



INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE NINE MONTHS
ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

Said Mohamed Al-Aufi
Chairman



CHAIRMAN’S REPORT FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

Sohar International Bank SAOG (the “Bank”) continues to lead Oman’s banking sector through a proven strategy built on digital innovation, operational excellence, sound risk management, strong governance, and a people-first culture. This approach has established the Bank as a preferred financial partner, driving sustainable growth while maintaining the highest standards of excellence.

Aligned with Oman Vision 2040, we are advancing the nation’s capital market development and economic diversification. The successful closure of our perpetual tier 1 bond issuance, which was met with strong market demand, underscores investor confidence in our strategic direction and enhances our capacity to support future growth initiatives enabling us to actively shape Oman’s economic future while creating lasting stakeholder value.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Compared to the same period last year total assets increased by 10% to RO 8,324 million mainly driven by a 20% increase in loans, advances and Islamic financings (net) to RO 5,069 million. Customer deposits increased by 10% to RO 6,499 million. The Bank’s net loan-to-customer deposit ratio of 78% demonstrates our funding and liquidity strength.

The 50% increase in total equity, from RO 744 million as of 30 September 2024 to RO 1,119 million, includes a RO 130 million rights issue completed in December 2024 and a RO 200 million perpetual tier 1 bond issuance completed in September 2025, positioning the Bank for future growth with a market leading total capital ratio of 18.35%.

Compared to the same period last year, total operating income decreased by 1% to RO 180.8 million, mainly due to a decrease in net interest income.

Total operating expenses increased by 10% to RO 80.7 million, reflecting the Bank’s continued investment in our Branch operation in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) as well as continued strategic investments in Omani talent, technology and expanding our international reach.

Loan impairment charges and other credit risk provisions decreased to RO 20.1 million compared to RO 28.2 million for the same period last year. The Bank’s coverage ratio of 153% reflects the Bank’s prudence in credit risk management.

The resulting profit for the period of RO 70.7 million was 7% below the same period last year and 6% ahead of last year excluding the gain on bargain purchase.

STRATEGIC GROWTH INITIATIVES

Our strategic expansion into the GCC market through the establishment of our KSA Branch represents a deliberate move to capture cross-border opportunities and extend our value proposition beyond Oman’s borders. This calculated geographic diversification not only strengthens our regional footprint but also creates new pathways for trade finance, investment flows, and knowledge transfer between Oman and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

The partnership ecosystem we have built continues to generate substantial value across multiple sectors, reinforcing the Bank’s position as a key enabler of Oman’s economic development. Growth momentum was further strengthened by the landmark USD 500 million financing agreement for the GCC Power Interconnection Project, a major milestone in advancing regional energy cooperation.

Our OMR 63 million credit facility extended to Al Mouj Muscat reflects a sustained commitment to strategic urban development, while collaboration with Dhofar Municipality focuses on innovative digital banking solutions that enhance public service accessibility and efficiency.

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

Our “Digital-First” philosophy continues to deliver new industry benchmarks and redefine banking excellence in Oman. The successful launch of the nation’s first fully integrated Open Banking Platform represents a quantum leap in financial innovation, setting new standards for inter-operability and customer-centric banking solutions.

Through an expanding API ecosystem, we’ve enabled seamless connectivity with multiple third-party providers, creating an environment where innovation and collaboration thrive.

The Aqari platform, developed in partnership with the Ministry of Housing & Urban Planning, has transformed the real estate experience.

Our dedicated SME mobile banking application is empowering small businesses with secure, accessible financial services. This digital journey reached new heights with nearly 100% of transactions now taking place through digital channels, a clear reflection of customer trust.

Our strong presence at COMEX 2025 further underscored our leadership, as we showcased cutting-edge AI solutions and advanced cybersecurity capabilities.

These advances are also being used to empower customers through specialized digital banking solutions, enabling more accessible and tailored financial services that support their economic ambitions and leadership journeys.

To strengthen digital identity, we launched redesigned corporate websites under the unified domains www.sib.om and www.soharislamic.om.

SERVING OUR INVESTORS

As the third largest MSX listed entity in Oman, we have established an investor relations framework based on transparency, strategic dialogue, and governance. Our enhanced communication initiatives, including institutional investor sessions, have reinforced market confidence.

Our role as mega sponsor of the Middle East Investor Relations Association (MEIRA) Conference 2025 further demonstrates our leadership in advancing Oman’s capital market development and strengthening the region’s investment landscape.

SERVING OUR CUSTOMERS

Our introduction of expatriate housing loans attracted foreign capital and supported Oman’s economic diversification goals under Vision 2040 by enabling GCC nationals and foreign residents to secure property ownership in the Sultanate. We also expanded into automotive financing and strategically relocated key branches, significantly enhancing customer excellence and accessibility.

To enhance customer engagement, we adopted a more segmented approach by introducing an exclusive private banking proposition, which has evolved into a holistic ecosystem offering integrated wealth management, exclusive lifestyle privileges, and multi-generational legacy planning.

Strategic partnerships with leading organizations such as Omantel and MetLife have further strengthened our value proposition, enabling advanced digital solutions, enhanced cybersecurity, and specialized insurance and wealth management services.

Within Sohar Islamic, partnerships were reinforced with entities such as the Health Endowment Foundation (Athar) to support Waqf-based development, and with real estate developers to provide housing finance for major residential projects. These initiatives benefit both Omanis and non-Omanis while contributing to the sustained growth of the real estate sector.

We continue to strengthen the Bank’s foundation to deliver a seamless and differentiated customer experience.

During the quarter, service channels were integrated under a unified framework, enabling faster decisions, consistent standards, and clearer visibility of customer feedback. The Voice of Customer initiative progressed toward rollout for real-time insights, while targeted enhancements across branches and digital channels further elevated satisfaction and responsiveness.

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

Our comprehensive Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) framework continues to drive meaningful impact across the nation. Strategic partnerships with Lahunna Oman for the Sidrah Leadership Programme and with the Ministry of Social Development for vocational training initiatives underscore our steadfast commitment to women’s empowerment and social inclusion.

Our sponsorship of major national events, including Khareef Dhofar and Sports Spark 2025, reflects our continued support for cultural enrichment and sporting excellence. We take pride in celebrating the achievements of our sponsored athlete, Hamed Al Harthi, and in supporting the Oman Balloons initiative, which promotes sustainable tourism while showcasing Oman’s natural beauty. In addition, the provision of four electric vehicles to Dhofar Municipality reaffirms our dedication to environmental stewardship and sustainable mobility solutions.

SERVING OUR PEOPLE

Building on the successful graduation of the third cohort of the “Tomohi” programme and our sponsorship of the “Leadership from the Heart” forum, we are proud to announce the launch of a new edition of the “IZDIHAR” Women’s Leadership Programme through Sohar|Academy.

Complementing these efforts, we continue to implement an extensive range of advanced training initiatives designed to elevate staff competencies and strengthen both technical and professional capabilities. This includes the expanded adoption of our AI-powered Sohar|GPT, which has become an instrumental tool in driving operational efficiency and supporting informed decision-making across the organization.

In parallel, our Rewards and Recognition Programme continues to honour and celebrate the exceptional contributions and achievements of our employees. By recognizing excellence across all levels, the programme reinforces a culture of motivation, belonging, and continuous improvement.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

Sohar International’s relentless pursuit of excellence has been recognized through numerous prestigious awards, including the “Leadership in Enabling National Initiatives and Progress” and the “Best Performing Large Cap Company” at the 14th Alam Al-Iktisaad Awards. The recognition as the “Leading Corporate for Investor Relations in the Financial Sector” at the MEIRA Annual Conference 2025 serves as a testament to our dedication to creating sustainable shareholder value.

Reaffirming our leadership in delivering innovative and client-centric solutions, we were also honored with the distinguished Visa award for “Highest Growth in Corporate Card Business in Oman”, underscoring our growing strength in digital payments and corporate banking services.

RECOGNITION

I extend our heartfelt appreciation to all our stakeholders for their ongoing trust and confidence, an enduring source of strength in our journey of transformation and long-term growth. The dedication and shared purpose demonstrated by our people remain central to delivering on our strategic goals and upholding the values that define Sohar International.

We also acknowledge with gratitude the vital role of our regulators, the Central Bank of Oman and the Financial Services Authority, whose strong governance, transparent frameworks, and steadfast guidance have enabled sustained progress within the sector.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the entire team, I express our sincere gratitude to His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik. His visionary leadership continues to guide the nation towards lasting prosperity and socio-economic advancement.

Said Mohamed Al-Aufi
Chairman

INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2025
(RO'000)

	30 September 2025 (Unaudited)	31 December 2024 (Audited)	30 September 2024 (Unaudited)
ASSETS			
Cash and balances with Central Bank	288,764	202,953	434,571
Due from banks	496,928	561,730	791,022
Investment securities	2,248,498	2,119,029	1,913,402
Loans, advances and Islamic financings (net)	5,068,560	4,269,808	4,224,916
Other assets	75,268	58,038	58,610
Investment properties	2,900	2,900	2,900
Property and equipment	74,726	74,364	72,796
Intangible assets	67,875	71,929	73,351
TOTAL ASSETS	8,323,519	7,360,751	7,571,568
LIABILITIES			
Due to banks	574,236	570,313	769,885
Customer deposits	6,498,733	5,777,040	5,925,478
Other liabilities	131,830	115,092	131,774
TOTAL LIABILITIES	7,204,799	6,462,445	6,827,137
SHAREHOLDERS’ EQUITY			
Share capital	702,508	702,508	572,508
Share premium	18,038	18,038	18,038
Legal reserve	55,900	55,900	44,910
Other reserves	(3,647)	(6,635)	(5,576)
Retained earnings	145,921	128,495	114,551
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS’ EQUITY	918,720	898,306	744,431
Perpetual tier 1 capital securities	200,000	-	-
TOTAL EQUITY	1,118,720	898,306	744,431
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	8,323,519	7,360,751	7,571,568
CONTINGENT LIABILITIES			
COMMITMENTS	644,733	567,438	589,986
	1,362,105	877,214	771,104
	<i>Baisa</i>	<i>Baisa</i>	<i>Baisa</i>
Net assets per share	138.8	135.8	133.5

These interim condensed consolidated financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 28th October 2025.

INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE NINE MONTHS PERIOD
(RO'000)

	Nine months ended		Three months ended	
	30 September 2025	30 September 2024	30 September 2025	30 September 2024
Interest income	233,121	233,846	81,251	81,342
Interest expense	(120,778)	(105,433)	(44,516)	(37,456)
Net interest income	112,343	128,413	36,735	43,886
Net income from Islamic financings and investing activities	10,355	8,280	3,678	2,973
Other operating income	58,100	46,244	24,813	18,217
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	180,798	182,937	65,226	65,076
Staff costs	(46,469)	(42,341)	(15,087)	(13,998)
Other operating expenses	(30,425)	(27,270)	(12,227)	(10,269)
Depreciation	(3,808)	(3,663)	(1,263)	(1,246)
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	(80,702)	(73,274)	(28,577)	(25,513)
NET OPERATING INCOME BEFORE IMPAIRMENT PROVISIONS	100,096	109,663	36,649	39,563
Gain on bargain purchase	-	9,234	-	9,234
Loan impairment charges and other credit risk provisions (net)	(20,115)	(28,236)	(7,913)	(18,017)
PROFIT BEFORE TAX	79,981	90,661	28,736	30,780
Income tax expense	(9,263)	(14,442)	(4,168)	(4,830)
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD	70,718	76,219	24,568	25,950
Items that will not be reclassified to profit and loss				
Revaluation gain/(loss) on equity instruments held at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI)	2,746	(49)	2,222	(29)
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE GAIN/(LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD	2,746	(49)	2,222	(29)
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD	73,464	76,170	26,790	25,921
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO EQUITY HOLDERS OF PARENT COMPANY	73,464	76,170	26,790	25,921
PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO EQUITY HOLDERS OF PARENT COMPANY	70,718	76,219	24,568	25,950
	<i>Baisa</i>	<i>Baisa</i>	<i>Baisa</i>	<i>Baisa</i>
Basic earnings per share for the period	10.67	13.00	3.70	4.65

(The complete accounts of Sohar International Bank SAOG will be delivered to any shareholder or any interested parties who request them in either Arabic or English, as requested, within 7 days of receipt of a written request. Request should be submitted to Sohar International Bank Finance Department)

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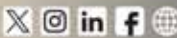
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Shabab Oman II returns home with multiple accolades

AL MUSANNAH: The Royal Navy of Oman's vessel "RNOV Shabab Oman II" returned to homeport on Wednesday following the successful completion of its seventh international voyage, "Glories of the Seas 2025."

The vessel conducted an extensive tour of European ports, showcasing Oman's rich maritime heritage and disseminating messages of international friendship and peace, in direct alignment with national strategic objectives and the implementation framework of "Oman Vision 2040".

To mark this occasion, the Royal Navy of Oman (RNO) hosted an official reception ceremony for "Shabab Oman II" at the Said Bin Sultan Naval Base, under the auspices of Sultan bin Salim Al Habsi, Minister of Finance.

The ceremony featured comprehensive visual presentations documenting the vessel's voyage milestones, operational achievements, and international recognitions obtained during the "Glories of the Seas 2025" mission. The event included musical performances by the RNO Band, enhancing the ceremonial proceedings.



Following ceremonial protocols, the vessel commenced docking procedures at its designated berth within the naval base.

The Minister of Finance and distinguished guests received a detailed operational briefing covering the ship's navigation route, strategic national objectives, and port engagements throughout the voyage.

Sultan bin Salim Al Habsi, Minister of Finance, commended the vessel's significant national

role in promoting international peace, brotherhood, and diplomatic friendship. "Shabab Oman II serves as a floating diplomatic ambassador, representing Oman's historical achievements, contemporary progress, and future aspirations across global maritime communities," stated Al Habsi.

Rear Admiral Saif bin Nasser Al Rahbi, Commander of the Royal Navy of Oman, emphasized the voyage's strategic significance: "The 'Glories of the Seas 2025' mission



effectively communicated Oman's enduring message of peace to international communities, demonstrating our nation's rich maritime heritage while promoting universal values of friendship and cooperation across all port engagements."

Lt. Commander Issa bin Saleem Al Jahwari, Commanding Officer of Shabab Oman II, provided operational details: "Our vessel navigated 15,300 nautical miles across European waters, conducting diplomatic engagements in

15 countries and 24 international ports. The mission successfully advanced strategic objectives within the 'Oman Vision 2040', particularly supporting sustainable environmental stewardship and international community engagement."

The ceremony gathered numerous government dignitaries, including ministers, senior military and security commanders, members of the State Council and Shura Council, retired flag officers, international ambassadors

accredited to Oman, military attachés from friendly nations and specially invited guests.

During its seventh international deployment, Shabab Oman II achieved exceptional recognition, including: Best Ship honors in the crew parade at Le Havre's maritime festival (France); Second Place overall in sports competitions at Dunkirk (France); Third Place among Class A sailing vessels and Fourth Place overall in the Tall Ships Races 2025 second stage; Best Ship designation in Aberdeen (Scotland); crew victory in sports competitions at Kristiansand's maritime festival (Norway); and Best Ship in Port during the Tall Ships Races 2025 third stage conclusion in Kristiansand.

