

ROP TAKES PART IN WORLD POLICE SUMMIT

The Royal Oman Police (ROP) is taking part in the World Police Summit 2022 in Dubai. The ROP delegation is headed by Brigadier Jamal Habib Al Quraishi, Director General of Inquiries and Criminal Investigations. **>A5**



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SULTAN'S SPECIAL FORCE CELEBRATES ANNUAL DAY

The Sultan's Special Force (SSF) on Tuesday celebrated its annual day during a ceremony held under the patronage of Gen. Sultan Mohammed Al Nu'amani, Minister of the Royal Office, Head of the Office of the Supreme Commander. **>A4**



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MAIDAN MUTTRAH PROJECT WINS FIRST PLACE AT BELARAB BIN HAITHAM ARCHITECTURE AWARDS

MUSCAT: His Highness Sayyid Belarab bin Haitham Al Said presided over the closing ceremony of Belarab Bin Haitham Award for Architectural Design, held at the Royal Opera House Muscat (ROHM) square on Tuesday.

The ceremony saw the announcement of top projects that won the Belarab Award and the felicitation of their owners, who received the shield of the award, which is the first of its kind in the Arab world. The entries were produced in digital copies using encrypted smart non-fungible tokens (NFT).

Upon his arrival at the celebration grounds, HH Sayyid Belarab inspected the accompanying exhibition, which showcased the first top projects that were short-listed for the final phase of the design contest.

The ceremony also featured the portrayal of associated facilities and services and a speech delivered by Eng. Fu'ad Abdullah Al Kindi, Head of the Arbitration Committee, who affirmed that the Belarab Award offered strong impetus to architects, designers and engineers to come up with inspiring ideas that reflected the values and goals of the competition.



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Al Kindi added that the big turnout of participants, despite time limitations, underscored the great enthusiasm and innate talents of youth—men and women alike—who showed their mettle in shaping out the nation's future whenever entrusted with the mission.

The ceremony also included interviews with winning participants and the screening of the Belarab Award success story film. Besides Al Kindi, the Arbitration Committee comprised Dr. Alya Al Hashim, Deputy Chair, and three members, who were Eng. Sultan Al Harthy, Eng. Hamad Al Hinai and Eng. Saif Al Hinai.

The first round of the Belarab Award focused on a specific site, the (Mina) port enclave

THE WINNERS

1st "Maidan Muttrah" project, jointly authored by Abdullah Al Bahri, Omaimah Al Hinai and Ahmed Al Jahdhami, won the first place.

2nd "Foundation Monument" project of Nassir Salam Al Haimli, won the second place.

3rd "Oman Future Wing" of Tahra Al Bousafi, won the third place.

of Wilayat of Muttrah, Governorate of Muscat, which runs along a 7,500 seafront sector of the town where an edifice symbolising the 50-year accomplishments of Oman Renaissance under the leadership of the late His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said, and envisaging the aspirations of Oman Vision 2040 under the leadership of His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik has been installed. **-ONA**

CONCLUSION OF RACE



Sayyid Theyazin to preside over Oman Camel Racing Federation's Festival 2022

BARKA: His Highness Sayyid Theyazin bin Haitham Al Said, Minister of Culture, Sports and Youth will preside over on Wednesday the conclusion of the competitions of Saif Al Itihad "Sword of the Federation" of the Annual Oman Camel Racing Federation's Festival 2022.

The conclusion of the race would be organised at the Royal Camel Corps' Racecourse in Al Fulaij in the Wilayat of Barka, South Al Batinah Governorate.

The race, which started on Sunday, saw tough competitions and participation of a number of camel owners from various governorates. The final day's race will feature four rounds and the

top winners in the rounds will receive gold swords, SUV vehicles and other prizes for the different categories. Tuesday's race comprised 13 rounds in different categories for a distance of six to eight kilometres. Sheikh Abdullah bin Mohammed Al Buraiki, Wali of Barka gave away prizes to top winners of the races.

On the other hand, the Organising Committee announced the best photo of the '2022 Sword of the Federation's Race' contest and the winner will receive a vehicle. The rules of the competitions are available on the social media account of Oman Camel Racing Federation. **- ONA**

TOP THREE INSIDE STORIES

OMAN

Demand for in-person training sessions up

1 Firms that offer skill-based training are witnessing an increasing demand for in-person sessions after two years of the COVID-19 pandemic. **>A3**



WORLD

Cease-fire talks amid Mariupol exodus

2 Ukrainian negotiator and presidential advisor Mykhailo Podolyak said on Twitter that the fourth round of talks between Ukraine and Russia resumed on Tuesday. **>A7**

MARKET

OMR27.9bn credit extended by ODCs

3 The total outstanding credit extended by other depository corporations grew by 3.9 per cent to OMR27.9 billion at the end of January 2022 according to CBO data. **>B6**

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TRAVEL

The little wonders of Jabal Akhdhar's Al-Ayn village

SALEH AL-SHAIBANY

Jabal Akhdhar did not only take my breath away but put me in a deep thought on how peaceful life can be and perhaps will always be.

