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HIS MAJESTY WELCOMES ENVOYS

Al Habib Abbas Abdullah, Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of President Azali Assoumani of the Union of the Comoros, accredited to the Sultanate. During the side meetings with His Majesty the Sultan, the ambassadors conveyed greetings of their countries' leaders along with their best wishes of good health, happiness and a long life to His Majesty the Sultan and the Omani people continuous progress and prosperity under the wise leadership of His Majesty. They also expressed their great honour and utmost delight to present their credentials before His Majesty the Sultan. They affirmed to exert their sincere efforts to promote relations of their countries with the Sultanate in various domains in a manner that serves the joint interests of the Omani people and their countries' peoples. His Majesty the Sultan welcomed the ambassadors, expressing his thanks for their leaders' greetings and best wishes. His Majesty affirmed to them that they would receive all support from His Majesty, the Government and the Omani people to facilitate carrying out their duties. The credentials' presentation ceremony was attended by the Minister of Diwan of Royal Court, the Foreign Minister, the Head of the Royal Protocols, the Commander of the Royal Guard of Oman and the Military Aides to His Majesty the Sultan. -ONA



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Seven-year-old becomes Oman’s youngest Olympiad winner

Reyaansh Bhasin has in the past also excelled at spelling bees, one-man plays, and poetry recitation

Times News Service

MUSCAT: A seven-year-old boy is ‘over the moon’ and ‘on cloud nine’ after becoming Oman’s youngest winner of the International General Knowledge Olympiad, a quiz in which thousands of students par-

ticipate from all across the world. Reyaansh Bhasin, a grade three student from Indian School Al Ghubra (International) recently brought home an international gold medal, a certificate of merit, as well as a cash prize for his outstanding achievements. But his success at this event was not accomplished overnight. “In my home, we really enjoy playing quizzes and testing each other’s knowledge,” he told *Times of Oman*. “My parents created a very nice atmosphere at home to encourage learning. To answer my curiosities, they’ve bought me a lot of books whenever I have asked them for some. They are the reason I was able to win this Olympiad: it would not have been possible without their support.” Reyaansh’s gift in recognition

of his success is one that will only encourage him to read and learn more about the world we live in, and the stars and space beyond. He wanted no grand celebration for his achievement but instead asked his mum and dad for a Kindle. “They gave it to me immediately, and I am so happy I won,” he said, excitedly. “I am on cloud nine right now. My inspiration and curiosity for science came from my idol, the late Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, my country’s ex-President and one of the best scientists produced by India.” His fondness for extra-curricular activities goes beyond just the purely academic, though: Reyaansh has excelled at spelling bees, one-man plays, and poetry recitation. These, however, do not come at the cost of his exams: his performances in school make him an academi-

cally brilliant child as well. Reyaansh ranked first at class, zonal, regional and international levels, but the young boy’s next challenge will come in the form of a marathon in Oman, where he will face a different sort of challenge and require endurance of an alternate nature. “I began running with my day every day for this marathon, and my stamina and endurance have been increasing little by little,” he said. “For this Olympiad, I read up a lot of science, and studied a lot of current affairs and general knowledge, but this marathon will also require me to practice every day.” “I really enjoy everything I do,” Reyaansh added. “I still can’t believe I came first, and I want to try and do well in all the competitions I enter.”



CHILD PRODIGY: Reyaansh Bhasin, a grade three student from Indian School Al Ghubra (International).

Oil prices < FROM A1 National debt to fall

While economic diversification is expected to help Oman in the long-term, this steady increase in oil prices is a welcome boon for the country in the immediate future. The country’s strategic location on the Arabian Sea, and seaports distributed across the coastline to encourage trade with other industrial countries will hasten the benefits brought through economic expansion. Deficits in Oman’s budget for 2021 were estimated to be OMR2.2 billion: spending was tagged at OMR10.9 billion, against expected revenues of OMR8.6 billion, assuming that the average price per barrel is \$45, with a daily production rate of 960,000 barrels. Murtadha Hassan, an Omani businessman said in this context: “73 per cent of Oman’s deficit

was expected to be covered by borrowing from various banks abroad, (OMR1.6 billion), and the rest (OMR594 million) was to be met by drawing from the state’s reserve funds. “Increases in the cost of a barrel of oil will reflect positively on the deficit and our national debt,” he added. “Every increase in the price of oil by even a single dollar will mean an additional income increase of \$960,000 per day, or more than \$350 million per annum, or the equivalent of OMR135 million. This will reduce the budget deficit for 2021, but we must not forget that the estimated cumulative deficit until the end of 2021 is 73.3 per cent of our gross domestic product (GDP). We must not rely on the rise in oil prices alone,” he explained.

Short films Creativity to fore at school film festival

Times News Service

MUSCAT: ‘Resilience’ directed by Tessa Susan Philip and Abdul Afnan Ashraf from Indian School Muscat won the top honour of the best short film award at the closing ceremony of the second edition of Indian School Film Festival organised by Indian School Sur under the aegis of the Board of Directors, Indian Schools in Oman on 6th February 2021. The film also bagged the coveted popular movie of the viewer’s choice, Best Screenplay, Best Actor, Best Cinematography awards. The students of Care and Special Education won the Award for the Best Documentary film. The Jury appreciated the stupendous presentation of the theme with meaningful interviews, which brought

laurels to the students and the Team CSE for their outstanding skills in weaving together numerous nuances of film-making. There were eight documentaries for the fray; they were included to mark the 50th glorious National Day of Oman, and were themed on Indo-Oman relationship. Award-winning movie director and actor R Shyama Prasad was the chief guest of the valedictory function which was presided over by Dr. Baby Sam Saamuel, Chairman, Board of Directors. Film Director and Actor. Arun Chidambaram, Popular Bollywood actress Mallika Sukumaran, were the guests of honour. Anuj Swarup, Second Secretary- Political, Education & Information, Embassy of India and Ajit Panicker, Director in Charge of Indian School Sur,

Board of Directors were the special guests at the ceremony. Addressing the online audience, Shyama Prasad said, “With the tremendous demystification of the film media, it’s now easily accessible to people; hence one should be responsible and be concerned about the message being conveyed through this powerful media”. The festival began with the virtual hoisting of Indian School Film Festival Flag, followed by prayer and lighting of the virtual lamp. The entire programme was retrospective of the colourful journey of cinema’s evolution, highlighting the different stages of the historical transformation from early inceptions till the present world of digital cinema. The students at Indian School Sur presented vibrant and fun-

filled cultural programmes to add fervour to the show. Dr. Baby Sam Saamuel, Chairman Board of Directors, said, “Films enable us to understand the world around us and help to change our work, it also enables us to act as a medium to create and drive social changes”. In his felicitation address, Director Arun Chidambaram said, “It is wonderful to have film making as a part of the curriculum in school. Students should be able to design their profession and follow their passion’. Actress Mallika Sukumaran expressed her happiness to be a part of the film festival and conveyed her wishes to the students and the schools. The trainers and Jury of the festival also expressed their excitement to be a part of ISFF 2020.

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OMAN’S COOL AND CLEAR WATERFALLS

IT IS SAID, “There is a waterfall in every dream. Cool and crystal clear, it falls gently on the sleeper, cleansing the mind and soothing the soul.” Of the many natural wonders found in Oman, the spectacular waterfalls are one of the main attractions for tourists visiting the Sultanate.

In Dhofar, Wadi Darbat waterfall is seasonal and falls from a height of 100 metres. While Ayn Khor waterfall in Raysut is known for its crystal clear water, Athom waterfall which is 15 metres in height, is located at the top of Wadi Khushaim in the east of the city of Salalah. It is accessible via the road leading to Taqah. The Ministry of Tourism has worked to improve the site of the waterfall so as to make it easier for tourists to access. Gogob waterfall in Salalah is characterised by the flow of water from different places within the same area, before it falls from the top of the mountain, collecting in pools below, providing visitors with a natural, beautiful view.

If you visit Wadi Al Hawqayn you will see the beautiful waterfalls and ever-flowing water springs. And for those visiting Wadi Tiwi once you enter the narrow streets of Mibam village and walk through the houses, you’ll see some stairs leading yo to Wadi Tiwi. From here as you walk further you will reach the Mibam waterfall at the bottom of Mibam village.

