unless they are also Eligible Shareholders.

Bank's Right

The Bank reserves the right to withdraw / cancel the Rights Issue prior to the listing date for any reason including in the event of any unforeseen development adversely affecting the economic and regulatory environment, any change in the applicable laws, or any change in applicable law, etc. If the Rights Issue is withdrawn / cancelled, the received subscription amounts will be refunded in full, without any interest or further liability.

Proposed Timetable

The following is only an indicative proposed timetable for the Rights Issue:

Approval of this Prospectus by FSA	24th March 2025
Date of Publication of Announcement: After approval of this Prospectus by the FSA, and at least five (5) working days before the Record Date, the Issuer must publish an announcement approved by the FSA through the electronic publication system and in one (1) Arabic daily newspaper at least, notifying the Shareholders and other investors of the Rights Issue. The advertisement must include a summary of this Prospectus including the amount and percentage of the increase in the capital, Issue Price, the Record Date, the persons entitled to subscribe, Collecting Bank, Subscription Period and the Rights Trading Period.	25th March 2025
Record Date: Shareholders registered in MCD records as at this date are eligible for subscription to the Rights Issue as holders of the Rights Entitlements.	6th April 2025
Service of Notices on the Shareholders: At least three (3) days before the Subscription Opening Date, and not more than 15 days from the publication of the announcement, the Issue Manager shall send written notices to each Eligible Shareholder at its address or to its email or through any other means written in the shareholders' register advising of the Rights Issue together with a summary of the Prospectus and an Application Form. The Issuer must also make copies of the Offer Shares that may be subscribed, the Subscription Period and the Rights Trading Period.	14th April 2025
Listing of the Rights Entitlement (Rights Trading Opening Date): The Issuer and the Issue Manager, in collaboration with MCD and MSX, will carry out the procedures for listing of the rights for trading on MSX within five working days from the Record Date. A record of holders of the rights shall be prepared for the purposes of the trading of the rights within the specified period. The rights shall be separated from the shares and shall be traded separately.	17th April 2025
Date of Commencement of Subscription (Subscription Opening Date): Application Forms will be issued directly to the Shareholders, but duplicate Application Forms may be obtained from the Collecting Bank or Issue Manager.	20th April 2025
End of Trading of the Rights (Rights Trading Closing Date)	20th April 2025
End of Subscription Period (Subscription Closing Date): After this date, the Issue Manager shall collect the list of subscription from the Collecting Bank, verify the subscription list, match it with the rights holders' record and process the allotment of shares.	24th April 2025
FSA approval on the allotment	28th April 2025
Refund of excess amounts	29th April 2025]
Listing New Offer Shares on the MSX	30th April 2025

Terrific Tuesday! Oman lift West Asia U23 football title

On a day of triumphs, Oman's Red Warriors secured a victory in a World Cup qualifier in Kuwait, while the national beach soccer team won their third successive match at the AFC Beach Soccer Asian Cup in Pattaya, Thailand

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MUSCAT: It was a triumphant and terrific Tuesday for Omani football as the nation celebrated a hat-trick of victories on the international stage. Capping the day were the Oman U-23 boys, who emerged as champions of the sixth edition of the West Asian Football Federation (WAFF) U-23 Championship with a 3-1 win over Jordan at the Sultan Qaboos Sports Complex. Adding to the jubilation, Oman's national team secured a crucial 1-0 victory against hosts Kuwait in the FIFA World Cup qualifiers, while the beach soccer team topped their group in the AFC Asian Cup with a decisive win over Bahrain, their third successive win in the group, to book a quarterfinal spot in Pattaya, Thailand.

Oman dominate final
 At home, the highly anticipated final saw Oman deliver a stellar performance against Jordan. Jordan



started aggressively, pressing high and creating early threats. However, Oman remained composed, relying on swift counterattacks and disciplined defending. Oman's first real opportunity came in the 24th minute when Osama Al Mahruqi's dangerous cross found Luqman Al Jadeedi, who failed to convert.

Jordan's attacking efforts were consistently thwarted by Oman's steadfast defence, with goalkeeper Mazin Al Harassi proving a reliable last line of defence. The deadlock was broken in the 43rd minute when Sultan Al Marzuq unleashed a brilliant strike from outside the box, curling the ball past the Jordanian goalkeeper to give Oman, coached by former Oman star Badr Al Maimani, a well-deserved lead ahead of half-time. Jordan came out fighting in the second half, determined to level the score. They nearly succeeded in the 52nd minute when Ayham Al Samarnah's header narrowly missed the post, followed by a crucial save from Al Harassi in a one-on-one situation against Saif Darwish. Oman almost doubled their lead

in the 60th minute, but a goal-line clearance by Jordan's Jaafar Al Samarnah denied them. The pressure from Jordan finally paid off in the 74th minute when Badr Kalboona equalised with a precise header from a corner. Unshaken, Oman responded with tactical substitutions that reignited their attack. The breakthrough came in the 86th minute when Turki Bait Rabia produced a spectacular overhead kick. Oman didn't stop there and in stoppage time, Ahad Al Mashaikhi sealed the victory with a stunning free-kick in the 93rd minute, putting the result beyond doubt. Speaking after the match, Oman player Mohammed Bait Subeea expressed immense pride in the team's achievement, dedicating the win to the passionate Omani fans. "We congratulate



the Omani fans on this historic achievement. Many may not have expected this level of performance, but we stayed united and fought hard until the final whistle," he said. "Winning on home soil makes this victory even more special. The coaching staff had confidence in us, and we delivered." Syria secured third place after a 1-0 win over Bahrain, while Saudi Arabia finished fifth following a 2-0 victory against Kuwait. The UAE claimed seventh with a 3-0 win over Lebanon. The championship trophy was presented to Oman's victorious squad by Sheikh Mohsin Al Masroori, a WAFF Executive Committee member, alongside Oman Football Association board member Qutaiba Al Ghilani and tournament director Mustafa Al Hosni. Individual accolades were also awarded: Sultan Al Marzuq was named Best Player of the Tournament, Mazin Al Harassi won Best Goalkeeper, and Jordan's Badr Kalboona claimed the Top Scorer award.

T20I SERIES

Seifert, Neesham star as New Zealand clinch 4-1 series victory over Pakistan

WELLINGTON: New Zealand completed a dominant 4-1 series win over Pakistan, wrapping up the fifth and final T20I in style with an eight-wicket victory on Wednesday. Pakistan's total of 128, built around an enterprising half-century (51) from Salman Agha, proved no match for a blistering chase led by Tim Seifert, who remained unbeaten on 97. James Neesham was the star with the ball, wreaking havoc on Pakistan's batting order with a sensational five-wicket haul (5/22). New Zealand, opting to field first after winning the toss, started with an impressive showing from their pacers. Will O'Rourke and Jacob Duffy dismissed three Pakistan batters in the powerplay, including Hassan Nawaz for a third duck in the series. Pakistan were reeling at 52/5 by the 10th over, as Neesham's first breakthrough reduced them to near-collapse. Agha and Shadab Khan (28) provided some resistance, staging a brief but spirited recovery with a 54-run partnership off 35 balls. However, the match turned decisively when Shadab, frustrated by a no-free-hit call for a high full



toss, played a rash shot and was caught behind. From there, the collapse continued, with Neesham mopping up the tail, claiming four wickets in the final four overs to leave Pakistan's innings on 128/9. New Zealand's chase was ruthless from the outset. The explosive Finn Allen (23) and Seifert wasted no time, taking 18 runs from Jahandad Khan's first over. New Zealand raced to 92/0 in the powerplay, marking their highest-ever six-over score in T20I cricket. Pakistan did find some respite in the spin department. Sufiyan Mugeem, intro-

IPL 2025

Iyer's blazing 97 propels Punjab Kings to electrifying win over Gujarat Titans

AHMEDABAD: In a high-scoring encounter at the Narendra Modi Stadium, Punjab Kings (PBKS) commenced their IPL 2025 campaign with a thrilling 11-run win over Gujarat Titans (GT) on Tuesday. Captain Shreyas Iyer led from the front with an explosive unbeaten 97 off 42 balls, steering PBKS to a formidable total of 243 for 5. Despite a valiant chase by GT, highlighted by Sai Sudharsan's 74 and Jos Buttler's 54, they fell short, finishing at 232 for 5. Opting to bat first, PBKS's innings was ignited by debutant opener Priyansh Arya, who struck a brisk 47 off 23 balls, laying a solid foundation. However, it was Iyer's scintillating knock that stole the show. Entering at No. 3, Iyer unleashed a barrage of nine sixes and five fours, dismantling the GT bowling attack. Iyer's innings was complemented by Shashank Singh's rapid unbeaten 44 off 16 balls, propelling PBKS to their second-highest IPL total. In the final over, with Iyer poised at 97, he selflessly encouraged Shashank to continue his aggressive play, prioritising the team's total over personal milestones. Shashank responded by hammering five boundaries.



