

**HOLIDAY NOTICE**  
The next edition of the *Times of Oman* will be on Sunday, December 4 due to National Day holidays.



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**ROYAL OFFICE MINISTER RECEIVES AMBASSADOR OF IRAN**

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# NEW CHAIRMAN OF OCCI TO STRENGTHEN PUBLIC, PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP



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**Faisal Abdullah Al Rowas,**  
OCCI Chairman

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*Times News Service*

**MUSCAT:** "We will seek to further cement ties with the business community and consolidate the partnership between public and private sectors," Faisal Abdullah Al Rowas, the newly elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OCCI) has said.

"We will work in the next stage on the internal and external levels to strengthen governance in the management of the Chamber, while at the same time focus on

empowering the sectoral committees," Al Rowas, said while speaking exclusively with *Times of Oman* and *Al Shabiba*.

"The focus will be on decentralisation through the empowerment of OCCI branches," he added.

**To intensify communication**

"We will further intensify the communication between business owners in various segments like, small, medium and large private companies, including the companies listed on the Muscat Stock Exchange," Al Rowas said.

"Our priorities will be to enable the various branches of OCCI to play a greater role, in line with the directives of His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik, in the development of all the governorates in the Sultanate of Oman.

**Foreign investments**

"The Chamber has a major role in attracting foreign investments and so stimulating joint business councils will also be a top priority that we will strive to achieve," he further added.

Faisal Abdullah Al Rowas was elected as the new board chairman of OCCI for the period 2022-2026, after getting 11 out of the 21 votes cast in the chamber's recent elections.

The results of elections, conducted in a secret ballot, were announced by Dr. Saleh Said Massan, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion for Commerce and Industry and Head of the Elections Committee for the period 2022-2026. **>A2**

**TOP THREE INSIDE STORIES**

## OMAN Time to satiate your wander-thirst

**1** Omanis and expats have lined up a host of activities for the extended weekend due to the two-day 52nd National Day holiday. **>A3**

## WORLD 7 dead in Italy landslide

**2** Seven people were killed and five were feared missing after a landslide struck a densely populated port city on Italy's Ischia island. **>A6**

## MARKET Oman's inflation rate increases by 2.4%

**3** The inflation rate in the Sultanate in October 2022 increased by 2.39 per cent compared to the corresponding period in 2021. **>B1**

**LLC MASTERS**



## Oman to host cricket giants early next year

*Times News Service*

**MUSCAT:** The picturesque Oman Cricket Academy ground in Al Amerat is certain to see fireworks and some sizzling action as cricket greats like Chris Gayle, Eoin Morgan, Shane Watson and Yousuf Pathan are expected to feature in the forthcoming LLC Masters that will be played from February 27 to March 8.

Oman had hosted the inaugural edition of the Legends League Cricket in January 2022 and the second edition was held in September, 2022. Following the success of the two seasons, Legends League Cricket has been renamed as LLC Masters and will be jointly held in Oman and Qatar.

Three teams - India Maharas, Asia Lions and World Giants - will feature in the LLC Masters, according to a statement from the organisers. The three teams are expected to comprise a total of 60 legends, including Chris Gayle, Eoin Morgan, Gautam Gambhir, Harbhajan Singh, Shane Watson, Yousuf Pathan among others.

The Season 2 of Legends League Cricket had four franchise-owned teams with 85 legends and was played in India. The upcoming season will be a repeat of the first which had former cricketers from India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Australia, England, among other cricketing nations divided into three teams representing India, Asia and Rest of the World. **>A2**

**SUSTAINABLE CITY**



## Sayyid Bilarab inaugurates Al Teeb model city in Liwa

**LIWA:** As part of celebrations marking the 52nd National Day, HH Sayyid Bilarab bin Haitham Al Said presided over the opening of Madinat Al Teeb Model City in the Wilayat of Liwa, North Al Batinah Governorate.

The project also represents the approach of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning towards the construction of sustainable and sociable model cities in Oman.

The naming of the city stems from the Royal directives of His Majesty the Sultan. Madinat Al Teeb (or city of fragrance) consists of 1,300 single and double residential units provided with all sorts of public services and utilities. It was designed to accommodate a total of 3,400 units in future.

The opening ceremony included artistic performances portraying the harmony of Oman—

the land and the people, and a visual presentation of the city, its constituent elements and its architectural designs that reflect social, environmental and economic dimensions. The display also depicts the urban planning model catering to the needs of cities now and in future.

This was followed by a full-swing inauguration of the city as a model showcasing integrated planning. **>A4**

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CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES

# Oman participates in CSP-27



**THE HAGUE:** The Sultanate of Oman is currently taking part in the 27th session of the Conference of the States Parties (CSP-27). The event is organised by the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) at its headquarters in The Hague. Oman's delegation in the five-day session is headed by Sheikh Dr. Abdullah Salim Al Harthy, Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Oman's Permanent Representative at the OPCW. The session reviews the progress of implementing the Chemical Weapons Convention. It also touches on means of enhancing international cooperation in the peaceful uses of chemistry, among other topics. — **UNA**

MUSCAT MUNICIPALITY



# Tender for dualisation of An'Nuzha Street floated

Times News Service

**MUSCAT:** As part of the development projects being implemented by the Muscat Governorate, the Muscat Municipality has floated a tender for dualisation of An'Nuzha Street in southern Mabelah area in Seeb. The project consists, besides the dual carriageway, high-capacity traffic intersections, side protections, drainage systems for surface water, in addition to entry and exit points to serve the street. The implementation will begin during the second quarter of 2023 and will continue for 24 months.

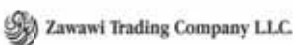
**Project components**  
The project is to dualise An'Nuzha Street extending over 11 km and to construct 3.5 km of service streets and 6 large-capacity traffic intersections equipped with light signals. There will also be surface water drainage systems along the road and concrete channel extending over 2.5 km to

- SALIENT FEATURES
- The project is 11km long, and has 3.5km of service streets.
  - Establishment of six large-capacity traffic intersections to serve the areas adjacent to the street.
  - Construction of drainage systems for surface water
  - Implementation will begin during the second quarter of 2023 and last for 24 months.
  - Street to be lit by energy-saving LED lighting

drain out the water. The drainage systems along the street and at crossings will serve to solve the problem of rainwater accumulating in the area with the help of some multicellular box culverts. The street will be lit by energy-saving LED lighting systems, traffic signs and road markings, in addition to tilting along the street. The project aims to raise the traffic flow in that vital area and avoid traffic density at particular times, to develop the commercial and residential areas and to serve urban plans, facilities and neighborhoods adjacent to the street.



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Date of Campaign: 29.11.2022  
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## New members elected

**< FROM A1** Rashid Amer Al Maslahi was elected as First Deputy Chairman and Hamoud Salim Al Saadi as Second Deputy Chairman, while Anwar Hamad Al Sinani and Nayef Hamid Fadhil were elected as members of the Executive Committee. Saud Ahmed Al Nahari, Zahir Mohammed Al Kaabi and Said Ali Al Abri were elected as members of the Investment Committee, while Mohammed Nasser Al Maskeri, Hussain Abdulhussein Al Lawati and Mustafa Ahmed Salman were elected as members of the Audit Panel.

OMAN CRICKET ACADEMY

## LLC Masters in Oman

**< FROM A1** "I loved to be on the cricket field with Manipal Tigers playing LLC-2 and it would be great to go back into the field with the upcoming LLC Masters," Harbhajan Singh said in a statement released by Legends League Cricket. Harbhajan successfully led India Maharajas against the World Giants team in the exhibition game played at Kolkata as part of season 2 commemorating 75 years of Indian Independence. Irfan Pathan said, "I am excited to announce that I'll be back in action again playing Legends League Cricket in February. And this time, I will be playing for Team India. I am really looking forward to it." "It was fun in September/ October playing for Bhilwara Kings, and now I am getting ready for the LLC Masters to play for the World team," Shane Watson further added.



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# Time to satiate your wander-thirst



As a prelude to the heavy rush of tourists, domestic as well as from across the world, rooms in some hotels at prime locations have already been sold out, tourism industry executives told Times of Oman

With the weekend stretching out to four days due to the 52nd National Day holidays, people are gearing up to make most of the occasion and hotels are making it exciting with a host of offers

Times News Service

**MUSCAT:** Omanis and expats are in for a pair of lucky breaks with holidays on November 30 and December 1 to mark the 52nd National Day, and the weekend immediately following it, giving them an extended holiday for four days and a wide choice of activities to pamper themselves with, their families and friends.

It could be some quality time at the Football Fan Festival in Muscat which is all set to bring the fans and their families closer to the

World Cup in Qatar or an outing at the stunning vistas and the rich cultural heritage sites in Oman.

Some of them, the more enterprising ones, taking advantage of the shuttle air service between Oman and Qatar are already there watching live one of the most popular sporting events in the world.

Hotel industry executives told *Times of Oman* that occupancy rates in hotels increases by 60 to 70 percent over long weekends, reaching 100 per cent at many properties in the country.

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tourists, domestic as well as from across the world, rooms in some hotels at prime locations have already been sold out.

"There are no rooms available at Masirah Island Resort, Ras Al Jinz Turtle Reserve, Atana Stay Al Ashkhara," said the hotel's area general manager, Vijay Handa.

Those looking to visit Dhofar during the vacation can take advantage of the special offers at Al Baleed Resort Salalah by Anantara.

The holidays have already sparked a rash of offers and deals from all tourism-related sectors.

Taking a cue, hotels too have been quick to sanction special offers for the much awaited four-day break.

In Jabal Al Akhdar, Sahab Resort and Spa are offering rooms starting from OMR85 with breakfast and taxes while Al Nahda Resort & Spa in Barka is offering rooms at OMR55, breakfast and taxes included.

For those intending to experience the Arabian adventure with dune bashing or off-roading, Dunes by Al Nahda is offering

a special rate of OMR 109 with breakfast and taxes.

Arup Singh Deo, Director of Operations and Projects, Al Nahda Hotels & Resorts, said long weekends in Oman are always a blessing for the hotels as they boost family domestic tourism.

"Our hotels remain fully occupied during all long weekends. Although travelling abroad has eased now, but staycations have also increased because there are still some hassles such as increased airfares and additional documentation requirements when travelling abroad with the family," he said.

Deo also said there are plenty of possibilities for families, groups and individuals to explore Oman. "Driven by good weather and multiple entertainment options, hotels and resorts offer a wide range of staycations and activities. And, that is why Oman remains a top choice for its citizens and residents," he said.

Hoteliers are confident that national day holidays will bring in more tourists from Oman and GCC countries.

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SECOND EDITION



**BEST 10 PROJECTS:** In the final stage, the best 10 projects will be shortlisted for the top places in the BHA's second edition. — **ONA**

## Deadline for delivering BHA Architecture Award entries to close on Thursday

**MUSCAT:** Entries for contesting the Bilarab bin Haitham Award for Architectural Design (BHA) will close on Thursday (1 December 2022).

The second edition of the BHA is dedicated for designs depicting the Maritime History Museum, which occupies an area of 14,154 sqm in the Wilayat of Sur, South A'Sharqiyah Governorate.

The entries are received via the award's website ([www.bha.om](http://www.bha.om)).

Entries' reception constitutes the first stage of the award. It re-

quires the contestants to attach designs illustrated by images and a brief account of the project. The next stage is sorting, after which the arbitration committee selects the best 30 projects and notifies the participating teams of comments that will help them improve their projects.

In the final stage, the best 10 projects will be shortlisted for the top places in the BHA's second edition.

Selection criteria mandate that the designs highlight technical

aspects of the projects, their applicability for construction, their compatibility with international projects in the museums sector and the projects' environmental, social and economic sustainability, according to the jury.

The BHA is up for grabs by Omanis aged not more than 35 years—from among those specialised in architectural design, urban planning and architecture. The contestants can participate as individuals or three-member groups.

The second edition of BHA was launched on 10 October 2022. The selection of the Maritime History Museum to form the topic of the award's second edition was chosen based on the orders of His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik, with the aim of celebrating and documenting Omani maritime glories and handing them down to the future generations. The Ministry of Heritage and Tourism will implement the winning project.