Additional accolades include the International Friendship Award at Esbjerg's Tall Ships Races (Denmark); crew championships in football and volleyball competitions; individual shooting competition victory at Bremerhaven Sail festival (Germany); and the Ambassadors' Sea Cup during the Amsterdam Sail festival (Netherlands). -ONA

INCOSAI

Oman takes part in Supreme Audit Institutions conference in Egypt

MUSCAT: Represented by the State Audit Institution (SAI), the Sultanate of Oman is taking part in the 25th International Congress of Supreme Audit Institutions (INCOSAI), being held in Sharm El Sheikh, Arab Republic of Egypt, under the auspices of the International Organization of Supreme

Audit Institutions (INTOSAI).

The Sultanate of Oman's delegation to the conference is headed by Sheikh Ghosn bin Hilal Al Alawi, Chairman of the State Audit Institution (SAI). The conference looks into follow-up reports, including the report of the INTOSAI chairman, the report of the Supervisory Committee on Emerging

Issues, the report of the INTOSAI Secretary General and the report of the Chair of the Policy, Finance and Administration Committee (PFAC), in addition to reports of meetings of main committees affiliated to the organisation.

The conference sessions include

the discussion of reports submitted by regional organizations of supreme audit institutions (including reports by the ARABOSAI, AFROSA), the INTOSAI auditors' report, the INTOSAI Development Initiative (IDI)'s report and the report of the International Journal of Government Auditing.

The conference will conclude with the election of members of the INTOSAI Board of Directors and INTOSAI auditors, as well as the announcement of the venue for the next INCOSAI conference.

The INCOSAI conference brings together all affiliate members of the INTOSAI organization.

The conference's plenary session is held every three years under the chairmanship of the audit body of the country hosting the event. It is also attended by representatives from the United Nations, the World Bank and other international organisations engaged in auditing. -ONA

Oman among world's safest countries at night: Survey

The findings place Oman alongside global leaders such as Singapore, China, and Saudi Arabia

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Oman has emerged as one of the world's safest countries for walking alone at night, according to the Gallup 2025 Global Safety Report, with an impressive 94% of residents reporting that they feel safe.

The findings place Oman alongside global leaders such as Singapore, China, and Saudi Arabia, highlighting the Sultanate's strong institutions, reliable infrastructure, and cohesive communities.

The Gallup report surveyed over 145,000 adults across 144 countries, asking participants about their feelings of personal safety, confidence in law enforcement, and experiences of theft or assault in the past year.

The results underscore the key role of local governance, visible law enforcement, and commu-



nity cohesion in shaping people's sense of security.

Oman's top ranking reflects several interlinked factors. The Royal Oman Police (ROP) maintain visible patrols and respond promptly to public safety concerns, fostering high levels of institutional trust among citizens and residents alike.

Urban infrastructure, including well-lit streets, pedestrian-friendly pathways, and secure public transport networks, further reinforces a sense of safety. Equally important is the Sultanate's strong social fabric, where cultural norms of respect, civility, and collective responsibility create supportive communities

across both urban and rural areas.

Oman in global context

Five of the 10 countries with the highest safety perceptions in 2024 were members of the GCC: Saudi Arabia (93%), Kuwait (91%), Bahrain (90%), and the United Arab Emirates (90%), close behind. Globally, Singapore tops the rankings at 98%, followed by Tajikistan (95%) and China (94%). This marks the 12th time

Singapore has topped Gallup's global list. In contrast, South Africa reported the lowest safety perception in the world, with just 33% of adults feeling safe.

By contrast, countries such as Botswana (34%) and Lesotho (34%) report significantly lower perceptions of safety, illustrating persistent challenges linked to crime, political instability, and urban planning.

While Oman enjoys high overall safety ratings, the Gallup report highlights that gender-based differences remain a global issue.

Worldwide, 67% of women feel safe walking alone at night, compared with 78% of men, underscoring the ongoing need for targeted initiatives to enhance safety for women and girls.

In more than 100 countries and territories, the gender gap in safety perceptions exceeded 10 percentage points. Several high-income countries, including the US, Australia and multiple European Union member states, had some of the largest gender disparities, with gaps of 26 points or more.

In a press statement, Gallup CEO Jon Clifton emphasised: "Safety isn't only the absence of violence; it's the presence of trust, institutions, and collective resilience." Gallup partnered with the Center on International Cooperation (CIC) at New York University to produce this report.



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MEETINGS

MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

Royal Office Minister meets Pakistan, Azerbaijan officials



MUSCAT: Gen. Sultan Mohammed Al Nu'amani, Minister of the Royal Office received Mohsin Raza Naqvi, Minister of Interior and Narcotics Control of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and his accompanying delegation, on Wednesday.

At the outset of the meeting, Gen. Al Nu'amani reviewed the advanced relations binding the Sultanate of Oman and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

He lauded the level of cooperation and coordination between the two countries in facing the



rapidly evolving security challenges and changes.

The two sides also discussed ways to enhance joint cooperation and touched on a set of regional and international developments.

Gen. Sultan Mohammed Al Nu'amani, Minister of the Royal

Office also met Jeyhun Bayramov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

The meeting discussed the bilateral relations between the Sultanate of Oman and Azerbaijan, and means of promoting them to serve the joint interests. -ONA

GCC legislative officials meeting held in Kuwait

KUWAIT: The Sultanate of Oman, represented by the Ministry of Justice and Legal Affairs, participated in the 29th meeting of the GCC Permanent Committee of Officials of Legislative Departments, held in the State of Kuwait.

The Omani delegation to the meeting was headed by Dr. Yahya Nasser Al Khusaibi, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Justice and Legal Affairs.

The meeting discussed a set of topics on its agenda, most notably the strategy for the work of the GCC Permanent Committee of Officials of Legislative Departments, and the outcomes of the meetings of the committee of experts and specialists from the legislative departments regarding the executive bylaw for the Unified Law for International Transport between the

GCC states.

The meeting also reviewed the work of the task force concerned with compiling the legislative principles issued by the legislative departments of the GCC states.

Additionally, it discussed a proposal from the General Secretariat (the Assistant Secretariat for Legislative and Legal Affairs) regarding awareness-raising on legislative policy and the Legislative Drafting Guide for the unified laws of the Gulf Cooperation Council, as well as the use of artificial intelligence in the work of the legislative departments in the GCC states.

The Ministry of Justice and Legal Affairs represents Oman in the meetings of the Permanent Committee of Legislative Departments of the GCC, as it is the competent authority in the Sultanate. -ONA

COMPETITION

Oman participates in FIRST Global Challenge in Panama

PANAMA CITY: The Sultanate of Oman, represented by the Ministry of Education, is participating in the FIRST Global Challenge 2025, held in Panama City, Republic of Panama. The competition, which runs until 1 November, sees participation from over 190 countries worldwide.

Oman is represented by a national team comprising three students who qualified for the international event from schools in A'Dakhiliyah Governorate.

The team members are Ziyad Zakariya Al Ismaili from Sheikh Ahmed bin Abdullah Al Kindi School, Al Khalil Ahmed Al Afi from Bilal bin Sultan School, and Al Khalil Ibrahim Al Kindi from Abi Obaidah School.

The team is supervised by Ibrahim Eid Al Balushi from the Department of Innovation and Scientific Olympiad at the Ministry and led by trainer Ahmed Saif Al Afi

from the Innovation and Scientific Olympiad Section at the Directorate General of Education in Al Dakhiliyah.

The national team worked continuously for two months to study and analyse the details of this year's competition challenge, developing innovative performance strategies to execute the required tasks with the highest levels of efficiency and accuracy.

This included designing, building, and programming the robot according to an integrated technical plan developed by the team members, utilising their expertise in programming and control.

This participation is part of the Ministry of Education's efforts to embed a culture of innovation in education and develop students' skills in the fields of science, engineering, and artificial intelligence.

This aligns with the objectives

of "Oman Vision 2040" to prepare a generation of innovators who can contribute to building a knowledge-based economy founded on innovation and technology.

This year's competition focuses on protecting biodiversity. Student teams from various countries are competing to design robots that compete in an arena simulating the preservation of natural systems that support the health of humans and the planet.

Through this, they aim to raise awareness among youth about the importance of ecological diversity.

This competition is one of the most prominent international contests in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM).

It is an annual global platform, similar to the Olympics, held in a different country each year. This initiative is part of global efforts



to highlight the role of science and technology in addressing major environmental and developmental challenges. The competition aims to empower students to utilize their scientific and innovative capabilities to build robots capable of performing engineering tasks that simulate contemporary global challenges. It seeks to promote understanding and cooperation among the world's youth and inspire the rising generation to address planetary issues through innovative scientific and technological solutions.

FIRST Global emphasises the importance of making science and technology an exciting and motivating field for young people worldwide. This contributes to inspiring two billion young people around the world to choose academic and career paths in STEM fields. -ONA



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MEETING

Oman and Azerbaijan to enhance bilateral relations

MUSCAT: Sheikh Abdulmalik Abdullah Al Khalili, Chairman of the State Council, received on Wednesday at the Council's headquarters Jeyhun Bayramov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan, and his accompanying delegation, as part of his official visit to the Sultanate of Oman.

The Chairman of the State Council underlined the importance of such visits in enhancing bilateral relations and exchanging views on matters of mutual interest, which reflect the keenness of the two countries to promote bonds of cooperation and joint coordination between them.

During the meeting, Sheikh Al Khalili reviewed the role undertaken by the State Council within its legislative competencies and

its contributions to studying legal, economic and developmental topics supporting the march of national renaissance, in alignment with the goals of "Oman Vision 2040."

In his turn, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan expressed his country's eagerness to enhance bilateral cooperation with the Sultanate of Oman and to advance the existing relations towards further development and prosperity, serving the mutual interests of the two countries.

The meeting was attended by some members of the State Council and the Secretary-General.

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COMMUNITY AWARENESS

Oman to mark Agriculture Day

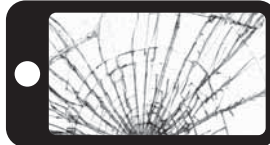
MUSCAT: With the aim of raising community awareness of the importance of the agricultural sector and its support to the national economy, the Sultanate of Oman will celebrate Omani Agriculture Day on Friday, which falls on October 31 of each year.

The Sultanate of Oman has 5.5 million acres of agricultural or reclaimable land in the plant production sector, which represents about 75% of its total area.

The cultivated area at the end of 2024 amounted to about 312,000 acres. More than 256,000 Omani

workers work in the agricultural sector. In addition, there are more than 9 million palm trees, 26 agricultural research centres and stations, 18 agricultural quarantine stations, and 6 units specialising in beekeeping in the Sultanate of Oman.

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10 years*: 153.79%
*absolute



Unaudited Statement of Comprehensive Income
for 9 months ended 30th September 2025

	30-Sep-25 RO'000	30-Sep-24 RO'000
Income		
Dividends	1,709	1,454
	1,709	1,454
Expenses:		
Management fees	(872)	(861)
General and administrative	(514)	(453)
	(1,386)	(1,314)
Net Investment Income	323	140
Fair value Gain or (Loss)	4,376	4,439
Realised Gain or (Loss) on sale	(3,042)	(2,587)
Net Profit for the period	1,657	1,992
Earnings per unit	0.009	0.103

Unaudited Statement of Financial Position
as at 30th September 2025

	30-Sep-25 RO'000	30-Sep-24 RO'000
Assets		
Investments - at Fair Value	59,134	60,686
Dividend Receivables	92	92
Bank Balances	4,165	1,554
Total Assets	63,391	62,332
Liabilities:		
Accruals	(114)	(117)
	(114)	(117)
Net Assets	63,277	62,215
Composition of net assets:		
Unit Capital	19,357	19,275
Retained Earnings	43,920	42,940
Net Assets Value (NAV)	63,277	62,215
Net Asset Value (NAV) per unit (Rial)*	0.3268914	3.228

Note: Due to figures displayed in 000's, immaterial variance is likely with actual numbers. The complete accounts will be sent by mail to any Unitholder who requests them, in either Arabic or English, as requested, within 7 days of receipt of request.

*Note: During current year, Corporate action of unit split in the ratio of 1:10 was executed on 22 May 2025. Net asset value per unit is extended to 7 decimals from 3 decimals on 14 May 2025.

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Oman most awaited event for the Bakers and Chefs! Bakefest 2025 with Sugarin Connect

MR. ROBERT HAYNES: Sugar Flower Artist, London, UK

MR. SAMIE RAMACHANDRAN: Sugar Sculpting Artist, India

MS. RESHMA SONI: Sugarin Co-Founder

MS. FIRDAUS NOORAIN: Bake'in Oman Founder

MUSCAT: Bakefest has created a huge recognition in the year 2023 held at Novotel Hotel, Muscat. More than 200+ enthusiastic bakers participated and outperformed our expectations in every category held.

BAKE FEST 2025 on 7th and 8th November at Novotel hotel is organized to celebrate the true spirits of bakers and Chef's to keep them encouraged.

Event will concentrate on some pro tips on sugar crafting and sugar flowers techniques. Mr. Robert Haynes from London, UK is very renown sugar flower artist, he has won many prestigious awards and has been

Let's all join to explore this festival filled with joy.

The first ever Bakefest was held in 2022 at Horeca, OCEC.

judging many high-profile events such as cake international at Birmingham, UK. He has also been featured in many top cake magazines all over the world and sugar sculpting artist Mr. Samie Ramachandran, his work on sculpting is remarkable and real-

istic. He has been judging many events organized both nationally and internationally. Both these artists will be sharing some of their techniques with our bakers.

Bakefest bring along celebration, which in turn is not complete without competition. There will be 5 different categories, such as, Live Cake Decorating Competition - Dummy Cakes, Live Cupcake Decor Contest with Family, Flowers Making Contest, Fondants Toppers Contest and the most loved by bakers Mystery Box contest.

For Registration and other details please contact +968 96001904.

إِنَّا لِلّٰهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاٰجِعُونَ
We Belong to Allah and to Him We Shall Return

With profound grief, the Chairman and Management
Composite Pipes Industry LLC
extend their heartfelt condolences to the family
of the late
**Eng. Talal bin Mohammed
bin Sultan Al Maskari**
Founder of TMTEC

We pray that Allah the Almighty provides
comfort and strength to his family.