Chasing a daunting target of 244, GT's innings was anchored by Sudharsan, who crafted a composed 74. Buttler, batting at No. 3, contributed a quickfire 54, and Sherfane Rutherford added a brisk 46, keeping GT in contention. The Titans amassed 87 runs between the 9th and 14th overs, momentarily gaining the upper hand. However, PBKS's bowling unit tightened the screws in the death overs. Vijaykumar Vyshak, brought in as an impact substitute, delivered crucial overs, conceding just 10 runs in the 15th and 17th overs combined. His precise yorkers and full-length deliveries stifled GT's momentum. Arshdeep Singh also played a pivotal role, defending 27 runs in the final over to seal the victory for PBKS. PBKS's co-owner, Preity Zinta, lauded Iyer's selfless act, She said, "Some 97s are better than hundreds." **Brief scores:** Punjab Kings 243 for 5 (Iyer 97*, Arya 47, Shashank 44*; Sai Kishore 3-30) beat Gujarat Titans 232 for 5 (Sudharsan 74, Buttler 54, Rutherford 46, Gill 33; Arshdeep 2-36). - Agencies

TENURE UNTIL 2027 WORLD CUP

Simmons to continue as Bangladesh head coach

DHAKA: Phil Simmons will remain as Bangladesh's head coach for the next two years, extending his tenure until the conclusion of the 2027 ODI World Cup. The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) has offered him a long-term contract after initially appointing him as interim coach through the 2025 Champions Trophy. "I am delighted to be given the opportunity to work with Bangladesh cricket on a long-term basis," Simmons, 61, said on Wednesday. "The talent within this team is undeniable, and I believe we have the potential to achieve great

things together. I look forward to the journey ahead. Having worked with some exceptional players already, I can see the immense promise in this squad. Their skill and passion for the game inspire me daily. Together, we can take Bangladesh cricket to new heights and create something truly special." While his stint as interim coach saw limited success, Simmons oversaw Bangladesh's win in one Test and a T20I series in the West Indies. However, the team's performance in the Champions Trophy was less than stellar, with

Bangladesh exiting in the group stage following losses to India and New Zealand. "My time with the Bangladesh team over the past few months has been incredibly rewarding," Simmons said. "The energy, commitment, and ability within this group have been nothing short of impressive. I'm excited to continue helping these players reach their full potential." This appointment effectively ends speculation regarding Simmons' future with the Bangladesh team and confirms that he will no longer coach Karachi Kings in

the Pakistan Super League (PSL), where he had been head coach since December 2023. Simmons, who has overseen more than 400 international matches, was appointed as Bangladesh's head coach in October, coinciding with the BCB's suspension of Chandika Hathurusinghe. A former West Indies cricketer in the 1990s, Simmons has previously coached Zimbabwe, Ireland, and Afghanistan. He also had two terms as head coach of the West Indies, famously guiding the team to victory in the 2016 T20 World Cup. - Agencies



OMAN CRUDE PRICE RISES

The price of Oman oil has increased, with prices for delivery by May 2025 reaching \$74.51, said Dubai Mercantile Exchange (DME). The DME statement said that the price of Oman oil rose by 7 cents from the price of Tuesday, which was \$74.44. - OMA

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MSX INDEX ENDS LOWER

The MSX index closed at 4,400.67 points, down by 0.17% from previous close. The Sharia Index ended down by 1.97% at 383.60 points. Oman Fisheries, up 7.41%, was the top gainer while United Finance, down 7.94%, was the top loser.

OCCI Digital Economy, AI Committee sets its strategic goal for 2025

Digital Economy and Artificial Intelligence Committee of Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry followed up a project to modernise economic activities to keep pace with technological developments

MUSCAT: The Digital Economy and Artificial Intelligence Committee of Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OCCI) yesterday held its first meeting in 2025. The meeting was chaired by Eng. Ibrahim Abdullah Al Hosni, Head of the Committee.

The meeting reviewed the committee's annual strategy, which focuses on five main topics: legislation on digital economy and artificial intelligence, digital economy, digital investment, digital skills and digital transitioning.

The committee reviewed related initiatives and subsidiary projects and the development of

key performance indicators to monitor progress. It followed up a project to modernise economic activities to keep pace with technological developments, facilitate the registration and classification of companies in line with the goals of digital transition and economic diversification.

The committee endorsed specializations and names of Omani applications in artificial intelligence envisaged to be implemented during 2025.

The committee also discussed the Mobile World Congress scheduled to be held in Shanghai, China, from 18 to 20 June 2025. It also



stressed the need to take part in COMEX 2025 under the banner of "Oman Technology Exhibition", deemed a leading global platform

for showcasing the latest innovations and developments in the fields of computers, communications and digital technology.

Then, the meeting looked into a proposed set of initiatives (due to be carried out in cooperation with the private sector and professional

associations) to transfer knowledge and promote digital culture among community members and entrepreneurs. -OMA

EXCLUSIVE BANKING ACCOUNT

Dhofar Islamic's Al Rifaa Account offers competitive financing, exclusive benefits

MUSCAT: Dhofar Islamic's Al Rifaa Exclusive Banking Account continues to attract a growing number of customers, thanks to its exceptional privileges that combine Sharia-compliant financial solutions with personalized services tailored to the aspirations of distinguished clients.

Marking a significant advancement in Islamic banking services, the Al Rifaa Exclusive Banking Account offers a unique blend of preferential financing, bespoke services, and rewarding benefits designed to enhance the customer experience.

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Commenting on the account's benefits, Amor Said Mohamed Al Amri, DGM & Head of Retail Banking Dhofar Islamic, said: "The Al Rifaa Exclusive Banking Account reflects our unwavering commitment to delivering innovative Sharia-compliant financial solutions that align with our customers' aspirations.



More than just banking services, we aim to enrich our customers' lifestyles and help them achieve their financial goals. With Al Rifaa, we are redefining the personal banking experience in the Sultanate of Oman."

Dhofar Islamic continues to strengthen its position in the Islamic banking sector by expanding its branch and ATM network, enhancing its portfolio of innovative products and services, and offering highly efficient credit card solutions. The bank also prioritizes customer experience by investing in digital advancements and ongoing employee training to maintain the highest service standards.

BROADBAND INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER

AWASR joins global telecom leaders at 16th CXO-UBB Roundtable in Barcelona

Times News Service

MUSCAT: AWASR, Oman's leading broadband internet service provider, participated in the prestigious 16th CXO-UBB Roundtable, held in Barcelona in March alongside global telecom giants including China Telecom, HKT, Du, and others. The event, hosted by Huawei, focused on the future of Ultra-Broadband (UBB) and the pivotal role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in shaping next-generation networks.

The roundtable brought together over 30 industry leaders to discuss crucial topics surrounding UBB business success and the development of AI-centric target networks. Huawei executives Chen Banghua, Wang Lei, Shao Shixin, and Lu Libo led in-depth discussions, sharing insights and fostering collaboration among participants.

The roundtable emphasized the industry's shift toward experience-driven services while highlighting the transformative power of AI-centric networks, particularly Huawei's DeepSeeK, in reducing deployment costs and optimizing operations. AWASR showcased its own AI-driven network advancements, and China Telecom underscored the global push for intelligent computing, demonstrating a unified industry effort to embrace next-generation technologies.

"AWASR's participation in the 16th CXO-UBB Roundtable underscores our commitment to



leading the digital transformation in Oman," said Eng. Adnan Al Alawi, CEO of AWASR. "The insights shared at this event, particularly regarding AI-centric networks and UBB business success, are invaluable. We are dedicated to implementing these learnings to enhance our network infrastructure, improve operational efficiency, and deliver unparalleled broadband experiences to our customers. Our aim is to ensure that AWASR remains at the forefront

of technological innovation, contributing to the growth and prosperity of Oman's digital economy."

"In addition, Eugen Comendant, Chief Commercial Officer of AWASR, added "The insights gained from this roundtable will be instrumental in further enhancing our network capabilities and delivering superior services to our customers in Oman. Our focus on leveraging AI to improve network efficiency and enable rapid service development aligns with our

commitment to providing the best possible broadband experience. We are dedicated to implementing the knowledge gained to further improve our customer experience and stay at the forefront of technological advancement."

AWASR's participation in the 16th CXO-UBB Roundtable reinforces its position as a forward-thinking telecom provider, dedicated to driving innovation and shaping the future of broadband connectivity in Oman.

2024 FINANCIALS

ahlibank general meeting approves dividend distribution

MUSCAT: ahlibank announced the successful conclusion of its Annual General Meeting (AGM), held on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, via the electronic platform for general meetings hosted on Muscat Clearing and Depository's (MCD) website. The meeting was chaired by Hamdan Ali Nasser Al Hinai, Chairman of the Board of Directors of ahlibank, and attended by esteemed board members, senior management, and shareholders.