The beauty of villages from the top of a mountain was breathtaking and I was completely captivated by the green terraced farms, old cottages and the peace around them as I was looking down below. Since I never had enough if it, I drove down the steep mountain so I can get a closer look.

The first villagers I made contact with was a child skipping on a rope watched by her grandmother. Seconds later, the old lady was joined by an elderly gentleman who sat on a mat next to her, leaning on the wall of their house. Out from a street corner walked in a baby goat. The young



animal stopped to watch the child then diverted its attention to look at the old couple. Then this amazing thing happened. The old lady waved at the goat and motioned it to come. The goat obliged and walked towards her. Then the old lady patted a hand on the mat. The baby goat obliged again and

squatted next to her.

Then two humans and a goat were looking at the little girl having fun right in the middle of the street. On top of a rock, just above where the girl was skipping, a donkey appeared from nowhere. It raised its huge ears, lowered its head and looked down at the

skipping girl. Right then, including myself, the girl had three humans and two animals admiring her rope skipping skills.

I wanted to film the whole display but I thought it did not deserve the rude intrusion of catching what was a simple way of life in a simple little village. I was in the Al-Ayn village where the inhabitants are not more than 200 people. I decided to walk further down, past the two old couples and their goat and turned a corner.

A waft of cold breeze made me stop right on my track. In the month of February, temperature there can drop to 11 degrees. I pulled up the collar of my jacket and kept on walking. Two little boys looked at me curiously as they were walking out from a little shop. I smiled at them and they smiled back before they started chasing each other. **>A5**





Dhuhr.....	12:25pm
Asr.....	3:44pm
Maghrib.....	6:11pm
Isha.....	7:22pm
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PHOTOGRAPHIC SERIES

National Museum inaugurates ‘Beyond the Form’ exhibition

MUSCAT: Within the framework of Art and Culture support, the National Museum, represented by the Learning Centre, on Tuesday inaugurated “Beyond the Form” exhibition by the Artist Reem Al Shaikh.

The exhibition will be open to all visitors starting from yesterday till 31 March 2022.

In this photographic series, the artist employed a special imaging technique to produce images contrary to what is customary in photography techniques; an image that is not clear and borders are blurred.

This unique technique of photography is made by manipulating the time period for capturing the scene in the camera, and waiting for the movement of the body when it comes out of its frame with every movement that is unpredictable or repetitive.

This technique inspires Reem’s



imagination to record the shot, and erase clear body frames to remove the boundaries of the human body; allowing the form to be created. The artist created this form of art to transcend societal norms and rules, and to get out of her reality and travel to another world of her imagination.

The artist specialises in the art of abstract painting, where her work discusses identity and societal traditions.

The National Museum is the first museum in the Sultanate of Oman that includes a learning centre, equipped according to the highest international

standards.

The centre offers various educational programmes aimed at raising public awareness about the importance of the Omani cultural heritage, thus creating more interest among all categories of visitors in the ancient history of Oman. -ONA

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ROYAL COMMENDATION

Sultan's Special Force celebrates annual day



MUSCAT: The Sultan's Special Force (SSF) on Tuesday celebrated its annual day during a ceremony held under the patronage of Gen. Sultan Mohammed Al Nu'amani, Minister of the Royal Office, Head of the Office of the Supreme Commander.

Upon the chief guest's arrival at the military exercise site, Gen. Al Nu'amani was received by Maj.Gen. Musallam Mohammed

Ja'about, SSF Commander.

Gen. Al Nu'amani pinned medals of excellent service and royal commendation on a number of SSF commissioned and non-commissioned officers.

The chief guest was briefed on the stages of the practical demonstration.

Then, the SSF units implemented a live-fire exercise (LFX). The exercise reflected the opera-

tional readiness and the level of combat efficiency of the SSF personnel.

On the occasion, SSF Commander pinned special service, long service and good conduct medals on a number of SSF commissioned and non-commissioned officers.

The ceremony was attended by SSF senior officers and retired senior officers. -ONA

Oman marks international consumer day

MUSCAT: The Sultanate of Oman, represented by the Consumer Protection Authority (CPA) and Oman Association for Consumer Protection (OACP), on Tuesday marked World Consumer Day, which comes under the theme (Fair Digital Finance).