Al Hail waterfall in Wadi Al Arbaeen in Al Sharqiyah Governorate is not frequently visited by tourists as it requires a long period of walking and swimming. The waterfall at Wadi Sharja at Jabal Al Khor in Ibri is a scenic spot.



ROYAL SUPPORT

Al Bashayer camel festival kicks off



ADAM: The 4th round of Al Bashayer Arabian Camel Festival kicked off in the Wilayat of Adam, Governorate of Al Dakhiliyah on Monday. The festival is organised by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister for International Relations and Cooperation Affairs, Personal Representative of His Majesty

the Sultan, represented by Department of Al Bashayer Arabian Camel Racecourse. A wide base of 1,800 camels from the Sultanate and other GCC countries take part in the five-day event. The first day of the race witnessed 14 rounds for different categories of camels.

Al Bashayer Festival is a sports event that represents a variety of sporting, social and economic values. The festival is organised on an annual basis at Al Bashayer racecourse, which emerges this year 2021 in its new outlook after the completion of expansion works qualifying it to better host

all sorts of activities. The event highlights the Royal support accorded by His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik to Al Bashayer festival. The event also serves as an important source of livelihood to camel owners, coaches and slimming specialists. -ONA



AL BASHAYER RACECOURSE: The first day of the race witnessed 14 rounds for different categories of camels. Al Bashayer Festival is a sports event that represents a variety of sporting, social and economic values. -ONA



OIC

Oman’s envoy presents credentials as permanent representative to OIC

JEDDAH: His Highness Sayyid Faisal bin Turki Al Said, the Sultanate’s Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, presented his credentials as the Sultanate’s permanent representative to the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). This came when Dr. Yousef Ahmed Al-Othaimeen, OIC Secretary General received Sayyid Faisal at the OIC Secretariat General on Monday. The meeting touched on means of promoting relations between the Sultanate and OIC and matters of common concern. -ONA



His Highness Sayyid Faisal bin Turki Al Said, the Sultanate's Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, presented his credentials to the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation. - ONA

4TH ANNUAL CAMEL FESTIVAL

First smart camel auction application launched

ADAM: The first smart camel auction application of its kind in the Sultanate was launched on Monday. The app offers a variety of services to race camel owners engaged in auctioning, reproduction and herding of camels.

The launch of the programme took place at Al Bashayer racecourse in the Wilayat of Adam, Al Dakhiliyah.

First in the GCC region

The app is also the first in the GCC region and it coincides with the events of the 4th annual Al Bashayer Camel Festival. Designed to meet all the needs of users, the app helps address the challenges posed by coronavirus pandemic. Besides facilitating sale and purchase of camels, the app also highlights the



LAUNCHED: The app is also the first in the GCC region and it coincides with the events of the 4th annual Al Bashayer Camel Festival. -ONA

top pedigrees, recounting their ancestry and describing their performance. The application is compatible

to smart phones and it enables sale and purchase of camels without the need for agents. -ONA

ARGENTINE PRESIDENT

HM sends condolences

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik has sent a cable of condolences to President Alberto Fernandez of the Argentine Republic on the death of the Former President of Argentine Carlos

Menem. In the cable, His Majesty expressed his sincere condolences and sympathy to President Fernandez, the deceased’s family and the friendly people of Argentine. - ONA

REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

His Majesty sends greetings

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik has sent a cable of greetings to President Gitanas Nauseda of the Republic of Lithuania on the occasion of his country’s National Day. In the cable,

His Majesty the Sultan expressed his sincere greetings and best wishes of good health and happiness to President Nauseda, and the friendly people of Lithuania further progress and growth. - ONA

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NEW CORONAVIRUS VARIANT

French hospitals set to go into crisis mode

PARIS: France is preparing regional health agencies and hospitals to enter “crisis organisation” to deal with a possible surge in infections from the new coronavirus variants, *Le Journal Du Dimanche* has reported.

The move involves increasing the number of available hospital beds, delaying non-urgent surgery and mobilising all medical staff. It

echoes measures taken in March and November last year, when the country went into lockdown.

“This crisis organisation must be implemented in each region, regardless of the level of hospital stress and must be operational from Thursday Feb. 18,” the DGS health authority said in a memo cited by the publication Sunday.

France has the sixth-highest

COVID-19 caseload in the world. The virus variant first detected in Britain accounted for 25% of confirmed new infections in France.

Europe aims to roll out vaccines to everyone who wants one by the end of the summer, EU Internal Market Commissioner Thierry Breton said on Monday.

The EU vaccine roll-out has so far been marred by supply chain

issues, resulting in a much lower vaccination rate than other places such as the UK and Israel.

Germany has partially closed its borders with the Czech Republic and Austria’s Tyrol following a disturbing rise in coronavirus mutations. The decision comes despite protests from the EU. — DW

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UK PM under rising pressure to lift all COVID-19 lockdown

LONDON: British Prime Minister Boris Johnson is under mounting pressure to lift all COVID-19 lockdowns in two and a half months as lockdown-sceptic Tories called on him to commit to a timetable for easing the restrictions with a complete end to controls by the end of April.

In a letter to the prime minister, leaders of the Covid Recovery Group (CRG) said the “tremendous pace” of the vaccination rollout means restrictions in England should begin easing from early March, the London-based Evening Standard newspaper reported on Sunday.

They said ministers must produce a cost-benefit analysis to justify any controls that remain in place after that date, with a “road-map” stating when they would be removed.

The letter was organised by the CRG chair and deputy chair, Mark Harper and Steve Baker, and was said to have the backing of 63 Conservative Party lawmakers in all.

The letter was sent to the prime minister at a time when a government scientific advisor warned that Britain could face another coronavirus wave as big as the current one if lockdown re-



strictions were all lifted.

Professor Steven Riley, a member of the Scientific Pandemic Influenza Group on Modelling, has said the rollout of the vaccination program did not mean coronavirus controls could be dropped.

“No vaccine is perfect,” he told a BBC radio program. “We are certainly going to be in the situation where we can allow more infection in the community but there is a limit.”

“If for some reason we were to choose to just pretend it (coronavirus) wasn’t here any more then there is the potential to go back to a wave that is a similar size to the one that we are in now,” he added.

— Xinhua

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The president was speaking on the third anniversary of a shooting at a school in Florida in which 17 people were killed by a 19-year-old gunman

FLORIDA: US President Joe Biden on Sunday asked Congress lawmakers to reform the country’s lax gun laws in a statement marking the third anniversary of a shooting at a school in Florida in which 17 people were killed by a 19-year-old gunman.

“This administration will not wait for the next mass shooting to heed that call. We will take action to end our epidemic of gun violence and make our schools and communities safer,” the statement said.

Biden is calling on Congress to



PARKLAND MASSACRE: The shooter in the Parkland massacre, Nikolas Cruz, was armed with an AR-15-style rifle during the Valentine Day’s attack at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, where he had been a student. — DW

pass laws that would require background checks on all gun sales and ban assault weapons and high-capacity magazines, as well as making gun manufacturers liable for the part their products play in shooting incidents.

Calls for reform

The confessed shooter in the Parkland massacre, Nikolas Cruz, was armed with an AR-15-style rifle during the Valentine Day’s attack at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas

High School, where he had been a student. Although he was known to have had mental health problems, he was able to purchase the weapon legally.

He is still awaiting trial.

The shooting, which killed 14 students and three adult staff, sparked fresh calls for firearms control. But new gun control legislation passed by the Democrats in the House of Representatives in the wake of the Parkland shooting was blocked by

the Republican-controlled Senate at the time.

Democratic Speaker Nancy Pelosi said on Sunday, however, that the House would try again.

“We will enact these and other lifesaving bills and deliver the progress that the Parkland community and the American people deserve and demand,” she said in a statement.

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AFGHANISTAN-IRAN BORDER

Over 100 tankers destroyed

HERAT: Over 100 tankers burst into flames at the Afghanistan-Iranian border on Saturday afternoon after a fuel truck exploded, Afghan officials reported.

Citing the officials, *The New York Times* reported that they had not determined what caused the first tanker to explode at the Islam-Qala customs post on the border with Iran shortly after noon. They expressed alarm on Saturday evening that the fire was rapidly spreading at the congested customs complex and could engulf hundreds of more tankers lined up at the border. Officials in Herat said they could not confirm media reports that up to 500 tankers had already burned and that the blaze had spread to the Iranian customs post on the other side of the border.