During the AGM, shareholders reviewed and approved key agenda items, including the Board of Directors' Report on the bank's activities and financial position for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024. The Corporate Governance Report and the Auditor's Report on the Bank's Audited Financial Statements were considered and approved, while the general assembly was notified of the Sharia

Compliance Report of ahli islamic for the same period.

The shareholders approved a total dividend distribution of 10 Baiza per share, comprising 5 Baiza in cash and 5 Baiza in the form of free mandatory convertible bonds. Furthermore, the general assembly was informed of related party transactions and the bank's contributions to community service initiatives.

Speaking on the occasion, Hamdan Ali Nasser Al Hinai, stated, "At ahlibank, our unwavering commitment to diversification and innovation drives us forward, enabling us to expand our services and leverage digital transformation to manage risk and seize emerging opportunities. Anchored by a robust financial foundation and stable capital structure, our future-focused approach and operational excellence enable us to turn

challenges into growth opportunities, consistently delivering superior returns to our shareholders. The enduring confidence of our stakeholders reflects our agility in navigating an evolving financial landscape. At the core of our strategy are sustainable practices and customer-centric solutions, reinforcing our role as a trusted partner in fostering inclusive, long-term economic progress."

A key highlight of the meeting was the election of three members to fill the vacant seat on the Board of Directors of the Bank. Shareholders also ratified the remuneration and sitting fees of the Sharia Supervisory Board for the financial year ended December 31, 2024, and approved its appointment. Additionally, the sitting fees paid to the Board of Directors and its sub-committees for 2024 were ratified, and the fees for the 2025

fiscal year were determined. The proposal to distribute remuneration to the Board of Directors for 2024 was also approved.

To uphold governance excellence, shareholders endorsed the Board's performance report for 2024 and the appraisal criteria for 2025, appointing a third-party entity for an independent evaluation. The shareholders also approved the appointment of external auditors and Sharia auditors for the financial year ending December 31, 2025.

As part of its strategy, ahlibank remains committed to prioritizing customer needs, embracing digital transformation, and driving innovation. With a steadfast focus on financial inclusion and economic sustainability, the bank continues to play a vital role in supporting the Sultanate's national growth and development.



MARKET

MSX index ends lower

Oman Fisheries, up 7.41%, was the top gainer while, United Finance, down 7.94%, was the top loser



MUSCAT: The MSX index closed at 4,400.67 points, down by 0.17% from previous close. The Sharia Index ended down by 1.97% at 383.60 points. Oman Fisheries, up 7.41%, was the top gainer while, United Finance, down 7.94%, was the top loser. Shares of Sohar International Bank were the most active in terms of number of shares traded while Bank Muscat were the most active in terms of turnover. A total number of 1349 trades were executed during the day's trading session, generating turnover of RO 5.15 million, with more than 25.58 million shares changing hands. Out of 50 traded securities, 15 advanced, 20 declined, and 15 remained unchanged. At the session close, domestic investors were net sellers for RO 528K while foreign investors were net buyers for RO 285K, followed by GCC & Arab investors for RO 243K worth of shares. Financial Index closed at 7,719.36 points, down 0.18%. Prices of Oman Arab Bank, Al Sharqia Investment, Sohar International

Bank, Bank Muscat were up by 4.29%, 2.82%, 1.49%, 0.76% respectively. Prices of Al Madina Takaful, United Finance, Oman United Insurance, Oman & Emirates Investment, Muscat Finance were down by 8.33%, 7.94%, 6.25%, 3.18%, 2.13% respectively. Industrial Index closed at 5,448.96 points, down 1.09%. Prices of Oman Fisheries, Gulf Mushroom Products were up by 7.41%, 1.35% respectively. Prices of Oman Cables Industry, Oman Flour Mills, Al Maha Ceramics, Gulf International Chemicals, Galfar Engineering were down by 7.33%, 3.75%, 1.58%, 1.33%, 1.32% respectively. Services Index was down by 0.05% before closing at 1,600.10 points. Prices of Muscat Gases, Barka Desalination, Sembcorp Salalah, National Gas, Renaissance Services were up by 5.56%, 3.31%, 2.17%, 1.32%, 0.30% respectively. Prices of Al Jazeera Services, Phoenix Power, SMN Power Holding, Abraj Energy, Ooredoo were down by 5.56%, 1.67%, 0.93%, 0.86%, 0.57% respectively. — United Securities

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Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff	Diff %
MSX 30 INDEX	4,414.70	4,392.03	4,400.67	4,408.33	-7.67	-0.17
FINANCIAL INDEX	7,719.36	7,668.12	7,719.36	7,733.61	-14.24	-0.18
Industry Index	5,523.13	5,448.96	5,448.96	5,509.27	-60.30	-1.09
Services Index	1,603.20	1,598.54	1,600.10	1,600.87	-0.77	-0.05
MSX Shariah Index	388.24	383.60	383.60	391.29	-7.69	-1.97
MSX TR INDEX	6,308.13	6,275.74	6,288.07	6,283.40	4.67	0.07
FINANCIAL TR IDXX	8,926.35	8,867.10	8,926.35	8,869.00	57.35	0.65
INDUSTRIAL TR IDXX	6,679.45	6,589.75	6,589.75	6,662.67	-72.93	-1.09
SERVICES TR IDXX	1,972.71	1,966.99	1,968.91	1,969.85	-0.94	-0.05
FIXED INCOME INDEX	1,166.89	1,166.89	1,166.89	1,166.89	0.00	0.00

Trading Summary

Volume	25,586,713	Turnover	5,150,970	Trades	1,349	Market Cap	27,747,964,014	Up	15	Down	20	Equal	15	Sec. Traded	50
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SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