Digital finance

A seminar was held at the hall of the Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque to mark this event. The seminar reviewed means of protecting and enabling consumers in digital finance, as well as limiting its harms and ensuring sustainable digital financial tools.

Basic rights

World Consumer Day aims at maintaining the basic rights of the consumer in obtaining fair and sustainable markets.

It underlines the importance of cooperation among all parties to serve the interests of the consumer. -ONA

OMAN DESIGN & BUILD WEEK



Housing Ministry signs 27 contracts

MUSCAT: Dr. Mohammed Ali Al Mutawa, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning for Urban Planning, yesterday signed 27 land development contracts (usufructs) for the setting up of fuel filling stations, commercial and industrial projects.

He also signed an agreement

to set up 30 residential units for citizens whose houses were damaged during the climatic condition "Shaheen" in the Governorate of North Al Batinah.

The contracts were inked as part of Oman Design & Build Week's programmes being held at Oman Convention and Exhibition Centre. -ONA

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

More than 3,000 students virtually tour CERN in Geneva

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Ministry of Education, represented by the Department of Innovation and the Scientific Olympiad, carried out the "Peaceful Nuclear Science and Technology Education Project Team" in cooperation with the European Organisation for Nuclear Research (CERN) in Geneva, on a virtual visit via video call.

The virtual visit carried out with the participation of 3,420 students from various public and private schools, and 280 teachers and specialists from the governorates' education departments and the Ministry's general office.

The visit began with a simple presentation about the quality of research carried out by CERN.

It was followed by a tour of the organisation's laboratory with an explanation by specialists about the devices, components, mechanisms of work and experiments on them, experiments that occur underground. At the end of the presentation the organisation's specialist answered all inquiries and questions raised by participants. The visit aims to review some of the qualitative activities and various scientific fields carried out by CERN, especially about particle physics, and to introduce the nature of re-

search and experiments carried out in CERN laboratories, which includes the largest hadron collider in the world.

It also aims to provide an opportunity for students, teachers and those interested to explore the site of the experiments and interaction with specialists and scientists from the organisation, who provided an explanation of the experiments from a physical and practical point of view.

Dr. Maya Al-Azariah, an educational expert in the office of the Minister of Education, in charge of the Department of Innovation and Scientific Olympiad, and head of the Peaceful Nuclear Science and Technology Education Project Team, said that "this visit aims to enhancing the scientific aspects of students, linking them to the latest developments in research fields, and informing them about the various activities carried out by international institutions and organizations to inspire them to be future scientists. In addition to its large research aspects, it also enhances the research aspects of students and teachers through several specialized training programs that it offers, which allow teachers and students to interact with their counterparts from different countries of the world on many research topics."

MOU SIGNED

Oman Shell and Oman Airports partner in green hydrogen for mobility project

Times News Service

MUSCAT: During Oman Sustainability Week, Shell Development Oman LLC (Oman Shell) announced its sixth Gift to the Nation (GtN), a Green Hydrogen for Mobility project, on Tuesday.

As part of the first phase of the project, Oman Shell has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Oman Airports that would see Oman Shell providing up to 15 Hydrogen Cars for the Oman Airports' corporate usage.

The project will include development of hydrogen production units that will be powered by photovoltaic solar plants and installed at different fueling units related to the project. These stations will be selected strategically to maximise benefits to the project and allow members of the public to have visibility of the technology.

As Omani regulatory bodies develop the required regulations to enable a strong hydrogen economy in the Sultanate, Oman Shell will work closely with them to provide hydrogen expertise and input.

Commenting on this exciting opportunity, Walid Hadi, Oman Shell's VP and Country Chairman said: "Working with Oman Airports for the hydrogen for mobility project will help our efforts to sup-



port the Oman Vision 2040 energy objectives. It is also in line with Shell's Powering Progress Strategy and our target to become a net-zero-emission energy business by 2050, in step with society."

"The potential for the use of solar in electrolyzers to produce hydrogen builds on the success Shell has had with other renewables-based projects in Oman, like Solar into Schools and Sohar Solar Qabas. The recent royal directives by His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik to grow the green hydrogen sector in the Sultanate inspire our efforts.

We look forward to taking the first tangible step in kickstarting this industry and we hope that this project will be a pace setter in renewables-based hydrogen," he added.

Sheikh Aimen Al Hosni, CEO of Oman Airports, stated: "We are looking to capitalise on Oman Shell's renewable energy initiatives and are glad to be working together on the first phase of its 'Green Hydrogen for Mobility' project. Environmental sustainability has been a top priority for Oman Airports and it's one of the main pillars of our strategic objectives.