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UN-AUDITED CONDENSED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR NINE MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025		
MANAGEMENT'S REPORT FOR NINE MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025.	STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT	Amount in OMR
The uncertainty over reciprocal tariff has created an ambiguity among retailers which has resulted in softening demand across apparel supply chain. While we are exploring more international markets, our focus on domestic segment has continued and elevating company's position in the region with concentrated efforts. These efforts have helped in hedging the risk against volatile export apparel segment. With right strategy in place your company is optimistic of realizing stable revenue during the year.	ASSETS Non-current assets Property, plant and equipment 722,175 723,118 731,595 ROU assets 148,305 158,958 156,279 Deferred tax assets 56,007 55,909 51,932 Total non-current assets 926,487 937,985 939,806 Current assets Inventories 1,369,671 1,320,143 1,553,880 Trade & other receivables 927,143 1,111,998 953,066 Bank and cash 398,402 152,390 148,748 Total current assets 2,695,216 2,584,531 2,655,694 Total assets 3,621,703 3,522,516 3,595,500	
Financial Results: Revenue for the current period grew by five percent to OMR 3,423,851 as against the revenue of OMR 3,262,587 achieved during the same period of last year. The nine-months period ended with a net profit of OMR 334,215 after taxes, as against a net profit of OMR 331,167 achieved during the similar period of last year.	EQUITY AND LIABILITIES Equity Share capital 1,762,366 1,639,411 1,639,411 Legal reserve 258,872 222,316 258,872 Reserve for bad and doubtful debts 38,700 16,400 21,500 Retained Earning 345,635 322,783 315,516 Total shareholders' equity 2,405,573 2,200,910 2,235,299 Liabilities Non-current liabilities Employees' end of service benefits 157,510 160,527 164,139 Non-current portion of lease liability ROU Assets 178,940 184,463 183,137 Total non-current liabilities 336,450 344,990 347,276 Current liabilities Trade and other payables 765,798 753,710 895,615 Bank borrowings 119 121,059 12,737 Current maturities lease liability ROU Assets 5,534 4,868 5,289 Income Tax payable 108,229 96,979 99,284 Total current liabilities 879,680 976,616 1,012,925 Total liabilities 1,216,130 1,321,606 1,360,201 Total equity and liabilities 3,621,703 3,522,516 3,595,500 Net assets per share 0.136 0.134 0.136	
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Shareholders' fund as of 30 September 2025 was at OMR 2,405,573 as against OMR 2,200,910 as of 30 September 2024.	Liabilities Non-current liabilities	
Operations:	Non-current liabilities	
During the nine months of the current year, the company produced 1,110 metric tons of sewing thread as against 1,017 metric tons of sewing thread produced during same period of the last year. Export sales accounted for about eighty-four percent of total revenue (last year eighty-five percent).	Employees' end of service benefits 157,510 160,527 164,139 Non-current portion of lease liability ROU Assets 178,940 184,463 183,137 Total non-current liabilities 336,450 344,990 347,276 Current liabilities Trade and other payables 765,798 753,710 895,615 Bank borrowings 119 121,059 12,737 Current maturities lease liability ROU Assets 5,534 4,868 5,289 Income Tax payable 108,229 96,979 99,284 Total current liabilities 879,680 976,616 1,012,925 Total liabilities 1,216,130 1,321,606 1,360,201 Total equity and liabilities 3,621,703 3,522,516 3,595,500 Net assets per share 0.136 0.134 0.136	
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Oman, Azerbaijan hold official talks

The two sides emphasised the importance of sustaining diplomatic efforts to back regional security and stability



MUSCAT: The Sultanate of Oman and the Republic of Azerbaijan held an official session of talks in Muscat on Wednesday.

The session discussed ways to enhance bilateral relations between the two countries in the political, economic, cultural and educational fields.

It also reviewed regional and international developments of mutual interest.

The Omani side was chaired by Sayyid Badr bin Hamad Al-Busaidi, Foreign Minister, while the Azerbaijani side was chaired by Jeyhun Bayramov, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

The two sides emphasised the importance of sustaining diplomatic efforts to back regional security and stability.

They also affirmed their countries' keenness to expand cooperation and partnership across various fields, diversify their common interests for mutual benefit, and continue holding regular consultations on various regional and global issues and challenges.

During the session, the two sides signed an agreement on mutual visas waiver for holders of diplomatic, special and service passports.

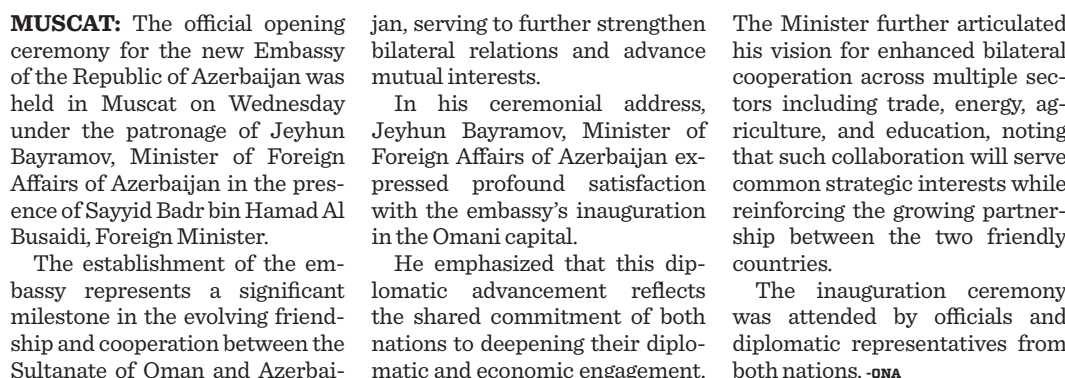
It aims to facilitate the move-

ment of official passport holders between the two countries. Additionally, a memorandum of understanding was signed for cooperation in the consular field, aimed at enhancing coordination on matters related to citizen affairs and developing frameworks for consular cooperation.

The session was attended by Sheikh Ahmed Hashil Al Maskari, Head of the GCC and Regional Neighbourhood Department at the Foreign Ministry and Rashad Ismayilov, Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the Sultanate of Oman, along with several officials from both sides. **ANA**

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Oman Cables Industry (SAOG) "Oman Cables" has the pleasure in submitting the report on the performance of the Parent Company and the Group for nine months period ended 30 Sep 2025. Parent Company - "Oman Cables". The Group - Oman Cables and its two fully owned subsidiaries: Oman Aluminum Processing Industries SPC in Sohar "OAPIL" and Associated Cables Private Ltd in India "ACPL". Sustainable Growth Our Group's mission is rooted in creating long-term value through environmental stewardship, social responsibility, and operational excellence, ensuring that sustainability is embedded in every decision we make. Group Performance The Sales of the Group for the nine months period ended 30 Sep 2025 are RO 213.69 million compared to RO 197.34 million for the same period last year, increase of 8.28%. The Group Net Profit after tax (NPAT), for the nine months period ended 30 Sep 2025 is RO 17.55 million compared to RO 17.42 million during the same period in 2024, increase of 0.73%. The Earnings Before Interest, Tax, Depreciation and Amortization (EBITDA) for the period is RO 22.20 million compared to RO 21.82 million during the same period in 2024. Oman Cables (Parent) Performance Oman Cables stands as a strategic technological enabler in the region's energy and digital transformation. Through its commitment to innovation and responsible operations, the company plays a vital role in advancing a decarbonized energy ecosystem and driving progress toward a more sustainable future. The Sales of Oman Cables for the nine months period ended 30 Sep 2025 are RO 161.30 million compared to RO 147.10 million in the same period last year, increase of 9.65%. The NPAT for the nine months period ended 30 Sep 2025 is RO 12.54 million as compared to RO 12.30 million for the same period in 2024, increase of 1.98%. EBITDA for the period is RO 15.49 million compared to RO 15.19 million during the same period in 2024. In the nine months period ended 30 Sep 2025, the revenue of the company marginally continued to increase influenced by metal prices and broad-based geographic sales distribution. The profitability of the company reflected also marginal improvement, principally due to the company persistent emphasis on product mix, dynamic pricing strategies, design to cost, and stringent cost management. Oman Aluminum Processing Industries SPC, Sohar (OAPIL) (subsidiary) and Associated Cables Private Ltd (ACPL), India (Subsidiary) In the nine months period ended 30 Sep 2025, OAPIL maintained its trajectory of delivering more added value products, influenced by the continuing focus on expanded market presence and reinforcing its financial discipline. In the nine months period ended 30 Sep 2025, ACPL remains delivering positive results supported by the focus on enhancing the operational efficiencies, improving its competitive advantage and a wider market reach. Oman Cables is recognizing the support extended by various Government Authorities and wish the best for our beloved Oman to further develop under the leadership of His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tariq, in line with Oman Vision 2040. On behalf of the Board of Directors Oman Cables Industry SAOG		<table> <tr> <th></th><th>9 Months ended 30 Sept 2025 Group RO</th><th>9 Months ended 30 Sept 2025 Parent Company RO</th><th>9 Months ended 30 Sept 2024 Group RO</th><th>9 Months ended 30 Sept 2024 Parent Company RO</th></tr> <tr> <td>Revenue</td><td>213,694,395</td><td>161,304,270</td><td>197,344,818</td><td>147,103,218</td></tr> <tr> <td>Cost of sales</td><td>(185,551,076)</td><td>(140,423,327)</td><td>(169,156,196)</td><td>(127,001,705)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Gross profit</td><td>28,143,319</td><td>20,880,943</td><td>28,188,622</td><td>20,101,513</td></tr> <tr> <td>Other income</td><td>632,487</td><td>587,371</td><td>471,796</td><td>515,257</td></tr> <tr> <td>Administrative expenses</td><td>(5,154,728)</td><td>(4,084,188)</td><td>(4,918,574)</td><td>(4,073,281)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Selling and distribution expenses</td><td>(4,603,003)</td><td>(3,956,542)</td><td>(5,108,284)</td><td>(3,621,583)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Net allowances 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Profit before income tax	20,844,421	14,917,930	20,793,907	14,728,796																																																																																																																																																																																																																				
Income tax expense	(3,291,455)	(2,377,334)	(3,368,929)	(2,431,445)																																																																																																																																																																																																																				
Profit for the period	17,552,966	12,540,596	17,424,978	12,297,351																																																																																																																																																																																																																				
Basic and diluted earnings per share attributable to ordinary equity holders of the parent company	0.196	0.140	0.194	0.137																																																																																																																																																																																																																				
Gross profit margin	13.17%	12.95%	14.28%	13.66%																																																																																																																																																																																																																				
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Property, plant and equipment	20,396,978	12,153,880	21,802,343	13,142,605																																																																																																																																																																																																																				
Intangible asset	244,586	244,586	290,639	290,639																																																																																																																																																																																																																				
Right-of-use assets	3,349,939	1,787,154	3,319,203	1,709,999																																																																																																																																																																																																																				
Investment in subsidiaries	-	7,789,908	-	7,789,908																																																																																																																																																																																																																				
Financial assets at amortized cost	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000																																																																																																																																																																																																																				
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	36,622	36,622	84,124	84,124																																																																																																																																																																																																																				
Deferred tax assets	161,128	193,535	355,334	410,120																																																																																																																																																																																																																				
Total non-current assets	25,189,253	23,205,685	26,851,643	24,427,395																																																																																																																																																																																																																				
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Inventories	26,813,628	24,075,692	26,277,530	22,821,135																																																																																																																																																																																																																				
Derivative financial instruments	958,142	827,258	-	-																																																																																																																																																																																																																				
Trade and other receivables	67,948,671	52,046,393	67,165,376	49,469,969																																																																																																																																																																																																																				
Short term deposits	30,637,442	18,000,000	49,249,279	39,849,050																																																																																																																																																																																																																				
Cash and cash equivalents	48,423,329	44,592,457	16,115,214	15,390,144																																																																																																																																																																																																																				
Total current assets	174,781,212	139,541,800	158,807,399	127,530,298																																																																																																																																																																																																																				
Total assets	199,970,465	162,747,485	185,659,042	151,957,693																																																																																																																																																																																																																				
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Share capital	8,970,000	8,970,000	8,970,000	8,970,000																																																																																																																																																																																																																				
Share premium	977,500	977,500	977,500	977,500																																																																																																																																																																																																																				
Legal reserve	4,445,333	2,990,000	4,445,333	2,990,000																																																																																																																																																																																																																				
General reserve	19,039,702	17,886,763	19,039,702	17,886,763																																																																																																																																																																																																																				
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Azerbaijan Embassy headquarters inaugurated



BARCELONA: Oman participated in the meeting of the Executive Bureau of the International Council on Archives (ICA), held on the sidelines of the ICA Congress in Barcelona, Spain.

This meeting is one of the most prominent periodic gatherings held by the International Council on Archives during 27-31 October 2017 to discuss general policies and future work programmes in the field of archiving and records management. It saw broad participation from specialists, experts and representatives of archival institutions from various countries around the world.

The sessions addressed a set of shared topics, including the development of future strategies for the International Council, enhancing its role in supporting archival institutions worldwide, and adopting resolutions aimed at improving cooperation mechanisms and the exchange of knowledge and expertise among members. This contributes to solidifying the role of archives as fundamental sources of human memory and historical knowledge. The National Records and Archives Authority represented

the Sultanate of Oman at this international event, affirming its pioneering role in supporting and developing archival work at both the Arab and international levels. This stems from Oman's keenness to enhance its presence in international forums specialised in the fields of archiving and records management and to adopt the latest global practices in the field of digital document preservation and management, aligning with "Oman Vision 2040" in promoting Oman's status as a leading centre in the documents and archives sector. -UNA

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**UNAUDITED CONDENSED INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE NINE MONTH PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER**

The Plant's good operational performance was achieved with no Lost Time Accidents to any of our staff, thereby clocking 5,202 Lost Time Accident-free days since inception, and is reflective of our continued internal focus on Health, Safety, Environment and Quality Management.

Consequent to removing the Cash Sweep provision in January 2024, the Company distributed dividends in June 2025 and will also be able to make future dividend distributions subject to the availability of cash and fulfillment of other covenants agreed within the Finance Documents.

Medium term Outlook

During nine months 2025, routine maintenance of all plant equipment have been accomplished. Major maintenance programme of the gas turbines is scheduled to be performed in the Q1 2026.

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All reasonable measures are being taken by the management to maintain high reliability level. Consequently, we expect a steady progress in the Company's financial performance.

I would like to extend my personal thanks to all personnel associated with the operation of the power plant and the staff of the Company for their hard work and dedication, as well as to those others such as our contractors, whose expertise has assisted us in achieving these excellent results.

Finally, on behalf of the Board of Directors, I heartily extend our best wishes to His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tariq Bin Taimur Al Said. We thank the Government of Oman for creating an environment that allows us to participate effectively in the growth of the Sultanate's economy. We commit our efforts to the building of a strong Oman.

Julien Diaz
Chairperson**UNAUDITED CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT**

Non-current assets

(Baizas / cents) - adjusted	212.20	551.89	189.79	493.59
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**UNAUDITED CONDENSED INCOME STATEMENT FOR
THE NINE MONTH PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER**

Other income	402	342	
General and administrative expenses	(719)	(613)	
Profits before interest and tax	21,193	21,321	-0.6%
Finance costs	(3,057)	(3,820)	

Higher revenues and direct costs, as compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, were attributed mainly to a higher plant load factor. The variability of the plant load factor influences the fuel and energy charges received from Nama Power & Water Procurement Company SAOC ("PWP"). However, these charges are passed through to the gas supplier and the O&M service provider hence there is no material impact on the Company's profitability.

Gross profit declined, mainly due to scheduled outages exceeding the 15% winter allowance and higher short notice outages compared to the same period last year.

The share price was 137 Baizas at the end of September 2025.

Corporate Social Responsibility

In alignment with the Company's commitment to positively impacting society and contributing to national development, the Company has allocated OMR 50,000 for CSR initiatives for the year 2025. The planned activities reflect the Company's dedication to fostering social well-being, sustainability, and community

- **Student Cybersecurity Initiative:** ABPC has signed an agreement with the Ministry of Education to sponsor a cybersecurity awareness program targeting eight schools, reaching approximately 6,500 students. The initiative aims to equip students with essential knowledge on legislation and computer security.

- **Digital Literacy Initiative:** The Company is committed to equipping students with essential digital literacy skills to thrive in a digital world.
- **Solar Energy Project:** In support of sustainability and clean energy adoption, the Company signed a contract with the Ministry of Education to fund the installation of a solar energy project at Sorraal school in Samal. This initiative supports sustainability goals and encourages the adoption of clean energy solutions.
- **Physical Health Activities:** In partnership with the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth and the Ministry of Education, the Company sponsored a range of physical health and sports activities including football, basketball, handball, and chess. These events were conducted across schools in Manah and Adnan, engaging over 10,000 students and organized in collaboration with Alstabschar Club.
- **Inclusive Classrooms Initiative:** As part of its commitment to educational inclusion, the Company will fund the installation of inclusive classroom facilities at a selected school in Muscat, in partnership with the Ministry of Education. This initiative aims to support students with diverse learning needs.
- **Employee Volunteering Programs:** The Company is also committed to fostering a culture of volunteerism among its staff. In 2025, employees are encouraged to participate in various community initiatives such as beach cleaning up in Sohar and other outreach programs, contributing their time and expertise to social and environmental causes.