ISIN	SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR.	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF. BD.	DIFF %	LAST PR.	LAST BD.	LAST OFF.	PREV. VALUE	MARKET CAP
REGULAR MARKET																
OM0000002440	AL SHARQIA INVESTMENT HO.	1,180	86	1	0.073	0.073	0.073	0.073	0.071	0.002	2.817	0.073	0.071	0.073	0.100	6,570,000
OM0000004735	SEMBOORP SALALAH	67,275	6,277	12	0.093	0.094	0.093	0.094	0.092	0.002	2,174	0.094	0.094	0.094	0.100	89,729,763
OM0000003398	SOHAR INTERNATIONAL BANK	3,856,516	520,489	94	0.135	0.136	0.134	0.136	0.134	0.002	1,493	0.136	0.137	0.136	0.100	899,945,493
OM0000002796	BANK MUSCAT	3,853,001	1,023,018	74	0.265	0.266	0.264	0.266	0.264	0.002	0,758	0.266	0.268	0.266	0.100	1,998,701,618
OM0000003224	RENAISSANCE SERVICES	12,947	4,388	5	0.338	0.339	0.338	0.339	0.338	0.001	0,296	0.339	0.339	0.339	0.100	80,142,990
OM0000002275	SHELL OMAN MARKETING	40,000	20,105	4	0.502	0.503	0.502	0.503	0.502	0.001	0,199	0.503	0.503	0.503	0.100	47,785,000
OM0000004925	ALBATINAH POWER	2,280,241	152,474	53	0.067	0.067	0.066	0.067	0.067	0.000	0,000	0.067	0.066	0.067	0.100	45,217,458
OM0000004933	AL SUWADI POWER	72,150	4,760	2	0.065	0.066	0.065	0.066	0.066	0.000	0,000	0.066	0.062	0.072	0.100	47,150,818
OM0000000972	OQ GAS NETWORKS	2,320,050	308,108	212	0.133	0.134	0.132	0.133	0.133	0.000	0,000	0.133	0.133	0.133	0.100	575,972,981
OM0000003026	OMAN TELECOM	22,643	19,238	11	0.850	0.851	0.850	0.850	0.851	-0.001	-0.118	0.850	0.850	0.851	0.100	637,500,000
OM0000001749	OMAN CEMENT	47,253	18,206	16	0.385	0.386	0.383	0.383	0.385	-0.002	-0.519	0.383	0.384	0.385	0.100	126,724,248
OM0000003968	OOREDOO	27,550	4,827	5	0.178	0.176	0.175	0.175	0.176	-0.001	-0.568	0.175	0.176	0.176	0.100	113,915,240
OM0000001533	OMINVEST	137,637	46,287	14	0.338	0.338	0.336	0.337	0.339	-0.002	-0.580	0.337	0.337	0.337	0.100	225,239,149
OM0000008934	ABRAJ ENERGY SERVICES	732,412	174,387	40	0.232	0.232	0.230	0.230	0.232	-0.002	-0.862	0.230	0.228	0.230	0.100	177,146,000
OM0000003125	GLOBAL FINANCIAL INVESTMENT HO.	1,191,445	105,873	63	0.089	0.089	0.088	0.089	0.090	-0.001	-1.111	0.089	0.089	0.089	0.100	17,800,000
OM0000001681	OMAN EMIRATES HO.	68,070	4,090	9	0.060	0.061	0.060	0.061	0.063	-0.002	-3.175	0.061	0.061	0.063	0.100	7,434,375
OM0000001087	OMAN UNITED INSURANCE	14,822	3,335	5	0.225	0.225	0.225	0.225	0.240	-0.015	-6.250	0.225	0.218	0.240	0.100	22,500,000
OM0000002374	UNITED FINANCE	124,410	7,233	6	0.069	0.069	0.068	0.068	0.063	-0.006	-7.937	0.068	0.067	0.068	0.100	20,655,383
OM0000004768	MADINA TAKAFUL	204,454	15,828	26	0.078	0.078	0.077	0.077	0.084	-0.007	-8.333	0.077	0.077	0.078	0.100	13,475,000
Total	19	15,104,156	2,439,029	652												
Parallel Market																
OM0000001178	MUSCAT GASES	5,355	499	5	0.090	0.095	0.090	0.095	0.090	0.005	5.556	0.095	0.090	0.095	0.100	2,850,000
OM0000005280	OMAN ARAB BANK	69,413	10,014	9	0.140	0.146	0.140	0.146	0.140	0.006	4.286	0.146	0.143	0.146	0.100	243,733,960
OM0000008710	BARKA DESALINATION	77,324	9,696	5	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.121	0.004	3,306	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.100	9,440,250
OM0000002267	GULF MUSHROOM PRODUCTS	300	68	1	0.225	0.225	0.225	0.225	0.222	0.003	1,351	0.225	0.217	0.224	0.100	10,297,305
OM0000001160	NATIONAL GAS	22,400	1,696	3	0.075	0.077	0.075	0.077	0.076	0.001	1,316	0.077	0.070	0.077	0.100	6,545,000
OM0000009908	OQ BASE INDUSTRIES (SFZ)	2,353,815	241,176	209	0.102	0.103	0.101	0.103	0.102	0.001	0,980	0.103	0.103	0.103	0.100	356,327,558
OM0000009759	OQ EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION	2,987,878	663,246	126	0.314	0.317	0.314	0.317	0.314	0.003	0,955	0.317	0.317	0.317	0.100	77,450,078
OM0000001368	CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL INDUSTRIES	24,000	1,970	3	0.080	0.085	0.080	0.085	0.085	0.000	0,000	0.085	0.080	0.093	0.100	5,312,500
OM0000001772	ALANWAR INVESTMENT	1,266,305	89,662	37	0.071	0.072	0.070	0.071	0.071	0.000	0,000	0.071	0.070	0.073	0.100	20,381,979
OM0000002572	OMAN OIL MARKETING	5,000	3,600	1	0.720	0.720	0.720	0.720	0.720	0.000	0,000	0.720	0.715	0.720	0.100	44,118,000
OM0000002648	NATIONAL FINANCE	53,537	7,261	4	0.138	0.136	0.135	0.135	0.135	0.000	0,000	0.135	0.130	0.135	0.100	77,450,078
OM0000002911	FINANCIAL CORPORATION	250	8	1	0.032	0.032	0.032	0.032	0.032	0.000	0,000	0.032	0.032	0.032	0.100	2,240,959
OM0000004420	BANK NIZWA	688,476	68,848	34	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.000	0,000	0.100	0.099	0.100	0.100	223,695,303
OM0000008447	OMAN REIT FUND	14,294	1,059	5	0.074	0.075	0.074	0.075	0.075	0.000	0,000	0.075	0.070	0.075	0.100	38,147,347
OM0000001020	ASTAD SHIPPING	1,017,324	126,123	46	0.124	0.124	0.123	0.124	0.124	0.000	0,000	0.124	0.124	0.124	0.100	645,884,121
OM0000004248	SMN POWER HOLDING	1,145,372	386,251	122	0.323	0.323	0.318	0.319	0.322	-0.003	-0.932	0.319	0.320	0.319	0.100	63,686,756
OM0000003521	GALFAR ENGINEERING & CONTRACTING	305,833	23,041	20	0.077	0.078	0.074	0.075	0.076	-0.001	-1.316	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.100	15,232,983
OM0000002028	GULF INTERNATIONAL CHEMICALS	120	9	1	0.074	0.074	0.074	0.074	0.075	-0.001	-1.333	0.074	0.073	0.076	0.100	1,554,000
OM0000005005	ALMAHA CERAMICS	3,300	413	1	0.128	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.127	-0.002	-1.575	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.100	6,875,000
OM0000005963	PHOENIX POWER	104,800	6,190	13	0.060	0.060	0.059	0.059	0.060	-0.001	-1.667	0.059	0.058	0.060	0.100	86,232,486
OM0000001590	MUSCAT FINANCE	20,000	929	1	0.046	0.046	0.046	0.046	0.047	-0.001	-2.128	0.046	0.045	0.046	0.100	14,128,731
OM0000008868	THE PEARL REIF	8,100	948	5	0.117	0.117	0.117	0.117	0.120	-0.003	-2.500	0.117	0.117	0.117	0.100	69,198,115
OM0000001400	OMAN FLOUR MILLS	81,390	31,351	19	0.390	0.390	0.385	0.385	0.400	-0.015	-3.750	0.385	0.385	0.385	0.100	60,637,500
OM0000002226	ALJAZEERA SERVICES	6,000	1,020	1	0.170	0.170	0.170	0.170	0.180	-0.010	-5.556	0.170	0.162	0.170	0.100	7,283,308
OM0000001707	OMAN CABLES INDUSTRY	631	1,357	2	2.150	2.150	2.150	2.150	2.320	-0.170	-7.928	2.150	2.150	2.200	0.100	192,853,000
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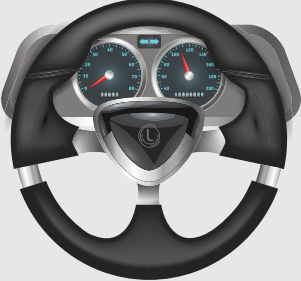
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Located 45 minutes from the Velana international airport, Sun Siyam Olhuveli is the place where traditional Maldivian heritage meets modern design, with accommodations ranging from Maldivian-inspired suites to sleek contemporary villas, writes Pankaj Kumar Sharma



Maldives is a marvel in the Indian Ocean. Located at a distance of more than 2,700 kilometres from Muscat, the group of islands has become a hotspot of tourism. With a travel time of almost four hours, it is a go-to destination for the Eid holidays.

The picturesque Velana international airport is located at the edge of the sea. You exit the airport, walk across the road, and your speed boat will be waiting for your departure for your choicest destination. Though the airport is quite small by international standards, the footfall of tourists is huge and the efficient immigration officials make it a point that there is no long queue of passengers.

As you step on the boat after wearing your life vests, the boat crew greet you with an open heart. Travelling at a speed of 54 nautical miles per hour, the boat slides on the sea surface frictionless amid roaring waves and landing with a thud, creating a moment of anxiety among travellers. Apart from speed boats and yachts, people also use hovercrafts for travelling to their booked islands destinations. It cuts the travel time as well as gives an astonishing experience.

Sun Siyam Olhuveli, located almost 45 minutes travel time from the Velana airport, is the place

where traditional Maldivian heritage meets modern design, with accommodations ranging from Maldivian-inspired suites to sleek contemporary villas.

The guests are warmly welcomed at the Sun Diving centre amidst the sound of drums while also offering a garland made of coconut palm or a replica of Manta fish which normally comes out in the evenings.

After the welcome drink at the Lagoon bar, the guests are shifted to their resort as per the bookings on buggies. The winding routes among the thick hedges of green trees and bushes present an astonishing view.

The palm trees and other kinds of trees lined on both sides of the road create an arc, protecting pedestrians from the sun rays. The foliage is so thick that even sun rays can't penetrate their foliage. The biggest advantage of the greenery is that one can walk easily along the sandy roads even during the afternoon. Many can be seen walking barefoot on the white and soft sands.

Roads made of white sand soak rainwater and help in recharging the underground freshwater reservoir. It's an amazing sight that development can be made without harming or disturbing the natural ecosystem. For any potholes during rains, the road rollers come to the rescue by levelling the loose sands.

It is quite an easy task and at no extra cost. Even the floor of all the restaurants are filled with white sands, where one can walk barefoot, enjoy their food while their kids are busy building castles on the floor, glued to their own world.

And after every breakfast, lunch or dinner, the entire floor is levelled so it looks fresh again. The turquoise water of the sea is a treat to watch which changes its colour with the sun rays. It turns from blue to green and then to golden yellow. The all-white sandy beaches look amazing during a moon-lit sky. However, the sea grass spoils the beauty of the beaches when they get accumulated along the shores.

Island gardeners have to clean them in the morning and transfer on boats to other islands for processing and then bring them back to be used as natural fertilizers. A worker said that the sea grass turns the colour of water dark but they are vital for marine life as fish feed on them. Being rich in the source of minerals, they are very important for plantations on the island and are natural fertilizers for the plant.