"Since 2017, we have incorporated a carbon management program to measure and reduce our carbon footprint in a phased manner in Muscat, Salalah and Duqm Airports. Muscat International Airport has received a Green Airports Recognition in 2020 from Airports Council International (ACI) for our contribution towards a sustainable airport's environment in its category. We are committed with clear environmental policy to build a sustainable environment and become a green airport."

BUSINESS DELEGATION LED BY OCCI

Omani trade team concludes productive visit to Sri Lanka

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The first-ever visit of 17-member high level Omani business delegation to Sri Lanka from the Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OCCI), organised by the Sri Lanka Embassy in Oman from 5th to 9th March 2022, has successfully concluded.

The high-level business delegation was led by Eng. Redha Bin Juma Al Saleh, Chairman of the OCCI which is the sole representative of the entire private sector of Oman.

Ambassador of Sri Lanka to the Sultanate of Oman Ameer Ajwad received the delegation at the Bandaranaike International Airport (BIA) in Sri Lanka and accompanied the delegation during the visit. Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman to Sri Lanka Sheikh Juma Hamdan Al Shehhi also associated during the meetings.

The purpose of the visit was to explore opportunities available in trade and investment between Sri Lanka and the Sultanate of Oman and to establish business links between the private sectors of the two countries.

The delegation paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa, briefed him on the progress made during their visit and expressed their keen interest in closer economic engagement with Sri Lanka. Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka Ajith Nivard Gabral and Secretary to the Prime Minister Anura Dissanayake were



also present during the meeting.

The delegation also had productive meetings with the Finance Minister Basil Rajapaksa, Trade Minister Bandula Gunawardena, Labour Minister Nimal Siripala de Silva together with State Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Market Diversification Priyankara Jayaratne as well as State Minister of Regional Cooperation Tharaka Balasuriya during the visit. A range of areas of mutual interest including promotion of trade, investment, tourism, employment opportunities were discussed.

Members of the Omani delegation who represented Omani manpower recruitment agencies, met with the Chairman of the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment (SLBFE) and discussed is-

ssues related to Sri Lankan labour recruitment in Oman and agreed to increase employment opportunities under Government regulated arrangements.

B2B meetings

One of the highlights of the visit was the Business Forum followed by B2B meetings held between the visiting Omani delegation and their Sri Lankan counterparts, organised by the National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka (NCCSL) at the Chamber Auditorium in Colombo. A large number of Sri Lankan companies participated during the B2B meetings. Ambassador Ameer Ajwad, President of the NCCSL Nandika Bhuddipala, Chairman of the OCCI Eng. Redha AlSalih addressed the Business Forum.

Presentations by the Sri Lanka Board of Investment (BOI) as well as the Colombo Port City were made during the Forum highlighting the opportunities available for investments in Sri Lanka.

The Chairpersons of the NCCSL and the OCCI physically signed the MoU which was virtually signed in July last year, between the two Chambers for the promotion of business between the two countries.

A Letter of Intent (LoI) between Sri Lanka's popular Ayurvedic company, Siddhalepa (Pvt) Ltd and Oman's Lama Poly Clinic was signed for introducing Siddhalepa Ayurvedic products and services in the Sultanate of Oman.

The Omani business delegation had a fruitful meeting with the Sri Lanka State Trading Corpora-

tion (STC) and discussed ways and means for trading between Sri Lanka's State sector and Oman's private sector.

During the meeting with the Director General of Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority (SLTDA), Omani business delegation was briefed of different investment opportunities in tourism sector in Sri Lanka and it was proposed to organize joint programmes for tourism promotion between the two countries.

BOI Executive Director of Katunayake Export Processing Zone made a presentation to the visiting Omani business delegation on the BOI operations and opportunities available for investment in Sri Lanka.

The Omani business delegation also met with the President of Sri Lanka Association for Software and Services Companies (SLASSCOM) and explored opportunities for collaboration in the ICT & BPM sectors. The delegation also interacted with the Chairman of Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka and both sides exchanged information of doing business in both countries. The members of the delegation also met with the Chairman of Coconut Research Board as well as representatives from Sri Lanka Gem and Jewellery Association.

During the visit, Omani delegation also undertook field visits to the factories of Sri Lanka's popular brand companies such Akbar Brother's Tea Packing Centre,

SMAK Food Processing Factory, Isabella Apparel Factory at Katunayake Free Trade Zone and Siddhalepa Ayurveda Hospital at Dehiwala -Mount Lavinia. The delegation also visited Colombo Port City project, Sri Lanka's new special economic zone reclaimed from the sea.