At least 17 people were injured, with the number of casualties expected to rise, said Mohammad Rafiq Sherzay, the provincial public health spokesman. — **ANI**

EXTRA TROOPS

Myanmar military deploys armoured vehicles in cities

NAYPYITAW: Security forces in Myanmar deployed extra troops and armoured vehicles around the country on Monday after cutting off access to the nation's Internet.

The military has continuously ramped up its efforts to quell nationwide demonstrations, as protesters, who demand the release of Suu Kyi, refuse to step down.

Meanwhile, the detention of Myanmar's former de facto leader Aung San Suu Kyi has been extended until Wednesday, as opposed to Monday, as previously thought, her lawyer said.

Extra troops were seen in key locations of Yangon, the nation's commercial hub and biggest city, including armored personnel carriers near the central bank. Demonstrators still took to the streets on Monday despite the military presence. Suu Kyi's detention was due to expire on Monday, but her lawyer, Khin Maung Zaw, said that a judge at a court in the capital, Naypyitaw, said she was remanded until February 17.

"Whether it is fair or not, you can decide yourself," Khin Maung Zaw said. A member of the lawyer's team said the judge had spoken with Suu Kyi via video chat, and she had asked if she could hire a lawyer.

Suu Kyi's extended detention is likely to raise tensions between the military, which seized power in a coup on Feb. 1, and demonstrators. Hundreds of thousands of protesters have taken to the streets to denounce the coup and call for a return to the government that they elected.

Suu Kyi had been expected to face a court on Monday in connection with charges of illegally importing six walkie-talkie radios, her lawyer said.

On Monday, thousands protested in Mandalay, the country's second-largest city, chanting and holding signs that said "Free our leader," "Who stands with justice?" and "Stop arresting people illegally at midnight."

In Yangon, however, fewer protesters gathered than in Mandalay, due to Monday morning's internet cuts and reports of armored vehicles on the streets. Internet access was mostly restored around 9am local time, residents reported. — **dw**





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DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 2020

Dear Shareholders,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I have the pleasure in presenting the annual report of your Company along with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2020.

At the outset, I hope you and your family are safe. We are indeed living through very unusual times and as the disruption continues unabated your Company is ensuring business continuity. The health and safety of our employees, customers and immediate community will remain our priority. Despite uncertain global economic circumstances and pandemic situation, the year 2020 has ended on a positive note with both the Container terminal and the General Cargo terminal showing consistent performance.

Operational Overview

During the year 2020 the container terminal handled record breaking volume of 4.344 million TEUs (2019: 4.109 million TEUs), a growth of 6%. The company has retained all major customers and Maersk's contribution to the total business has remained consistent throughout the year.

The growth of container volumes in the Port, compared to 2019 was despite the COVID -19 pandemic, and was a reflection of strong demand globally driven by high consumption in some key markets.

The Company's General Cargo segment handled 15.296 million tons during 2020 as compared to 16.278 million during 2019 which was a drop of 6%. The overall general cargo volume decrease is mainly due to lower demand in export markets for gypsum and limestone. The impact was felt most during the second and third quarter of 2020 as the Covid -19 pandemic unfolded. The general cargo volumes handled at Berth 31 have been included in the container terminal financials, as in the previous year, due to the conversion of the berth into a multipurpose terminal facility.

The Company's top priority is ensuring the safety of its employees, contractors and customers, and to this end, the Company continues to invest in technology and infrastructure to minimize the risk. The Company continues to focus improvements through various initiatives to maintain operations of a world-class terminal and has maintained consistent productivity levels.

Financial Overview

The consolidated revenue YTD 2020 are recorded at RO 65.606 million, an increase of 1% over the corresponding period last year.

Consolidated EBITDA was recorded at RO 18.021 million (excluding extraordinary items such as insurance income) which corresponds to an EBITDA margin of 27.5%. This compares to RO 17.678 million (a margin of 27.3%) during corresponding period last year. The operational margin was impacted by lower GCT volumes and lower marine revenues due to reduced vessel traffic and port stay impacting revenue but compensated by the higher container traffic. Additionally, the increase in expenses compared to 2019 mainly due to increases in staff costs, concession related costs, insurance premiums, was partially offset by lower fuel costs.

Consolidated Net Profit was recorded at RO 14.807 million YTD 2020, as compared to RO 5.673 million during corresponding period last year. In May 2018, Port of Salalah was impacted by Cyclone Mekunu that caused property damage, increased cost of working, and business interruption. SPS reached a settlement with the insurance parties for USD 68.13m (OMR 26.20m) for loss and damage compensation, which was accepted by SPS Board in February 2020. An advance payment of USD 38.5m (OMR 14.80m) was already received and accounted for in 2018. The balance of USD 29.63m (OMR 11.40m) has been received and recognized in 2020. During 2020, your company distributed 20 baiza per share annual dividend pertaining to year 2019. Taking into account various capital expenditure plans to meet the equipment life cycle requirements and port improvement needs, as well as the volatile market conditions for international trade the Board of Directors are pleased to recommend the distribution of dividend of 25 baiza per share on the paid-up equity share capital of the company, resulting in a total cash disbursement of RO 4.496 million.

Dividend history for the last 5 years

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Dividend %	20%	20%	15%	15%	20%
Cash Outlay (RO'000)	3,597	3,597	2,698	2,698	3,597

Employee Development

Our people contribute to the success of the company. In order for the company to stay competitive it needs to remain at the cutting edge of the industry with continued education on procedures, technologies and best practices. The company continues to invest in training and development of its workers, with a focus on enhancing the Omanization and skills development of local talent.

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

Port of Salalah strongly believes in a CSR program that is aligned with the pillars of sustainability and volunteerism and it is fundamental to our business. The company has invested RO 97,830 in CSR initiatives during 2020 contributing to the local Dhofar region in which we operate as well as segments of communities requiring support. Impacting the local Dhofar region and benefiting the larger segments of communities requiring support are the guiding posts of the company's CSR program.

Future Outlook

The global economy is expected to expand 5.5% in 2021, assuming an initial COVID-19 vaccine rollout becomes widespread throughout the year. Aggregate GDP in emerging market and developing economies, including China, is expected to grow 5% in 2021, after a contraction of 2.6% in 2020. China's economy is expected to expand by 7.9% this year following 2% growth last year. Excluding China, emerging market and developing economies are forecast to expand 3.4% in 2021 after a contraction of 5% in 2020. Among low-income economies, activity is projected to increase 3.3% in 2021, after a contraction of 0.9% in 2020. (Source the World Bank in its January 2021 Global Economic Prospects.)

As for container shipping, carriers struggled with uncertainty in the first half of 2020 due to the caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. In the second half, carrier conditions were boosted by sustained capacity discipline, strong trade developments, as well as low fuel prices. Carriers are expected to hold on to this more disciplined approach to capacity management in 2021 with an attempt to hold the rates from dropping down to the past lows.

The strong performance of 2020 is expected to continue into the first part of 2021. Consumption is showing signs of recovery globally which will have a positive impact on our transshipment volume. However, the economic reforms and austerity measures, coupled with the decision to implement a VAT in Oman, will potentially impact domestic demand.

As for 2021 outlook for General cargo, dry bulk shipping has seen a strong comeback after a dip due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The recovery was further fueled by the recent surge in the demand for commodities after the stimulus package from various economies came into play. The year started on a very positive note with all the key commodities performing well and forecasts strong. Limestone is also forecasted to show a recovery in 2021. Bagged cement forecast remains bullish with expected volume forecast of 1million MT in 2021 as the construction activities picks up. Liquid movements are also looking positive as the Salalah LPG will be operational by Q1 2021.

Conclusion

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the shareholders of the company, I record the sincere appreciation and gratitude to His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tariq, for his strategic vision, leadership and his continued support. I also thank our customers, investors, Lenders and the members of the government we work together with daily.