Living in perfect harmony with nature, only electric and battery operated vehicles are used for transport on the island with no trace of pollution or exhaust from the petrol or diesel vehicles. Being an environment-friendly

hotspot, architects have used tree branches to light the roads during evenings, rather than using metal lamp-posts.

The villas and restaurants are steeped into the cave of greenery across the islands. Spread across three islands, the Main Olhuveli Island, Dream Island and Romance Island, the property provides 481 villas with accommodations for more than 900 guests, said Florante Abuton, Assistant PR and Communications Manager of Sun Siyam Olhuveli.

During a guided tour of the islands, he explained that Romance Island is meant only for adults and is a perfect place for young couples or the elderly who want to reminisce about their good old days. While on a guided tour to the island, Florante said that November to March is the peak season with a high rate of occupancy and, of course, higher charges.

He added that the newly opened pool near the Sunset Restaurant is 210 metres long, the longest in the Maldives and the rooms on the refurbished Beach Pavilion on the ground floor can be connected for the convenience of families. The water villas are a little smaller with a small pool, Grand beach suites are perfect for a family of four with a bigger pool and adjoining beaches.

It all begins on the water, and whether it's parasailing, kite-

surfing or diving, there's countless ways to stay active.

With restaurants and spas, water sports activities spread across the island, it's not only that you add on your calories, you also burn calories as you move around for food and other activities. The restaurants also have plenty of vegetarian options apart from the usual continental and Mediterranean foods.

Outstanding cuisine holds the ocean at its heart, too, with creative menus served across our selection of food joints, all prepared by world-class chefs. As options galore, one can dine at Siyam Orchid for Thai food, Malaafaiy and Sunset restaurants offer a variety of global cuisines with many options available for vegetarians and vegans too. Foods spread on a platter or à la carte cooked by celebrity chefs can tickle the taste buds of every foodie.

The most surprising part of dining at the Malaafaiy restaurant is an African chef making dosa for customers. But for Indian travellers, Namaste is the go-to place where one can savour malaai kofta, paneer tikka masala, rogan josh, mutton and chicken biryanis with garlic and chilli nans. Rasmali and Kulfi faluda is the best way to top up your calorie-rich dinner on a moon-lit sky under the stars on a white sandy beach.

You can just take a stroll and

watch small sharks swimming around, attracted by the glowing lights. For the night-out, you can enjoy the Fire show or DJ night at one of the bars nearby with a choice of beverages.

Apart from adventure sports where you can try your skills on the jet car ride, the excursion is akin to a James Bond thriller where the hero drives his car on water in the movie. But the most interesting part is snorkeling and scuba diving where one gets an opportunity to see the rich marine life.

With a trained team of divers, even a novice can enjoy watching the rich and thriving marine life of Maldives. Shah, a snorkelling expert, who normally takes a guided trip twice or thrice a day, said: "The corals are losing their natural colours due to the climate change and rising sea water temperatures. A diving expert for the past 12 years, he said that the corals are getting bleached. So many of them have turned grey due to warmer water, but it still remains a treat to watch while exploring marine life."

And finally for the departure, the schedule is delivered in advance and everyone has to be present at the departure point on the designated time. As one steps into the boat, a group of Maldivians give a warm send off, capping off a memorable adventurous visit to the Maldives.

SPORTS

Argentina hammer Brazil, secure spot in World Cup

Brazil captain Marquinhos apologised to the fans after the team suffered a 4-1 defeat in Buenos Aires on Tuesday night

BUENOS AIRES: Brazil captain Marquinhos has apologised to the fans after an “embarrassing” display in their 4-1 World Cup qualifying defeat by Argentina in Buenos Aires on Tuesday. Julian Alvarez, Enzo Fernandez, Alexis Mac Allister and Giuliano Simeone were on target for Argentina, whose World Cup qualification was confirmed before kick-off by Bolivia’s draw with Uruguay. Matheus Cunha replied for the five-time world champions, who suffered their worst defeat in World Cup qualifying and are not yet guaranteed of a place in next year’s finals. “What we did here can’t happen again,” Marquinhos told Brazilian TV station Globo. “It’s hard to talk



about it in the heat of the moment. It’s embarrassing.” He added: “We started the game badly, far below what we could do and they’re on a great run of confidence. They knew how to play smart. I’m sorry for our fans.” Argentina, who were without Lionel Messi, went 2-0 ahead in the opening 12 minutes through Alvarez and Fernandez. A mistake from Cristian Romero allowed Cunha to pull one back,

but Mac Allister restored Argentina’s two-goal advantage before half-time. Argentina wasted several chances to extend their lead before Simeone wrapped up the win with 19 minutes left, sparking wild celebrations among the home fans. “It was a historic result, winning by 4-1, and that makes us really proud, I’m so happy for the fans,” said Atletico forward Alvarez. Brazil forward Raphinha wound

up the Argentina players before the game when he told a TV station that Brazil were going to “beat them up on the pitch and off the pitch”, and that he was guaranteed to score. A late challenge by Raphinha in the first half prompted several Argentina players to surround the former Leeds forward, who needed to be ushered away by his team-mates. Argentina boss Lionel Scaloni



defended Raphinha after the game in an attempt to calm the situation, saying: “I know he didn’t do it on purpose, he is just defending his team and I don’t think there was any intention to offend anyone.” Argentina top the South American table with 31 points from 14 matches, 16 points clear of seventh-placed Venezuela, with the top six automatically qualifying for next year’s finals.

Brazil are fourth on 21 points and not yet guaranteed of qualification with four matches remaining. Elsewhere, Paraguay stayed fifth and one point clear of sixth-placed Colombia after the sides drew 2-2 in Barranquilla. Luis Diaz and Jhon Duran put Colombia 2-0 up inside 13 minutes. Junior Alonso pulled one back just before the break, before Julio Enciso levelled in the second half. - Agencies

AFRICA WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS

Algeria, Egypt and Morocco on track for 2026 World Cup



CAIRO: Algeria, Egypt and Morocco all strengthened their bids to reach the 2026 FIFA World Cup but Sudan’s unlikely challenge for a place at the finals suffered a setback as the sixth round of qualifying was completed on Tuesday. Sudan, forced to play all their home games on neutral turf while civil war continues in the country, conceded a 98th-minute equaliser against South Sudan and slipped to third in Group B. DR Congo lead the table after their 2-0 win in Mauritania, with the Leopards a point ahead of Senegal and Sudan. Egypt restored their five-point advantage at the head of Group A with a 1-0 win against Sierra Leone while Algeria moved three points clear in Group G as Mohamed Amoura bagged a hat-trick in their 5-1 triumph over closest challengers Mozambique. Morocco have a commanding nine-point cushion after beating

Tanzania 2-0 - but the standings in Group E may be affected if Congo-Brazzaville’s suspension from international football is not lifted. Only the nine group winners will qualify for the expanded 48-team tournament next year, with the four best second-placed sides playing off for a spot at an inter-continental tournament which will decide the final spots at the World Cup. Morocco remain the only side in African preliminaries with a perfect record but the Atlas Lions had to wait until the second half to find the breakthrough against Tanzania in their Group E clash in Oujda. Meanwhile, Egypt struggled to break down Sierra Leone for long periods of their Group A meeting in Cairo. Zizo netted what proved to be the only goal in first-half stoppage time with a fine left-footed finish after being slipped in by Trezeguet.

Mohamed Amoura had netted twice in Algeria’s victory in Botswana on Friday and the Wolfsburg forward bettered that feat against Mozambique in Tizi Ouzou. He converted deft through balls from Riyad Mahrez either side of Aissa Mandi’s header to help the North Africans into a 3-0 lead inside half an hour. **Collated Tuesday’s World Cup qualifying results: Group A:** Egypt 1-0 Sierra Leone, **Group B:** Sudan 1-1 South Sudan, Mauritania 0-2 DR Congo, Senegal 2-0 Togo, **Group C:** Benin 0-2 South Africa, Nigeria 1-1 Zimbabwe, Rwanda 1-1 Lesotho, **Group D:** Angola 1-2 Cape Verde, Cameroon 3-1 Libya, **Group E:** Morocco 2-0 Tanzania, **Group F:** Burundi 5-0 Seychelles, **Group G:** Botswana 2-0 Somalia, Uganda 1-0 Guinea, Algeria 5-1 Mozambique, **Group I:** Comoros 1-0 Chad. - Agencies

MIAMI OPEN



Djokovic cruises past Musetti to reach Miami quarter-finals

MIAMI: Novak Djokovic cruised past Lorenzo Musetti 6-2, 6-2 to reach the quarter-finals of the Miami Open on Tuesday. The match was delayed because of rain and world No.5 Djokovic, who has won six Miami titles, started slowly and was broken in the opening game as Italy’s Musetti opened up a 2-0 lead. But Serbian Djokovic, 37, completely dominated the match from that point. The 24-time Grand Slam champion won nine consecutive games, closing out the first set 6-2 and moving 3-0 up in the second.