All reasonable measures are taken by the management to maintain high availability and reliability levels. Any change in the power supply and demand landscape in the Sultanate has substantially no impact on the financial performance of the Company since its profitability is mainly derived from its plant availability.

Acknowledgement

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Finally, on behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to extend our deep appreciation and gratitude to His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tariq and His Government for their continued support and encouragement to the private sector by creating an environment that allows us to participate effectively in the growth of the Sultanate's economy and to dedicate our achievements to the building of a strong nation.

Boris Smunda

UNAUDITED CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT

Property, plant and equip-	200,000	500,000	200,000	500,000
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Total liabilities	96,740	251,600	98,868	257,135
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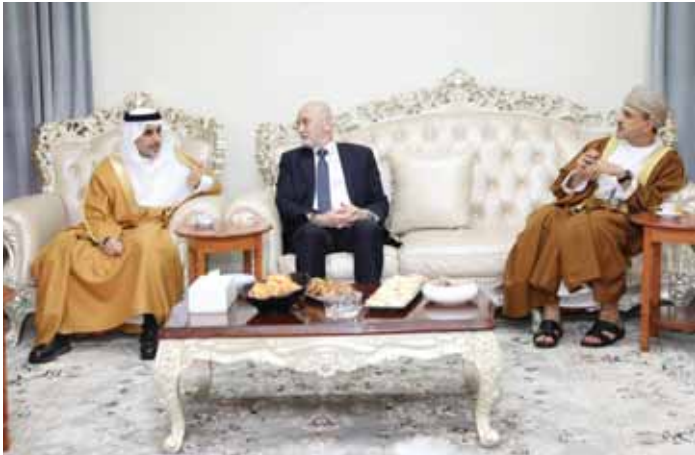
Net assets per share	213.56	555.44	191.35	497.65
(Baizas / cents) - adjusted				

Need for effective environmental policies discussed

The Omani delegation, led by Dr. Abdullah bin Ali Al Amri, Chairman of the Environment Authority, emphasised the critical importance of integrating institutional and legislative frameworks to establish effective environmental governance

NOUAKCHOTT: The Sultanate of Oman participated in the fourth session of the Arab Environment Forum, convened in Nouakchott, capital of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania on Wednesday. The forum, organised under the thematic banner “Towards Integrated Environmental Policies Serving Humanity,” is conducted in collaboration with the Technical Secretariat of the Council of Arab Ministers Responsible for Environmental Affairs at the Arab League.

The Omani delegation was led by Dr. Abdullah bin Ali Al Amri, Chairman of the Environment Authority, who contributed to the



high-level policy dialogue session titled “A Regional Vision for Coordinating and Integrating Environmental Policies for Humanity” within the forum’s official programme.

He emphasised the critical importance of institutional and legislative framework integration for establishing effective environmental governance. He highlighted Oman’s comprehensive initiatives in developing environmental legislation designed to ensure coordinated action across developmental sectors while achieving integration among economic, social, and environmental priorities.

He further outlined necessary measures to strengthen legislative coherence at the regional Arab level, facilitating enhanced implementation of both regional and international environmental agreements.

Al Amri detailed Oman’s leadership contributions during its presidency of the seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly, noting the extensive diplomatic engagement with nations across all global regions and continents. These efforts produced unified perspectives in developing the Ministerial Decla-

ration draft and building consensus around numerous resolutions presented during the Assembly’s seventh session proceedings. He urged all Arab states to support alignment between national policy frameworks and global environmental directions while enhancing synergy with regional and international environmental conventions.

The fourth Arab Environment Forum’s two-day convening implements the official decision issued by the Council of Arab Ministers Responsible for Environmental Affairs during its thirty-fifth session held in Jeddah in September 2024.

The forum serves as a strategic platform for knowledge exchange and vision development among policy makers, technical experts, civil society representatives, and private sector stakeholders. Its objectives include advancing environmental legislation development and promoting environmental awareness throughout the Arab world.

Current session discussions prioritise enhancing environmental policy effectiveness while encouraging innovation and investment in sustainable environmental solutions. — **ONA**

MUSCAT STOCK EXCHANGE

< FROM A1 MSX’s clear vision boosts its international profile

Aown Abbas Al Bahrani, Chief Investment Officer – Public Markets at OIA, commented: “Today, the Muscat Stock Exchange stands as a clear example of the tangible outcomes of effective and well-planned strategies. Since 2022, it has grown by 67 per cent, with an average annual increase of 14.6 per cent — outperforming major global indices such as the S&P 500 and the MSCI indices for GCC, global, emerging, and Chinese markets. This success reflects a clear vision to enhance market liquidity, diversify the investor base, and expand listing opportunities, enabling MSX to deliver returns that surpass regional and international benchmarks and strengthen its position as a leading investment destination both locally and regionally.”

Since 2022, OIA has launched an ambitious IPO Programme that contributed to MSX’s transformation, starting with the listing of the Pearl REIF, Oman’s largest real-estate fund, which raised over OMR35 million.

The fund aims to invest in a diversified portfolio of real estate assets and deliver regular returns for investors; offering a new investment product that enables investors to diversify their financial instruments. In March 2023, Abraj Energy Services, Oman’s largest drilling and oilfield services company, was listed on MSX, raising approximately OMR94 million, making it the largest IPO in the market since 2010.

From day one, Abraj shares accounted for nearly 90 per cent of total market turnover (around OMR7.14 million), boosting liquidity and reviving trading activity. Such high demand strengthened investor confidence in both the offering and the financial position of Abraj, and revitalised investment in the oil and gas services sector.

In October 2023, OQGN was listed on MSX, marking the largest-ever initial public offering

in Oman at that time, with total demand exceeding OMR4 billion against an offering volume of OMR288 million.

As the exclusive operator of Oman’s natural gas transmission network, OQGN plays a vital role in supplying natural gas to industrial clusters and power plants. Its IPO, therefore, attracted key regional and international institutional investors, including three anchor investors: Fluxys Belgium, an investment firm owned by the Public Investment Fund of Saudi Arabia, and an investment firm owned by the Qatar Investment Authority. This reflects robust foreign investor appetite and strong regional and global confidence in the Omani market.

The number of investors grew significantly in the fourth quarter of 2023, with total annual trading value reaching OMR1.132 billion.

In addition, the transactions carried out increased by 37 per cent compared to the previous year.

MSX’s upward trend continued in October 2024 with the listing of OQEP, OQ’s upstream arm operating in oil and gas exploration and production. The IPO, described as Oman’s largest to date, attracted total gross demand exceeding OMR780 million, indicating strong investor confidence both locally and internationally.

As a result of this IPO, the total subscription proceeds amounted to OMR961 million for 2024.

Moreover, this listing marked the first entry of oil exploration and production sector into MSX, and increased the company’s market capitalization to over OMR3 billion at the time of listing.

Haitham Al Salmi, Chief Executive Officer of the Muscat Stock Exchange, said: “OIA’s strategic vision has been instrumental in transforming MSX’s performance through a well-structured listing me and institutional initiatives that enhanced market liquid-

ity and investor confidence. MSX has effectively translated these directions into tangible and clear actions, including developing the regulatory framework, improving transparency, and increasing trading efficiency. Recently, MSX successfully boosted market liquidity through development-focused reforms that improved trading operations and deepened the market. The activation of the market maker role has helped stabilize prices and reduce bid-ask spreads, contributing significantly to increased investor confidence. Simultaneously, the participation of liquidity providers ensured continuous capital flows and improved pricing quality, factors that have enhanced the attractiveness of the market and positioned it for sustained growth and broader capital inflows. These efforts are now reflected in rising trading volumes, higher market capitalisation, and a broader base of local and international investors, affirming MSX’s position as a key driver of investment and economic growth in Oman.”

In December 2024, OQBI, the company responsible for petrochemical and refining industries within the OQ Group, further diversified the market with a listing that raised approximately OMR188 million. While the share price experienced short post-listing fluctuations, the IPO underscored sustained investor appetite for industrial offerings, with the share later trading above its offer price. In March 2025, OIA announced the listing of ASYAD Shipping, the maritime arm of Asyad Group and one of the region’s largest fleet operators. The offering raised OME128 million, marking the entry of the maritime and logistics sector to MSX, a key pillar of Oman Vision 2040 and one of Oman’s most promising growth sectors. — **ONA**

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PAYMENTS NETWORK

Unimoni Oman integrates MoneyGram for faster digital cross-border transfers

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Unimoni Exchange Oman, a prominent player in the remittance and foreign exchange sector, has announced a partnership with MoneyGram, a leading global payments network for consumers, businesses and communities. The strategic initiative marks a significant advancement in Unimoni Oman’s ongoing mission to provide convenient and efficient international money transfer solutions for its diverse customer base in Oman.

The integration with MoneyGram offers customers a seamless approach to sending money across borders with secure, instant transfers from the convenience of their mobile devices.



Recipients can access the transferred funds through a variety of omnichannel delivery options, including bank account and mobile wallets transfers and cash pickup at nearly 500,000 retail locations worldwide.

Our mission has always been to innovate for our customers in the

realm of remittance services, expressed Boban M P, CEO of Unimoni Oman. “The integration of MoneyGram into our mobile application is not just a tactical decision; it symbolises our commitment to pioneering the digital transformation of financial services in Oman. We aim to make essential services like international remittances increasingly accessible, faster, and more secure than ever before.”

Unimoni Oman is one of the leading money exchange providers in the region. With 57 locations across Oman and with a leading mobile app, Unimoni Oman has established a long-standing, trusted presence for its diverse customer base in Oman.

“As people across Oman in-

creasingly seek digital methods for sending cross-border payments, we’re proud to partner with Unimoni Oman and offer our globally trusted financial services within their user-friendly mobile app,” said Ahmed Aly, Head of Middle East, Asia Pacific and South Asia at MoneyGram. “Unimoni Oman’s strong market presence and commitment to innovation make them an ideal partner as we continue to expand access to fast, affordable and secure digital money transfers across Oman and the GCC region.”

The MoneyGram service in the Unimoni Exchange Oman Application is now live, allowing customers in Oman to send international money transfers to over 200 countries.

NATIONAL FORUM ON SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS

Quality of academic publishing in focus

MUSCAT: The first National Forum on Scientific Journals kicked off in Muscat on Wednesday, with emphasis on adopting the latest practices in managing scientific journals and improving the quality of academic publishing.

The ceremony was held under the auspices of Dr. Saif bin Abdullah Al Hadabi, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation for Research and Innovation.

The forum two-day is organised by the Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation in cooperation with Modern College of Business and Science.

Besides discussing the role of scientific journals in promoting academic integrity, the forum elaborates on means of supporting

Omani universities so that they could continue to improve their global rankings.

The forum reflects the Ministry’s efforts to develop the national system of scientific publishing and enhance the quality of peer-reviewed journals in line with the Sultanate of Oman’s approach to a knowledge-based economy within the context of Oman Vision 2040

An exhibition themed “National Peer-viewed Scientific Journals”, being held on the sidelines of the forum, showcases examples of journals issued by higher education institutions and research bodies. It also highlights the progress that has been made so far in promoting the quality of scientific publishing. — **ONA**

INDIA VENUE

< FROM A1 Historic debut: Oman to play in FIH Junior World Cup 2025

Al Juma extended gratitude to the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth, the Oman Olympic Committee, and the FIH for their support in fostering the sport’s growth. “This opportunity will inspire the next generation of Omani athletes to dream bigger and aim higher. Our boys will carry the spirit of Oman with pride, determination, and honour,” he added.

Led by head coach Mohammad Hobais Bait Jandal, the national junior team will join 23 other nations at the tournament — which, for the first time, will feature 24 teams each in both the men’s and women’s events, part of the FIH’s Empowerment and Engagement Strategy promoting inclusivity and global reach. Calling the qualification “a dream realised,” coach Hobais said the debut marked the beginning of a new era for Omani hockey.

“It’s not just a participation — it’s a statement of how far we’ve come. Our players have shown tremendous dedication and discipline to reach this level. We know the challenges will be tough, but our determination is stronger,” he said.

He added: “Every match in India will be a chance to learn, grow, and represent Oman with pride. This achievement belongs to every young boy and girl who dreams of wearing the national colours. It proves that with belief and hard work, Oman can stand shoulder to shoulder with the world’s best.”

Oman Hockey Association technical director Shakir Munir echoed the sentiment, describing the World Cup debut as “a reward for years of structured development and investment in youth.”

“This milestone underlines the progress of our national programmes and the dedication of our coaching and support teams,” he said. “The experience our young players will gain against top international opposition is invaluable. It will strengthen the foundation for the future of Omani hockey.”

In a press statement on Wednesday, OHA said Oman’s qualification “represents a major step forward in the nation’s hockey development pathway,” reaffirming its commitment to elevate the sport to new heights.



OMAN CRUDE PRICE FALLS

The price of Oman oil has decreased, with prices for delivery by December 2025 reaching \$65.05, said Dubai Mercantile Exchange (DME). The DME statement said that the price of Oman oil fell by 30 cents from the price of Tuesday, which was \$65.35. - **ONA**

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MSX INDEX ENDS HIGHER

The MSX index closed at 5,572.66 points, up by 0.84% from previous close. The Sharia Index ended up by 0.53% at 470.09 points. Al Anwar Investment, up 8.08%, was the top gainer while, Oman Refreshment, down 8.18%, was the top loser.

Meeting seeks to boost industrial integration among GCC countries

The Omani delegation was led by Qais bin Mohammed Al Yousef, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion, who emphasised the meetings' significance in advancing collective Gulf economic cooperation

KUWAIT: The Sultanate of Oman participated in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Ministers of Commerce and Industry meetings, convened in the State of Kuwait. The high-level gathering assembled the Ministers, ministry undersecretaries, leadership from chambers of commerce and industry federations, and numerous representatives from GCC organisations and economic institutions.

These strategic meetings aimed to strengthen economic and industrial integration among GCC member states, advance entrepreneurial ecosystems, bolster small and medium enterprise (SME) development, and examine mechanisms for harmonising economic and trade policies.

Additional focus areas included facilitating cross-border movement of goods and services and stimulating collaborative Gulf investment initiatives.

The Omani delegation was led by Qais bin Mohammed Al Yousef,



Minister of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion, who emphasised the meetings' significance in advancing collective Gulf economic cooperation.

"These gatherings represent a crucial platform for strengthening our unified Gulf economic agenda and addressing shared opportunities in regional development," stated Al Yousef.

He elaborated that Gulf industrial and commercial integration serves as a foundational element for driving sustainable economic growth and diversifying national revenue streams.

He further highlighted Oman's strategic commitment to nurturing small and medium enterprises and empowering entrepreneurs as essential components of the nation's comprehensive economic diversification framework.

Dr. Saleh bin Said Masan, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion for Commerce and Industry, identified industrial localisation as a strategic priority for achieving collective industrial security across GCC nations.

"Collaborative Gulf cooperation in industrial development significantly enhances national industry competitiveness while creating expanded opportunities for joint investment ventures," Dr. Masan explained.