Lastly, but certainly not the least, I place on record our appreciation for the contributions made by our employees in achieving the level of performance in 2020. Our consistent growth was possible by their hard work, solidarity, cooperation and support in what was a very challenging year for all.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

Braik Musallam Al Amri
Deputy Chairman of Board of Directors,
Salalah Port Services Co. SAOG

February 11, 2021

AUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2020

Parent Company		Consolidated		Parent Company		Consolidated	
2019	2020	2019	2020	2020	2019	2020	2019
US \$ '000	US \$ '000	US \$ '000	US \$ '000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000
ASSETS							
Non Current Assets							
158,398	137,859	158,670	138,110	53,023	60,921	53,119	61,027
32,734	28,786	32,734	28,874	11,072	12,590	11,105	12,590
330	292	330	292	113	127	113	127
312	546	-	-	210	120	-	-
191,774	167,483	191,734	167,276	64,418	73,758	64,337	73,744
Current Assets							
4,616	6,613	4,616	6,613	2,543	1,775	2,543	1,775
4,724	5,024	4,724	5,024	1,931	1,817	1,931	1,817
23,553	13,234	23,552	13,234	5,090	9,056	5,090	9,055
3,676	2,345	3,676	2,345	902	1,414	902	1,414
52,000	23,400	52,000	23,400	9,000	20,000	9,000	20,000
11,240	97,298	11,240	97,298	37,422	4,323	37,422	4,323
99,809	147,914	99,808	147,914	56,888	38,385	56,888	38,384
900	-	900	-	-	346	-	346
100,709	147,914	100,708	147,914	56,888	38,731	56,888	38,730
292,483	315,397	292,442	315,190	121,306	112,489	121,225	112,474
TOTAL ASSETS							
EQUITY							
46,758	46,758	46,758	46,758	17,984	17,984	17,984	17,984
7,666	7,666	7,666	7,666	2,949	2,949	2,949	2,949
15,584	15,584	15,584	15,584	5,904	5,904	5,904	5,904
89,602	1,18,700	90,138	1,19,218	45,652	34,460	45,849	34,665
159,610	188,708	160,146	189,226	72,579	61,387	72,776	61,592
-	-	174	-	-	-	-	64
159,610	188,708	160,320	189,226	72,579	61,387	72,776	61,656
LIABILITIES							
Non Current Liabilities							
29,481	26,798	29,481	26,891	10,306	11,339	10,343	11,339
8,681	9,453	8,681	9,453	3,636	3,339	3,636	3,339
14,188	12,013	14,178	12,002	4,620	5,457	4,616	5,453
52,350	48,264	52,340	48,346	18,562	20,135	18,595	20,131
Current Liabilities							
4,716	4,716	4,716	4,716	1,814	1,814	1,814	1,814
48,751	45,118	47,946	44,301	17,354	18,747	17,040	18,455
22,942	19,600	22,942	19,600	7,573	8,824	7,573	8,824
4,114	8,901	4,178	8,911	3,424	1,582	3,427	1,594
80,523	78,425	79,782	77,618	30,165	30,967	29,854	30,687
132,873	126,689	132,122	125,964	48,727	51,102	48,449	50,818
292,483	315,397	292,442	315,190	121,306	112,489	121,225	112,474
0.90	1.05	0.89	1.05	0.40	0.34	0.40	0.34

AUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

Parent Company		Consolidated		Parent Company		Consolidated	
2019	2020	2019	2020	2020	2019	2020	2019
US \$ '000	US \$ '000	US \$ '000	US \$ '000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000
168,001	170,463	168,282	170,575	65,563	64,616	65,606	64,724
(105,048)	(110,160)	(105,048)	(110,160)	(42,368)	(40,406)	(42,368)	(40,406)
(18,061)	(21,619)	(18,118)	(21,655)	(8,314)	(6,947)	(8,328)	(6,969)
(25,753)	(24,460)	(25,772)	(24,472)	(9,407)	(9,902)	(9,413)	(9,911)
(524)	(844)	(524)	(844)	(326)	(202)	(326)	(202)
5,479	986	5,479	986	379	2,107	379	2,107
24,094	14,366	24,299	14,430	5,527	9,266	5,550	9,343
(7,350)	-	(7,350)	-	-	(2,827)	-	(2,827)
-	29,633	-	29,633	11,397	-	11,397	-
(2,363)	3,034	(2,363)	3,034	1,167	947	1,167	947
16,841	44,887	17,046	44,945	(826)	(909)	(828)	(909)
(2,269)	(6,437)	(2,290)	(6,445)	17,265	6,477	17,286	6,554
14,572	38,450	14,756	38,500	(2,476)	(873)	(2,479)	(881)
14,572	38,450	14,756	38,500	14,789	5,604	14,807	5,673
14,572	38,450	14,752	38,500	-	-	-	-
-	-	4	-	14,789	5,604	14,807	5,672
14,572	38,450	14,752	38,500	-	-	-	1
-	-	4	-	14,789	5,604	14,807	5,672
14,572	38,450	14,756	38,500	-	-	-	-
0.08	0.21	0.08	0.21	0.08	0.03	0.08	0.03

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

OMAN CRUDE PRICE RISES

The price of Oman oil has increased, with prices for delivery by April 2021 reaching \$62.54, said Dubai Mercantile Exchange (DME). The DME statement said that the price of Oman oil rose by \$2.68 from the price of Friday, which was \$59.86. - OMA

MARKET
BUSINESS & FINANCE



MSM INDEX ENDS HIGHER

The MSM index closed at 3,566.57 points, up 0.29 per cent from the previous close. The Sharia Index ended down 0.21 per cent at 532.79 points. National Life Insurance, up 3.17 per cent, was the top gainer while Madina Takaful, down 2.25 per cent, was the top loser.

Oman's inflation falls marginally in January

At the governorate level, Al Dakhiliyah witnessed the highest rate of decline in inflation by 2.10%

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The inflation rate in the Sultanate fell by 1.57 per cent in January 2021 compared to the same month of 2020, according to the latest official data released by the National Centre for Statistics & Information (NCSI) about Consumer Price Index (CPI).

According to the report, the inflation rate in January 2021 rose by 0.01 per cent compared to December 2020. The prices of recreation and culture group increased by 0.33 per cent, miscellaneous goods and services group by 0.19 per cent, the group of furnishings, household equipment and routing household maintenance group by 0.12 per cent, the housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels group by 0.05 per cent, the food and non-alcoholic beverages group by 0.02 per cent.

In contrast, the transport group



NCSI DATA: The decrease in the price index in January 2021 compared to the same month of 2020 is due to a decrease in the prices of the main groups such as the transportation group by 6.87 per cent, the food and non-alcoholic beverages group by 0.75 per cent. - Supplied picture

fell by 0.10 per cent, communication group by 0.03 per cent, restaurants and hotels by 0.01 per cent, in January 2021 compared to December 2020, and the prices of tobacco, health, and education group were stable.

The decrease in the price index in January 2021 compared to the same month of 2020 is due to a decrease in the prices of the main groups such as the transportation group by 6.87 per cent, the food and non-alcoholic beverages group by 0.75 per cent, the cloth-

ing and footwear group by 0.72 per cent, the restaurants and hotels group by 0.36 per cent, the group of furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance by 0.11 per cent, as well as the communications group by 0.04 per cent.

On the other hand, the prices of the group of miscellaneous goods and services increased by 1.27 per cent, the recreation and culture group by 0.67 per cent, the education group by 0.08 per cent, and the housing, water, electricity, gas and

other fuels group by 0.05 per cent.

At the governorate level, Al Dakhiliyah Governorate witnessed the highest rate of decline in inflation by 2.10 per cent, followed by the North Al Batinah governorates by 1.76 per cent, then Al Buraimi Governorate by 1.72 per cent, then the North and South Al Sharqiyah governorates by 1.57 per cent and the Al Dhahirah Governorate by 1.52 per cent, and the rate of decline was in Dhofar Governorate 1.45 per cent and Muscat Governorate by 1.36 per cent.

HSBC REPORT

Measures outlined for Gulf chemicals sector to switch to a sustainable future

Times News Service

MUSCAT: A report from HSBC outlines the measures that need to be taken for the GCC chemicals sector to transition to a more sustainable future.

The chemicals sector is one of the largest and most economically important industries in the world, employing 15 million people directly and over 60 million people indirectly. Chemical products are found in every aspect of modern life- in the energy systems powering our cities, in the fertilisers and pesticides used in modern agriculture, in pharmaceutical development, in construction, and in most of the consumer goods we use on a day-to-day basis.

However, the industry has also had significant adverse impacts on the environment and is a major contributor to the greenhouse emissions that are responsible for climate change. In 2018, the industry's total CO2 emissions accounted for almost 5 per cent of the total greenhouse gas emissions in the region - very close to the share of petroleum refining and cement production.