“It was tough, particularly in the first seven, eight games of the match,” said fourth seed Djokovic. World No.16 Musetti, 23, offered little resistance after winning those opening games as Djokovic cruised through to set up a tie with American Sebastian Korda. Korda booked his place in the quarter-finals earlier on Tuesday with a 6-4, 2-6, 6-4 victory over Frenchman Gael Monfils, while Argentina’s Francisco Cerundolo is also through after beating Norway’s Casper Ruud 6-4, 6-2.

Sabalenka battles through to semis In the women’s draw, world No.1 Aryna Sabalenka reached the semi-finals in Miami for the first time by defeating China’s Zheng Qinwen 6-2, 7-5. Sabalenka, who beat ninth seed Zheng in the Australian Open final in January, battled back from 4-2 down in the second set to seal a victory. The 26-year-old Belarusian will face Jasmine Paolini in the last four, after the Italian sixth seed secured a 6-3, 6-2 win over Magda Linette. - Agencies

FORMULA ONE

Red Bull set to drop Liam Lawson and bring back Yuki Tsunoda

LONDON: Red Bull are set to drop Liam Lawson after just two races and replace him for the next grand prix in Japan with Yuki Tsunoda. The decision was reached by Red Bull bosses, including team principal Christian Horner, at a meeting in Dubai on Monday, BBC Sport reported on Wednesday. It is expected to be formally confirmed later this week by Red Bull, who refused to comment. Red Bull have long been renowned for the ruthlessness with which they handle their young driver programme. Even in that context, the way they have dealt with Lawson has caused widespread disbelief in Formula 1. The move, first confirmed by Dutch newspaper De Telegraaf, comes after a dire start to Lawson’s Red Bull career. The New Zealander qualified

18th at the opening race of the season in Australia, before crashing out of the race in the rain. In China last weekend, he qualified last for both the sprint and the grand prix, and finished the two races 14th and 12th. His average qualifying deficit to team-mate Max Verstappen has been 0.88 seconds. Verstappen finished second in Australia, third in the sprint in Shanghai and fourth in the Chinese Grand Prix. Lawson will return to Red Bull’s second team, Racing Bulls, alongside French rookie Isack Hadjar. Japanese driver Tsunoda was asked at the Chinese Grand Prix whether he would accept the promotion to Red Bull if it was offered. He said: “Yeah, why not? Always. In Japan? Yeah, 100%. I mean, the car is faster.” When the scenario was put to Lawson, he responded: “I’ve raced



him for years, raced him in junior categories and beat him - and I did in F1 as well, so he can say whatever he wants.” Lawson was promoted to Red Bull this season following the team’s decision to pay off Sergio Perez, despite the Mexican

having two years remaining on his contract. That decision was made after a difficult 2024 for Perez, who failed to finish on the podium after the fifth race of the season. Perez’s performances contributed to the team finishing third in

the constructors’ championship last year, behind McLaren and Ferrari. As Perez’s slump in 2024 had mirrored a similar pattern of performance in 2023, Red Bull decided the time had come to get rid of him. They had the choice between Lawson and Tsunoda as a replacement and chose the New Zealander, despite the fact he had completed just 11 grands prix split over two seasons - whereas Tsunoda has raced for the company since 2021. The decision to promote Lawson to Red Bull, alongside Max Verstappen, after just 11 grands prix spread across two seasons was already questionable. To demote him back to second team Racing Bulls after just two races in a swap with Tsunoda - who was passed over only three months

ago - is, quite simply, extraordinary. It raises serious questions about Red Bull’s management, primarily team principal Horner. Lawson was one of six drivers to retire from the season-opening race in Australia. Lawson took part in six races in 2023 as a substitute for Daniel Ricciardo when the Australian broke his hand in a crash, scoring points with a ninth-place finish in Singapore. And last year he competed in five races after Ricciardo was dropped following the Singapore Grand Prix, taking points for ninth-place finishes in the US and Sao Paulo Grands Prix. Tsunoda out-qualified Lawson by a ratio of four times to two in 2023 and seven times to two in 2024. In races, Tsunoda has been ahead six times against four when both have finished. - Agencies

ROUND-UP

The Value Shop expands presence in Oman

LOT remains dedicated to delivering affordability without compromising on quality



MUSCAT: The Value Shop has expanded its presence in Oman with the grand opening of its third branch at Wadi Lawami, in the Lulu Hypermarket premises. This milestone reflects LOT's commitment to making quality shopping more accessible and affordable for consumers across the Sultanate. Following the success of its exist-

ing outlets at Nujum Mall, Amerat, and the Mall of Muscat, the new store further strengthens LOT's presence in the market, offering an extensive range of household essentials, kitchenware, fashion including footwear, jewelry and handbags, personal care items, travel accessories, stationery, toys and more—all at highly competitive prices. LOT remains dedicated to deliv-

ering affordability without compromising on quality. With most items priced below OMR 2, and a special section featuring household products under 0.350 baizas, the store continues to provide exceptional value across a variety of categories. The dedicated sections ensure families can find great products at unbeatable prices. Marking the launch of its new

branch, LOT has introduced a summer collection designed for the whole family, making the latest fashion trends accessible to all while maintaining its promise of affordability.

“We are delighted to open our third branch in Oman,” said a senior spokesperson for LOT. “This expansion is a testament to our dedication to providing customers with quality products at budget-friendly prices. Our growth in Oman reflects the increasing demand for value-driven shopping, and we are excited to continue expanding across the country.”

With its emphasis on affordability, convenience, and variety, LOT continues to solidify its reputation as a go-to destination for budget-conscious shoppers. The new Wadi Lawami branch marks another step in the brand's journey to bring accessible and cost-effective shopping solutions to more communities across Oman.

Malabar Gold & Diamonds unveils exciting offers ahead of Eid holidays

MUSCAT: Malabar Gold & Diamonds, the 6th largest jewellery retailer globally with an expansive presence of over 390 showrooms across 13 countries, have just unveiled their celebration offers to usher in the upcoming holidays.

With a special array of Diamond & Precious gem jewellery that is designed to be the perfect complement to one's celebratory outfits, the renowned jewellery has also announced some exciting offers to brighten up the celebrations of their customers.

As part of the offers, customers purchasing Diamond & Precious Gem jewellery from Malabar Gold & Diamonds will be eligible for free cash vouchers.

Customers will get a free cash voucher worth OMR 10 with every Diamond & Precious Gem jewellery purchase worth OMR 300. The offers will be available across all Malabar Gold & Diamonds outlets from the 27 March

to 5 April in Oman.

“The special place that jewellery holds in people's minds is something that we at Malabar Gold & Diamonds recognize, and that is why we introduce some exciting offers preceding every celebration and special occasion to add more value to our customers' purchases.

“Mirroring the festive joys & traditions of the season, the wide array of jewellery that is available across our showrooms, coupled with the special offers will be a beautiful complement to our customers' celebrations. With our time-tested commitment to providing an exceptional jewellery shopping experience to our customers, Malabar Gold & Diamonds is once again reinforcing its position as the most preferred destination for jewellery connoisseurs”, commented Shamlal Ahamed, MD-International Operations, Malabar Gold

PAYING TRIBUTE TO TRADITION, CRAFTSMANSHIP



Amouage reopens Sabco Boutique

MUSCAT: In the presence of family and friends of the brand, Amouage, the Omani High Perfumery House reopened the doors of its flagship boutique at Sabco Centre in Muscat after 18 months of extensive renovations. Designed by Héroïne Paris as an ode to the House's storied legacy, the iconic new space now presents a two-floor-high crystalline glass façade that is home to a breathtaking artistic depiction of a majestic Frankincense tree in the Omani desert. The flagship comes on the heels of strong global growth and the opening of several Amouage locations around the world, including the US, China and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) region.

Legacy reimagined
A place of origin, reimagined for a new olfactive era, the Amouage SABCO boutique is a cornerstone of the House's legacy. First opened in 1985, the boutique has long been a beacon of Amouage's vision, a space where craftsmanship and artistic expression have come together for four decades. “This boutique holds profound significance not only to Amouage but to my family and to many people in Oman,” said Sayyid Khalid bin Hamad Al Busaidi. “It was here at Sabco Centre that we launched Amouage's first boutique ever 40 years ago, and it was here that we built the first modern shopping mall in Oman in 1985, inaugurating a new era of shopping experience in Muscat. And today, the relaunch of the Amouage boutique is a tribute to our past and a testament to how far we have come. While the space has been completely transformed, its essence remains unchanged; a place where our passion for the art of perfumery will continue to thrive for generations to come.”