State Minister of Regional Cooperation Tharaka Balasuriya hosted to an official dinner in honour of the visiting OCCI high level delegation at Waters Edge-Sri Lanka.

The members of the high level delegation included Ali Hamdan AlAjmi, OCCI Board member and Chairman of the Committee on Services and Information Technology, Anwar Hamed Said Al Sinani, Borad member and the Chairman of South A Sharqia Governorate, His Highness Khalid Mohamed Salim AlSaeed, as well as Chairpersons and CEOs of leading Omani private sector companies in different sectors including construction, consultancy, medical services, food supply, advertising services, manufacturing of medical equipment, fruits & vegetables, food supply, garments, building material, electronics, manpower supply, conference management etc.

The high level visit by the Omani business delegation to Sri Lanka was coordinated by the Foreign Ministry and the Ministry of Regional Cooperation of Sri Lanka in collaboration with the Embassy of Sri Lanka in Oman.



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DUBAI

ROP takes part in World Police Summit

DUBAI: The Royal Oman Police (ROP) is taking part in the World Police Summit 2022 in Dubai. ROP delegation is headed by Brigadier Jamal Habib Al Qurashi, Director General of Inquiries and Criminal Investigations. The summit reviews a set of topics that aim at honing expertise and knowledge security areas and crime control around the



world. An exhibition was held on the sidelines of the summit. It showcased a number of security innovations for more than 150 regional and international companies. -ONA

8TH NATIONAL RESEARCH AWARD

Research paper optimises performance of constructed wetlands for wastewater treatment

MUSCAT: A research project titled 'Operational modifications of a full-scale experimental vertical flow for constructed wetland with effluent recirculation to optimise total nitrogen removal' by principal investigator Dr. Buthaina Al Wahaibi was among the 13 winning projects at the 8th National Research Award. The award was organised by the Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation. The project won in the category of Environmental and Biological Resources field. Dr. Buthaina Al Wahaibi from Oman Water and Wastewater Services Company (OWWSC), said that adequate water and wastewater management is essential for human health, protecting water sources and the environment from pollution. Hence, the treated water to be utilised in water-scarce arid regions as an unconventional source in order to reduce the stress on the consumption of potable water and subsequently contribute to economic growth. She elaborated that wastewater management strategies can be categorised as centralised or decentralised.



Dr. Buthaina Al Wahaibi.

dling, and disposal and/or reuse the treated water locally. The objective of this study, according to Dr. Buthaina, was to evaluate the performance of a two-stage vertical flow constructed wetland (VFCW) for wastewater treatment to be considered as a sustainable, environmental and economic decentralised solution. Dr. Buthaina and her team designed, built and operated a full-scale VFCW in Oman to provide a sustainable wastewater treatment solution within the Middle Eastern context. The VFCW had two stages (vertical flow 1 and 2; called VF1 and VF2, respectively) with a total treatment area of 995 m2 and was planted with common reeds (*Phragmites australis*), while the treated effluent was recirculated to an anoxic tank. Dr. Buthaina explained that the study was divided into two phases: the first phase (Baseline) aimed at evaluating the treatment performance, and the second phase (Modification) aimed at testing different operational modifications to optimise the total nitrogen removal and deal with the nitrified treated effluent. -ONA

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Invitation to attend the annual general assembly meeting
Al Jabal Al Akhdhar Hotels & Tourism Company S.A.O.C.

An invitation from the Board of Directors of Al Jabal Al Akhdhar Hotels and Tourism Company S.A.O.C. to the distinguished shareholders to attend the meeting of the regular Annual General Assembly to be held at 11:00am on Thursday, 31/3/2022 at Jabal Akhdhar Hotels. If the quorum of the assembly is not completed, the second meeting will be held on Monday morning, April 4, 2022 at 11:00 am to study and discuss the following agenda:

- Study and approve the report of the Board of Directors for the year ended 31/12/2021.
- Study and approve the report of the auditors and financial statements for the year ended 31/12/2021.
- Propose the distribution of cash dividends of 30% of the value of the share equivalent (300Bz) per share and approved.
- Appoint auditors for the current fiscal year, which will end on 31/12/2022, and determine their fees and approve it.

Each shareholder has the right to authorize whoever deems fit, to attend the meeting and vote on his behalf if he or she is unable to attend.
Chairman
Sheikh Saud Bin Sulaiman Bin Hamir Al Nabhani

HISTORICAL RELATIONS

Minister meets Kenyan foreign secretary

MUSCAT: Salim Mohammed Al Mahrouqi, Minister of Heritage and Tourism received in his office on Tuesday Raychelle Omamo, Secretary for Foreign Affairs in the Republic of Kenya.