— **ONA**

URBAN PLANNING

## Madinat Al Teeb

**<FROM A1** Madinat Al Teeb constitutes a qualitative shift forward in urban planning of sustainable cities that respond to the aspirations of society. It also fits with Oman Vision 2040.

The city covers an area of 12 million sqm and it lies in the vicinity of Al Batinah Expressway. It accommodates 30,000 residents.

The city was planned in response to the Royal orders of the late Sultan Qaboos bin Said to

provide appropriate accommodations for local citizens whose properties were affected by the Port of Sohar project. The Royal orders were specifically cited under Royal Decree No. 52/2013 stating that all infrastructure services and facilities be provided for the city's residents.

The opening ceremony was attended by some Royal family members, ministers and top officials, governors, walis, members of the Shura Council and local dignitaries. — **ONA**

BRAND-NEW ECONOMY CLASS FARE

## Oman Air unveils 'Super Saver' offer

*Times News Service*

**MUSCAT:** Continuing to meet the evolving needs of its passengers, Oman Air has introduced Super Saver, a brand-new category of Economy Class fare that offers greater choice and more value than ever. Designed for those who travel light, the low-cost option allows passengers to opt for no check-in baggage while enjoying savings of up to 20% on tickets and 7kg of carry-on baggage allowance.

**Super Saver fares**

Available exclusively on the airline's website and mobile app, Oman Air's Super Saver fares are competitively priced, making them the perfect option for budget-conscious travellers or for those who are taking short trips and don't require much baggage.

Meanwhile, guests can purchase a variety of add-ons including extra baggage, preferred seat selection, and airport lounge access, to make their journey even more seamless and comfortable.

**Four branded fare types**

In its new Economy Class fare redesign, the airline now offers four branded fare types, each with varying degrees of product features and costs.

A level up from the Super Saver fare is the Economy Lite, which offers carry-on baggage of up to 7kgs and check-in baggage up to 30kgs.

Meanwhile, Economy Smart and Economy Prime offer all of the above, along with greater discounts on add-ons, generous frequent flyer programme miles, free seat selection, and more customised travel itineraries.

## CELEBRATING NATIONAL DAY WITH CLASSICAL MUSIC

Students of Classic Music and Arts Institute and Playtunes Institute of Music celebrated National Day with their annual recital. From the school choir singing the national anthem to students playing in harmony to create beautiful duets, it was a day of celebrations. — **Supplied pictures**



TRAVEL AND TOURISM

## Oman attends global summit

**RIYADH:** Oman, represented by the Ministry of Heritage and Tourism, is taking part in the 22nd round of Global Summit of World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC). The three-day event, which began in Riyadh on Monday, is deemed the extravaganza that influences travel and tourism most.

Oman was represented in the event by Salim Mohammed Al Mahrouqi, Minister of Heritage and Tourism. The summit sees a large turnout of travel and tourism experts, both from the public and private sectors, as well as investors, tourism organisations, travel agents and operators of tourist destinations from different countries of the world. The Ministry of Heritage and Tourism recently embarked on the re-assessment of the tourism sector in Oman and devised new plans and programmes to ensure sustained growth of the tourism sector in the aftermath of Covid-19, which impacted the local and international arenas, said Al Mahrouqi. — **ONA**



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BILATERAL RELATIONS

# Al Nu’amani receives envoys of Iran, Italy and China

**MUSCAT:** Gen. Sultan Mohammed Al Nu’amani, Minister of the Royal Office received on Monday Ali Najafi Khoshroudi, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Sultanate of Oman.

The two sides reviewed the march of relations between the two countries and discussed several matters of mutual interest.

Gen. Sultan Mohammed Al Nu’amani, Minister of the Royal Office also received on Monday Federica Favi, Ambassador of the Italian Republic to the Sultanate of Oman to bid her farewell at the end of her tour of duty. The Italian ambassador expressed her appreciation for the cooperation extended to her in the Sultanate of Oman. She also lauded the bilateral relations between Oman and Italy. On his turn, Al Nu’amani thanked the ambassador for the efforts she exerted in enhancing the relations between the two countries, wishing her success.

The Royal Office Minister also met Li Lingbing, Ambassador of the People’s Republic of China to the Sultanate of Oman.

Al Nu’amani reviewed areas of joint cooperation between Oman and China. The two sides also touched on several matters of mutual interest and means of promoting them. — **ONA**





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DEADLY LANDSLIDE

# Seven dead, five missing in Italy's Ischia island landslide

**ROME:** Seven people have been killed and five are feared missing after a landslide struck a densely populated port city on Italy's Ischia island on Sunday, a US-based media publication said.

The deceased include a 3-week-old infant and a pair of young siblings who died as a result of getting buried under debris.

Several people are likely to be buried under the mud and debris in Casamicciola, a comune in the Metropolitan City of Naples in the Italian region Campania, located in the northern part of Ischia Island.

The landslide was so massive that it collapsed many buildings and pushed vehicles into the sea,



according to The Detroit.

"Mud and water tend to fill every space," Luca Cari, the spokesman for Italian firefighters, told Italy-based RAI state TV. "Our teams are searching with hope, even if it is

very difficult."

Landslides remained a worry in the town's highest point, near where heavy rain dislodged a portion of rock, forcing search workers to enter on foot. **ANI**

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## Irish regulator fines Meta 265 million euros over data breach

**LONDON:** Ireland's data regulator on Monday slapped Facebook owner Meta with a 265-million-euro (USD 275 million) fine after details of more than half a billion users were leaked on a hacking website.

The penalty resulted from an investigation, started in April 2021, related to the discovery of a collated dataset of Facebook personal data that had been made available online. Facebook was also ordered to take a range of corrective measures, reported euronews. Meta said it had cooperated fully with the investigation by Ireland's Data Privacy Commissioner (DPC) and made changes to its systems during the time in question, including removing the ability to scrape its features in this way using phone numbers.

Monday's fine is the fourth that Ireland's Data Privacy Commissioner (DPC) has levied against one of Meta's companies. It is Meta's lead privacy regulator within the European Union and has 13 more inquiries into the social media group outstanding.

The DPC regulates Apple, Google, Tiktok and other technology giants due to the location of their EU headquarters in Ireland. It currently has 40 inquiries open into such firms, including the 13 involving Meta, reported euronews.

The regulator has the power to impose fines of up to 4 per cent of a company's global revenue under the EU's General Data Protection Regulation's (GDPR) "One Stop Shop" regime introduced in 2018.

The DPC said mitigating factors in Monday's decision - which had been approved by all other relevant EU regulators - included Facebook's actions. In September the watchdog hit its Instagram subsidiary with a record fine of 405 million euros, which Meta plans to appeal. The Irish regulator said in a statement that other relevant EU regulators agreed with the decision issued on Monday. **ANI**



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RENAMING

## Monkeypox to be renamed 'mpox', announces WHO



**GENEVA:** The World Health Organization (WHO) announced on Monday that monkeypox is to be renamed "mpox" in English.

"Following a series of consultations with global experts, WHO will begin using a new preferred term 'mpox' as a synonym for monkeypox. Both names will be used simultaneously for one year while 'monkeypox' is phased out," the UN health agency said in a statement.

The monkeypox virus was originally identified in monkeys in 1958, but can infect a number of other animals, and is more frequently found in rodents.

Although global infection numbers have been declining since August, the virus remains a problem in low-income regions.

### What did the WHO say?

"WHO will adopt the term mpox in its communications, and encourages others to follow these recommendations, to minimize any ongoing negative impact of the current name and from adoption of the new name," the organization said.

The WHO said that the name was given before the organization had published its "best practices

in naming diseases" in 2015.

The disease was first found in humans in 1970 in the Democratic Republic of Congo, and it remains endemic to parts of western and central Africa.

In May, cases of the disease began to be identified around the world. Some 81,107 cases in 110 countries, including 55 deaths, have been reported to the WHO this year.

### Where did the idea come from?

The WHO announced in August that it was looking for a "neutral, non-discriminatory, and non-stigmatizing" name for the disease.

The organization said that it wanted to avoid a term that could be used in a racist way, and also hoped to prevent attacks on monkeys, such as one that occurred in Brazil.

The name "mpox" was submitted by Samuel Miriello, director of the REZO men's health organization. He argued that a new name that doesn't invoke "monkey imagery" could help people "understand more quickly that there's an emergency that needs to be taken seriously." **dw**

CLEAN ENERGY

## India is committed to clean energy transition, says Minister Jitendra Singh



**NEW DELHI:** Union Minister of State Jitendra Singh on Sunday said that India is taking steps for the development of Small Modular Reactors (SMR), with up to 300 MW capacity to fulfill its commitment to the Clean Energy transition, said a press release by Department of Atomic Energy.

In his address to a Workshop on Small Modular Reactors (SMR) organized by NITI Aayog and the Department of Atomic Energy, Jitendra Singh said, the participation of the private sector and Start-ups needs to be explored in the development of this critical technology within India.

He emphasized that technology sharing and the availability of funding are the two crucial links for ensuring the commercial availability of SMR technology, added the statement. Singh said, the exploration of new clean energy options is in tune with Prime Minister Modi's roadmap for clean energy transition through

bold climate commitments which are reflected in our updated Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).

Singh pointed out that as we have already taken steps for clean energy transition with penetration of non-fossil based energy resources and achieving net-zero by 2070, nuclear in terms of baseload power can play a big role in the de-carbonization strategy. It is in this context that the role of nuclear energy will be critical for the clean energy transition of not just India but for the entire world, the Minister added. Small Modular Reactors (SMR), with up to 300 MW capacity by nature are flexible in design and require a smaller footprint. Being mobile and agile technology, SMR can be factory-built, unlike the conventional nuclear reactors that are built on-site.

Thus, SMRs offer significant savings in cost and construction time. SMR is a promising tech-

nology in industrial de-carbonization, especially where there is a requirement for reliable and continuous supply of power. It is said that SMR is simpler and safer as compared to large nuclear plants.

Singh said an impressive number of measures have been taken to promote renewable energy in the country and India today stands at number four in the RE installed capacity across the world, after China, Europe, and United States. He added that these measures also conform to the Prime Minister's Aatmanirbhar Bharat goal, where India contributes significant value to the global value chain. It must be noted that India, comprising 17 percent of the world population has seen its primary energy growing at a rate of 4 percent during the last decade, almost double the global growth rate of 1.3 percent. However, by historical standards, our share in global emissions is less than 5 percent. **ANI**

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FIFA WORLD CUP

Qatar 2022



# THE MAIN THING IS WE'RE STILL ALIVE, SAYS NEUER

Germany must beat Costa Rica to have any chance of avoiding another early World Cup exit, and Manuel Neuer is relieved they are in the hunt after playing out a 1-1 draw with Spain

**DOHA:** Manuel Neuer expressed relief that Germany are “still alive” in the World Cup after they salvaged a 1-1 draw with Spain at Al Bayt Stadium, Al Khor, on Sunday.

Germany’s hopes of reaching the round of 16 suffered a shock blow when they lost their first match against Japan.

Costa Rica beat Japan 1-0 to leave all to play for in Group E’s final games.

Alvaro Morata put Spain ahead in the battle between the heavyweights, but Germany’s Niclas Fullkrug came off the bench to equalise and secure his team’s first point.

In order to progress, Hansi Flick’s Germany side must beat Costa Rica in their last group match on Thursday and hope Spain do them a favour against Japan.

Goalkeeper Neuer, who denied Dani Olmo an early goal when he palmed his shot against the crossbar, is just pleased Germany still have a chance of avoiding a second successive World Cup exit at the group stage.

“It was a tough match against a very good Spain side,” said the Germany captain. “We took on the fight and didn’t allow them many chances over the 90 minutes.

“Our defensive work was superb from front to back. Our compactness made it difficult for them to score a goal against us. Their goal was simply quality and very hard to defend against. Nevertheless, we continued to believe in ourselves.

“The main thing is that we’re still alive. The thing we can have influence over is

getting three points against Costa Rica.”