"In line with the Omani government's 2040 vision, which aims to reach green and circular economy that is responsive to national needs, we are committed to helping our customers in their transition to lower carbon emissions. Our recent announcement of the formation of a dedicated Sustainable and Tran-



sition Finance Team for the Middle East underlines our commitment to achieving this objective," said Simon Adcock, Head of Commercial Banking at HSBC Bank Oman.

The chemicals industry is the second-largest manufacturing sector in the GCC countries, producing over \$108 billion worth of products a year. Oman's chemicals sector has the highest contribution to GDP among the GCC countries, at 5.1 per cent in 2018.

Governments and corporates in the region are adjusting their national visions towards sustainability

for the chemicals sector, and have started shifting their strategies to adopt more sustainable practices.

However, the report outlines a multi-disciplinary approach to meaningfully reduce the negative impact of the chemicals sector on the environment, where all stakeholders in the industry have an important role to play in reducing harmful emissions and waste. This includes:

Consumers could minimise the demand for single-use plastic products, subsequently incentivising chemical companies to

develop alternative and circular economy products.

Governments could introduce policy and legislation that mandates the transition towards a sustainable chemicals sector for companies and consumers.

The financial sector could promote sustainable finance by adopting new financial mechanisms such as transition bonds and loans, and sustainability linked loans; instruments developed specifically for businesses who are trying to make the transition towards a sustainable chemicals sector.

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In line with the Omani government's 2040 vision, which aims to reach green and circular economy that is responsive to national needs, we are committed to helping our customers in their transition to lower carbon emissions

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EQUITY INDICES



SENSEX: The BSE S&P Sensex closed 610 points or 1.18 per cent higher at 52,154 while the Nifty 50 advanced by 151 points or 1 per cent to 15,315. - File picture

India's Sensex closes above 52,000 mark for first time ever

MUMBAI: Contained coronavirus infections and some broad indications of a rebound in economic activity boosted investor confidence in India on Monday with key equity indices trading at fresh lifetime highs.

Besides, firm global cues led to banking and financial stocks to garner handsome gains.

The BSE S&P Sensex closed 610 points or 1.18 per cent higher at 52,154 while the Nifty 50 advanced by 151 points or 1 per cent to 15,315.

Sectoral indices at the National Stock Exchange were

mixed with Nifty private bank up by 3.2 per cent, PSU bank by 2.2 per cent and financial service by 2.8 per cent. But Nifty metal was down by 0.4 per cent and pharma by 0.3 per cent.

Among stocks, Axis Bank moved up by 6.2 per cent to Rs 797 per share. ICICI Bank edged higher by 4.1 per cent, IndusInd Bank by 3 per cent and HDFC Bank by 2 per cent.

State Bank of India was up by 3.4 per cent to Rs 406.75 per share while Bajaj Finance ticked up by 3.64 per cent and home loan lender HDFC by 2.5 per cent. - ANI

PARTNERSHIP

Agreement signed to train young Omani job seekers

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Oman LNG Development Foundation signed a partnership agreement with Outward Bound Oman to train a number of young job seekers and equip them with a number of essential basic skills and work ethics.

This partnership comes within the efforts of the Oman LNG Company to develop human capital in the Sultanate as part of its responsibility towards society. Participants will be involved in a unique learning experience outdoors along with a series of lectures and activities which will enhance key skills required by employers in the job market with a focus on core business ethics.

The agreement was signed by Dr Amor Al-Mataani, CEO of Oman LNG Development Foundation, and Suleiman bin Masoud Al-Harhi, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Outward Bound Oman.

"Through such agreement, Oman LNG aims to translate its commitment towards society by providing support to the youth and developing their capabilities. We are pleased to partner with Outward Bound over the years as we share a mutual determination to enhance and advocate the skills and talents of Oman's

promising youth. This facilitates In-Country Value and supports the local economy," Dr Amor Al-Mataani, CEO of Oman LNG Development Foundation.

"Our partners are an important element in the success story of Outward Bound Oman, through their social investment programmes to support Omani youth and finance the training courses of Outward Bound. This will definitively enhance youth's skills and capabilities, providing the country with a qualified and conscious human capital," Outward Bound Oman Chairman Suleiman Al-Harhi.

Since being established in Oman in 2009, Outward Bound Oman has delivered training for more than 16,000 individuals. In 2014, it was further established by Ministerial Decision, and recently the second of three National Training Centres opened in Al Khoud, following the first centre in Al Sharqiyah desert. The third training centre, located on Jebel Akhdar, will open by the end of 2021.

Outside its operations, Oman LNG, through its Development Foundation, is also contributing to human resource development in Oman through strategic partnerships with several entities from both public and private sectors.

STATE-OF-THE-ART FEATURES

NBO's mobile app makes banking easier and more seamless than ever



Times News Service

MUSCAT: Continuing to position the Sultanate's banking industry at the forefront of innovation and digitalisation, National Bank of Oman (NBO) has upgraded its award-winning mobile app with a host of new state-of-the-art features.

Centred on the premise of making its customers' lives easier, the latest functions on the app include the ability to reset their debit, credit or prepaid card PINs on their phones, saving the hassle of going to an ATM, request to replace a debit card, transfer receipts for instant sharing, and tap and share account information for quicker

transactions. As part of its leading position in the market, the bank is constantly building on its portfolio of digital and user-friendly solutions, while catering to the evolving demands of its customers.

Abdul Karim Al Hinai, Chief Transformation Officer at NBO, said, "The last year has changed the way our customers interact with banking and we have seen an exponential growth of online services and use of the mobile app. NBO has been at the top of this growth and, as we continue on our journey towards becoming a fully digitally-enabled bank, we continue to find ways to make the experience seamless, inclusive, and

altogether more enjoyable."

Keen to adopt the latest technologies and stay ahead of the curve, NBO is constantly enhancing its digital channels to enable customers to manage their money in a way that is tailored to their specific and changing needs. Its easy-to-use mobile app is available around the clock, facilitating a range of everyday tasks to be completed, including opening accounts, paying utility and credit card bills, Paying using the Mobile App at stores/shops that support QR payment, locating branches and ATMs, applying for products such as the Easy Payment Plan (EPP), and making local and international money transfers.

MARKET

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A total number of 339 trades were executed during the day's trading session, generating a turnover of OMR1.24 million, with more than 9.04 million shares changing hands. Out of 41 traded stocks, 8 advanced, 9 declined and 24 remained unchanged. At the session close, local investors were net buyers for OMR126,000 while foreign investors were net sellers for

OMR81,000 followed by GCC & Arab investors for OMR45,000 worth of shares.

Financial Index closed at 5,331.33 points, up by 0.74 per cent. National Life Insurance, Sohar International Bank, HSBC Bank Oman, National Bank of Oman and Bank Nizwa were up by 3.17 per cent, 2.70 per cent, 2.50 per cent, 2.36 per cent and 2.08 per cent respectively. Madina Takaful, Sharqia Investment, and Bank Muscat were down by 2.25 per cent, 1.37 per cent and 0.50 per cent respectively.

Industrial Index closed at 4,652.58 points, down 0.04 per cent. Gulf International and Voltamp Energy were down by 1.87 per cent and 0.96 per cent respectively.