He reaffirmed Oman's dedication to advancing Gulf cooperation across industrial, trade, and investment sectors, reinforcing the fundamental principle of Gulf economic integration.

This commitment strengthens the GCC's position as a leading industrial and commercial hub at both regional and international levels.

The agenda featured the Fourth Gulf Entrepreneurship Forum, organized by the National Fund for the Development and Care of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs).

The forum conducted three primary sessions examining challenges and expansion opportunities for small and medium enterprises within Gulf markets, empowerment strategies for entrepreneurs, public relations network development, economic integration mechanisms among GCC states, market access frameworks, and government support systems.

Specialised sessions included business presentation skills for investor engagement and commercial expansion strategies within Gulf markets utilising artificial intelligence for new market penetration.

Concurrent with the forum proceedings, Kuwait's Public Authority for Industry inaugurated the

Third Gulf Industrial Exhibition, featuring a ministerial dialogue session for GCC Industry Undersecretaries titled "Industrial Localisation in GCC States Towards Sustainable Industrial Security." Dr. Saleh bin Said Masan participated in this session, presenting Oman's national experience in industrial localisation while detailing Omani initiatives and policies advancing industrial development and supply chain localisation.

The presentation highlighted successful case studies across strategic sectors including manufacturing, food processing, pharmaceuticals, mineral development, and technology innovation.

Ministerial committee meetings launched the Gulf Industrial Platform as a collaborative GCC initiative designed to enhance industrial integration and facilitate data and service exchange among member states.

The ceremonies included recognition of several Gulf companies, including Omani enterprises, through the 2025 Gulf Industrial Excellence Award, acknowledging their contributions to industrial innovation, localisation achievements, technology transfer, and production efficiency enhancements.

The 55th Industrial Cooperation Committee meeting ad-



ressed critical Gulf industry topics including industrial localisation programmes and joint manufacturing initiatives.

Discussions focused on supporting industrial innovation, developing national competencies, and monitoring implementation of previous industrial integration decisions.

The committee examined mechanisms for stimulating cross-GCC industrial investment, enhancing inter-organisational cooperation among industrial authorities, and facilitating national product movement among member states to strengthen collective industrial and food security.

The 69th Commercial Cooperation Committee meeting reviewed implementation progress of Gulf commercial cooperation programs, exploring methods to enhance trade exchange among GCC members and strengthen market integration.

Additional discussions addressed goods and services movement facilitation and resolving challenges facing Gulf companies in intra-regional trade.

The tenth Ministerial Committee for Standardisation Affairs meeting established unified Gulf standards for industrial and commercial products while ensuring quality assurance for goods circulating in GCC markets.

The session promoted enhanced consumer-producer confidence and facilitated intra-GCC trade movement among member states.

The committee emphasised elevating GCC standard specifications to align with contemporary international benchmarks, ensuring national industry support and enhancing Gulf export competitiveness in regional and global markets.

The fifth consultative meeting of GCC Ministers of Commerce and Industry with chamber and federation leaders provided a structured platform for public-private sector dialogue. The session facilitated exchange of entrepreneurial and manufacturing expertise while reviewing national and Gulf initiatives supporting small and medium enterprise development.

Discussions explored joint Gulf investment stimulation and regional market expansion, alongside enhanced cooperation among chambers of commerce and industrial bodies to support innovation and develop the GCC business environment.

The meetings were attended by Faisal bin Abdullah Al Rowas, Chairman of the Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry, alongside numerous officials from commerce, industry, and investment sectors. - **ONA**

GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT BONDS

CBO announces auction results of 77th GDB issue

MUSCAT: The Central Bank of Oman (CBO) has announced the auction results of the 77th Government Development Bonds (GDB) issue worth OMR100 million.

According to a media release issued by CBO's Market Operations Department, the 77th GDB Issue, which received overwhelming response from investors, has received applications amounted to OMR219,320,100.

The average yield was 4.08 percent at an equivalent price of OMR100.090, while the lowest yield was 4.09 percent at an equivalent price of OMR100.045 and the lowest was at 4.02 percent at an equivalent price of OMR100.360.

The 5-year Bond will be issued on Thursday (30 October, 2025) and it will mature on 30 October 2030, carrying a coupon rate of 4.1% per annum. - **ONA**

UTAS PIONEERS MARKET EXHIBITION

Salalah expo features 25 projects by students

SALALAH: The second edition of UTAS Pioneers Market Exhibition kicked off at the University of Technology and Applied Sciences (UTAS) in Salalah on Wednesday. The two-day event features 25 projects undertaken by students from the UTAS, Dhofar University and Salalah Vocational College.

The exhibition seeks to provide a platform that allows students to showcase their innovations and promote their products in a stimulating environment that combines innovation and entrepreneurship. The event aims to foster the culture of entrepreneurship among students, encouraging them to benefit from successful experiences and technical guidance that they receive, so that they could transform their projects into viable and sustainable business models.

Dr. Yasir Mohammed Al Yafaei, Deputy Assistant Vice-Chancellor for Postgraduate Studies, Research and Innovation at the



UTAS, stressed the importance of the exhibition and affirmed its role in supporting student projects. He said that the exhibition contributes to promoting initiatives, inspires the practical application of business models and develops critical thinking, problem-solving and innovation.

Al Yafaei pointed out that a key objective sought by the exhibition is to link academic study with ground reality, so that the students could understand market needs and develop their works accordingly. - **ONA**

ATTRACTS 16 PROJECTS

Investments in Ibri Industrial City reach OMR19.8mn by mid-2025

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The total number of projects localised in Ibri Industrial City has reached 16 by the end of the first half of 2025, with total investments touching OMR 19,835,000. These projects occupy a combined area of 188,889 sqm within Phase 1 of the city, which spans 3 million sqm of the total 10 million sqm allocated for the industrial city.

The key investment sectors currently localised in the city include oil and gas, food, manufacturing industries, and light industries.

Salah Al Alawi, Director General of Ibri Industrial City, stated



that the newly announced lateral gas connection serving the city, as part of the Integrated Gas Company's gas pipeline project extend-

ing from Al Dhahirah to North Al Batinah, represents a strategic advancement that strengthens Madayn's efforts in collaboration with relevant authorities to attract investments and enhance industrial development across the Sultanate.

He added that Madayn is currently implementing several projects in Ibri Industrial City, including the security gate project, and beautification of the main roundabout. "The fuel station, which is part of the integrated services station project in the city, commenced its operations in the first half of this year. In addition to the fuel station, the integrated services station pro-

ject comprises a rest area and facilities for trucks and cars, providing services to companies, workers, nearby residential areas, and road users," Al Alawi pointed out.

Ibri Industrial City is strategically located near the Sultanate's borders with Saudi Arabia and the UAE, and serves as a key logistics and commercial hub, with less than 150 km from both borders. The city's modern infrastructure, level terrain, and access to Al Dhahirah Governorate's rich natural resources make it an attractive destination for investors, supporting industrial growth and new economic activity in the governorate.

RECOGNITION

Oman receives Fujairah Award for Best Sustainable Mining Practices 2025

FUJAIRAH: The Sultanate of Oman, represented by the Ministry of Heritage and Tourism, has been awarded the Fujairah Award for Best Sustainable Mining Practices in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in its 10th edition.

The award was in the third category dedicated to efforts for the preservation of geological heritage, as part of the activities of the tenth Fujairah International Mining Conference held in the Emirate of Fujairah.

This achievement reflects the fruitful outcomes of the Ministry of Heritage and Tourism's diverse programmes aimed at preserving and sustaining geological heritage. - **ONA**



MARKET

MSX index ends higher

Al Anwar Investment, up 8.08%, was the top gainer while, Oman Refreshment, down 8.18%, was the top loser



MUSCAT: The MSX index closed at 5,572.66 points, up by 0.84% from previous close. The Sharia Index ended up by 0.53% at 470.09 points.

Al Anwar Investment, up 8.08%, was the top gainer while, Oman Refreshment, down 8.18%, was the top loser. Shares of Sohar International Bank were the most active in terms of number of shares traded while Bank Muscat were the most active in terms of turnover.

A total number of 8621 trades were executed during the day's trading session, generating turnover of RO 52.77 million, with more than 249.55 million shares changing hands.

Out of 70 traded securities, 25 advanced, 16 declined, and 29 remained unchanged. At the session close, foreign investors were net buyers for RO 715K while domestic investors were net sellers for RO 687K, followed by GCC & Arab investors for RO 28K worth of shares.

Financial Index closed at 9,101.71 points, up 0.68%. Prices of Al Anwar Investment, Oman & Emirates Investment, Taa-

ger Finance, OMINVEST, Bank Muscat were up by 8.08%, 3.85%, 3.25%, 2.14%, 1.20% respectively. Prices of DIDIC, Ahli Bank, Oman United Insurance, Global Financial Investments, Liva Group were down by 2.72%, 1.97%, 1.95%, 1.14%, 0.38% respectively.

Industrial Index closed at 7,205.10 points, down -0.26%. Prices of Galfar Engineering, Oman Chlorine, Gulf International Chemicals were up by 2.15%, 1.11%, 0.85%, 0.70%, 0.58% respectively. Prices of Muscat Desalination, Dhofar Generating, Musandam Power, SMN Power Holding were down by 1.21%, 1.10%, 1.00%, 0.92% respectively. - United Securities

OMAN STOCKS

MUSCAT STOCK EXCHANGE

INDICES

Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff	Diff %
MSX 30 INDEX	5,576.17	5,523.70	5,572.66	5,526.47	46.19	0.84
FINANCIAL INDEX	9,106.65	8,996.47	9,101.71	9,039.84	61.87	0.68
Industry Index	7,242.75	7,185.77	7,205.10	7,223.66	-18.56	-0.26
Services Index	2,252.98	2,231.98	2,250.64	2,235.70	14.94	0.67
MSX Shariah Index	470.27	467.27	470.09	467.61	2.48	0.53
MSX TRI INDEX	8,362.12	8,283.44	8,356.86	8,287.59	69.27	0.84
FINANCIAL TRI IDX	10,819.01	10,688.12	10,813.15	10,739.64	73.51	0.68
INDUSTRIAL TRI IDX	8,929.68	8,859.43	8,883.27	8,906.15	-22.88	-0.26
SERVICES TRI IDX	2,914.76	2,887.59	2,911.74	2,892.41	19.33	0.67
FIXED INCOME INDEX	1,204.64	1,204.64	1,204.64	1,204.64	0.00	0.00

Trading Summary

Volume	Turnover	Trades	Market Cap	Up	Down	Equal	Sec. Traded
249,551,835	52,769,615	8,621	31,247,430,653	25	16	29	70

SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

ISIN	SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR.	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF (RD)	DIFF %	LAST PR.	LAST BID	LAST OFFER	PAV VALUE	MARKET CAP
REGULAR MARKET																
OMI0000001533	OMINVEST	277,226	64,817	30	0.283	0.287	0.283	0.286	0.280	0.006	2.143	0.284	0.284	0.288	0.100	267,613,516
OMI0000002796	BANK MUSCAT	36,938,702	12,359,138	1,200	0.333	0.337	0.332	0.337	0.333	0.004	1.201	0.337	0.337	0.337	0.100	2,529,655,810
OMI0000004788	MADINA TAKAFUL	165,031	18,991	15	0.084	0.085	0.084	0.084	0.084	0.000	1.190	0.085	0.084	0.085	0.100	1,475,000
OMI0000004972	QAGAS NETWORKS	28,809,864	5,238,950	1,242	0.182	0.184	0.179	0.183	0.181	0.002	1.005	0.183	0.183	0.185	0.100	792,594,177
OMI0000004450	BANK NIZWA	1,140,533	118,315	36	0.103	0.104	0.103	0.104	0.103	0.001	0.971	0.104	0.102	0.104	0.100	232,643,115
OMI0000003898	QOEDOO	386,000	93,394	13	0.234	0.237	0.234	0.237	0.233	0.002	0.851	0.237	0.233	0.240	0.100	154,273,783
OMI0000002226	ALJAZEERA SERVICES	109,397	19,048	12	0.174	0.175	0.174	0.175	0.174	0.001	0.575	0.175	0.174	0.175	0.100	7,497,523
OMI0000001482	NATIONAL BANK OMAN	628,160	23,550	22	0.383	0.386	0.382	0.386	0.384	0.002	0.949	0.386	0.386	0.386	0.100	593,266,366
OMI0000008934	ABRAJ ENERGY SERVICES	2,909,427	806,702	657	0.275	0.279	0.275	0.278	0.277	0.001	0.361	0.278	0.279	0.278	0.100	214,115,600
OMI0000017077	OMAN CABLES INDUSTRY	2,381	5,206	5	0.198	0.198	0.198	0.198	0.198	0.000	0.000	0.198	0.195	0.199	0.100	196,443,000
OMI0000002374	UNITED FINANCE	850,503	54,432	23	0.064	0.064	0.064	0.064	0.064	0.000	0.000	0.064	0.064	0.064	0.100	22,921,147
OMI0000002440	AL SHARQIYA INVESTMENT HO.	134,517	11,179	17	0.083	0.085	0.083	0.085	0.083	0.002	0.000	0.085	0.083	0.085	0.100	7,650,000
OMI0000003029	OMAN TELECOM	1,244,785	1,290,694	76	1.036	1.038	1.036	1.036	1.036	0.000	0.000	1.036	1.036	1.037	0.100	77,700,000
OMI0000003224	RENAISSANCE SERVICES	768,590	213,247	32	0.277	0.278	0.277	0.277	0.277	0.000	0.000	0.277	0.277	0.278	0.100	55,485,570
OMI0000003386	SOHAR INTERNATIONAL BANK	63,714,206	10,239,267	1,238	0.161	0.162	0.159	0.160	0.160	0.001	0.000	0.160	0.162	0.160	0.100	1,058,759,403
OMI0000004925	ALBATINAH POWER	573,306	97,609	28	0.171	0.172	0.170	0.171	0.171	0.000	0.000	0.171	0.171	0.171	0.100	115,405,751
OMI0000004953	AL SUWAI POWER	87,080	108,277	33	0.170	0.171	0.169	0.171	0.170	0.000	0.000	0.171	0.170	0.168	0.100	122,363,484
OMI0000002168	AL ANWAR CERAMIC	172,609	27,677	18	0.165	0.165	0.160	0.162	0.163	0.001	-0.613	0.162	0.161	0.163	0.100	35,640,000
OMI0000003125	GLOBAL FINANCIAL INVESTMENT HO.	3,712	642	2	0.173	0.173	0.173	0.173	0.173	-0.002	-1.143	0.173	0.173	0.182	0.100	34,600,000
OMI0000002176	JAZEERA STEEL PRODUCTS	30,389	17,232	5	0.570	0.570	0.570	0.570	0.580	-0.010	-1.724	0.570	0.570	0.570	0.100	71,181,557
OMI0000003681	VOLTAMP ENERGY	823	778	5	0.945	0.945	0.945	0.945	0.983	-0.018	-1.869	0.945	0.940	0.945	0.100	88,464,438
OMI0000001087	OMAN UNITED INSURANCE	331,487	84,513	19	0.257	0.257	0.252	0.252	0.257	-0.005	-1.946	0.252	0.252	0.250	0.100	25,300,000
Total	22	139,788,630	31,093,838	4,934												
Parallel Market																
OMI0000000772	ALANWAR INVESTMENT	7,008,681	732,083	128	0.099	0.107	0.099	0.107	0.099	0.008	8.081	0.107	0.107	0.107	0.100	31,945,194
OMI0000001681	OMAN EMIRATES HO.	1,393,863	112,059	79	0.078	0.083	0.078	0.081	0.078	0.003	3.846	0.081	0.078	0.082	0.100	9,871,875
OMI0000003281	TAAJER FINANCE	3,900	485	1	0.127	0.127	0.127	0.127	0.127	0.000	0.000	0.127	0.124	0.128	0.100	35,461,248
OMI0000002341	OMAN CHLORINE	1,000	240	1	0.240	0.240	0.240	0.240	0.233	0.007	3.004	0.240	0.240	0.240	0.100	17,152,122
OMI0000002028	GULF INTERNATIONAL CHEMICALS	15,194	1,037	6	0.069	0.070	0.068	0.070	0.068	0.002	2.941	0.070	0.068	0.070	0.100	1,470,000
OMI0000008608	QO BASE INDUSTRIES (SF2)	47,297,488	8,155,386	1,268	0.171	0.174	0.171	0.174	0.170	0.004	2.853	0.174	0.171	0.174	0.100	601,851,408
OMI0000004735	SEMBOCORP SALALAH	2,419,431	456,883	187	0.186	0.191	0.185	0.190	0.186	0.004	2.151	0.190	0.190	0.191	0.100	181,588,671
OMI0000001020	ASTAD SHIPPING	28,586,458	2,415,574	1,159	0.171	0.174	0.169	0.173	0.170	0.004	2.353	0.174	0.174	0.173	0.100	501,112,760
OMI0000007910	AMAN REAL ESTATE	240	20	1	0.083	0.083	0.083	0.083	0.082	0.001	1.220	0.083	0.082	0.083	0.100	16,900,000
OMI0000004847	BAKAL MILLS	346,844	3,162	12	0.090	0.090	0.089	0.090	0.090	0.000	1.154	0.090	0.089	0.090	0.100	22,779,129
OMI0000008868	THE PEARL REEF	8,271	861	3	0.138	0.138	0.137	0.138	0.136	0.001	0.735	0.137	0.137	0.148	0.100	10,709,648
OMI0000009710	BARKA DESALINATION	10,000	1,430	1	0.143	0.143	0.143	0.142	0.143	0.000	0.704	0.143	0.143	0.144	0.100	107,069,446
OMI0000009729	OMAN CHLORINE	18,820,000	6,653,741	315	0.053	0.053	0.053	0.053	0.052	0.001	0.750	0.053	0.053	0.054	0.100	2,834,400,000
OMI0000001095	DHOFAR INSURANCE	250	50	1	0.201	0.201	0.201	0.201	0.200	0.001	0.500	0.201	0.201	0.220	0.100	23,386,549
OMI0000001152	OMAN NATIONAL ENGINEERING & INV	11,000	1,483	6	0.133	0.133	0.133	0.133	0.133	0.000	0.000	0.133	0.134	0.135	0.100	6,900,000
OMI0000001160	NATIONAL GAS	81,861	6,391	7	0.080	0.080	0.078	0.080	0.080	0.000	0.000	0.080	0.077	0.080	0.100	5,600,000
OMI0000001590	OMAN FINANCE	10,000	1,476	4	0.150	0.150	0.149	0.150	0.150	0.000	0.000	0.150	0.150	0.150	0.100	20,250,000
OMI0000001808	OMAN PACKAGING	430	67	1	0.155	0.155	0.155	0.155	0.155	0.000	0.000	0.155	0.155	0.155	0.100	5,027,558
OMI0000001889	SEALAT MILLS	1,235	480	2	0.389	0.389	0.389	0.389	0.389	0.000	0.000	0.389	0.389	0.389	0.100	24,288,132
OMI0000001962	AL MADINA INVESTMENT HOLDING	7,400	286	3	0.040	0.040	0.039	0.039	0.039	0.000	0.000	0.039	0.039	0.040	0.100	3,315,000
OMI0000002077	AL OMANIYA FINANCIAL SERVICES	100,000	12,700	3	0.127	0.127	0.127	0.127	0.127	0.000	0.000	0.127	0.127	0.127	0.100	40,057,859
OMI0000002287	GULF MUSHERO PRODUCTS	5,000	2,240	1	0.280	0.280	0.280	0.280	0.280	0.000	0.000	0.280	0.275	0.280	0.100	12,514,422
OMI0000002275	SHELL OMAN MARKETING	20	14	1	0.680	0.680	0.680	0.680	0.680	0.000	0.000	0.680	0.680	0.680	0.100	64,600,000
OMI0000002549	BANK DHOFAR	1,968,200	203,287	363	0.104	0.104	0.104	0.104	0.104	0.000	0.000	0.104	0.104	0.104	0.100	498,367,785
OMI0000002848	NATIONAL FINANCE	43,200	6,088	3	0.143	0.143	0.140	0.140	0.140	0.000	0.000	0.140	0.138	0.154	0.100	85,137,715
OMI0000002865	QO BASE INDUSTRIES	10,000	1,476	4	0.150	0.150	0.149	0.150	0.150	0.000	0.000	0.150	0.150	0.150	0.100	20,250,000
OMI0000004689	SHARQIYAH DESALINATION	3,940	587	1	0.149	0.149	0.149	0.149	0.149	0.000	0.000	0.149	0.149	0.149	0.100	14,772,522
OMI0000005005	OMAN ARAB BANK	20,000	3,300	1	0.166	0.166	0.166	0.166	0.166	0.000	0.000	0.166	0.166	0.166	0.100	20,000,000
OMI0000005200	OMAN ARAB															

15,539

OMI0000005093	PHOENIX POWER	29,954	15,159	15	0.153	0.153	0.149	0.150	0.150	0.000	0.000	0.150	0.149	0.150	0.100	29,390,219
OMI0000005300	LVN	163,040	2,803	1	0.028	0.028	0.028	0.028	0.028	0.000	0.000	0.028	0.028	0.028	0.100	10,078,000
OMI0000004748	SMN POWER HOLDING	12,261	2,638	8	0.217	0.217	0.215	0.215	0.217	-0.002	-0.922	0.215	0.216	0.219	0.100	42,921,654
OMI0000004299	MUHAMMAD POWER	8,000	2,275	1	0.287	0.287	0.287	0.287	0.287	0.000	0.000	0.287	0.287	0.287	0.100	10,000,000
OMI0000007449	OMAN CEMENT	4,300	2,076	5	0.482	0.484	0.480	0.480	0.485	-0.005	-1.031	0.480	0.480	0.485	0.100	158,819,000
OMI0000007449	DOHA CEMENT TRADING	406,200	47,900	22	0.117	0.117	0.117	0.117	0.117	0.000	0.000	0.117	0.117	0.117	0.100	20,000,000
OMI0000007084	MUSCAT CITY DESALINATION	100,500	8,241	9	0.082	0.082	0.082	0.082	0.083	-0.001	-1.205	0.082	0.082	0.085	0.100	12,755,133
OMI0000002200	ABU HAKI	99,956	99,785	12	0.150	0.150	0.149	0.149	0.152	-0.003	-1.974	0.149	0.145	0.155	0.100	403,313,248
OMI0000002200	DRAGON INTERNATIONAL DEV & INV	2,340	1,539	1	0.242	0.242	0.242	0.242	0.242	0.000	0.000	0.242	0.237	0.247	0.100	10,000,000
OMI0000000341	BAHKA WATER AND POWER</															



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Bloody night in Gaza: 101 Palestinians martyred by Israeli occupation army

Medical sources said that the death toll in the Gaza Strip has risen to 68,643, the majority of whom are children and women, since the start of the Israeli offensive on October 7, 2023



GAZA: One hundred and one Palestinians, including children and women, were killed in a series of bloody massacres perpetrated by the Israeli occupation army across the Gaza Strip from Tuesday evening until 8:00 AM Wednesday, in a new escalation of violence and a serious violation of the ceasefire agreement.

Medical sources in Gaza hospitals reported that the documented death toll as of Wednesday morning had reached 91,

distributed as follows: 31 in the northern Gaza Strip, 42 in the central Gaza Strip, and 18 in the southern Gaza Strip.

The sources indicated that the numbers are likely to rise due to the presence of several critical injuries and the ongoing search for missing persons under the rubble of destroyed homes.

Additionally, Israeli warplanes launched airstrikes on Gaza City and Deir al-Balah in the northern and central Gaza Strip, resulting in a number of fatalities and injuries.

Earlier, the Israeli occupation forces committed a horrific mas-

sacre in the Nuseirat refugee camp in the central Gaza Strip, killing 18 Palestinians, including children and women, in an airstrike that targeted the home of the Abu Dalal family. Several people remain trapped under the rubble.

Medical sources announced on Wednesday that the death toll in the Gaza Strip has risen to 68,643, the majority of whom are children and women, since the start of the Israeli offensive on October 7, 2023.

The medical sources added that the number of injuries has risen to 170,655 since the start of the of-

fensive, while a number of victims remain trapped under the rubble, inaccessible to ambulance and rescue teams.

They indicated that 104 slain people, including 46 children and 40 women, and 253 wounded others, including 78 children and 84 women, were taken to Gaza Strip hospitals.

Israeli warplanes also bombed a tent sheltering displaced people in the Insan camp, east of Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital in Deir al-Balah, killing five Palestinians, including children and women.

In Gaza City, the death toll rose

to seven, with dozens injured, after an airstrike targeted a displaced family inside the Kuwaiti Association building behind the Fares gas station near the universities in the Tel al-Hawa neighborhood. The building was completely destroyed, burying its residents under the rubble.

Medical sources confirmed that rescue and ambulance crews are continuing search and rescue operations amidst widespread destruction and significant field difficulties caused by the targeting of roads and densely populated residential areas.

UN inquiry says Israel committed war crimes and genocide in Gaza

The UN Independent International Commission of Inquiry confirmed that Israeli occupation forces committed war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide in the Gaza Strip since October 7, 2023.

Commission member Chris Sidoti said the investigations lasted two years and were based on the collection of more than 16,000 pieces of documented evidence, including verified photos and videos, corroborated by eyewitness testimonies according to strict UN protocols. He added that the com-

mission used victim and witness testimonies, satellite imagery, and digital forensics to accurately document the violations.

Sidoti explained that the commission's mission goes beyond simply documenting the crimes; it also includes determining responsibility. The commission was able to identify specific Israeli military units that committed serious violations and, in some cases, identified commanders and officials in the occupation government and army who issued direct orders to commit these crimes.

He noted that the International Criminal Court issued arrest warrants on November 21, 2024, for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and former Defense Minister Yoav Gallant on charges of war crimes and crimes against humanity committed against Palestinians in Gaza.

Sidoti emphasized that the Commission's reports are submitted to the Human Rights Council and the UN General Assembly and are made public, denying the existence of any confidential reports not available to the public. He added that criticism of the Commission's work is limited to the Israeli government and the United States, while its reports enjoy broad international acceptance. — WAPA

INITIAL ASSESSMENTS



Hurricane Melissa paralyses Jamaica

KINGSTON: Jamaica faces a monumental recovery effort after Hurricane Melissa, the most powerful storm in its modern history, carved a path of destruction across the island nation. The Category 5 hurricane has crippled critical infrastructure, inundated communities, and brought economic activity to a standstill.

Initial assessments indicate approximately 75% of the population is without electricity, with severe

flooding and wind damage widespread, particularly in western regions. Communications networks remain severely compromised, obscuring the full scale of the disaster. The government has declared the island a disaster area, citing significant impacts on hospitals, businesses, and residential areas.

With sustained winds reaching 298 km/h (185 mph) at landfall—exceeding the force of Hurricane Katrina—the storm demonstrated

devastating power. Meteorologists attributed its alarming rate of intensification to abnormally warm Caribbean waters, a phenomenon linked to climate change.

Economic implications

The economic implications are severe. The storm has directly impacted the vital tourism sector, with the north coast city of Montego Bay—home to the island's primary airport and major resorts—

sustaining heavy damage. The disruption threatens to strain the nation's economy for the foreseeable future.

The crisis has also created a logistical challenge for thousands of tourists stranded on the island. Further complicating recovery efforts, health officials have issued warnings for residents to be vigilant of crocodiles displaced into populated areas by floodwaters. — Agencies

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Mendis and his 50-year love affair with the World Cup

From Sri Lankan trailblazer to Oman’s guiding light, the veteran coach marks 50 years of World Cup passion with yet another qualification triumph

Times News Service

MUSCAT: It has been half a century since Duleep Mendis first walked out on the global stage of cricket’s biggest spectacle. From representing Sri Lanka in the inaugural Prudential World Cup of 1975 to leading Oman to a historic fourth ICC T20 World Cup appearance in 2025, his journey stands as one of the most remarkable love stories between a man and the World Cup.

“It’s been a long journey — fifty years with the World Cup in one form or another,” Mendis said at the Oman Cricket Academy ground after Oman’s recent qualification for the 2026 ICC Men’s T20 World Cup, to be co-hosted by India and Sri Lanka in February-March. “Every time, the feeling is the same. The excitement, the anticipation, the pride. It never fades.”

A young player in the dawn of the World Cup

Mendis’ first brush with the World Cup came as a young batter in the 1975 Prudential Cup, when one-day cricket was still experimental.

“They wanted to attract crowds in England because interest in cricket was fading,” he recalled. “It was the first time they tried 60-over games. We played Australia, but things didn’t go as planned — I even ended up in hospital after being hit on the head by Jeff Thomson.”

That baptism of fire didn’t deter him. He went on to represent Sri Lanka in the 1979 and 1983 editions before captaining the national team at the 1987 World Cup — the first after Sri Lanka had gained Test status.

By 1992, Mendis had transitioned to the role of head coach for Sri Lanka at the Benson & Hedges World Cup in Australia and New Zealand. Four years later, he played a pivotal off-field role in one of cricket’s greatest fairy tales.

“In 1996, I was the team manager and also chairman of selectors,” he said.



Oman Cricket head coach Duleep Mendis at the Oman Cricket Academy ground in Al Amerat



Oman players celebrate their qualification to the ICC Men’s T20 World Cup 2026 in Muscat recently

“That was a proud moment — we won the World Cup, beating Australia in the final. I still believe it was one of the greatest achievements of Sri Lankan cricket.”

It was during those years that Mendis’s cricketing instincts shaped modern Sri Lankan cricket. Alongside coach Dav Whatmore, he promoted Sanath Jayasuriya and Romesh Kaluwitharana to open the batting — a strategy known as pinch-hitting, which revolutionised one-day cricket.

“We told them, you have a free license to go after the bowlers. And it worked beautifully,” Mendis said with a chuckle.

After stepping away from active

coaching, Mendis served as director of the National Development Centre and CEO of Sri Lanka Cricket between 2000 and 2010, continuing to shape the game’s future at the administrative level.

“I have been lucky to see the game from every angle — as a player, coach, selector, and administrator,” he reflected. “Every stage has taught me something new.”

A new chapter in Oman, success story continues

In 2012, Mendis received a call that would change the course of cricket in Oman. Oman Cricket’s present chairman, Pankaj Khimji, invited him to visit and help

structure the country’s cricketing framework. “I didn’t know much about Oman cricket,” Mendis said. “But I like challenges. I came here, met the people, saw the passion, and decided to stay.”

The decision paid off handsomely. Under his stewardship, Oman transformed from a promising Associate member into one of the most consistent teams in the region.

Oman qualified for their maiden ICC T20 World Cup in 2016 and recorded one of the tournament’s biggest upsets by stunning Test-playing Ireland in Dharamsala — a result that helped Oman get the cricketing spotlight.