Fullkrug only made his full international debut earlier this month and scored his first competitive goal for Germany in a cameo appearance after being given a late call-up to the squad. The 29-year-old Werder Bremen striker said: “We were determined to get a result from the game, and it was very important for our confidence.

“We still have room for improvement. We don’t need to get carried away, but we can go into the final game with hope that we can make it through.”

Germany’s head coach Hansi Flick called his team’s draw against Spain the required spark that his side needs after they lost their opening game.

“Things come to you when you start winning. Maybe it is the spark we need,” expressed Hansi Flick as quoted by *ESPN*.

“We knew what was at stake. Spain played good football but the teams were level and we had a huge chance in the end to win it but these things happen,” said Flick.

Spain held onto the top spot in the group with the draw while Germany opened its account in the points table. - **FIFA**



GROUP F

‘DE BRUYNE, MODRIC ARE WORLD’S BEST MIDFIELDERS’

GROUP H

THE 50-DAY HITCH-HIKE TO WATCH RONALDO AND PORTUGAL

**DOHA:** Lovro Majer could not have written the script much better. In the 86th minute he was summoned from the bench. By full-time he had a FIFA World Cup goal and a 4-1 victory for his team against Canada on Sunday – one that propelled Croatia to the top of Group F – to celebrate.

The 24-year-old nevertheless insisted that scoring on the biggest stage of all was not on his mind when he stepped on to the Khalifa International Stadium turf.

“No, I wasn’t desperate to score,” he told *FIFA*+. “I just wanted to play my game, help the team keep hold of the result. If there’s a chance to score a goal, of course [it’s great].”

And it is. As Majer walked back into the dressing room, it began sinking in that he had scored in a



competition that made him fall in love with football. “It’s amazing,” he said. “I started playing football because of the tournament, because of games like this. The first thing was coming here and playing the game. Now, scoring the goal, it cannot be better.”

The result left Croatia requiring a draw with Belgium to reach the last 16. And that will mean stopping no less a talent than Kevin De Bruyne.

“He’s their best player, their most important player,” said Majer. “For me, personally, he’s also one of the best players in the world. I love his style, how he plays, what he does for the national team, for his club. Definitely, for me, he’s their best player.”

Ivan Perisic added: “Everyone

knows that they’re a really good team, top players. Kevin, I played with him in Wolfsburg. For me, with Luka Modric, maybe [they are] the two best midfielders in this moment.

“It’s going to be tough. We need one point but we have to play for victory because we don’t know how to play any other way. If you play for the draw, I think it is going to be difficult for us.

“We have to play our game and I think it’s going to be successful.”

Earlier, Alphonso Davies scored Canada’s first FIFA World Cup goal but John Herdman’s team are out of Qatar 2022 after 2018 runners-up Croatia recovered from conceding in the second minute for an ultimately comfortable victory. - **FIFA**



**DOHA:** Four friends hitchhiked across 15 countries over 50 days to get to Qatar 2022. The Portuguese quartet rode horses through the mountains in Saudi Arabia. They then watched Cristiano Ronaldo and team-mates down Ghana at Stadium 974 on Thursday.

Anyone passing by a gas station in Lisbon on 6 October may have come across four friends with their hands raised and a sign reading ‘Qatar’. They were about to embark on an 8,000-kilometre hitch-hike through 15 countries over 50 days. As meticulously planned, the four Portuguese – Francisco Albuquerque, Bruno Carvalho, Duarte Delgado and Daniel Estima – got there in time to see Cristiano Ronaldo and Co make their FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 debut against Ghana. Their long journey was worth it: Portugal edged a five-goal thriller.

“We thought, ‘Ok, we’ve already hitchhiked through Portugal, so why not do the same to Qatar?’” one of the group said.

And that’s how, over almost two months, between one ride and another, they crossed through places like Spain, France, Monaco, Italy, Croatia, Montenegro, Albania, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Bulgaria, Turkey, Jordan and Saudi Arabia. It was in the latter that they enjoyed one of the biggest surprises of the entire adventure.

“We didn’t know much about Saudi Arabia, but we were very well received by the people there,” they explained.

“They invited us to their homes and farms, we rode horses through the mountains. It was a wonderful experience.”

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OMAN CRUDE PRICE FALLS

**Muscat:** Oman oil price (January Delivery 2023) on Monday reached \$76.73, comprising a drop by \$3.89 from the price of Friday which stood at \$80.62. The average price of Oman oil (November Delivery 2022) has stabilised at \$90.80 per barrel, thus \$6.20 per barrel lower than October Delivery 2022. - **ONA**

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MSX INDEX ENDS HIGHER

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# Oman's inflation rate increases by 2%

The data indicated a rise in the prices of main groups in October 2022 compared to October 2021



**MUSCAT:** The inflation rate in the Sultanate of Oman in October 2022 increased by 2.39 per cent compared to the corresponding period in 2021, according to the

latest data issued by the National Centre for Statistics and Information (NCSI).

The data indicated a rise in the prices of main groups in October 2022 compared to October 2021,

such as food and non-alcoholic beverages by 4.64 per cent, education by 0.05 per cent, health by 3.45 per cent, transport by 2.16 per cent, recreation and culture by 1.13 per cent, restaurants and hotels by 4.35

per cent, clothing and footwear by 1.55 per cent, furniture, household equipment and routine household maintenance by 2 per cent and housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels by 1.08 per cent. Meanwhile, inflation declined by 0.05 per cent in the main group of communications.

Prices also went up for oils and fats by 20.81 per cent, meats by 9.60 per cent, milk, cheese and eggs by 6.08 per cent, non-alcoholic beverages by 5.29 per cent, bread and cereals by 4.90 per cent, fruits by 3.71 per cent, foodstuff by 4.57 per cent and sugar, jam, honey and sweets by 2.32 per cent.

On the other hand, prices went down for the main groups of vegetables by 2.27 per cent and fish and seafood by 5.28 per cent. -**ONA**

RELIABLE CLEAN ENERGY

## Oman LNG produces and loads 300th consignment of liquefied natural gas

**MUSCAT:** Oman LNG company has marked the production and loading of the 300th shipment of liquefied natural gas from its industrial hub in Qalhat, Wilayat of Sur.

The step reflects the efforts undertaken by the firm in consolidating Oman's position as an accredited destination for the production of reliable clean energy.

So far, Oman LNG has produced a total of 191.2 tonnes of liquefied natural gas. The accomplishment underscores the company's 21-year stride in the field of upgrading producing and improving ecological performance through the introduction of projects and programmes that contributed to augmenting its



operational competence.

Oman LNG loaded its 300th shipment to Osaka gas company of Japan, with 135,000 metric tonnes of liquefied natural gas onboard. -**ONA**

INTERNATIONAL FRAUD AWARENESS WEEK

# National Bank of Oman promotes anti-fraud awareness

Times News Service

**MUSCAT:** Marking the annual International Fraud Awareness Week, the National Bank of Oman (NBO) in collaboration with The Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE) joined global efforts to raise awareness over

minimising the impact of fraud by promoting anti-fraud awareness and education.

The bank conducted an employee workshop, which saw participants discuss banking fraud and its many shapes and forms, prevention measures and related customer service best practices.

Huda Sultan Al Hinai, Head of Fraud Risk Management at NBO, said, "Our fraud prevention strategies are aligned with the guidelines laid out in the Central Bank of Oman's Master Circular about Fraud Risk Management. We are always vigilant to prevent internal and external fraudulent activities

by following and implementing the most stringent processes and strict procedures."

She added, "This awareness event was important as our team members were able to boost their knowledge on how to prevent, detect and tackle fraudulent transactions. Moreover, we always aim to

further improve our communication with our customers to protect their personal information and banking transactions. It is our responsibility to safeguard our customers' personal information and provide them with safe and secure banking services.

International Fraud Awareness

Week was established by the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE).

The annual and week-long campaign encourages business leaders and professionals around the globe to take a proactive approach to fraud prevention by raising awareness and education.

# BANK MUSCAT, A 40-YEAR JOURNEY IN DEVELOPING OMANI HUMAN RESOURCES

**BANK MUSCAT** is a dream employer for many job seekers in the Sultanate, particularly those who are interested in the banking and financial services sector. One of the main reasons for the bank's enduring success over the last 40 years has been the bank's recognition that employees are partners in success and the main reason for its many accomplishments over the decades. The bank has been investing in developing its employees from the very beginning in a bid to enable them to contribute to the development of the bank and the country. Today, Mr. Said Salim Al Aufi, General Manager - Human Resources & Administration, will be discussing more about the bank's role and achievements over the last four decades.

**Qn.1. As the leading financial services provider in Oman, Bank Muscat has played a major role in Oman's growth and development over the last 40 years. What is the role of human resources in the bank's achievements.**

As you rightly said, Bank Muscat is Oman's leading financial services provider and is well known for having a strategy, which is closely aligned to Oman Vision 2040. Our HR strategy recognises that competent, well trained and hardworking employees are the bedrock on which the Bank bases its success and achievements. Hence, the bank constantly invests resources and time to further develop employee skills and help them reach their peak potential. From the moment of joining the bank, suitable training and development opportunities are provided to make employees skilled with work-related processes and procedures such that they can perform to the best of their abilities. Bank Muscat focuses on enhancing satisfaction and morale of its employees.

It is responsive to employee feedback and strives to ensure a professional work environment that is based on fair and equal opportunities to all employees, cutting-edge technology and global best practices. With over 3,800 employees based at the Head Office and 174 branches across Oman, Bank Muscat is a dream employer for Omani youth, particularly those who are interested in the financial services sector. Needless to say our pro-



active HR strategy is also helping retain talent within the bank.

**Qn. 2. Please explain a bit more about what the bank is doing to increase its pool of talented Omani employees.**

Very early on its history, the bank established a strategic plan for developing Omani human resources so as to develop capabilities across different specialties and disciplines. The bank works in close partnership with many government organisations and higher education institutions as part of this strategy and also ensures that the bank is one of the best places to work. In this regard, the bank participates annually in various career fairs organized in Sultan Qaboos University, College of Banking and Financial Studies and other institutions to give the youth a closer look into the jobs and training opportunities it provides, the benefits employees enjoy and the innovative and dynamic work environment. Thus Bank Muscat enjoys an excellent Omanisation ratio of about 95%. In fact, I am happy to share that this year 195 Omanis have already joined the bank as part of its efforts to boost the career path of talented national human resources.

**Qn. 3. Can you please share some information about training and development of employees?**

Bank Muscat has a full-fledged Learning and Development department - the bank's Jadara Academy is affiliated to the Global Association of Corporate Universities and Academics. The Academy is responsible for delivering over 15,000 training seats to employees every year as part



Mr. Said Salim Al Aufi

of its continuous and ongoing training programmes for all staff. It also organises a variety of professional certification courses as well as training programmes that help build a pipeline of leaders at all levels.

**Qn. 4. What about upskilling and gaining of fresh qualifications by staff. Does Bank Muscat encourage this?**

I am glad that you asked this very important question because Bank Muscat does its very best to ensure constant upskilling and gaining of higher qualifications that will help both its employees and the bank itself



to perform better. The bank encourages its employees to grow in their careers by having the right qualifications and tools for them. Amongst its most successful measures are scholarships for both higher education and technical qualifications. For e.g., in 2022, the bank gave external scholarships to 13 employees to complete their post-graduate studies abroad while 68 internal scholarship were given to employees to study in Oman.

As of 2022, 582 employees have completed their studies in Oman while 158 employees are currently enrolled in different higher education programmes. As of date, 72 overseas scholarships have been granted by

the bank. Meanwhile 818 employees have completed their professional certifications and another 496 employees are currently enrolled.

All said and done, the bank has been greatly encouraged by the results of its continuous investment in Omani human resources. It is a matter of pride for Bank Muscat that most of its senior and middle management have been promoted from within the bank's ranks.

**Qn. 5. That is very interesting and brings me to another important topic. I remember seeing news recently about sign language training for bank employees. How does this help Bank Muscat?**

Financial inclusion is an important aspect of the growth and development of economies around the world. Hence, in line with its commitment to Oman Vision 2040 and to deliver long-term benefits to Omani society and the nation, Bank Muscat has always extended strong support to initiatives that promote the welfare and financial inclusion of disabled persons.