Perfumery architecture elevated to the level of art
The initiatory journey to the heart of Amouage begins right from the store's façade where transparent glass and monumental cream travertine slabs wrap the outside, juxtaposing with hand carved raw greige sandstone. At the epicenter of the space, the tranquil serene palette is abruptly interrupted by the geometric monumentalism of a seven-metre-high wooden tree, a contemporary sculpture custom-commissioned by Salmon: “I was

inspired by my numerous trips to Wadi Dawkah, as well as the rugged grandeur of the project. I enjoyed the idea of a totemic representation of a Frankincense tree, bringing a strong atmosphere, emotion, and visual gravitas through its uncompromising shape and size. We were conscious that it would be challenging to get rid of most of the non-structural elements of the building to open up the space for the giant tree to go through two floors but decided to be mindless to what is problematic... and we made it happen.”

The tree, which was commissioned by Renaud Salmon, Chief Creative Officer of Amouage, was designed by Héroïne Paris and hand-produced and engineered by Ouvrage Paris. It is part of the Amouage Art Project, which has seen the House partner with several Omani and international artists to commission or acquire art pieces around the world. The boutique is finished with luxe materials, including dark oak, polished black stainless steel, brass, and gold leaf touches, together in a refined twenty-first-century brutalist patchwork. Custom furniture by French designer and Bettencourt Prize winner Dimity Hlinka completes the venue.

The Majlis: A place for rituals and reflection
Within the boutique lies the contemporary elegance of the Majlis; an intimate space where Omani hospitality unfolds, offering a setting for meaningful encounters and bespoke perfume rituals. Here, amidst dark wood panelling, curated objects, and luxurious seating, perfume connoisseurs are invited to discover the artistry behind each scent. Whether through one-to-one consultations, interactive masterclasses, or exclusive gatherings, the space explores deeper connections with the House's exquisite fragrances, transforming each visit into a personal and evocative experience.

Fast-forward
The modern new space carries Amouage's full range of Eaux de Parfum, Extraits de Parfum, Essences, and Attars in addition to luxury body products. Visitors also have the opportunity to curate their very own Gift of Kings selection, choosing from hundreds of fragrances and leather case options.

REFINED LUXURY

Celebrate Eid Al Fitr in timeless elegance at St. Regis Al Mouj Muscat Resort

MUSCAT: The St. Regis Al Mouj Muscat Resort presents a celebration that blends Omani heritage with international flair this Eid Al Fitr. The resort invites family, friends, and travelers to an immersive experience in a world of refined flavors and cherished traditions, from lively music to exquisite dining, each moment crafted with the signature St. Regis style of refined luxury and thoughtful service.

In the welcoming ambiance of Karibu, guests are greeted by an enchanting fusion of Omani and Zanzibari flavors showcased in a dinner buffet, complete with live stations ranging from appetizers to aromatic rice. From March 31 to April 4, the soothing melodies of an Oud performance enhance the ambiance, creating the perfect setting for cherished gatherings with loved ones.

Just steps away at Zorba, indulge in an a-la-carte menu that harmonizes authentic regional influences with modern culinary artistry. In the evening, Zorba comes alive with its spirited Pani-giriNight—a celebration of music, flavors, and togetherness. From



March 31 to April 4 daily live band performances infuse the venue with festive energy, creating the perfect backdrop for memorable moments. Whether reuniting with family or celebrating with friends, Zorba's vibrant ambiance sets a joyful tone for an unforgettable Eid celebration.

Those seeking a cosmopolitan vibe can turn to The Stage Bar & Lounge, where daily themed events infuse each evening with fresh excitement. The week kicks off stylishly in a culinary adven-

ture with Sushi Night, followed by a Wagyu Night. The entertainment continues with live performances, a musical journey with Mia Haddad takes the stage on April 4.

The Lobby Lounge, introduces a jewelry-themed afternoon tea on April 1st, treating guests to sweet delicacies inspired by sparkling gems. This experience is available throughout April in both the lounge and its airy terrace. Live oud performances fill the lounge with soothing melodies that echo the region's rich musical tradition.

An exclusive Eid set menu, featuring the beloved Mama Halima's Manakish, further elevates the celebration, while those seeking a quieter moment can relax with fragrant coffee or cake pairing in the lounge's elegant comfort.

Launching on the first day of Eid Al Fitr at Hakkasan, guests can experience a journey through flavor and elegance with “Taste of Hakkasan” new menu, featuring a starter, main course, dessert and a signature beverage. This specially curated dining experience masterfully blends signature Cantonese aromas with refined craftsmanship, served daily from 6PM to 8PM.

This Eid Al Fitr, The St. Regis Al Mouj Muscat Resort extends an invitation to celebrate in style—one that honors tradition, welcomes modern influences, and rejoices in the spirit of togetherness. Whether enchanted by live music, tempted by gourmet creations, or drawn to a peaceful retreat, every corner of the resort embodies the St. Regis legacy of impeccable service, personalized luxury, and a seamless blend of heritage and innovation.

EXCEPTIONAL SAVINGS

MHD Automobiles - Mopar introduces new service offer for Jeep, Dodge & RAM owners

MUSCAT: MHD Automobiles – Mopar launches a new service offer for Jeep, Dodge, and RAM owners, providing access to exceptional savings and services. The offer includes free check-ups, discounts on parts and labor, special oil change pricing, and a free safety kit for the first 100 customers.

Offer details:
• Free Brake & Suspension Check-up – Ensuring optimal safety and smooth performance.
• 20% Discount on Select Parts – Special savings on essential brake and suspension components.
• 10% Discount on Labor – Available on all repairs and ser-



vices (except fixed menu pricing).
• Free Electronic Vehicle Health Check (EVHC) – A complete digital vehicle assessment.
• Free Lights Check-up & Fluid Top-up – Enhancing visibility and

vehicle performance.
• Special Oil Change Pricing – For out-of-warranty vehicles at Nizwa, Mabela, and Salalah service centers:
OMR 39 + VAT – 2015 & older models (2.4L to 5.7L engines)
OMR 49 + VAT – 2018 & older models with upgraded engines (2.4L to 5.7L)
OMR 89 + VAT – SRT engines (2018 & older models)
• Free Safety Kits – Available for the first 100 customers across Mabela, Nizwa, and Salalah.
“With our expanding service network, expert Mopar technicians, and innovative special of-

fers, we are committed to providing convenience, quality, and exceptional value to our customers,” said Mohsin Hani Al Bahrani, CEO of MHD Automobiles.

To better serve customers and enhance service accessibility, MHD Automobiles has expanded its Mopar service network. This includes the opening of a new Express Service Centre in Nizwa, offering faster service turnaround, as well as a new Service & Parts Centre in Salalah to meet the growing demand in Dhofar. Additionally, an upcoming Service Centre in Mabela will open soon, further improving convenience for customers.

SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE

Oman-based educator and social activist Raziya Hakkim achieves Doctorate in Education from Global University of Boston, USA

MUSCAT: Oman-based educator and social activist Raziya Hakkim achieved a Doctorate in Education from the Global University of Boston, USA. Marking a significant milestone in her career dedicated to education and community development, Raziya Hakkim received the honor at a ceremony held in New Delhi last week.

Dr. Raziya Hakkim is a well-recognized person for her commitment to academics. As the promoter and Director of a chain of Nurserys in Muscat and NextGen Private School in Kerala, she has played a pivotal role in shaping the educational landscape.



Dr. Razia has been a driving force in various socio-economic initiatives. She has been honored

with the Outstanding Contributor Award from Voice of Oman Muscat and the Best Educational Service Award from the World Malayalee Council, Oman. Her leadership extends to multiple organizations; she serves as the President of the MES Ladies Wing, Oman Chapter, founding member of Wings of Women's World and Voice of Women in Oman. Additionally, she remains an active member of the World Malayalee Council, Oman Chapter. Dr. Razia's passion for social work and women's empowerment continues to inspire many.

Speaking about her latest initiative, she stated, “My present

goal is to promote my recently established Care 24 Rehab for the benefit of special needs children and to promote quality life among the elderly.” This initiative underscores her unwavering commitment to uplifting the weaker sections of the community.

Her achievements are supported and celebrated by her family, which include her husband, Dr. V.M.A. Hakkim, Managing Director of Care 24 Rehab and Founder of KIMS Speciality Hospital, Oman, and their children, Dr. Benazeer Hakkim (MRCGP), Abu Dhabi, and Riaz Hakkim , Vice-President, Bank of New York.

ROUND-UP

Layali Al Mouj draws 72,000 visitors for unforgettable Ramadan experience

Festive initiative celebrates Ramadan traditions, supports local businesses, and brings community together at Al Mouj Muscat

MUSCAT: Al Mouj Muscat, Oman's leading lifestyle destination, recently concluded its inaugural Layali Al Mouj—a festive Ramadan initiative that transformed Al Mouj

Walk into a vibrant hub of culture, family entertainment, and local enterprise. Held over three weeks, the event welcomed more than 72,000 visitors and brought together a rich calendar of Ramadan experiences under one umbrella including the joyful Qarangasho celebration of children and families, reflecting Al Mouj Muscat's commitment to enhancing community engagement while supporting small businesses and entrepreneurs.