Heritage and tourism
The meeting discussed areas of cooperation in heritage and tourism between the two countries. It also reviewed the historical relations binding the two countries. The meeting was attended by Mohamed Dori Mohamed Yakub, Ambassador of Kenya to the Sultanate of Oman. -ONA



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Tender No.	Description	Eligibility	Tender Fee (RO)	Last Date of Sale Tender Documents	Bid Submission Date
T/03/OWWSC/ 2022	Construction of Water Distribution Networks in Al Aloo in Yanqul Wilayat- Al Dhahirah Governorate	Local Companies registered with Government Tender Board and have sufficient experience in the works mentioned.	1500/- (Plus 5% VAT) Non-refundable	31/03/2022	16/05/2022
T/04/OWWSC/ 2022	Construction of Water Distribution Networks in Wadi Endam in Al Mudhaibi Wilayat- North Ash Sharqiyah Governorate	Local Companies registered with Government Tender Board and have sufficient experience in the works mentioned.	1500/- (Plus 5% VAT) Non-refundable	31/03/2022	16/05/2022
T/05/OWWSC/ 2022	Construction of Water Distribution Networks in New Liwa Schemes in Liwa Wilayat- North Al Batinah Governorate	Local Companies registered with Government Tender Board and have sufficient experience in the works mentioned.	1500/- (Plus 5% VAT) Non-refundable	31/03/2022	16/05/2022

Interested Companies registered with the Tender Board, may obtain a soft copy of the tender documents through an online shared link (One drive) against non-refundable payment as mentioned above for each set of documents. The Tenders may be collected on any working days between 07:00 am - 3:00 pm hours.
The tender fee shall be accepted through online bank transfer for the account details provided below or through POS.

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- Both Technical and Commercial Proposals along with required documents shall be submitted in hardcopy in a sealed envelope & soft copy (CD) bearing the project name, Tender number and address of Oman Water & Wastewater Services Company at Head Office building near Panorama Mall not later than 3:00 pm on the date specified above.
- The Tenderer should enclose a Bank Guarantee issued by any bank in the Sultanate of Oman for the value of 1% of the Tender value and addressed to the Chairman of the Tender Committee.
- Duly filled Form of Tender and Bid Bond shall be submitted in a sealed envelope bearing the Project name, Tender number and address of Oman Water & Wastewater Services Company shall be placed in Oman Water and Wastewater Services Company not later than 03:00 PM on the date specified above.
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< FROM A1 Most amazing sunset

For a little shop, it was fully stocked with essential staple food but I noticed there were no chocolates, fizzy drinks or sweets. I guess there was no demand there of such commodities that we now know ruin our health. The shopkeeper smiled and said a polite 'marhaba.' I bought a bottle of water and walked out. All the houses were built from local material. The bricks were curved from the rocks, the wadi provided the red mud used for plastering and the logs of the thorny trees were used for beams. All the houses had the hallmark of a construction technology that was used a century ago. As I was admiring the architectural delight of the houses, an eagle landed right on top of a tree a few metres away from me. I could not resist the urge of taking a photo of it with my mobile phone. Then a herd of cows, led by a ferocious looking bull, rounded a corner and walked towards me. I gave them the right of way before the bull decided to pierce its horns where it hurts most. I took more photos and soon the "little wonders" of the little village took most space in my phone's memories. When I got back to my hotel that evening, I witnessed the most amazing sunset just on top of the mountains. I wondered what other amazement in Jabal Akhdhar was waiting for me the next day.



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AGENDA OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
NATIONAL LIFE & GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY SAOG

The Board of Directors of National Life & General Insurance Company SAOG (the "Company") are pleased to invite the shareholders for the Company's Annual General Meeting ("AGM") to be held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 30th March 2022, at OMINVEST Business Centre, Airport Heights, Muscat Governorate - Sultanate of Oman. Shareholders can also participate in the meeting via the electronic platform for holding General Meetings, which can be accessed through Muscat Clearing and Depository Company ("MCD") website (www.mcd.gov.om). In the event, that the quorum for the first AGM is not met, Wednesday, 06th April 2022, at 3 p.m. will be the date of the second meeting, at the aforementioned meeting venue and electronic platform to consider the following agenda:

- To consider and approve the report of the Board of Directors' on Company's activity and its financial position for the financial year ended 31st December 2021.
- To consider and approve the report of the Board of Directors' on corporate governance for the financial year ended 31st December 2021.
- To consider the statutory auditors' report and to approve the financial statements and the profit and loss account for the financial year ended 31st December 2021.
- To ratify the sitting fees paid to Directors' for attending meetings of the Board and sub committees for the previous financial year and to determine the Directors' sitting fees for the upcoming financial year.
- To consider and approve the proposed Directors Remuneration of RO 150,000/- for the financial year ended on 31st December 2021.
- To consider the transactions carried out with related parties during the financial year ended 31st December 2021.
- To inform the Shareholders of the amounts paid towards corporate social responsibility activities during the year ended 31st December 2021.
- To consider and approve the allocation of RO 100,000 for Corporate Social Responsibility programs during the financial year ending on 31st December 2022.
- To consider and approve the framework for evaluation of the performance of the Board of Directors.
- Appointing an independent entity to measure the performance of the members of the Board of Directors and determine their fees.
- To appoint statutory auditors for the financial year ending 31st December 2022 and determine their fees.

Pursuant to the Company's articles of association and general meeting regulations, through modern technology means issued by the Capital Market Authority, we would like to draw your attention to the following

- A juristic person, exclusively, has the right to authorize a natural person to attend the general meeting and vote on its behalf through technical means, provided that this natural person has an investor number in MCD.
- Voting on any of the items on the agenda begins no more than three days before the date set for the Meeting until the end of the voting process on the day of the meeting, and in the event that the shareholder's balance is increased or decreased, the voting process will be invalid, and he must re-vote again on the day of the Meeting.

Any questions relating to this Notice should be addressed to Mr. Badar Salim Al Marzuqi (Telephone No. +968 24730930).

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COVID

India reports 2,568 new COVID-19 cases

NEW DELHI: India reported 2,568 new COVID-19 cases and 97 deaths in the last 24 hours. According to the Ministry of

Health and Family Welfare, 4,722 recoveries have been reported in the last 24 hours, taking the total tally to 42,446,171 in the country.

The recovery rate stands at 98.72 per cent. India's active cases currently stand at 33,917. **ANI**

OUTBREAK

Amid COVID outbreak, China to redirect international flights from Shanghai

BELJING: China will redirect some international flights from the country's biggest city of Shanghai to other cities from March 21 amid a new COVID-19 outbreak, the country's aviation authorities said on Tuesday.

Shanghai has entered a partial lockdown. Residents are barred from leaving the city unless it is necessary. In recent weeks, Shanghai has faced a surge in COVID-19 infections, forcing the authorities to redirect some international passenger flights to other Chinese cities from March 21 to May 1.

The latest move will affect more than 100 flights to 22 destinations of five Chinese airlines. Media reports said flights will be transferred from Shanghai Pudong International Airport to the airports located in Chengdu, Chongqing, Dalian, Fuzhou, Hangzhou, Kunming, Nanchang, Ningbo, Taiyuan, Xiamen and other cities.

On Tuesday, China reported two times more new COVID-19 cases from the previous day as the country faces, by far, the biggest outbreak since the pandemic began.

The country identified 3,507 new locally spread cases in the last 24 hours, up from 1,337 a day earlier, The Washington Post reported citing China's National Health Commission.

China has imposed various rules to keep the COVID-19 cases away from the country since the deadly initial outbreak in the city of Wuhan in early 2020 but the fast-spreading variant known as "stealth omicron" is testing China's zero-tolerance strategy.

The country's COVID-19 cases are low as compared to elsewhere in the world but in the first two weeks of March, China recorded over 10,000 cases which exceeded the previous flare-ups. **ANI**



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STRIKE

Frankfurt Airport cancels flights as security staff strike



BERLIN: Employees of Frankfurt Airport's cargo and passenger controls went on strike early on Tuesday morning, with scores of flights cancelled as a result.

The walkouts are part of a wage dispute between the Verdi trade union and the Federal Association of Aviation Security Companies.

The union is negotiating for a new agreement for some 25,000 security staff nationwide, with demands that include an increase in the hourly wage rate of at least €1 (\$1.10).

How bad is the disruption?

According to Frankfurt Airport, 130 of 818 flights planned for Tuesday were canceled. Originally, some 71,000 passengers had been expected to be at the airport that day.

Only passengers with layovers were allowed to pass

through security checks there, and the airport's operators advised people against traveling to board flights at Germany's biggest aviation hub.

Airport operator Fraport had called on all travelers hoping to board in Frankfurt not to travel to the airport.

There were also walkouts by employees at Hamburg, Stuttgart and Karlsruhe/Baden-Baden airports. Staff at Munich airport — Germany's second largest — have been on strike since Monday afternoon.

Other airports — Berlin, Düsseldorf, and Hannover — canceled dozens of flights because of walkouts on Monday.