Services index was down by 0.47 per cent before closing at 1,562.14 points. — United Securities

OMAN STOCKS

MUSCAT SECURITIES MARKET

INDICES

Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff	Diff%
MSM 30 INDEX	3,578.77	3,562.44	3,566.58	3,556.41	10.17	0.29
FINANCIAL INDEX	5,337.12	5,303.77	5,331.33	5,291.99	39.34	0.74
Services Index	1,567.67	1,559.19	1,562.15	1,569.54	-7.40	-0.47
Industry Index	4,654.61	4,652.59	4,652.59	4,654.61	-2.02	-0.04
MSM Shariah Index	534.99	532.79	532.79	533.90	-1.11	-0.21
MSM TR INDEX	4,084.19	4,065.55	4,070.27	4,058.66	11.61	0.29

Trading Summary

Volume	Turnover	Trades	Market Cap	Up	Down	Equal	Sec. Traded
9,042,807	1,243,292	339	20,218,757,762	8	9	24	41

SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR.	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF (RD)	DIFF %	LAST PD	LAST BD	LAST OFFER	PDA VALUE	MARKET CAP
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REGULAR MARKET

OM0000003398	SOHAR INT. BANK	325,597	24,762	17	0.075	0.078	0.075	0.076	0.074	0.002	2.703	0.077	0.076	0.077	0.100	185,022,512
OM0000001418	RAYSUT CEMENT	5,000	1,550	1	0.310	0.310	0.310	0.316	0.316	0.000	0.000	0.310	0.000	0.314	0.100	63,200,000
OM0000001588	OMAN EST	2,000	472	1	0.222	0.222	0.222	0.222	0.222	0.000	0.000	0.222	0.000	0.220	0.100	280,690,000
OM0000001749	OMAN CEMENT	4,000	1,100	2	0.275	0.275	0.275	0.275	0.275	0.000	0.000	0.275	0.000	0.275	0.100	90,989,995
OM0000001772	ALANWAR INVESTMENT	40,465	2,671	2	0.066	0.066	0.066	0.066	0.066	0.000	0.000	0.066	0.066	0.069	0.100	13,200,000
OM0000002077	AL OMANIYA FIN.	947	69	1	0.073	0.073	0.073	0.073	0.073	0.000	0.000	0.073	0.069	0.073	0.100	21,311,267
OM0000002176	JAZEERA STEEL PROD.	4,000	876	3	0.220	0.220	0.218	0.217	0.217	0.000	0.000	0.218	0.216	0.218	0.100	27,102,857
OM0000003968	OOREDOO	117,287	47,825	25	0.408	0.408	0.406	0.406	0.408	0.000	0.000	0.406	0.400	0.408	0.100	265,585,246
OM0000005005	ALMAHA CERAMICS	34,300	8,909	7	0.280	0.280	0.258	0.260	0.280	0.000	0.000	0.258	0.258	0.268	0.100	14,300,000
OM0000002796	BANK MUSCAT	645,432	256,155	47	0.398	0.398	0.396	0.396	0.398	-0.002	-0.503	0.396	0.396	0.406	0.100	1,286,810,925
OM0000003234	RENAISSANCE SER.	123,050	42,565	12	0.346	0.348	0.344	0.346	0.350	-0.004	-1.143	0.344	0.340	0.346	0.100	81,797,860
OM0000002440	AL SHARQIA INV.	160,000	11,525	11	0.073	0.073	0.072	0.072	0.073	-0.001	-1.370	0.072	0.072	0.075	0.100	6,480,000
OM0000003026	OMAN TELECOM	10,657	8,141	8	0.760	0.784	0.760	0.764	0.780	-0.016	-2.051	0.760	0.704	0.760	0.100	573,000,000
Total		13	1,472,715	406,792	137											

Parallel Market

OM0000007043	NATIONAL LIFE INS.	284,630	111,006	20	0.390	0.390	0.390	0.390	0.378	0.012	3.175	0.390	0.386	0.390	0.100	103,350,000
OM0000001517	HSBC BANK OMAN	50,000	4,100	2	0.082	0.082	0.082	0.082	0.080	0.002	2.500	0.082	0.080	0.082	0.100	164,025,649
OM0000001483	NATIONAL BANK OMAN	460,886	59,852	22	0.128	0.130	0.128	0.130	0.127	0.003	2.362	0.130	0.126	0.130	0.100	211,373,026
OM0000004420	BANK NIZWA	5,028,720	492,815	5	0.098	0.098	0.098	0.098	0.096	0.002	2.083	0.098	0.095	0.097	0.100	147,000,000
OM0000005983	PHOENIX POWER	5,839	295	3	0.092	0.093	0.092	0.091	0.090	0.001	2.000	0.093	0.094	0.093	0.100	74,592,674
OM0000004669	SHARQIAH DESALIN.	98,750	10,838	17	0.125	0.125	0.123	0.125	0.124	0.001	0.806	0.125	0.121	0.125	0.100	12,225,270
OM0000007407	DHOFAH GENERATING	5,200	822	2	0.158	0.158	0.158	0.158	0.157	0.001	0.637	0.158	0.155	0.158	0.100	35,113,920
OM0000001301	DHOFAH CATTLE	4,900	441	1	0.090	0.090	0.090	0.092	0.092	0.000	0.000	0.090	0.090	0.101	0.100	7,438,200
OM0000001319	ALUMINIUM PROD.	60,000	5,162	5	0.086	0.087	0.086	0.086	0.086	0.000	0.000	0.087	0.086	0.087	0.100	2,887,145
OM0000001566	OMAN FISHERIES	2,000	172	1	0.086	0.086	0.086	0.086	0.086	0.000	0.000	0.086	0.086	0.088	0.100	107,750,000
OM0000001681	OMAN EMIRATES HO.	4,056	166	2	0.041	0.041	0.041	0.042	0.042	0.000	0.000	0.041	0.041	0.041	0.100	5,118,750
OM0000002168	AL ANWAR CERAMIC	74,769	22,539	5	0.302	0.304	0.300	0.302	0.302	0.000	0.000	0.300	0.300	0.304	0.100	89,456,532
OM0000002200	AHLI BANK	274,022	27,611	16	0.101	0.102	0.100	0.101	0.101	0.000	0.000	0.101	0.101	0.103	0.100	166,615,404
OM0000002333	SALALAH PORT SR.	670	402	3	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.000	0.000	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.100	107,902,440
OM0000002374	UNITED FINANCE	533	20	1	0.037	0.037	0.037	0.037	0.037	0.000	0.000	0.037	0.037	0.040	0.100	12,918,343
OM0000002549	BANK DHOFAH	71,190	7,344	7	0.103	0.105	0.103	0.103	0.103	0.000	0.000	0.103	0.103	0.104	0.100	308,624,198
OM0000003521	GALFAR ENGINEER	618,366	30,740	34	0.050	0.051	0.049	0.050	0.050	0.000	0.000	0.049	0.048	0.050	0.100	14,499,032
OM0000003711	SOHAR POWER	2,110	95	2	0.045	0.045	0.045	0.045	0.045	0.000	0.000	0.045	0.042	0.045	0.100	9,945,450
OM0000004925	ALBATRAH POWER	500	25	1	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.049	0.049	0.000	0.000	0.050	0.047	0.050	0.100	33,698,484
OM0000004933	AL SUWADI POWER	14,812	726	3	0.049	0.049	0.049	0.049	0.049	0.000	0.000	0.049	0.049	0.050	0.100	35,005,911
OM0000007084	MCT DESALINATE	449	44	1	0.097	0.097	0.097	0.097	0.097	0.000	0.000	0.097	0.092	0.095	0.100	15,088,389
OM0000003661	VOLTAMP ENERGY	15,200	1,566	2	0.103	0.103	0.103	0.103	0.104	-0.001	-0.962	0.103	0.103	0.000	0.100	8,384,483
OM0000002226	ALJAZEERA SERVICES	61,510	17,480	6	0.285	0.285	0.284	0.284	0.289	-0.005	-1.730	0.284	0.284	0.289	0.100	17,382,014
OM0000002028	GULF INT-CHEM	16,400	1,722	2	0.105	0.105	0.105	0.105	0.107	-0.002	-1.889	0.105	0.105	0.107	0.100	2,205,000
OM0000004735	SEBMCORP SALALAH	60,869	5,622	15	0.093	0.093	0.092	0.092	0.094	-0.002	-2.128	0.092	0.090	0.092	0.100	87,820,619
OM0000004768	MADINA TAKAFUL	362,411	31,596	21	0.088	0.088	0.087	0.087	0.089	-0.002	-2.247	0.087	0.085	0.088	0.100	15,225,000
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ACQUISITION

Investcorp acquires industrial portfolio in Wales

BAHRAIN: Investcorp, a leading global provider and manager of alternative investment products, announced that one of Investcorp's affiliates has acquired a portfolio of 13 multi-let industrial assets in South Wales.

The acquisition continues Investcorp's strategy of investing in industrial real estate and represents its first real estate investment in the Welsh market.

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The acquisition marks Investcorp's 11th property investment in the UK since launching its

European real estate business in 2017, having consistently grown the platform and deploying approximately €800 million across its European portfolio.

This includes acquiring more than 40 industrial and logistics properties in the UK, with a combined area of approximately 4 million square feet. In addition, the sale of a portfolio of UK industrial assets to Mileway was completed in October 2020.