The festivities began with the Layali Al Mouj Market, where more than 47 vendors filled Al Mouj Muscat's central precinct with artisanal goods, homegrown concepts, and traditional delicacies, creating a true celebration of community and craftsmanship. This lively market paved the way for the Sohar International Souq, which provided visitors with a pre-

mium shopping experience in the days leading up to Eid Al Fitr, featuring more than 50 Omani brands and a curated selection of Eid gifts, fashion, and specialty items.

Nasser Al Sheibani, CEO of Al Mouj Muscat, commented, "Layali Al Mouj was designed to capture the spirit of Ramadan while offering a meaningful platform for local businesses to thrive. The response from our community and partners exceeded expectations, reinforcing Al Mouj Muscat's role as a destination where traditions are celebrated, connections are made, and businesses grow."

Following the overwhelming success of this first-of-its-kind initiative, Layali Al Mouj is set to return in the fourth quarter of 2025 with new experiences, further enriching Al Mouj Muscat's vibrant community calendar.



ADVANCED HEALTHCARE SECTOR

National University of Science and Technology introduces National Rehabilitation House

MUSCAT: In line with Oman Vision 2040 and the 10th Five-Year Plan, which prioritize quality healthcare and a comprehensive rehabilitation system, National University announced the soft-launch of the National Rehabilitation House. This initiative aligns with Oman's commitment to developing an inclusive and advanced healthcare sector, ensuring accessible, high-quality rehabilitation services for those in need.

The centre, established under the National University of Science and Technology (NU), reflects national efforts to enhance medical rehabilitation and patient care.

Dr. Ali Saud Al Bimani, Vice Chancellor of NU, emphasized the significance of this initiative, stating: "The soft-launch of the National Rehabilitation House underlines NU's commitment to community service. It represents hope, resilience, and the promise of recovery for countless individuals and families across Oman."

The centre is expected to meet Oman's growing demand for spe-

cialized, integrated rehabilitation services. With a rise in injuries, strokes, neurological conditions, and chronic illnesses, the need for a dedicated rehabilitation facility has become increasingly urgent. This centre bridges the gap by complementing existing healthcare services, offering a multidisciplinary approach and utilizing advanced rehabilitation technologies to improve patient outcome.

The centre's infrastructure prioritizes comfort, privacy, and cultural sensitivity, offering separate treatment wings for male and female patients, thus fostering an environment of dignity and respect.

Multidisciplinary rehabilitation services

The National Rehabilitation House provides multidisciplinary rehabilitation services, including physiotherapy, occupational therapy, and speech and language therapy, offering personalized treatment plans to maximize recovery outcomes.

Physiotherapy focuses on restoring function, reducing pain, and

enhancing mobility for individuals recovering from surgery, injury, or chronic conditions, with advanced rehabilitation technology further improving therapeutic success.

Occupational Therapy empowers individuals of all ages by enhancing their ability to perform daily activities independently, supporting both adults recovering from injuries and children with developmental challenges.

Meanwhile, Speech and Language Therapy is dedicated to improving speech, language, and cognitive-communication skills, addressing swallowing disorders and speech impairments, while ensuring a holistic rehabilitation journey through close collaboration with families and carers.

"Rehabilitation goes beyond healing the body; it restores hope, dignity, and the ability to live life to the fullest. Whether helping a child take their first steps, supporting an elderly patient in regaining independence, or guiding a stroke survivor through recovery, the National Rehabilitation House is commit-

ted to compassionate, cutting-edge care," explained Dr. Mubarak Pasha, Deputy Vice Chancellor, NU.

Beyond offering quality patient care, the National Rehabilitation House is dedicated to continuous innovation and professional development. The centre ensures that its staff, including highly qualified and experienced rehabilitation professionals, remains at the forefront of scientific advancements through ongoing training and research-driven practices. This elevates the standard of care and also ensures that patients receive treatment based on the latest evidence-based methodologies.

"This philosophy transcends beyond treatment protocols. The centre is committed to continuous professional development and remains at the forefront of scientific advancements. This elevates the quality of care and ensures that patients benefit from evidence-based practices that are aligned with the latest global standards," added Dr. Samiya Al Raisi, Director, National Rehabilitation House.

HOLY MONTH



IDdesign celebrates Iftar with influencers and VIP customers

MUSCAT: ID Design, the renowned luxury furniture brand, marked the holy month of Ramadan with an exclusive Iftar gathering, inviting influencers and committed customers for an evening of celebration, connection, and community.

The event, held at IDdesign's boutique store at Markaz Al Bhaja was a stunning reflection of the brand's commitment to luxury, hospitality, and creating unforgettable experiences. As the sun set, guests were treated to a lavish Iftar spread, offering a selection of traditional dishes alongside contemporary flavors, curated to pro-

vide an unforgettable dining experience. As the evening progressed guests were invited to participate in a fun, yet meaningful, challenge — to decorate an Iftar table using ID design's exquisite collection of props. The intimate gathering allowed the guest's to engage with the brand and explore the latest in home décor trends while enjoying the warmth of Ramadan's spirit of giving and togetherness.

"We are thrilled to host this special Iftar event and bring together our valued customers and influencers during this meaningful time of the year," said Sanjay Yadav, GM at IDdesign.

KEY ROLE

Dhofar Insurance honours Majid Al Toky for nine years of leadership and service

MUSCAT: Dhofar Insurance Company extended its deepest thanks and appreciation to Majid bin Sultan Al Toky, the former Chairman of the Board of Directors of Dhofar Insurance Company, for the nine-year period in which he chaired the Board of Directors of the company from March 2016 to March 2025. Majid Al Toky had played a key role in development of the company during his tenure as Board Chairman.

Majid Al Toky's extensive legal background helped in navigating the challenges that were faced during the course of his tenure in the Board. His legal expertise played a crucial role in helping Dhofar Insurance Company adhere to the highest standards and principles of corporate governance and risk management. He also guided the Company to formulate various policies, procedures and manuals.

Majid Al-Toky's support and encouragement to the Executive Management during



challenging times have been a source of motivation.

Sunil Kohli, the CEO, said working under Majid Al-Toky's leadership positively influenced the company's success in achieving its goals and adhering to its vision.

Omar Al Sheikh, the Deputy CEO, stated that working with Majid Al Toky was a key factor in Dhofar Insurance Company's return to its former glory in the insurance sector and his contributions are a source of pride for all of us at Dhofar Insurance.

MODERN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND SCIENCE

MCBS forms Advisory Board for Innovation XHub

MUSCAT: The Modern College of Business and Science (MCBS) announced the formation of Advisory Board for its pioneering initiative, Innovation XHub. The board will play a critical role in shaping the strategic direction and fostering collaboration for the Innovation XHub, a cutting-edge platform designed to promote entrepreneurship, innovation, and technology-driven solutions in Oman and beyond.

The Innovation X Hub is dedicated to supporting the next generation of innovators by providing resources, mentorship, and networking opportunities that empower students, startups, and established businesses to thrive in the rapidly evolving global marketplace. With the establishment of the advisory board, MCBS aims to leverage the expertise of prominent leaders from diverse industries, including technology, business, academia, and government.

The Advisory Board will assist in guiding the Innovation XHub's mission and vision, advising on best practices, and helping to build partnerships with key stakeholders. Board members will contrib-



ute to enhancing the hub's programs, improving its offerings, and creating a lasting impact on the entrepreneurial ecosystem in Oman.

Key highlights of the Advisory Board:

- Composed of thought leaders and experts in various fields.
- Aimed at creating a dynamic, cross-sectoral network to propel innovation.
- Focus on providing strategic direction, mentorship, and collaborative opportunities.
- Board members include influential figures from academia, government, and leading industries.
- "The establishment of the In-

novation XHub Advisory Board is a pivotal step in realizing our vision of fostering a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship at MCBS," said Dr Moosa Al Kindi, Dean of the Modern College of Business and Science. "We are honored to welcome such accomplished individuals to our board, whose collective experience and insights will be invaluable as we continue to empower students and the broader community to drive meaningful change through innovation."

Board members include:

- Dr. Moosa Abdullah Al Kindi - Dean of MCBS
- Professor Tornike Jobava -

Deputy Chairman, Georgia's Innovation and Technology Agency (GITA)

- H.H. Al Sayyida Ghada Jaifar Al Said - Senior Manager, Omantel InnovationLabs
- Faris Abdullah Al-Kharusi -Chief Innovation and Transformation Officer, Renaissance Services
- Hassan AbdulAmir Shaban - General Manager-Chief Government Calliance Banking Officer, National Bank of Oman (NBO)
- Engineer Essam Al Sheibany-Vice President of Sustainability, Asyad Group
- Dr Salah Al-Zadjali - Director General of Research Programs and Capacity Building,Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation (MoHERI)
- Fathiya Al Hakmani - Director of Investment, SMEs DevelopmentAuthority,Oman
- Dr. Amjed Sid Ahmed Mohamed Sid Ahmed - Director of Innovation and Entrepreneurship, MCBS
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