The bank has trained a number of its employees at different branches across the Sultanate in Arabic Sign Language so as to improve service delivery and facilitate their inclusion into mainstream economic activities. In collaboration with the Omani Association for the Hearing-impaired, the bank has been identifying branches, which serve the maximum number of hearing-impaired and speech-impaired persons, and accordingly training a number of employees in Sign Language over the past few years. Over 210 bank employees have undergone Sign Language training in order to better serve customers with hearing disabilities. But that is not all.

I am also happy to share the news that the Bank has identified 11 conventional bank branches, one in each Governorate of the Sultanate as well as 9 branches of Meethaq, which will be fully equipped and prepared to provide banking services to people with different types of disabilities in the coming months. Already the bank's Al Ghubra branch has been suitably equipped as part of a pilot programme and we are very confident that this will lead to much greater customer and employee satisfaction in the long term as the bank will be able to address the needs of its different customer segments successfully.

**Qn. 6. Any other words of advice you would like to give to employees and to the youth who aspire to work at Bank Muscat?**

As we celebrate Bank Muscat's successful 40 years journey, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the bank's employees for their sincere work and dedication. They are a very important pillar that helped the bank develop and grow, and helped in enhancing its pioneering role in the financial sector across the region. We assure that the bank will continue to keenly invest in its human resources and implement programmes and initiatives aimed at achieving its goals. I would like to assure as well that job opportunities are available for those who wish to join Bank Muscat's family and start their career with the leading financial institution in the Sultanate.

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With over 3,800 employees, Bank Muscat enjoys 95 percent Omanisation.



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## MSX index ends higher

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Shares of HSBC Bank Oman were the most active in terms of the number of shares traded while Bank Muscat were the most active in terms of turnover.

A total number of 600 trades were executed during the day's trading session, generating a turnover of OMR3.18 million, with more than 15.53 million shares changing hands. Out of 54 traded securities, 16 advanced, 10 declined, and 28 remained unchanged. At the session close, GCC & Arab investors were net buyers for OMR483,000 while domestic investors were net sellers for OMR453,000, followed by foreign investors for OMR30,000 worth of shares.

Financial Index closed at 7,505.31 points, up 0.51 per cent. Prices of DIDIC, Ominvest, Al Anwar Investment, Bank Dhofar, and Al Madina Takaful were up

by 3.85 per cent, 2.62 per cent, 1.33 per cent, 1.31 per cent and 1.21 per cent respectively. Prices of Oman Qatar Insurance, Oman & Emirates Investment, Sohar International Bank and Vision Insurance were down by 2.00 per cent, 1.35 per cent and 0.94 per cent respectively.

Industrial Index closed at 6,063.11 points, down 0.57 per cent. Prices of Oman Flour Mills, Oman Chlorine and Oman Cement up by 6.67 per cent, 4.95 per cent, 2.33 per cent, 1.98 per cent and 1.59 per cent respectively. Prices of SMN Power Holding and Oman Telecom were down by 2.70 per cent and 1.84 per cent respectively. — United Securities

## MUSCAT STOCK EXCHANGE

### INDICES

| Index             | High     | Low      | Value    | Prev. Value | Diff.  | Diff% |
|-------------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|--------|-------|
| MSX 30 INDEX      | 4,622.00 | 4,583.89 | 4,612.64 | 4,607.25    | 5.39   | 0.12  |
| FINANCIAL INDEX   | 7,505.31 | 7,430.72 | 7,505.31 | 7,467.25    | 38.07  | 0.51  |
| Industry Index    | 6,079.43 | 6,053.13 | 6,063.11 | 6,098.08    | -34.97 | -0.57 |
| Services Index    | 1,558.06 | 1,543.22 | 1,553.20 | 1,543.22    | 9.98   | 0.65  |
| MSX Shariah Index | 468.00   | 463.65   | 467.33   | 464.17      | 3.16   | 0.68  |
| MSX TR INDEX      | 5,831.50 | 5,783.41 | 5,819.69 | 5,812.89    | 6.81   | 0.12  |
| FINANCIAL TR IDX  | 7,853.47 | 7,775.42 | 7,853.47 | 7,813.64    | 39.83  | 0.51  |
| SERVICES TR IDX   | 1,628.83 | 1,613.33 | 1,623.76 | 1,613.33    | 10.43  | 0.65  |
| INDUSTRIAL TR IDX | 6,329.44 | 6,302.05 | 6,312.45 | 6,350.62    | -38.17 | -0.60 |

### Trading Summary

| Volume     | Turnover  | Trades | Market Cap     | Up | Down | Equal | Sec. Traded |
|------------|-----------|--------|----------------|----|------|-------|-------------|
| 15,531,897 | 3,183,844 | 600    | 23,500,209,721 | 16 | 10   | 28    | 54          |

## SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

| SN                    | SECURITY NAME       | VOLUME    | TURNOVER | TRADES    | OPEN PRICE | HIGH  | LOW   | CLOSE PR | PREV. CLOSE | DIFF (O) | DIFF % | LAST PR | LAST HD | LAST OFF | PR VALUE | MARKET CAP  |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|------------|-------|-------|----------|-------------|----------|--------|---------|---------|----------|----------|-------------|
| <b>REGULAR MARKET</b> |                     |           |          |           |            |       |       |          |             |          |        |         |         |          |          |             |
| OM0000001533          | OMINVEST            | 49,359    | 18,804   | 6         | 0.382      | 0.392 | 0.380 | 0.392    | 0.382       | 0.010    | 2.618  | 0.392   | 0.382   | 0.392    | 0.100    | 261,999,247 |
| OM0000001400          | OMAN FLOUR MILLS    | 2,000     | 1,224    | 1         | 0.612      | 0.612 | 0.612 | 0.612    | 0.600       | 0.012    | 2.000  | 0.612   | 0.608   | 0.620    | 0.100    | 96,380,000  |
| OM0000001749          | OMAN CEMENT         | 73,652    | 22,098   | 2         | 0.300      | 0.302 | 0.300 | 0.302    | 0.300       | 0.002    | 0.667  | 0.302   | 0.300   | 0.302    | 0.100    | 99,923,558  |
| OM0000002200          | AHLI BANK           | 962,897   | 147,503  | 11        | 0.153      | 0.154 | 0.153 | 0.153    | 0.152       | 0.001    | 0.658  | 0.153   | 0.153   | 0.154    | 0.100    | 298,297,592 |
| OM0000001987          | OMAN UNITED INSUR   | 6,000     | 1,620    | 3         | 0.270      | 0.270 | 0.270 | 0.270    | 0.270       | 0.000    | 0.000  | 0.270   | 0.266   | 0.270    | 0.100    | 27,000,000  |
| OM0000001483          | NATIONAL BANK OMAN  | 1,305,846 | 375,156  | 49        | 0.290      | 0.290 | 0.290 | 0.290    | 0.290       | 0.000    | 0.000  | 0.290   | 0.318   | 0.290    | 0.100    | 471,524,443 |
| OM0000001525          | OMAN INVST&FIN      | 232,100   | 30,116   | 20        | 0.130      | 0.130 | 0.129 | 0.130    | 0.130       | 0.000    | 0.000  | 0.130   | 0.128   | 0.131    | 0.100    | 30,810,000  |
| OM0000001707          | OMAN CABLES INDSTR  | 13,000    | 20,548   | 3         | 1.580      | 1.590 | 1.580 | 1.590    | 1.580       | 0.000    | 0.000  | 1.590   | 1.590   | 1.590    | 0.100    | 142,623,000 |
| OM0000002176          | JAZZERA STEEL PROD. | 54,106    | 10,989   | 4         | 0.202      | 0.204 | 0.202 | 0.203    | 0.203       | 0.000    | 0.000  | 0.203   | 0.204   | 0.203    | 0.100    | 25,354,286  |
| OM0000002226          | ALJAZERA SERVICES   | 7,486     | 1,609    | 2         | 0.215      | 0.215 | 0.215 | 0.215    | 0.215       | 0.000    | 0.000  | 0.215   | 0.215   | 0.218    | 0.100    | 13,158,919  |
| OM0000002786          | BANK MUSCAT         | 1,884,510 | 527,392  | 129       | 0.280      | 0.280 | 0.279 | 0.280    | 0.280       | 0.000    | 0.000  | 0.280   | 0.308   | 0.280    | 0.100    | 210,791,177 |
| OM0000003000          | AL MAHA PETROLEUM   | 27,000    | 24,300   | 2         | 0.900      | 0.900 | 0.900 | 0.900    | 0.900       | 0.000    | 0.000  | 0.900   | 0.900   | 0.900    | 0.100    | 62,100,000  |
| OM0000003125          | GLOBAL INV. H       | 110       | 6        | 1         | 0.054      | 0.054 | 0.054 | 0.054    | 0.054       | 0.000    | 0.000  | 0.054   | 0.051   | 0.054    | 0.100    | 10,800,000  |
| OM0000003224          | RENAISSANCE SER     | 75,000    | 33,000   | 8         | 0.440      | 0.440 | 0.440 | 0.440    | 0.440       | 0.000    | 0.000  | 0.440   | 0.438   | 0.440    | 0.100    | 104,020,400 |
| OM0000003281          | TAGEER FINANCE      | 257,000   | 24,158   | 12        | 0.094      | 0.094 | 0.094 | 0.094    | 0.094       | 0.000    | 0.000  | 0.094   | 0.094   | 0.094    | 0.100    | 24,314,209  |
| OM0000003968          | OORDOO              | 373,046   | 147,885  | 51        | 0.398      | 0.398 | 0.394 | 0.398    | 0.398       | 0.000    | 0.000  | 0.398   | 0.436   | 0.398    | 0.100    | 259,075,804 |
| OM0000005005          | ALMAHA CERAMICS     | 300       | 140      | 1         | 0.466      | 0.466 | 0.466 | 0.466    | 0.466       | -0.002   | -0.427 | 0.466   | 0.466   | 0.466    | 0.100    | 25,630,000  |
| OM0000003398          | SOHAR INT BANK      | 483,144   | 30,730   | 14        | 0.106      | 0.106 | 0.105 | 0.106    | 0.106       | -0.001   | -0.943 | 0.105   | 0.104   | 0.105    | 0.100    | 481,968,540 |
| OM0000002168          | AL ANWAR CERAMIC    | 450,000   | 160,912  | 10        | 0.358      | 0.358 | 0.356 | 0.358    | 0.362       | -0.004   | -1.105 | 0.358   | 0.340   | 0.354    | 0.100    | 78,760,000  |
| OM0000003026          | OMAN TELECOM        | 505,250   | 438,443  | 29        | 0.868      | 0.868 | 0.852 | 0.862    | 0.868       | -0.016   | -1.843 | 0.852   | 0.852   | 0.852    | 0.100    | 639,000,000 |
| Total                 |                     | 20        | 6761,906 | 2,036,533 | 358        |       |       |          |             |          |        |         |         |          |          |             |