FACTS

Mubadala signs MoUs with Ukrainian companies

ABU DHABI: On the occasion of the official state visit to the United Arab Emirates by Volodymyr Zelensky, President of Ukraine, Mubadala Investment Company (Mubadala), one of the world's leading sovereign wealth funds, announced the signing of a number of Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with the various Ukrainian government and private entities.

Three MoUs were signed with Ukrainian government entities that aim to explore mutually beneficial investment opportunities. The MoUs were signed by Faris Al Mazrui, Head of Mubadala's investment program in the Commonwealth of Independent States, and Roman Leshchenko, Minister of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine, Dmytro Senyuchenko, Chairman of the State Property Fund of Ukraine, and Sergiy Tsvikach, Executive Director of UkraineInvest.

Al Mazrui said, "Mubadala has established a strong track record of entering new and emerging markets. Ukraine has very promising potential for foreign investment, and the signing of MoUs with leading entities in Ukraine represents a commitment to explore potential investments and areas of cooperation on a case-by-case basis."



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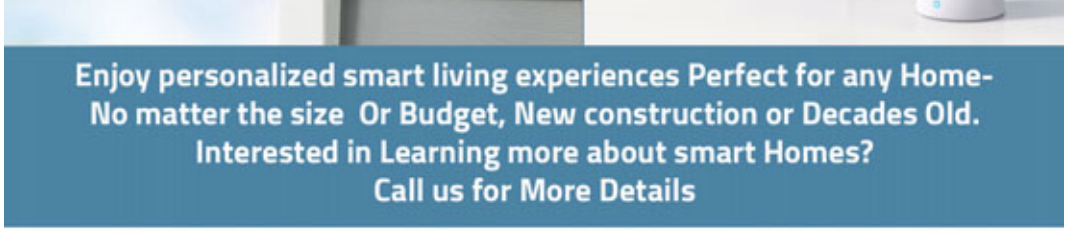
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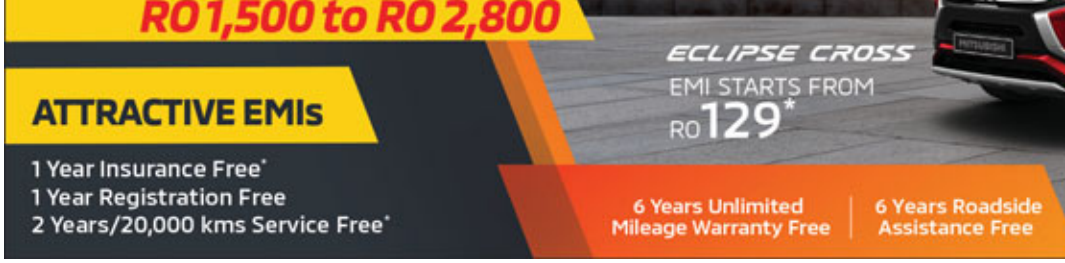


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Indian male B Com, ICWA intermediate with 20 years of Oman middle management experience in handling MIS, project finance management, managing banks, budgeting, forecasting, finalization of accounts and year end audits, seeks proper placement. NOC / DL available.

Please contact 94839479, sureshswaminathan2311@gmail.com

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Contact 99250104, Email: hyder065@gmail.com

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CONTACT 99283938

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Contact 97500522
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Indian Post graduate civil engineer with 37 years of professional experience in Oman in property development and construction management seeks senior management opportunities in similar field.

Contact 96504377 jobsearchzac@gmail.com

Indian male chief accountant 21yrs experience in financial accounting, budgeting and finalisation. Oman D/L familiar with Sap, customised ERP and Tally. On visit

Contact 78073734
Email sajeevsmi2005@gmail.com

FINANCE / ADMIN

Female with 8 years experience in Admin & Accounts looking for a suitable post.

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Contact: 78039935

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Indian, Female, MCOM with B.Ed. Having 2 Years' experience in Office accounts (Inventory Checking, Book keeping, Payroll) and training experience (ICT teaching, Lecture methods-Accounting) in schools. Looking for suitable placement in Accounts/ Admin / Teacher jobs. Currently on Visit visa, Residing in Wadi kabir, Muscat.

Contact 97131091, Email: gokulsbg@gmail.com

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Please contact me on 95051103, Email: loyannavildsouza@gmail.com

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Contact 92651105
Email reji_mathai@hotmail.com

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Contact +968 78359939
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17 years' experience in Finance & HR (10 Yrs), Indian Male, MBA & M.Com. NOC Available.

Contact: 96332608

Indian female B Com graduate having 7 years' experience as Accountant in Oman (Tally ERP 9). Seeking suitable placement in Accounts/ Admin.

Contact: 92999419
d.kaiyarla1986@gmail.com

Junior Architect with 3-years Oman experience in designing, proficiency in AutoCAD, Sketchup, Lumion Vray & Photoshop. Has worked in quantity estimations. Looking for suitable placement in Muscat.

Contact 95972625

OMANI HR/PRO

Omani, 15 yrs experience, PRO, Relation development, Labour & Crime law, HR & Time Management. Fluent in English, Arabic & Hindi seeks Part Time job.

Contact 97264447

SENIOR ACCOUNTANT

Srilankan Senior Accountant looking for a suitable opportunity. 7 years experience in Oman & capable of handling accounts up to finalization. On hand experience in Tally, Spur, QB etc. Having D/L.

CONTACT: 92821932

ADMINISTRATION

More than 22 years of experience, Indian, Male, having bachelor's degree seeking suitable placement, having experience in Administration/ Document Control/IT, HR, and Finance Support, with valid Oman Driving Licence. NOC available.

Contact NO. 99757759
Email: bijucchacko85@gmail.com

ACCOUNTS/FINANCE

Indian Male, 41 Years, B.Com + CA intermediate, having more than 15 Years of experience (13 years in Oman) in the different positions as Accounts Manager, Internal Auditor and statutory auditor. currently working as Accounts Manager, seeking similar Managerial position in finance.

Contact: 99169501

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Indian Female 25yrs, BCA, M.tech, 5+ years experience in Wipro technologies. Key Skills – Web Application testing, Anti money laundering, Agile methodology, Manual Testing, Automation testing, selenium, Java, SQL, Appium and API testing.

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Finance Manager / CFO

Indian Chartered Accountant and Cost Accountant with 25 years experience in Finance, MIS, Budget, Strategy, Projects, VAT seeks suitable placement.

Contact: 99884291 / 99741875
VIPUL70@GMAIL.COM

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Indian Male - MBA (HR) & Engineering graduate, 12 yrs experience in HR Admin (incl. 3 yrs of Oman exp.) on visit visa. Contact 79857135

Bangladeshi male (29 yrs), 8 yrs experience in filling,office assistant & entry level jobs in oman. NOC available. Contact 99891971 email: mnrajiboffice@gmail.com

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EDUCATION/TRAINING

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LOGISTIC

Indian Male, Logistics Executive- 2+ years' Experience(MCT), MBA(UK), Valid Oman D/L, Seeks suitable opportunities, Contact 79221551 / shamfza3@gmail.com

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Female, B.Tech (CS) digital marketing, 5 yrs of project development exp & managing end to end project development activities. # 94403029 Email anna.shaju3@gmail.com

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Procurement & Logistics Head with 17+ yrs exp, Indian # 99224623

Filipino, male with more than 10 years experience in Oman as Store Incharge, Sales associate, customer service, retail, warehouse logistics and merchandiser with driving license. Contact 95042624

Indian purchase assistant, store keeper,10 yrs experience in Oman valid DL, looking for suitable job. # 98615731 sanalk73@gmail.com

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Sales, Business development manager, construction, FMCG,UPVC 7 years GCC experience Oman D/L. Contact 95842228

Indian male 27 yrs MBA graduate with specialized degree in Management seeking suitable placement. valid Oman DL available. # 91209360. Email amirasadc@gmail.com

BM, with 26 yrs FMCG exp, handling large distribution looking for better prospects. Contact 90925520

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Mitsubishi L200 wins Best Pick-Up for Value award

In addition to the L200's award, Mitsubishi has also claimed a podium place on the 2021 What Car? Reliability Survey involving the real-world experience of almost 13,000 users