Mendis (C) with 1996 World Cup trophy along with Sri Lanka teammates



A file photo of Mendis (right) with West Indies great Garfield Sobers

“That win over Ireland was huge,” Mendis recalled. “It gave Oman the confidence that we could compete at this level. And since then, we’ve just kept building.”

Oman have qualified for the 2021 T20 World Cup — which they also co-hosted with the UAE — and again for the 2024 and 2025 editions, making it four qualifications in just nine years, a record for any Asian associate nation.

The latest qualification came on home soil in 2025, with Oman finishing second behind Nepal in a tough nine-team tournament.

“We’ve shown that Oman can play with the best,” says Mendis. “Now the next goal is to not just participate but to make a real impact — to win matches against the big teams.”

For Mendis, success in Oman has been as much about development as it has been about results. “When I first came, the players were raw,” he said. “They had talent and ability but lacked the finishing touch. We worked hard on skills, discipline, and the mental side of the game. Today, Oman has ODI status, and we are competing in back-to-back T20 World Cups. That says everything.”

He’s quick to credit the Oman Cricket board for the transformation. “The board has always backed me — that’s been the key,” he emphasised.

“You can’t achieve anything if

the coach and the board are not together. Here, the support from His Excellency Pankaj Khimji, Madhu Jesrani, Alkesh Joshi and the other directors has been tremendous. They’ve given me freedom and trust, and that’s why we’ve succeeded.”

Mendis added: “The support of experienced Indian coach Sulakshan Kulkarni, who joined Oman Cricket as my deputy three months ago, has been both fruitful and productive. Our performances during the Asia Cup and the World Cup Qualifier are a testimony to the hard work put in by the entire support staff.”

Still learning, still loving the game

At 73, Mendis remains as passionate and hands-on as ever. “You never stop learning in cricket,” he said. “Even after all these years, I’m still discovering new things. You just have to stay humble and open-minded.”

As Oman prepare for the 2026 ICC T20 World Cup, Mendis’s focus remains clear: development, consistency, and belief.

“It’s been fifty years with the World Cup — from playing, coaching, managing, to now guiding Oman,” he said with a gentle smile. “It’s like a lifelong love affair. And I’m still enjoying every moment of it.”

AUSTRALIA VS INDIA

Rain washes out opening T20I match in Canberra



CANBERRA: Persistent rain forced the opening Twenty20I clash between Australia and India to be abandoned on Wednesday, leaving Suryakumar Yadav stranded on 39 and Shubman Gill on 37.

After being sent in on a chilly Canberra night, the visitors raced to 97-1 off 9.4 overs before being forced off for a second time by the weather with no more play possible.

India got off to a solid start with their newest T20 sensation Abhishek Sharma signalling his intent immediately, advancing down the wicket to Josh Hazlewood on his first ball.

He clobbered four bounda-

ries in a quick-fire 19, but the gung-ho innings came to an end against Nathan Ellis, deceived by a slower ball and caught by Tim David at mid-off.

Skipper Yadav slammed a giant six off Hazlewood before they were forced off by drizzle on 43-1 from five overs.

When they returned after 45 minutes and with the game reduced to 18 overs, the runs began flowing for Yadav and Gill as they upped the ante.

But the rain came back and they went off again having reached 97-1 and that proved the end of the match.

The second game is at a sold-out Melbourne Cricket Ground on Friday. - Agencies

ICC RANKINGS

India’s Rohit becomes No.1 ODI batter for the first time in career

DUBAI: India’s Rohit Sharma has become the No. 1-ranked ODI batter following his innings of 73 and 121 not out in the second and third games in the series in Australia, which India lost 2-1.

The two knocks took Rohit up from third spot to the top for the first time in his career after being in the top ten for large periods over the past decade. The century, in particular, boosted Rohit’s points and took him past Ibrahim Zadran and Shubman Gill.

Rohit wasn’t the only India cricketer to gain after the three-ODI series in Australia, with Axar Patel rewarded for a strong all-round performance. He took a wicket in each of the three ODIs and chipped in with scores of 31 and 44 in the first and second games. That took him up six places on the bowlers’ table to No. 31, and up four spots to No. 8 on the allrounders’ table.

Within the respective top tens, Mitchell Santner moved up three rungs to fourth place following the first two ODIs against England, and Josh Hazlewood moved up two spots to eighth among the bowlers.

Elsewhere, following the shared two-Test series between



Pakistan and South Africa, Keslav Maharaj gained nine places to a career-high rating, and the 13th place, on the bowlers’ list. While Maharaj picked up nine

wickets in the only Test he played, his team-mate Simon Harmer had 13 wickets from the two Tests and moved up 26 spots to No. 45.

For South Africa, Aiden Markram (up two spots to 15th) and Tony de Zorzi (up seven places to joint 47th) also gained on the Test batters’ table. - Agencies

Al Shabab triumph, Al Seeb held as Oman clubs impress

Al Shabab overcame Kyrgyzstan side in Bhutan; Seeb drew with Kuwait SC in AFC Challenge League

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Oman clubs lit up Tuesday's action in the AFC Challenge League 2025/26, with both Al Seeb and Al Shabab leaving their mark in tight, high-stakes encounters.

While Al Seeb salvaged a point on the road in Kuwait, Al Shabab rallied to claim all three in Bhutan — results that have kept both clubs firmly in the mix as their groups begin to take shape.

In Sulaibikhat, Kuwait SC played host to Seeb in a Group B clash that ended in a 1-1 draw.

Seeb struck first in the 33rd minute, when Abdulaziz Al Miqbali pounced on a loose ball after Nasser Al Rawahi's attempt was tipped away by Kuwait's goalkeeper. Just ten minutes later, Kuwait SC were levelled by a stunning curling effort from Amoory into the top corner.

Despite pressure from both sides in the second half — including a near miss from Seeb's Ali Al Busaidi and a late blocked effort — neither team could find a winner, and they shared the spoils.

Meanwhile, in Thimphu, Bhutan, at the Changlimithang Stadium, Al Shabab Club orchestrated a fighting comeback 2-1 win against



FC Abdysh-Ata of Kyrgyz Republic. Abdysh-Ata shocked the Omanis early with a strike from Artem Bilyi after just nine minutes, but Al Shabab responded before half-time, as Majid Al Saadi converted a rebound to level the contest.

After the break, Al Shabab gradually grew into the game, and in the 77th minute, Mohamed Al Ghafri capped off a flowing move — latching onto a lofted ball, rounding the keeper, and slotting home to secure their second successive victory. As a result of Tuesday's results, the standings in both groups remain finely poised.

In Group B, Al Seeb sit on 4 points, level with Kuwait SC, keeping the race for the top qualifying spot wide open. In Group A, Al Shabab have now claimed 6 points from two matches, positioning themselves strongly as contenders for the quarter-finals.



THREE-MATCH SERIES

S Africa rout Pakistan in opening T20I game

RAWALPINDI: Babar Azam was dismissed for a duck in his comeback to T20I cricket as under-strength South Africa romped to 55-run win over Pakistan on Tuesday in the opener of a three-match series.

Pakistan couldn't recover from Corbin Bosch's twin strike that included the wicket of Babar before South Africa bowled out the home team for 139 to the disappointment of 16,000 home fans at Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium.

South Africa had earlier made 194-9 after captain Donovan Ferreira lost the toss and was asked to bat first. Opening batter Reeza Hendricks scored 60 off 40 balls and George Linde added 36 off 22 balls.

Babar, who last played a T20I in December 2024 against South Africa, lasted only two balls and offered a tame catch to Hendricks in the covers inside the power play.

Pakistan's chase never gained momentum after it lost two wickets inside the first six overs. Saim Ayub should have been dismissed without scoring in Nandre Burger's first over but was dropped by Matthew Breetzke at third before the left-hander top scored with 37 off 28 balls.

Pakistan could have been bowled out more cheaply, but Mohammad Nawaz made 36 off 20 balls and was one of the four batters to reach double figures.

Bosch claimed two more wickets



in his return spell to finish with 4-14 with Linde claiming 3-31.

"It was a collective effort," said Ferreira, captaining the Proteas in the absence of the injured David Miller.

Unlike Babar, Quinton de Kock was aggressive in his return to the sport's shortest format since last playing at the T20 World Cup.

Hendricks and de Kock provided a blazing start of 44 runs off 23 balls with de Kock smashing five boundaries in his 23 before getting caught at backward point in Ayub's first over.

Debutant Tony de Zorzi kept the momentum going with his 33 off 16 balls as South Africa cruised to 74-1 in the first six overs with Shaheen Shah Afridi (1-45) consistently missing his lengths and

Naseem Shah (1-34) off target in his first T20 in 11 months.

The Proteas continued to push the scoring rate and were 111-3 by the halfway mark before Pakistan spinners pulled them back. Left-arm spinner Nawaz picked up 3-26 and Ayub ended up with 2-31, but Hendricks kept one end intact before falling to leg-spinner Abrar Ahmed (1-42) in the 18th over.

Linde showed some late intent and smacked Afridi for 18 runs in the 17th over that included a life when Babar dropped a sitter at mid-on that eventually rolled over the boundary.

Lahore will host the remaining two games (Friday and Saturday) before the teams play a three-match ODI series at Faisalabad from November 4-8. - Agencies

ODI SERIES

Tickner fires New Zealand to series win over England

HAMILTON: Late replacement Blair Tickner took four for 34 and Daryl Mitchell hit 56 not out as New Zealand beat England by five wickets in the second one-day international (ODI) in Hamilton on Wednesday to seal the three-match series.

The Black Caps skittled the tourists for 175 in just over 35 overs and, despite some fine pace bowling from Jofra Archer, Mitchell again steered the hosts across the line as he had in their victory in the series opener in Tauranga on Sunday.

Seamer Tickner was brought into the squad on Sunday as a replacement for the injured Kyle Jamieson and got his first international start since May 2023 when Matt Henry was ruled out of the match with a calf strain on Wednesday.

The 32-year-old wasted no time in making his presence felt at Seddon Park by strangling Joe Root down the leg side to oust the former England skipper for 25 before ripping through the tail to claim his best figures in the ODI format.

Mitchell Santner's spin accounted for dangerman Harry Brook after a run-a-ball 34, while Jamie Overton top-scored for the tourists with 42 from 28 balls before he holed out.

Archer (3 for 23) trapped Will Young in front for a duck on the fourth ball of New Zealand's in-



nings, and the England quick's pace made the early part of the chase distinctly uncomfortable for the home batters.

Kane Williamson eked out 21 from 39 balls before dragging on an Overton delivery to bring Mitchell out to join Rachin Ravindra with 134 runs still required for victory.

Opener Ravindra picked out a fielder at deep fine leg with a pull shot early in Archer's second spell to depart for 54 and Tom

Latham quickly followed to give Adil Rashid his first wicket.

Archer removed Michael Bracewell for five with his final delivery of the match but skipper Santner made 34 not out and Mitchell secured the winning runs in the 34th over with a thick outside edge for his sixth four.

Brief scores: England 175 in 36 overs (Overton 42; Tickner 4-34) lost to New Zealand 177/5 in 33.1 overs (Mitchell 56*, Ravindra 54; Archer 3-23). - Agencies

ENGLAND CRICKETER



Anderson receives knighthood in Windsor Castle ceremony

LONDON: James Anderson, England's all-time leading wicket-taker, has received his knighthood from Princess Anne during a ceremony at Windsor Castle on Tuesday.

Anderson, 43, was named in former Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's resignation honours list in April for services to cricket, having brought the curtain down on his

21-year, 188-Test career at Lord's in July 2024.

He finished with 704 Test wickets, the most ever taken by a pace bowler, and behind only spinners Muttiah Muralitharan (800) and Shane Warne (708). He claimed a further 269 in ODIs - still an England record, despite playing his last white-ball match in 2015. After his international retirement, Ander-

son continued to play for his county Lancashire during the 2025 season, and excelled on his return to T20 cricket after a decade-long absence, as he helped take his club to Finals Day at Edgbaston.

He also earned a wildcard contract with Manchester Originals in the Hundred, and is in talks to continue his county career into the 2026 season. - Agencies

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MUSCAT: Al Mouj Muscat, the Sultanate's leading integrated destination, has launched Phase Two of Azura Beach Residences - a bespoke collection of waterfront



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400-berth Al Mouj Marina as well as the lively promenade of retail and dining, landscaped parks, and Oman's only signature PGA golf course. Enhancing its resort-style appeal, the development also features an infinity-edge pool, private wellness spaces, a co-working lounge, and dedicated family areas for play and relaxation. Nasser Al Sheibani, CEO of Al Mouj Muscat, said, "Phase Two

of Azura Beach Residences builds on the remarkable success of the first release and responds to what discerning buyers are seeking today; privacy, serenity, and a deeper connection to the sea. By creating a community where every home is oriented to the water, we have introduced something truly special. Azura offers a sanctuary where every detail is attuned to coastal living at its most exclusive."

The development is offered with 100% freehold ownership for all nationalities, along with eligibility for a residence visa and a host of ownership benefits. Building on the success of the original Azura launch, which sold out in record time, this release offers a compelling opportunity for buyers and investors seeking limited-edition homes within a secure, award-winning community.

HEALTHCARE



Omani patients gain direct access to Malaysian medical specialists through week-long healthcare activation

MUSCAT: Malaysia Healthcare Week opens today at City Centre Mall, Seeb, marking the first major Middle East activation under the Malaysia Year of Medical Tourism (MYMT) 2026. The week-long programme connects Omani patients with Malaysian medical specialists through public exhibitions, clinical consultations and professional exchange, demonstrating Malaysia's "Healing Meets Hospitality" approach to international healthcare. The initiative runs through 5 November in partnership with the Embassy of Malaysia in Oman. IHH Healthcare Group leads the Malaysian delegation, joined by Prince Court Medical Centre, Alpha IVF & Women Specialists, and PERKESO Rehabilitation Centre. Also participating alongside Malaysia Healthcare Travel Council (MHTC) is Tourism Malaysia Dubai Office to coordinate patient facilitation and travel logistics, in conjunction with the Malaysia Year of Medical Tourism (MYMT) 2026 and Visit Malaysia 2026.

The programme includes two components:

- City Centre Mall Exhibition (29 October - 2 November): a public-facing showcase of Malaysia's hospitals, services and specialties, combining interactive booths, live Q&A with clinicians and consumer-focused materials.
- Oman World Cancer Congress, Summit & Exhibition 2025 (3-5 November): Malaysian hospital representatives engage with oncology professionals across the Middle East region to explore clinical collaboration, knowledge transfer and patient referral pathways.

Beyond clinical capabilities, Malaysian hospitals provide services designed specifically for Middle Eastern patients: halal-certified food across all facilities, Arabic-speaking care coordinators, family accommodation within hospital complexes and culturally-informed care protocols that respect patient privacy and religious practices, distinguishing Malaysia's healthcare model and reflecting the service standards coordinated across all MYMT 2026 activities. "Malaysia Healthcare Week Oman demonstrates what MYMT 2026 represents, a unified national commitment to delivering medical excellence within a care environment designed around patient needs," said Suriaghandi Suppiah, Chief Executive Officer of MHTC. "Omani patients receive not just treatment but a complete care experience that acknowledges their cultural values, family structures and personal preferences. This week gives them direct access to our specialists while building the professional relationships that enable ongoing collaboration between our healthcare systems." MHTC will conclude its Middle East activation at the Best of Malaysia Showcase in Doha, Qatar on 6 November 2025. Organised by the Embassy of Malaysia in Qatar and supported by MHTC's strategic partner, REX-PO, the event will serve as a key platform to highlight Malaysia's world-class healthcare offerings. The consecutive Oman and Qatar engagements establish consistent regional presence throughout the MYMT 2026 campaign period and reinforce Malaysia's commitment to the Middle East healthcare market.