### Parallel Market

|              |                    |           |           |         |       |       |       |       |       |        |        |       |       |       |       |             |
|--------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|
| OM0000002572 | OMAN OIL MARKETING | 3,259     | 3,123     | 3       | 0.940 | 0.960 | 0.940 | 0.960 | 0.900 | 0.060  | 6.667  | 0.960 | 0.960 | 0.972 | 0.100 | 58,824,000  |
| OM0000007910 | AMAN REAL ESTATE   | 765       | 74        | 1       | 0.097 | 0.097 | 0.097 | 0.097 | 0.092 | 0.005  | 5.435  | 0.097 | 0.092 | 0.097 | 0.100 | 19,400,000  |
| OM0000002275 | SHELL OMAN MKK     | 2,500     | 2,120     | 1       | 0.848 | 0.848 | 0.848 | 0.848 | 0.808 | 0.040  | 4.850  | 0.848 | 0.848 | 0.888 | 0.100 | 80,560,000  |
| OM0000001509 | DHOFAR INT         | 20,000    | 2,700     | 1       | 0.135 | 0.135 | 0.135 | 0.135 | 0.130 | 0.005  | 3.846  | 0.135 | 0.123 | 0.141 | 0.100 | 55,248,253  |
| OM0000005983 | PHOENIX POWER      | 100       | 4         | 1       | 0.044 | 0.044 | 0.044 | 0.044 | 0.043 | 0.001  | 2.328  | 0.044 | 0.000 | 0.044 | 0.100 | 64,354,464  |
| OM0000001160 | NATIONAL GAS       | 539,650   | 54,719    | 24      | 0.101 | 0.105 | 0.101 | 0.103 | 0.101 | 0.002  | 1.980  | 0.103 | 0.102 | 0.103 | 0.100 | 1,755,000   |
| OM0000004735 | SEBMCORP SALALAH   | 910,124   | 58,069    | 27      | 0.063 | 0.066 | 0.063 | 0.064 | 0.063 | 0.001  | 1.587  | 0.064 | 0.062 | 0.065 | 0.100 | 61,092,605  |
| OM0000001772 | ALANWAR INVESTMENT | 191,742   | 14,480    | 16      | 0.074 | 0.076 | 0.074 | 0.076 | 0.075 | 0.001  | 1.333  | 0.076 | 0.073 | 0.076 | 0.100 | 15,700,000  |
| OM0000002549 | BANK DHOFAR        | 756,000   | 115,470   | 17      | 0.133 | 0.137 | 0.130 | 0.135 | 0.133 | 0.002  | 1.307  | 0.135 | 0.151 | 0.136 | 0.100 | 464,434,473 |
| OM0000004768 | MADINA TAKAFUL     | 47,250    | 3,949     | 6       | 0.083 | 0.084 | 0.083 | 0.084 | 0.083 | 0.001  | 1.205  | 0.084 | 0.080 | 0.086 | 0.100 | 14,200,000  |
| OM0000002341 | OMAN CHLORINE      | 15,000    | 7,759     | 4       | 0.514 | 0.520 | 0.514 | 0.520 | 0.514 | 0.006  | 1.167  | 0.520 | 0.000 | 0.520 | 0.100 | 35,413,903  |
| OM0000002420 | BANK NIZWA         | 242,384   | 23,247    | 15      | 0.025 | 0.026 | 0.025 | 0.026 | 0.025 | 0.001  | 1.053  | 0.026 | 0.026 | 0.026 | 0.100 | 214,747,491 |
| OM0000003139 | ALUMINIUM PROD.    | 202,000   | 15,142    | 3       | 0.075 | 0.075 | 0.074 | 0.074 | 0.074 | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.074 | 0.074 | 0.074 | 0.100 | 2,484,287   |
| OM0000001517 | HSBC BANK OMAN     | 2,887,800 | 414,048   | 9       | 0.160 | 0.160 | 0.160 | 0.160 | 0.160 | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.160 | 0.160 | 0.160 | 0.100 | 320,050,046 |
| OM0000001566 | OMAN FISHERIES     | 4,950     | 683       | 4       | 0.100 | 0.100 | 0.098 | 0.098 | 0.098 | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.098 | 0.098 | 0.100 | 0.100 | 17,843,083  |
| OM0000002374 | UNITED FINANCE     | 945,000   | 60,480    | 9       | 0.064 | 0.064 | 0.064 | 0.064 | 0.064 | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.064 | 0.064 | 0.064 | 0.100 | 22,345,242  |
| OM0000002804 | ASAFA FOODS        | 51,000    | 13,268    | 4       | 0.268 | 0.268 | 0.260 | 0.260 | 0.260 | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.260 | 0.234 | 0.260 | 0.100 | 31,200,000  |
| OM0000003681 | VOLTAMP ENERGY     | 10,539    | 559       | 3       | 0.081 | 0.081 | 0.081 | 0.081 | 0.081 | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.081 | 0.081 | 0.081 | 0.100 | 7,407,550   |
| OM0000004925 | ALBATHNAH POWER    | 150,100   | 5,254     | 5       | 0.035 | 0.036 | 0.035 | 0.036 | 0.036 | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.036 | 0.036 | 0.036 | 0.100 | 24,293,947  |
| OM0000004933 | AL SUWADI POWER    | 885,248   | 34,484    | 32      | 0.035 | 0.035 | 0.035 | 0.035 | 0.035 | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.035 | 0.034 | 0.037 | 0.100 | 25,004,222  |
| OM0000007043 | NATIONAL LIFE INS  | 2,000     | 680       | 1       | 0.340 | 0.340 | 0.340 | 0.340 | 0.340 | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.340 | 0.000 | 0.340 | 0.100 | 138,447,276 |
| OM0000007084 | MCT DESALINATE     | 5,000     | 707       | 1       | 0.073 | 0.073 | 0.073 | 0.073 | 0.074 | -0.001 | -1.351 | 0.073 | 0.070 | 0.073 | 0.100 | 8,868,875   |
| OM0000008710 | BARKA DESALINATION | 5,000     | 670       | 1       | 0.134 | 0.134 | 0.134 | 0.134 | 0.134 | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.134 | 0.134 | 0.134 | 0.100 | 10,119,948  |
| OM0000008968 | THE PEARL REEF     | 13,000    | 1,508     | 2       | 0.116 | 0.116 | 0.116 | 0.116 | 0.116 | 0.000  | 0.000  | 0.116 | 0.116 | 0.127 | 0.100 | 48,273,345  |
| OM0000001681 | OMAN EMIRATES HO   | 218,009   | 15,915    | 11      | 0.073 | 0.073 | 0.073 | 0.073 | 0.074 | -0.001 | -1.351 | 0.073 | 0.070 | 0.073 | 0.100 | 8,868,875   |
| OM0000003521 | GALFAR ENGINEER    | 95,000    | 16,530    | 5       | 0.174 | 0.174 | 0.174 | 0.174 | 0.177 | -0.003 | -1.695 | 0.174 | 0.174 | 0.177 | 0.100 | 35,199,642  |
| OM0000008979 | OMAN QATAR INSUR   | 118       | 22        | 1       | 0.190 | 0.190 | 0.190 | 0.190 | 0.195 | -0.005 | -2.564 | 0.190 | 0.000 | 0.214 | 0.100 | 19,000,000  |
| OM0000004246 | SMN POWER HOLDING  | 487,688   | 17,781    | 17      | 0.037 | 0.037 | 0.036 | 0.036 | 0.037 | -0.001 | -2.703 | 0.036 | 0.034 | 0.040 | 0.100 | 7,186,862   |
| OM0000004118 | RAYSUT CEMENT      | 10,000    | 1,276     | 3       | 0.128 | 0.128 | 0.126 | 0.126 | 0.128 | -0.012 | -8.696 | 0.126 | 0.000 | 0.151 | 0.100 | 25,200,000  |
| Total        |                    | 29        | 8,504,126 | 885,141 | 229   |       |       |       |       |        |        |       |       |       |       |             |

### OIL FUTURES

## Oil falls over \$2 a barrel

**TOKYO:** Oil futures fell more than \$2 a barrel, with WTI hitting an 11-month low. According to Reuters, Brent crude dropped \$2.16, or 2.6 per cent, to trade at \$81.47 a barrel at 02:30 GMT, after diving to \$81.16 earlier in the session - its lowest since January 11. -BNA

### PREMIUM LUBRICANTS

# Oman’s duo of Wahaibi-Balushi crowned world champions

Oman’s pair of Sultan Al Wahaibi and Ahmed Al Balushi came up with a consistent performance to create history

Times News Service

**MUSCAT:** It was a historic night for Oman Sailing on Sunday at the Barceló Mussanah Resort as the pair of Sultan Al Wahaibi and Ahmed Al Balushi claimed Oman’s first ever gold medal at the 2022 RS Venture Connect World Championships. The duo maintained their excellent display in the Grand Finals on Sunday to clinch the gold. The top ten teams overall – six



from the para category and four from the open category – took to the waters in perfect conditions to vie for the podium. Each team sailed two races. Racing in the Open category, Sultan Al Wahaibi and Ahmed Al Balushi made a sweep in the fleet races for Oman’s maiden gold. Jens Kroker and Sabine Kroker-Hohmann of Germany won the silver medal and Australia’s Genevieve Wickham and Grant Alderson

claim bronze in third. Fellow Australians Christopher Symonds and Manuela Klinger of Australia narrowly miss out on a podium position in fourth. Piotr Cichocki and Olga Gornas-Grudzien of Poland finished first place in the Para category ahead of Vasilis Christoforou and Theodoros Alexas of Greece in second. Guilherme Teixeira and Pedro Cancio Reis of Portugal finished third after an intense final race.



The winners received their prizes from Qais bin Mohammed Al Yousuf, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion, at the closing ceremony. Dr Khamis Al Jabri, CEO of Oman Sail, said, “The 2022 RS Venture Connect World Championships is the first international event of this scale held in the Sultanate of Oman for persons with disabilities. We have been delighted to see this edition attract

the highest number of participants in the history of the championship - 39 teams from 19 countries. The sailors showed immense skills during the competition over the week and we are incredibly proud of them.” He added: “It is our hope that the success of this championship serves to promote para sailing throughout the region and across Asia, and that more events can be held on our shores as we support

World Sailing in its bid to reinstate Para Sailing for the LA28 Paralympic Games and beyond.” Guest of honour Yousuf Al Ojaili, bp Oman President, said, “We are honoured to be the main sponsor of the region’s first RS Venture Connect World Championships. Watching Oman’s first para sailing team excel against international teams, has shown us that we have achieved our targets at bp – which is to provide inclusive opportunities to Omanis with disabilities.” The 2022 RS Venture Connect World Championships were the first exclusively para sailing event to be held in Oman and helps position the nation as a regional hub for growing the sport across the Middle East, Asia and across the world. The event was proudly supported by title sponsor bp Oman, along with the Oman Paralympic Committee, Oman Maritime Sports Committee, Oman Air, the Barceló Mussanah Resort, Tanuf, the International Maritime College Oman (IMCO), RS Sailing, and environmental partners Clean Seas and Environment Society of Oman (ESO).

GOLF

## Azaan bags Al Mouj Golf Black Tee title ahead of Pan Arab golf meet

Times News Service

**MUSCAT:** Seasoned golfer Azaan Al Rumhi clinched his second Al Mouj Golf Black Tee Challenge on Saturday with a solid display to give a boost to his participation in the 41st Pan Arab Men’s Golf Championship in Tabarka, Tunisia. Azaan carded one of the lowest scores at the Al Mouj golf course and finished with a total gross score of 150. He had a solid opening day’s round with a score of 74 and then followed it up with 76. The showing came at the right time as Azaan along with two other golfers departed for Tunisia to take part in the Pan Arab Championships, starting from Tuesday to December 4. Ayman Al Busaidi was a distant second with 160 while Lynn Casey came third with 166. Azaan will be joined in Tabarka by Mohammed Al Naamani, who finished sixth in the Black Tee Challenge with 176. The third member of the national team, bound for Tunisia, is Badr Al Amri, who also featured in the Black Tee Challenge. Amri ended



a stroke better than his teammate, Naamani with 175. This was the second title for Azaan at the prestigious domestic competition, his earlier coming in the inaugural edition in 2013. The championship was not held in 2020 due to the pandemic and Azaan is the only player to win the title twice. The latest victory came in style as Azaan came up with one of his best scores on the challenging course. The gross 150 is the best ever score recorded in the competition. In his remarks after the win, Azaan said: “I am very happy with the way I played in both the rounds. I had taken a good lead on

day one and that gave me a buffer on the second day, where I faced a tough competition from Ayman Al Busaidi. “This is a very tough competition and the win will give me lot of confidence going into the Pan Arab meet in Tunisia.” Azaan will be representing the national team for a record 20th time since he made his debut in Dubai, UAE, in 2002, underlining his consistency and longevity with the national team. **Jhdhamy to lead Oman delegation in Tabarka** The Omani Golf Association (OGA) has named its gener-



al secretary Ahmed Faisal Al Jhdhamy to head the national team’s delegation at the 41st Pan Arab Men’s Golf Championship that will be held at the La Cigale Golf Course in Tabarka, Tunisia, from November 29-December 4. Tunisia is hosting the Pan Arab event for the time since 2010. The tournament will feature players from 13 countries. They are Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Kuwait, Oman, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, Egypt, Somalia, Libya and hosts Tunisia. On the sidelines of the championships, a meeting of the Pan Arab Golf Federation officials will also be held.