MUSCAT: The latest Mitsubishi L200 has been named Best Pick-Up for Value at the prestigious What Car? Awards 2021. The award is the latest in a long list of accolades for the Mitsubishi L200 which most recently included being named Best Pick-Up in the 2020 Business Van of the Year Awards and 2020 Company Car and Van Awards as well as Pick-Up Truck of the Year at the 2020 Scottish Car of the Year Awards. According to What Car? Magazine, "Few vehicles have become as synonymous with their category as the Mitsubishi L200, and it's easy to see why. It's brilliantly utilitarian, very well equipped and comes with an efficient 2.4-litre diesel/petrol engine. Yet it's also one of the most affordable pick-ups around." In addition to the L200's award, Mitsubishi has also claimed a podium place on the 2021 What Car? Reliability Survey involving the real-world experience of almost 13,000 users. With an overall average Reliability Rating of 94.55%, Mitsubishi Motors in the UK takes



third place in the rankings. Accord to What Car? "In their first five years, Mitsubishi models perform almost faultlessly, giving the brand an overall score of 97.9% and second place in this age group. The L200 is offered with a choice of petrol or diesel engines, each delivering lower emissions and improved fuel efficiency resulting in significant fuel savings in the real world. The petrol variants are available in a choice of

2WD or 4WD models, while the diesel variants are available in 4WD only. Diesel 4WD models feature Mitsubishi's new Easy-Select 4WD, which simplifies switching between drive modes for different road surfaces, delivering improved off-road performance. The L200 is also very affordable with the process starting from just OMR 6,395 which includes a six-year warranty and roadside assistance.

As part of an ongoing promotion that ends on 31 March 2021, General Automotive Company (GAC), the official distributor of Mitsubishi vehicles in Oman, is also offering the L200 with EMIs starting from as low as OMR 79. Customers purchasing one will also receive cash gifts ranging from OMR 1,700 to OMR 2,700, together with one-year free registration and a 2-year/20,000km free service package.

ISLAMIC BANKING SERVICES

Maisarah conducts Prize Account Scheme 2020 grand prize draw

MUSCAT: Maisarah Islamic Banking Services recently conducted its annual grand prize draw for 2020 Prize Account Scheme. The draw which was held in Maisarah's Main branch in Azaiba, saw three lucky winners take home valuable cash prize, OMR 25,000, OMR 50,000 and OMR 100,000. Commenting on the draw, Nasser Said Al Bahantah, Chief Retail Banking Officer said, "We are delighted that the 2020 Prize Account Scheme was a huge success. It made winning easier for customers by providing more chances for customers to win in the main prizes, special prizes, segment prizes and grand prizes. All customers were eligible for a prize pool of more than OMR 700,000. To get the chance to be one of the winners with Maisarah Prize Scheme in the future, customers are urged to open a Maisarah Prize Account." During the year, Maisarah conducted several draws including main prizes draw, grand prizes draw, segment prizes draw, special prizes draw, welcome draw, anniversary draw, loyalty draw, and special draw for mobile banking app users. Maisarah Prize Account is based on the Islamic profit sharing concept of Mudarabah. Customers need to maintain an average balance of OMR 100 in their account for a week for weekly prizes and a month for all other prizes. Maisarah Islamic Banking Services, the Islamic window of BankDhofar, is a full-service provider of a broad range of Sharia-compliant financial products and solutions. As a part of its strategy, the Islamic window has maintained high standards of corporate governance, research and



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Nissan Oman launches Driver's Guide ME



With the new Nissan Driver's Guide app, a mobile app based on Augmented Reality technology, owners can get to know more about Nissan's new car features, controls, buttons and much more

MUSCAT: Nissan Oman, from the house of Suhail Bahwan Automobiles (SBA), has launched Nissan Driver's Guide ME, a mobile app based on Augmented Reality technology. This is also an electronic version of the printed Quick Reference Guide that one finds in the glove box of every new Nissan vehicle.

Guide ME, owners can get detailed information about a particular button or switch, by simply pointing the camera of their smartphone at that object or area containing the object. An interactive pop up appears on the screen of their phone and with a simple touch, they will be quickly provided with the information they require.

The application is available for vehicles including Nissan Maxima, Nissan Altima, Nissan Kicks, Nissan Patrol and will be soon introduced in other models too.

A senior official of Nissan Oman, from the house of Suhail Bahwan Automobiles (SBA), said, "Nissan has designed this app based on a customer survey done among its vehicle owners to identify the difficulties faced during the initial days of owning the car. This quick reference guide app is a solution for Nissan customers to help them understand their car's various functions/applications."

This technology interacts with four main areas of the vehicle including the centre console, steering controls, doors/seats/roof and others. It also provides descriptions of all the warning lights and warning messages displayed on the vehicle's combination meter.

The electronic version of the Quick Reference Guide provides a brief overview of many important features of the vehicle, including instructions to follow if your vehicle has a flat tyre.

To take the best advantage of Augmented Reality, owners are encouraged to use the application when there is sufficient natural light. To obtain the best results, they must position the camera in front of the selected object, and check that the camera's screen display is as clear and well-focused as possible.

LUXURY SEGMENT



New Mercedes-Benz S-Class: Automotive luxury experienced in completely new way

MUSCAT: Mercedes-Benz Oman is pleased to present the new S-Class. Defining the luxury segment in the automobile industry, the new S-Class can be experienced with all the senses – seeing, feeling, hearing and smelling – while offering numerous innovations in the areas of driver assistance, protection and interaction.

Mercedes-Benz is shaping the next generation of individual mobility with innovations that place the focus on people. The new S-Class uses digitisation for a car that responds empathetically to the needs and wishes of its driver and passengers.

"Starting the year on a high note we are excited to be bringing the new S-Class to our discerning customers in Oman," said Shaun Michael, Chief Executive Officer at Mercedes-Benz Oman. "The S-Class is considered the world's best-selling luxury sedan and one of our most sought out cars in the Sultanate and we are confident that this latest generation with its forward-thinking technology and safety features coupled with its uncompromising comfort and quality will far surpass expectations."

Modern luxury attains the next level in the interior of the S-Class. The designers have created a feel-good ambience with lounge character marked by elegance, high quality and lightness.

The dashboard with its new architecture, modern surface design and ergonomic display arrangement is a particular highlight. But the feel-good aspect goes even deeper: with high ride quality and low noise levels as well as an extensive range of Energising Comfort programmes, the S-Class looks after the well-being of its passengers.

They also stay fit thanks to the effective air filtering system, which signals its newly gained capability with the new name Energising Air Control.

The new Mercedes-Benz S-Class has become more intelligent in many areas, and the driving experience is at the next level. Digital innovations such as in MBUX (Mercedes-Benz User Experience) are joined by innovations that increase driving enjoyment while making driving even safer: among them is rear-axle steering with a large steering angle and safety innovations such as the rear airbag.

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Renault Service Contract offers multiple advantages to customers



MUSCAT: Understanding the importance of car servicing and the costs involved in maintaining a vehicle, Renault Oman offers attractive Service Contract packages which extend customers complete convenience and helps them save on their annual car service expenses.

The exclusively designed car servicing package extends key advantages including special pricing which is up to 25% lower than paying for each service, secured against any future price inflation, it offers hassle-free cashless transactions without having to budget for servicing the car. Customers holding Bank Muscat and NBO credit cards can opt for easy payment option which offers 0% interest-free instalments for up to 12 months.

Other benefits to customers who have taken service contracts include timely service reminders to remind you when the service is due, service priority is offered without an appointment to those who opt for the package across SBA service centres at 16 locations in Oman.

A spokesperson for Renault Oman, from the house of Suhail Bahwan Automobiles, said, "Renault Service Contract is designed to offer hassle-free service experience and complete peace of mind to you. The scheme is already up and running for the past few years, but not many people are aware of it. Customers can protect their investment with or customised maintenance packages, economic packages, periodic maintenance packages, comprehensive maintenance packages. The contract provides car owners with the confidence that they can always bring their car to Renault service centre for servicing. Every owner wants to keep their car in peak condition without letting service costs come in the way. Renault Service Contract package helps care for your car within a budget."

SBA is largely committed to supporting Renault Oman's growth in the Sultanate through the major emphasis on customer satisfaction and by providing world-class after-sales services in Oman. With a national network of 9 showrooms, 16 service centres & 23 spare parts outlets, SBA has further built upon its legacy of trust, excellent customer service and providing value for money to each of its customers.



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