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

NBO and Taageer Finance ink pact to advance Open Banking integration

MUSCAT: Taageer Finance reinforces its digital transformation agenda with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Bank of Oman (NBO). The agreement focuses on integrating Open Banking frameworks to enhance customer service, credit assessment, and provide accelerated approvals. By combining Taageer Finance's customer-focused approach with NBO's digital banking initiatives, the MoU is set to deliver greater transparency and streamlined approvals. The partnership reflects a shared vision to modernize financial services in Oman, aligning with evolving global standards. "This initiative enables Taageer Finance get closer to its digital roadmap; in line with global trends. By integrating Open Banking frameworks, we are creating a platform that not only enhances transparency but also allows customers to benefit from quicker, more reliable decision-making," said Muhammad Kashif Yaqoob, Acting CEO of Taageer Finance. "NBO has always been at the forefront of digital innovation in banking. Our collaboration with Taageer Finance reaffirms this



commitment, ensuring that customers have access to solutions that are modern, efficient, and aligned with global standards," stated Mohammed Yahya Al Jabri, Assistant General Manager and Head of Global Transaction Banking at National Bank of Oman.

Taageer Finance offers a diverse range of financial and leasing solutions for businesses and individuals. Headquartered in Al Khuwair in Muscat, the company boasts an extensive nationwide network, with branches at Wattayah, Seeb, Barka, Nizwa, Sohar, Al Kamil, Su-

waiq and Salalah. By offering customers a cutting-edge digital platform, e-Mandate facility, enabling customers to conveniently and securely automate their payments through a fully digital process; upholding the highest corporate governance standards, implementing resilient systems and procedures, and utilizing state-of-the-art technology, Taageer has established itself as a trusted ally for customers. This includes the integration of Point of Sale (POS) machines at all branches, a robust mobile application with payment gateway integration to facilitate a streamlined cashless payment process, as well as the efficient processing of customer requests through its mobile application. Taageer takes pride in being a responsible corporate citizen, actively supporting the community and contributing to the nation's socio-economic development goals. To drive its business growth, the company focuses on nurturing local talent and continuously enhancing its business processes, customer service standards, and finance solutions portfolio to meet evolving market demands.

INNOVATIVE INITIATIVE

Ominvest and Bait Al Zubair launch 'Future Frames' to empower youth through art and AI

MUSCAT: In line with its commitment to sustainable development and youth empowerment, Oman International Development and Investment Company (Ominvest), in partnership with the Bait Al Zubair Foundation, has launched a pioneering program that combines art and artificial intelligence. The initiative, titled "Future Frames", reflects the shared vision of both institutions to nurture creativity, enhance learning, and build a knowledgeable and productive generation aligned with Oman Vision 2040. The innovative initiative comes in collaboration with Sard Platform, a specialized hub for AI-powered visual storytelling. The customized training curriculum covers AI applications such as prompt writing, AI-supported Photoshop, and content publishing. The program also focuses on exploring the ethical and cultural considerations of AI-generated works, ensuring that innovation remains responsible and authentically expressive of the creator's vision.



The initiative targets two main age groups: students aged 12-16 years (intermediate and secondary levels) under the track "Introduction to AI and Creativity", and students aged 16-20 years (upper secondary and university levels) under the track "Art and AI Projects." The program includes hands-on workshops and creative labs, providing opportunities for students to showcase their AI-generated artworks in exhibitions

held at Bait Al Zubair. Commenting on the partnership, Badar Al Shanfari, Chief Operating Officer at Ominvest said: "This collaboration underscores our dedication to investing in the future of Oman's youth by supporting initiatives that merge innovation, education and creativity. The Future Frames champions the principles of the UN SDGs by promoting inclusive, quality education and fostering innovation for a

sustainable future. Through this partnership, we aim to empower the next generation with the knowledge and skills needed to thrive in an increasingly digital and creative economy, fulfilling our role as a significant catalyst for positive change in the Sultanate." Dr. Muna Al Sulaimi, General Manager of Bait Al Zubair Foundation added: "This partnership reflects our commitment to achieving the UN SDGs related to quality education and aligns with Oman Vision 2040 by equipping students with transferable, industry-relevant skills in art and technology. It supports young people in identifying clear future pathways, especially in creative professions, while fostering multidisciplinary collaboration between art, design, and technology. All of this comes within the framework of Bait Al Zubair Foundation's commitment to strengthening its three pillars heritage, arts, and culture, in addition to a fourth pillar represented by education."

ROUND-UP

Premium comfort and intelligent safety elevate Changan EADO Plus sedan driving experience

Designed for drivers who want more from their daily commute, it delivers strong performance, intelligent features, and an exceptional suite of safety systems

MUSCAT: The Changan EADO Plus brings a dynamic new presence to the compact sedan segment, combining sleek, sporty styling with advanced technology and refined comfort.

Designed for drivers who want more from their daily commute, it delivers strong performance, intelligent features, and an exceptional suite of safety systems. With two well-equipped variants available, the Trend and the Limited, the EADO Plus offers outstanding value, with the Limited variant avail-



able from just OMR 110 per month.

The Trend variant is designed to deliver a premium driving experience with its 17-inch double colour alloy wheels, Star Eye LED headlamps, borderless front grille, and LED daytime running lights. The interior features leather seats, a leather multifunction steering wheel, auto air conditioning with rear vents, an electronic shifter and

parking brake, and a 13.2-inch central LCD touchscreen paired with a 10.25-inch TFT instrument panel. Connectivity is seamless with Bluetooth, Apple CarPlay, Android Auto, and multiple USB ports.

The Limited variant adds further sophistication with 18-inch double colour alloy wheels, a panoramic sunroof, and electronic hidden door handles for a flush, modern look.

Inside, enhancements include ventilated seats, power seat adjustment for both driver and passenger, a rear seat armrest with cup holders, wireless charging, a 10-inch full TFT instrument panel in both English and Arabic, and an upgraded audio system with six speakers.

From its distinctive borderless grille to its aerodynamic profile, the EADO Plus projects a confident, modern aesthetic. The Limited variant's tail wing and panoramic sunroof heighten its dynamic character, while both variants feature LED rear combination lamps and carefully sculpted body lines that reflect light and motion. The cabin design blends sporty elements such as supportive seat contours with premium

materials and finishes, creating a driver-focused environment.

Technology is central to the EADO Plus experience. The large central touchscreen provides control over navigation, entertainment and vehicle settings, while features like remote engine start, auto hold, and rain-sensing wipers add convenience. The Limited variant also includes advanced driver assistance features such as intelligent adaptive cruise control, traffic jam assist, and a 540-degree panoramic HD camera with tachograph, giving drivers a clearer, more confident view of their surroundings.

The EADO Plus has been engineered with a comprehensive approach to safety. The Trend variant offers ABS with EBD, traction and stability control, hill-start assist, hill descent control, rear parking sensors, reverse camera, and front side airbags. The Limited variant builds on this with curtain airbags, blind spot detection, lane departure warning, lane keeping assist, lane change support, forward collision warning, active emergency braking, and door open alerts.

With its blend of sporty styling, innovative technology, and advanced safety, the Changan EADO Plus stands out as a smart choice for those who value performance, comfort and peace of mind in equal measure.

EXPANSION

CUSTOMER SUPPORT

BankDhofar opens new branch in Al Khuwair



MUSCAT: In line with its continuous efforts to enhance customer proximity and deliver superior banking experiences, BankDhofar has inaugurated a new branch in Al Khuwair, one of the most vibrant and fast-growing districts in the Wilayat of Bawshar.

The new branch is designed to serve all segments of society, with a particular focus on employees from government institutions, ministries, and private sector companies. This expansion reflects BankDhofar's commitment to being the most reliable, innovative, and comprehensive financial partner in the Sultanate of Oman, offering services that are convenient, flexible, and digitally advanced — all delivered with a human touch rooted in trust.

The opening ceremony was held under the patronage of His Excellency Sheikh Mansour bin Khalifa Al Siyabi, Member of the Shura Council representing Bawshar, and was attended by several senior officials from the bank.

Ghada bint Mohammed Al Raisi, Acting Assistant General Manager and Head of Capital Branches and Contact Center at BankDhofar, emphasized that the new branch underscores the bank's commitment to creating an integrated financial environment that supports all segments of society. "Our branches are equipped with the latest technologies and highly qualified staff to ensure that customer needs are met efficiently and effectively," she said.

Al Raisi added: "Earlier this year, BankDhofar refreshed its brand identity under the slogan 'From Your World, We Innovate.' This embodies our promise to listen to customers, understand their evolving needs, and respond with innovative, meaningful, and easy-to-use financial solutions that positively impact their lives."

Today, BankDhofar stands as the second-largest bank in Oman in terms of branch network, with more than 140 branches across the Sultanate. Each branch is equipped with modern technologies and trained professionals dedicated to delivering an exceptional banking experience.

Through its expanding network, BankDhofar offers a comprehensive suite of banking solutions tailored to diverse customer segments — including women, youth, children, and high-net-worth individuals. The bank also provides specialized wealth management services and a range of flexible savings and investment plans, such as fixed and recurring deposits, children's education accounts, and retirement savings programs that promote long-term financial security.

In an innovative initiative, BankDhofar has also launched a "Mobile Branch", a fully equipped mobile banking unit designed to extend services to remote areas. It features secure digital terminals and private consultation spaces, ensuring both convenience and confidentiality for customers.

Remaining steadfast in its customer-centric approach, BankDhofar continues to innovate across its digital platforms, taking into account the diverse needs of all customer groups — including the elderly and those at varying levels of digital literacy. The bank actively gathers customer feedback to continuously refine its services, ensuring a seamless, inclusive, and forward-looking banking experience.



MG Oman expands its service footprint reinforcing 100 years of confidence

MUSCAT: For more than 100 years, MG has built customer confidence on what happens after the sale as much as on the road. In Oman, that promise is delivered through a nationwide aftersales network designed for speed, quality, and peace of mind.

MG Oman now supports customers through 14 service branches across the Sultanate — Muscat, Mabella, Wadi-Kabir, Sohar, Salalah, Buraimi, Bidaya, Barka, Ibri, Nizwa, Sur, Mabella Bodyshop, and Ghala Bodyshop, making professional care accessible whether drivers are in the capital or on the move across regions. The network continues to grow: a new mechanical facility in Mabella and a new Wadi-Kabir facility covering both mechanical and body work have been added to boost capacity and turnaround times.

Service quality is backed by process and people. From "Wait & Take" express service at select branches to discounted service contract packages, ownership is made simpler and more predictable for customers and fleets alike. Behind the scenes, technicians are trained and certified to MG principal guidelines across Levels 1 to 4, following a structured schedule that keeps skills current and standards consistent.

Partnership

Availability of support remains a non-negotiable. Through a partnership with AAA, MG customers in Oman have 24/7 roadside assistance for up to six years, ensuring help is always a call away. Parts sourcing and body shop capability are integrated into the network, reducing downtime and keeping vehicles on the road.

This customer-first approach has been recognized regionally. MG Oman Aftersales earned prestigious awards for Best in Customer Satisfaction, reflecting consistent performance and leadership across the Middle East.

Mohsin Hani Al Bahrani, CEO, MHD ACERE remarked, "At MHD ACERE, our commitment to the MG brand goes beyond delivering exceptional vehicles — it's about ensuring our customers experience confidence and care throughout their ownership journey. Expanding our service footprint reinforces that promise, bringing world-class support closer to every MG driver across Oman. This milestone reflects our dedication to accessibility, quality, and the long-term trust our customers place in us."



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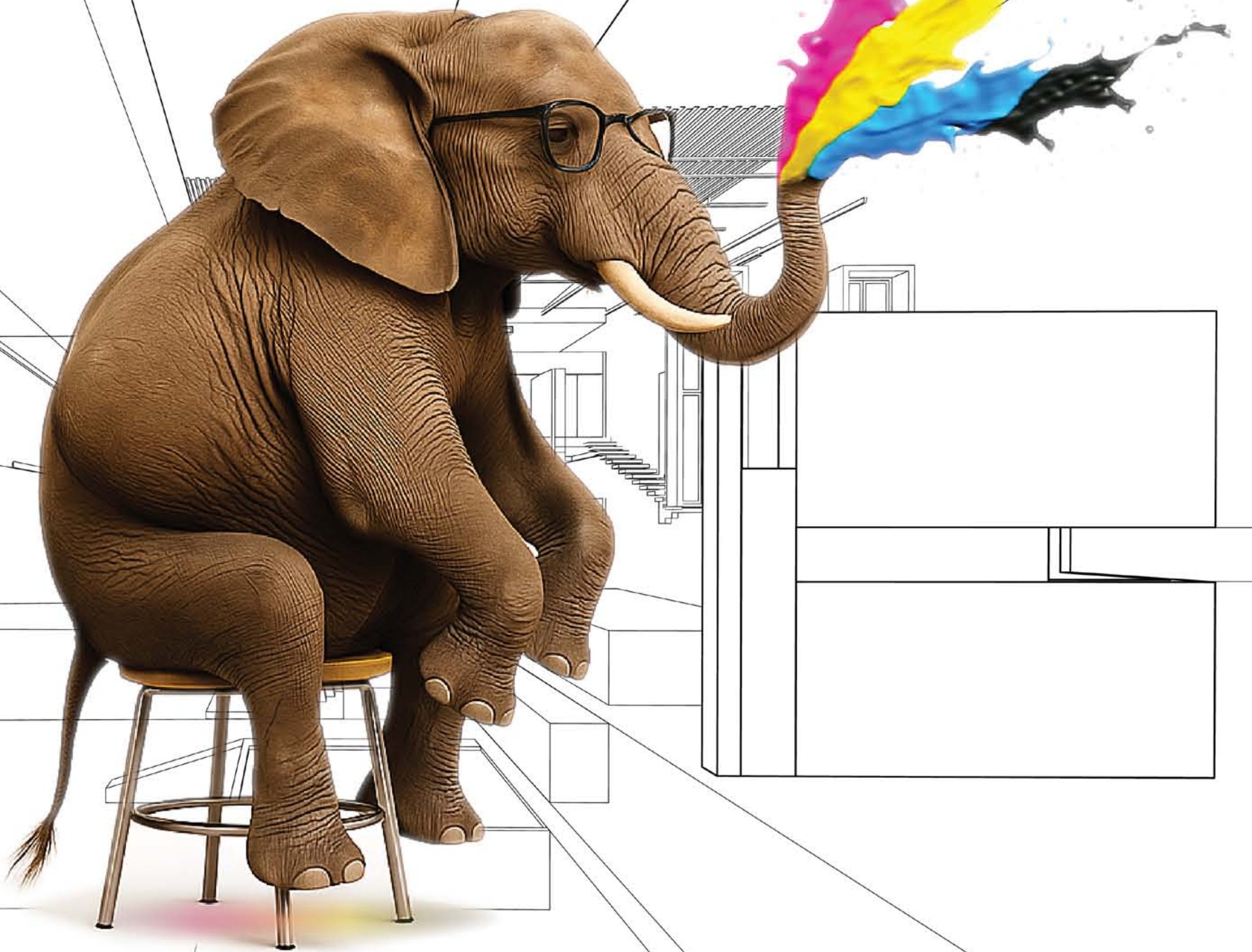
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