ELECTED UNOPPOSED



## PT Usha elected as President of Indian Olympic Association

**NEW DELHI:** Legendary athlete PT Usha has been elected as the President of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) unopposed. Union Law Minister Kiren Rijju, previously the Union Sports Minister, congratulated the athlete on her election. “Congratulations to legendary Golden Girl, Smt. P T Usha on being elected as the President of Indian Olympic Association. I also congratulate all the sporting heroes of our country on becoming the office bearers of the prestigious IOA! A nation is proud of them!,” tweeted Rijju. Earlier, Usha had said that she is filing nomination for the post.

“With the warm support of my fellow athletes and National Federations, I am humbled and honoured to accept and file for the nomination of the president of IOA!” PT Usha tweeted on Saturday. Sports Authority of India (SAI) also retweeted Rijju’s tweet. The star sprinter Usha is one of the greatest athletes to have ever come out of India and brags four gold medals and seven silvers at the Asian Games. She missed out on a podium finish in the women’s 400m hurdles at the Los Angeles 1984 Olympics by 1/100th of a second. Her timing of 55.42s in LA still holds as a national record. -ANI

LOVE OF FANS

## Fans raise banners in support of Samson at Qatar World Cup



**DOHA:** Despite not receiving a regular chance in India’s playing XI in the ongoing Men in Blue’s New Zealand tour, fans’ love for their star batter Sanju Samson is unfazed. In the ongoing FIFA Qatar World Cup 2022, the fans showed support for Samson by raising unique banners, a picture of which was shared by Rajasthan Royals, the team Samson leads in the Indian Premier League. The official Twitter handle of Rajasthan Royals posted pictures of the fans with posters in their hands.

After losing by seven wickets to New Zealand in the opening ODI of the series on Friday in Auckland, Team India was anticipated to make a change. India received criticism for leaving out a bowler. However, fans were furious with captain Shikhar Dhawan and head coach VVS Laxman after Samson was cut loose to make room for all-rounder Deepak Hooda. Samson stayed on the trip for the ensuing ODI series and was eventually given a chance, scoring a respectable 38 off of 36 balls and putting together a key 96-run

partnership with Shreyas Iyer, although in a losing cause. In an effort to increase the depth of their bowling, India later sidelined him in favour of Hooda. After the match on Sunday in Hamilton, Dhawan explained why Samson was dropped. “We wanted the sixth bowler to come in, so Sanju Samson missed out and Hooda came in. And Chahar was picked because he can swing the ball really well. A few of our guys are resting but this side is still strong, showing the depth of our squad,” he explained after the match. -ANI

FIRST IN CRICKET HISTORY



## Gaikwad becomes first player to hit 7 sixes in one over

**AHMEDABAD :** Indian batter Ruturaj Gaikwad on Monday became the first-ever player to smash seven sixes in an over in cricketing history. The batter accomplished this unbelievable record during his side’s Vijay Hazare Trophy 2022 quarterfinal match against Uttar Pradesh at Narendra Modi Stadium B Ground in Ahmedabad. In the 49th over of the match bowled by Shiva Singh, Gaikwad went ballistic and smashed him for 6,6,6+No Ball,6,6,6,6. This is a total of 43 runs. Gaikwad finished with the score unbeaten 220\* in 159 balls, with 10 fours and 16 sixes.

A total 43 runs in an over is also officially the joint-highest number of runs scored in an over in cricket. In 2018-19 in New Zealand’s domestic Ford Trophy competition, Central Districts’ Willem Ludick was hit for 43 runs in an over too by Northern Districts batters. He was hit for 4,6nb,6nb,6,1,6,6,6 in one of his overs. Coming to the match, put to bat by UP, Maharashtra posted 330/5 in their 50 overs. Besides Gaikwad’s innings, Ankit Bawne (37) and Azim Kazi (37) played some crucial knocks too. Kartik Tyagi (3/66) was the pick of the bowlers. -ANI

TEST SERIES

## Stokes to donate his match fees to Pakistan flood victims

**RAWALPINDI:** Ahead of England’s first Test series in Pakistan in 17 years, skipper Ben Stokes has announced that he would donate his match fees from the Test series to the Pakistan Flood appeal. “There is a sense of responsibility amongst the playing and support group and to be here is special,” Stokes said in a tweet. “The floods that devastated Pakistan earlier this year was very sad to see and has had significant impact on the country and the people.” The monsoon season had seen the most severe flooding in Pakistan, leaving several homeless. Public facilities and schools have also been destroyed or damaged severely in the floods. The floods affected each of the four provinces in the country, causing massive destruction of unprecedented nature. Stokes wrote, “The game has given me a lot in my life and I feel it’s only right to give something back that goes far beyond cricket. I will be donating my match fees from this Test series to the Pakistan Flood appeal. Hopefully, this donation can go towards the rebuilding of areas of Pakistan most affected by the flooding.” -ANI



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ROUND-UP

# High performance SUV Audi Q7 captures hearts and trails

The tremendous capability of this model not only allows you to experience secluded sights otherwise inaccessible, but also live on the road in luxury

**MUSCAT:** Often the most cherished memories are made when you live life to the fullest each day or when you take the path less travelled. Whether you are dropping off the kids to a mall or exploring the Jebel Akhdar's mountain range with friends, the Audi Q7's great performance, spacious interiors and powerful engines give you the freedom of being you.

The tremendous capability of this model not only allows you to experience secluded sights otherwise inaccessible, but also live on the road in luxury.

If you are looking for a high performing SUV that is a winner on the tarmac, but also possesses the ability to carry you off the beaten path, then the Audi Q7 is a vehicle you must consider.

Better than the best, the Audi Q7 features capable powertrain options, innovative off-road capabilities, and advanced tech features to help you outperform even when the asphalt turns to gravel.

With a striking look that is captured the hearts of countless drivers all over the world, Audi Q7 balances off-road and on-road capability with bespoke luxury like no other vehicle. Entirely modern, and ready for all challenges, the



V6 gasoline engine in the Q7 is charged by a monoturbo. It boasts of 250 kW, 500 Nm of torque, from zero to 100 km/h in less than 6 seconds, 250 km/h top speed. The Audi Q7 is coupled with an eight-speed tiptronic and the quattro permanent all-wheel drive.

The standard mild hybrid technology plays a key part in the efficiency of the engines. In customer operation, this technology can reduce consumption by up to 0.7 liters per 100 kilometers. If the driver takes their foot off the accelerator at speeds between 55 and 160 km/h, the Audi Q7 recuperates energy, rolls in idle or coasts for up to 40 seconds with the engine switched off.

An intricately appointed interior featuring great materials and

thorough attention to detail helps owners take in their surroundings in complete comfort. Whether with five or seven seats – the Audi Q7 blends prestige with practical everyday qualities. The Audi Q7 outshines its direct competitors with interior length as well as headroom and elbow room in the front and rear. A host of storage compartments, a new compartment in the instrument panel as well as the generous load capacity provides superior practical utility value.

The Audi Q7 demonstrates the hallmark SUV elements in the current design language. It bears the large octagon-shaped Singleframe, with six upright slats providing the structure. As such, the SUV looks even more powerful. The two-part side air inlets have a much more

expressive line, just like the sill area that underscores the large SUV's ground clearance and, in turn, its off-road capabilities. The headlights, optionally in HD Matrix LED technology with Audi laser light, emphasize the width of the full-size model with their contour and light signature.

On the restyled rear, a striking aluminum strip creates the visual connection between the flat rear lights with their technical-looking graphics and carries forward the horizontal body line. The designers achieved the clear view with taut, flat surfaces, which span the entire width particularly in the license plate region.

The sporty on road and powerful off-road Audi Q7 has enhanced dynamic attributes. The electromechanical active roll stabilization is available as an option for the large SUV. With a sporty driving style, the focus is on optimum roll compensation – the tendency of the car to lean into the bend is reduced substantially. All-wheel steering is also optionally available: the rear wheels turn by up to 5 degrees in the opposite direction at low speed, which increases agility. On the highway these wheels steer slightly in the same direction to promote stability. Thanks to the combination of these high-tech systems, the Audi Q7 is extremely maneuverable, precise and agile in urban traffic and on hairpin bends. In contrast, the Q7 behaves as a highly comfortable, confident touring SUV with excellent ride comfort on freeways – particularly in conjunction with

the adaptive air suspension. It also provides variable ground clearance and prepares the Audi Q7 with its standard quattro drive for terrain off the beaten track. The appropriate off-road mode can be selected via the Audi drive select dynamic handling system with its seven profiles. Air suspension comes standard on all seven-seater Q7 models.

The cockpit architecture harmonizes perfectly with the new, digital operating concept, which incorporates two large touchscreens. They provide haptic and acoustic feedback when clicking on the touch controls.

Whether it is a family outing to the restaurant, or you are looking to explore the deserts, the Q7 will surpass every one of your expectations.

LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW



## Genesis G90 named 2023 MotorTrend Car of the Year

**MUSCAT:** MotorTrend named the 2023 Genesis G90 as its 2023 Car of the Year during the Genesis press conference at the Los Angeles International Auto Show on November 17. This marks the third time Genesis has received top honors from MotorTrend, following GV70 as 2022 SUV of the Year and G70 as 2019 Car of the Year.

"We are humbled to have our flagship G90 sedan named as 2023 MotorTrend Car of the Year," said Claudia Marquez, chief operating

officer of Genesis Motor North America. "Genesis is pleased to receive this recognition, further demonstrating the focus we place on delivering products with a level of design, performance, and refinement that customers have come to expect."

G90 competed against twenty Car of the Year contenders in MotorTrend's annual evaluation of the most competent, desirable, and capable vehicles to debut for the 2023 model year. As part of

testing, MotorTrend editors put eligible vehicles through their paces on both the street and on the test track to determine a verdict.

"We are proud to honor the Genesis G90 with our 2023 Car of the Year award," said MotorTrend Group Head of Editorial, Ed Loh. "Although Genesis is a relative newcomer to the luxury segment, the brand has been making waves with its combination of high style, sophisticated technology, and thoughtful, comprehensive approach. The flag-

ship Genesis G90 is luxury distilled, everything you see, touch and experience has been carefully considered and executed with the greatest of care. For these reasons and more, MotorTrend's 2023 Car of the Year, the Genesis G90, has set a new standard for luxury."

OTE Group is the exclusive dealer for Genesis in Oman offering excellent sales and after-sales service support, underpinned by a nationwide service network, that's on par with global standards.

ISLAMIC BANKING

## Celebrate Oman's 52nd National Day with 50% discount on Meethaq safe deposit lockers



**MUSCAT:** As part of Oman's glorious 52nd National Day celebrations, Meethaq Islamic Banking has announced a special discounted offer to its customers for safe deposit lockers wherein customers will receive a 50 per cent discount on the annual fees for the first year.

Hafawa Private Banking customers can enjoy the locker services for free for a full year under this offer. Meethaq has encouraged customers to take advantage of this attractive offer which will be valid until the end of March 2023.

On this occasion, Sami Bait Rashid, Assistant General Manager, Retail Banking – Meethaq, said, "Meethaq Islamic Banking is pleased to continue offering a wide range of exclusive offers, innovative products and services with multiple features tailored for our customers. We expect that this offer will benefit our valued customers who are keen to keep their precious belongings securely. Our valued customers will also be able to take advantage of other benefits thanks to our customer-centric strategy."

Sami Bait Rashid concluded by

expressing his happiness with the continuous confidence shown by customers for Meethaq's various services and products. He added that Meethaq would continue to innovate and keep pace with global Islamic finance trends and the needs and requirements of customers in Oman.

In line with its excellent customer-centric vision and full commitment to offer a world-class Islamic banking experience, Meethaq, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2022, has established the largest Islamic branch network in Oman consisting of 12 branches in Muscat and 12 branches across other governorates. In addition to its already excellent network of branches, Meethaq has a dedicated network of over 40 ATMs/CDMs while also providing free access to about 800 ATMs and CDMs of Bank Muscat across the country for customers to conduct their banking transactions with ease. Customers can also benefit from the world-class Mobile and Internet banking facilities as well as access to a state-of-the-art call centre, which is easily reachable at 24656666.



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# Toyota Oman announces 16th Toyota Dream Car Art Contest

The contest is open to any legal resident of Oman aged 15 years or under

**MUSCAT:** Saud Bahwan Automotive announced the 16th edition of the popular Toyota Dream Car Art Contest.

The annual event scheduled to be held across the country, is open to kids from various age groups. Winners will be awarded exciting prizes that include 43" UHD TVs, Dell i3 Laptops and more. The winners of the national contest

will be eligible to take part in the world contest. Conditions apply.

The contest is open to any legal resident of the Sultanate of Oman aged 15 years or under. Artwork can be created using any paint including water paint, colour markers, crayons and should be drawn by hand. Digitally created artwork will not be accepted.

Artwork should include a background and should be submitted on entry forms available at Toyota showrooms; Judging will be based on originality, artistic expression, concept and colouring.

All artworks should be submitted with an entry form signed by the participant and a parent or guardian. To participate, contestants are encouraged to visit any Toyota showroom to collect the drawing sheets.

The last day of submission is

December 18, 2022.

The Toyota Dream Car Art Contest has been encouraging imaginations to soar to great limits since 2004. This initiative from Toyota Motor Corporation is a social contribution that gives children an opportunity to put their imaginations on paper.

Each year the Toyota Dream Car Art Contest is held in different countries all over the world with the theme 'Your Dream Car'. The importance of recognising a dream for children is the goal, as well as, encouraging children to become interested in cars by using their creativity and imagination. Toyota has 'great hopes for the Dream Cars from the children's rich imaginative powers.

The age groups for the participants are under 8 years, 8-11 years and 12 - 15 years.



## RECOGNITION

# Asyad Shipping named Ship Manager of the Year at Maritime Standard Awards

**MUSCAT:** Asyad Shipping, the shipping arm of Asyad Group, won the Ship Manager of the Year award for 2022 at the ninth edition of The Maritime Standard Awards in Dubai, UAE.

The Maritime Standard Awards is an annually held regional event that recognises excellence in the shipping, ports and maritime industries in the Middle East and the Indian subcontinent.

More than 800 top executives, from the GCC, Asia and Europe gather to witness the prestigious awards presented to leading entities across the industry.

Commenting on this achievement, Dr Ibrahim Al Nadhairi, CEO of Asyad Shipping and Asyad Drydock, said: "This recognition is the culmination of outstanding efforts made by Asyad Group to advance our competencies in maritime transport and ensure highly competitive services in the Middle East, Africa and the Indian Subcontinent. Being named Ship Manager of the year speaks volumes of our proficiency, experience and regional leadership in managing ships and carriers of different sizes and purposes."

Al Nadhairi added that this year's award was a show of con-



sistency as Asyad Group picked up the 2021 Bulk Shipping Company of The Year award in recognition of its outstanding performance. "These accomplishments were driven by Asyad Group's efforts to provide integrated and flexible logistics solutions that suit customers who aspire to enter the MENA markets or reach regional and global markets using Oman's many advantages as a leading global lo-

gistics hub," he said.

Asyad Group was also a key participant in this year's edition of The Maritime Standard Tanker Conference which was held a day after the Awards. Asyad Shipping and Asyad Drydock CEO, Dr Ibrahim Al Nadhairi, and Asyad Shipping COO Franck J.Kayser were keynote speakers in two different panel discussions with senior policymakers and heads of major ship-

ping companies, ports and classification societies.

The two speakers highlighted the group's recovery strategies after the COVID-19 pandemic and ways to achieve sustainability in light of the environmental challenges faced by the maritime transport sector.

The CEO underlined Asyad Group's efforts and plans to promote clean energy, monitor gas emissions, and reduce waste and environmental pollution through environmental management systems. He said the group was implementing several initiatives to achieve Sustainable Development Goals in the maritime transport field. As such, Asyad Group has adopted the latest technology in its fleet for exhaust gas purification to be able to use low sulfur fuels in compliance with IMO policy, as well as deploying non-degradable silicone-based hull coating paints.

Asyad Group participates in this annual conference to showcase its policies of utilising its advanced assets and technical capabilities to ensure the flow of goods during crises and leverage the strategic geographical location of the Sultanate of Oman and its proximity to shipping lines.

## LAUNCHING NEW LUXURY PARTNERSHIP



# Muscat Bay and Mercedes-Benz Oman join hands to offer new 'Arrive in Style' promotion & transfer service

**MUSCAT:** Muscat Bay, Oman's only fully integrated resort village, recently launched its new lifestyle campaign to promote the exciting new additions and amenities it is bringing to the market as it moves to full resort operations with its new Jumeirah 5-Star Beach Resort opening. The campaign celebrates the everyday holiday experiences curated at Muscat Bay with the new slogan "Live the extraordinary. Everyday.", beautifully visualised in the newly developed website [www.muscatbay.com](http://www.muscatbay.com).

Muscat Bay has signed a partnership with Mercedes-Benz Oman to further develop its hospitality credentials by enhancing the customer arrival experience at the breathtaking, naturally beautiful resort destination. Mercedes-Benz Oman will offer luxury transfer services to interested clients wishing to tour the resort every Saturday, available from the Muscat Bay sales offices located in Mall of Oman and Shatti Waterfront.

Vice President at Muscat Bay, Jawad Sajid said, "Muscat Bay is all about cherishing the moment in a natural and beautiful way and Mercedes-Benz Oman will help us allow our clients to experience

the extraordinary landscapes and nature onsite as they arrive in style with our new elegant car brand partnership."

Donatella Donatelli, Mercedes-Benz Oman Head of Marketing & Communication, said, "We have worked with Muscat Bay successfully for many years because our clients share the same passion for a luxury lifestyle and experiences. We are very pleased to provide our top of the range models to Muscat Bay clients and this new promotion will build on these successes and help both parties grow their respective brands in a market that is now definitely on an upward trajectory."

The partnership will also include the creation of content with Mercedes-Benz models, and the formalisation of a weekend luxury transfer service between Muscat Bay's offsite sales offices, ongoing tactical promotions, onsite events and client activations.

New content will be shot at Muscat Bay outside some of its key luxury properties and beautiful beach and mountain backdrops, along with a sequence to highlight the stunning natural scenery of the arrival journey to the resort.

## RAFFLE WINNER

# Second raffle draw winners of 'Nabil Buy & Win' promotion announced

**MUSCAT:** National Biscuit Industries Ltd, manufacturers of the brand 'Nabil' with an extensive range of biscuits, cream wafers and snacks, announced 5 winners in the second round of 'Nabil Buy & Win' promotion raffle draw.

The winners of the 4g gold coin are: Ali Mahmoud Mohamed Ebrahim Ali, Shibu Tharokandy, Meheddi, Dinesh Kumar Malayil Gopalan Nair, Hamida Hamid Al Rawahi.

Congratulations to all the winners of the second raffle draw on winning the gold coins! Still, there are 3 more raffle draws to be conducted on or before 15th January. Additionally, one lucky winner will win the Mega Raffle prize - a brand-new MG RX5! So what are you waiting for? To participate and win, get your hands on Nabil products today!

How to participate: The 'Nabil Buy & Win' promotion is valid



from 15th October 2022 to 31st December 2022. To participate, Raffle coupons can be found in multipacks of Nabil Maamoul Oman, Kracklite, Sugar Free Digestive &

Relish. Each Raffle coupon has a unique code; consumers have to merely register their coupon code on [www.WinWithNabil.com](http://www.WinWithNabil.com)

This is the seventh year that

National Biscuit Industries Ltd. would be giving away a car as a bumper Raffle prize to one of its loyal patrons. The company has launched a range of new products under various brands - Relish, Cocozoo, Kracklite and Nutgestive to name a few of them. The company thanks the consumers of Oman, for their continued support and promises to offer them a wider basket of quality products at the most affordable prices.

National biscuit Industries Ltd, which is an ISO 22000:2005 and HACCP-accredited company, has, for over three decades, been producing a wide range of biscuits and Snacks. Brand Nabil is exported to over 40 countries worldwide. With the continued patronage of its loyal consumers, it has always maintained a Number One position in the biscuit segment and is truly the Pride of Oman.



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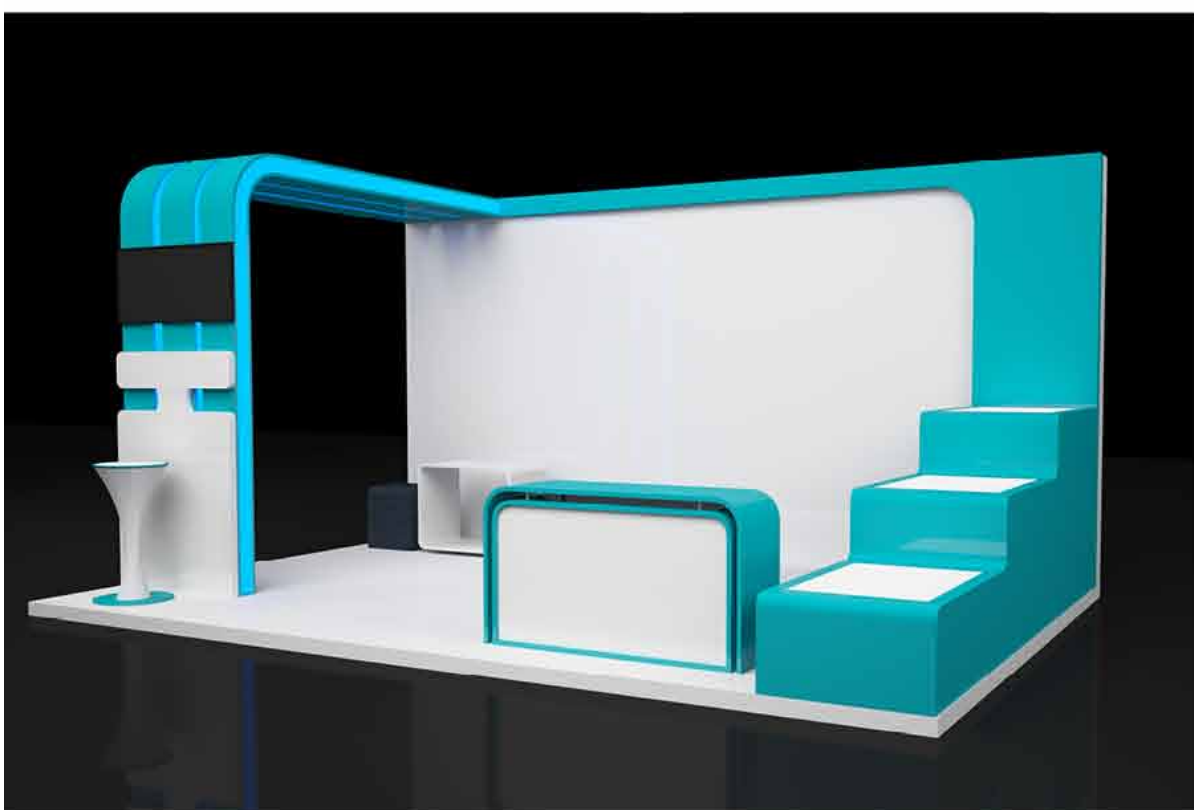
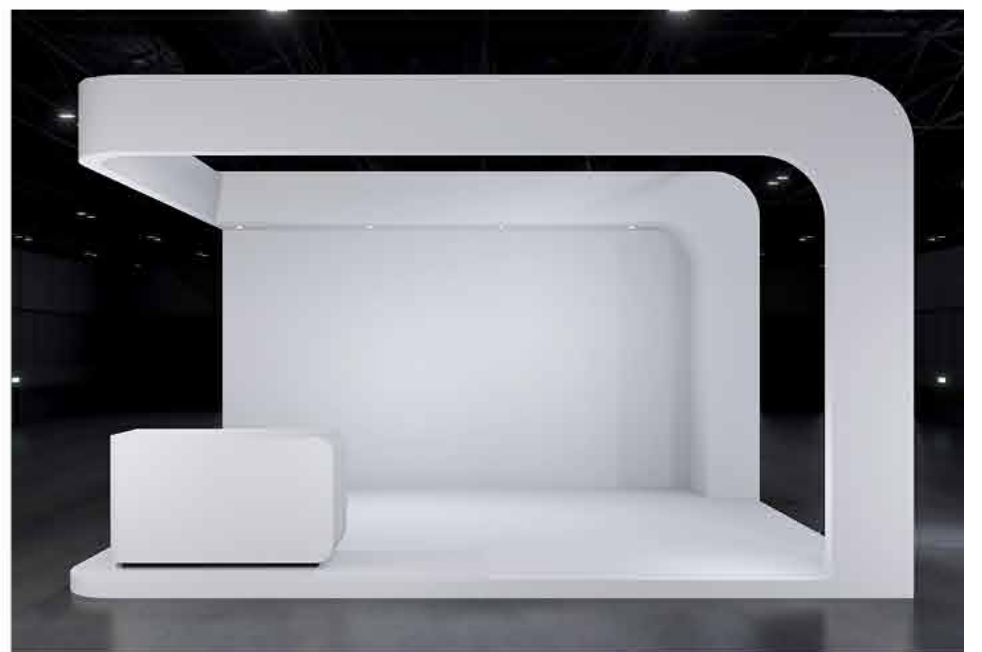
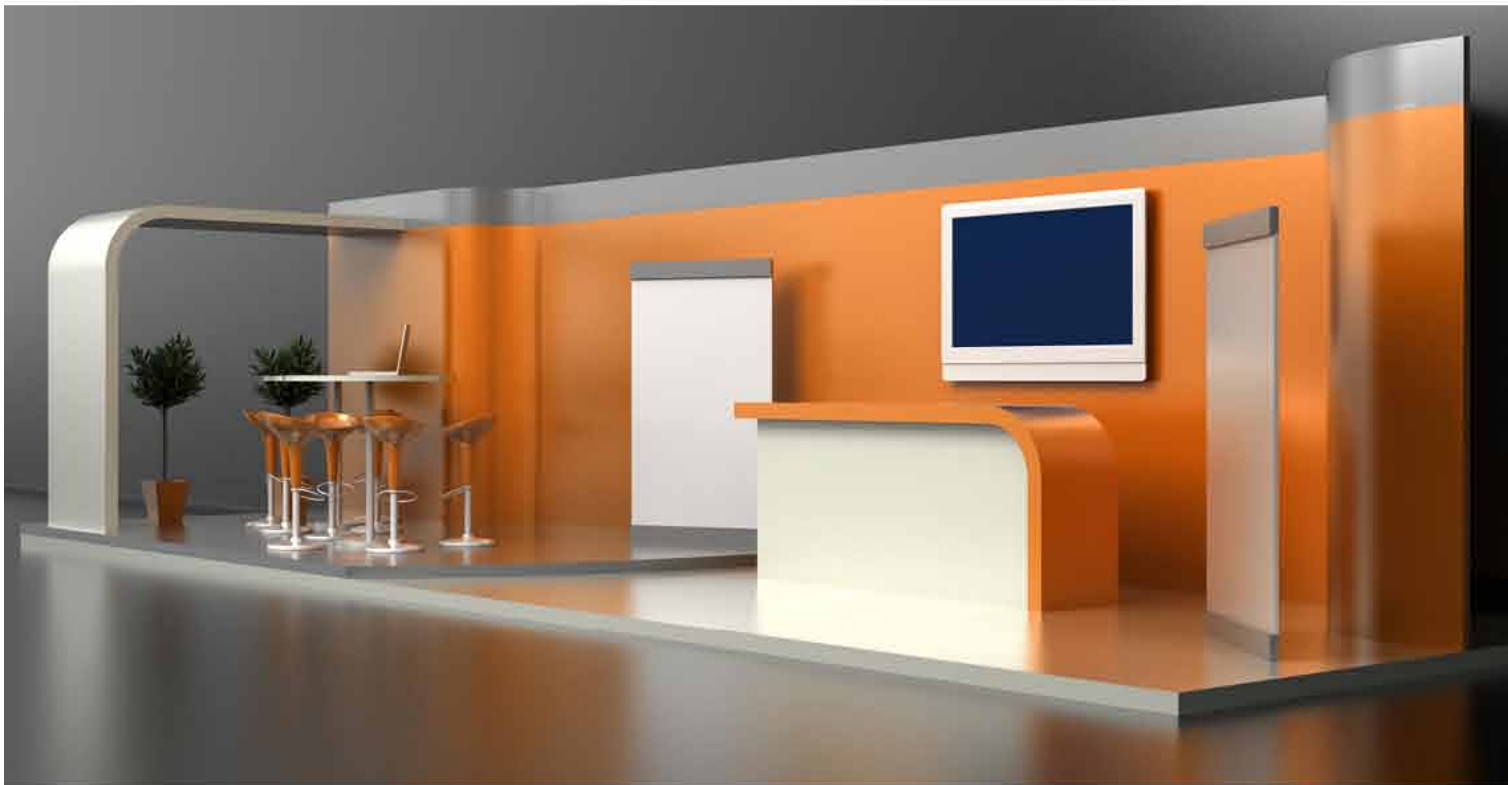
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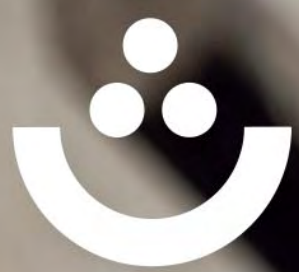


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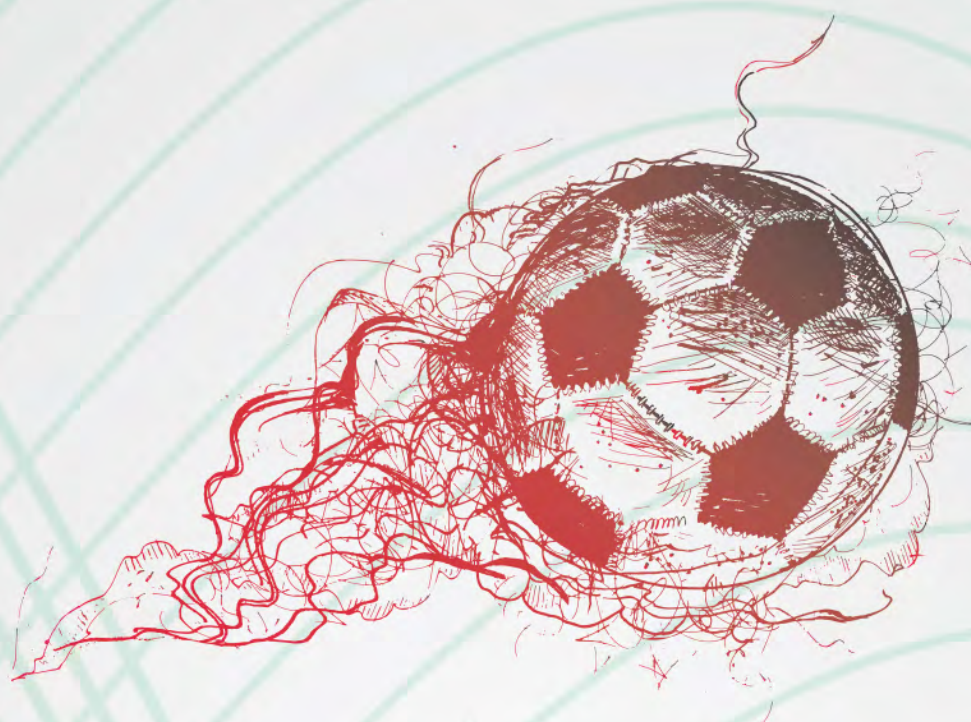


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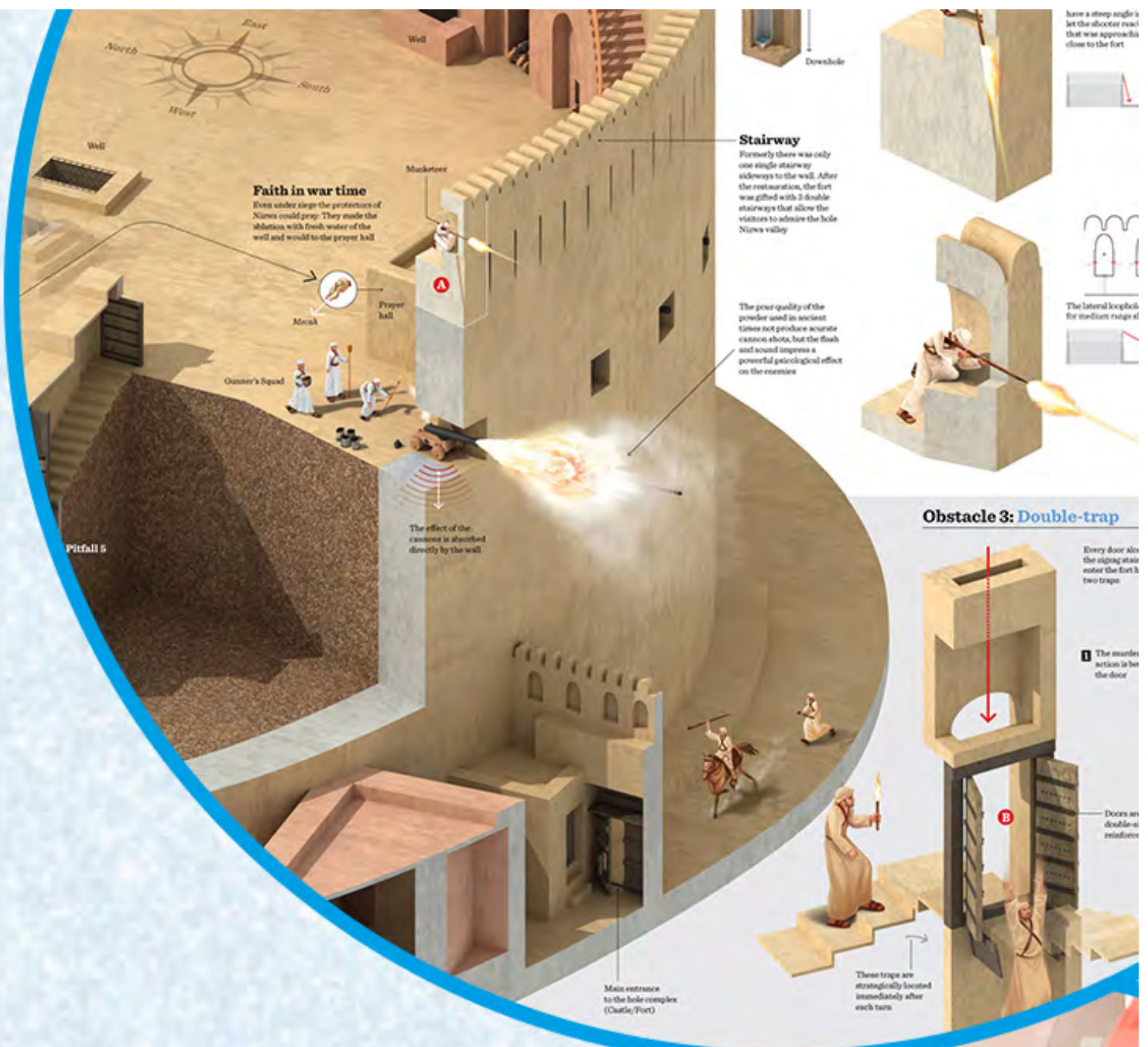
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