There have been three rounds of negotiations so far, which have failed to produce a result. The sides are planning to meet for further negotiations in Berlin on Wednesday and Thursday. **dw**

Ministry of Social Development

Tender Announcement

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

Tender No.	Tender Subject	Grade	Last date for obtainment of tender document	Last date for tender submission	Tender Document Price (non-refundable)
14/2022	General maintenance works for the building of the Department of Social Development and the hospitality apartment in Rarkhuot	Companies specialized in building contracting and registered with the General Secretariat of the Tender Board in the first degree	Monday 4-4-2022 02:00 PM	Sunday 24-4-2022 10:00 AM	R.O. 25/=

- ❖ Specialized Companies, registered with the Tender Board may obtain the Tender documents at the Tender Board e-tendering digital portal link (<https://etendering.tenderboard.gov.om>) , On wednesday 16/3/2022
- ❖ Tender shall be submitted in compliance with the technical specifications and terms along with a local bank warranty at (1%) of the tender value, valid ninety (90) days from the date of e-submission.
- ❖ For Inquiry , please contact through the e-tendering website (reg@tenderboard.gov.om) tel. (24402200)

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NOTICE INVITATION TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING AND THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

The Board of Directors of the National Bank of Oman S.A.O.G ("The Bank") has the pleasure to invite the Shareholders to attend the Extraordinary General Meeting ("EGM") and the Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of the bank, scheduled to be held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 30 March 2022 through the electronic platform for holding General Meetings, which you can log in through the website of Muscat Clearing and Depository Company (www.mcd.gov.om) or the Bank's headquarters in Al Athaba, Muscat, and in the event that quorum was not achieved for the Extraordinary General Meeting ("EGM") and/or the Annual General Meeting ("AGM"), the second Extraordinary General Meeting ("EGM") and/or the second Annual General Meeting ("AGM"), shall be held at 3 p.m. on Thursday, 31 March 2022 through the above-mentioned electronic platform and the Bank's headquarters to discuss the following agenda items:

Extraordinary General Meeting ("EGM"):

- To approve the Bank's capital raising plans which may take the form of a new issue of Additional Tier 1 capital for a bench mark size in the region of USD 300 million (and/or the OMR equivalent amount). Such instruments may be listed locally on the MSX, internationally on a foreign exchange and/or issued on a private placement basis.
- The capital raising transactions referred to in items 1 above may proceed at any time over the next five years as the Board may approve (taking into account any requisite prior CBO consent to any issuance) and subject to prevailing market conditions ("Transaction");
- To authorize the Board of Directors of the Bank (and the relevant authorized signatories acting pursuant to any limits, as set out on the commercial register of the Bank) together with the management team of the Bank, to take any and all required steps and actions to implement and give effect to the above Transaction (or any element of them), including (but not limited to) any steps as may be required to give effect to any appointments of advisors, submissions or filings to any regulator or exchange, updates to the Transaction terms and negotiation thereof, issuances thereunder, amendments (including to issuance size and terms, however fundamental) pursuant to the above work streams and as per prevailing market conditions.
- To authorize the relevant authorized signatory or signatories of the Bank in accordance with the commercial register to execute the Transaction documentation and any and all related documentation that may be necessary or desirable to give effect to the Transactions or any element of them.

Annual General Meeting ("AGM"):

- To consider and approve the report of the Board of Directors about the business of the bank and its financial position for the financial year ended 31st December 2021.
- To consider and approve the report of the Board of Directors about the Bank's Corporate Governance during the financial year ended 31st December 2021.
- To consider and approve the Auditors Report about the Bank's audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31st December 2021.
- Notify the Shareholders regarding the report of the Sharia Board on the "Muzn" Islamic Banking for the financial year ended 31st December 2021.
- To consider and approve on the AGM date the proposal for distribution of cash dividends to the Shareholders at the rate of Baiza 3.7 per one share for the financial year ended 31st December 2021.
- To approve the sitting fees being availed by the members of the Board of Directors and members of the Board's sub-committees for the previous financial year and to fix the sitting fees for the next financial year.
- To consider and approve the proposal for the distribution of remuneration of RO 300,000 to the members of the Board of Directors for the financial year ended 31st December 2021.
- To approve the appointment of the members of the Bank's Sharia Supervisory Committee.
- To approve the sitting fees and remuneration being availed by the members of the Sharia Board for the previous financial year and to fix the sitting fees and remuneration for the financial year ending 31st December 2022.
- Notify the Shareholders regarding the related parties' transactions during the financial year ended 31st December 2021
- Notify the Shareholders regarding the donations paid to support community services during the financial year ended 31st December 2021.
- To consider and approve the allocation of RO 300,000 for community support services during the financial year ending 31st December 2022.
- To appoint the Auditor and the Sharia Auditor for the financial year ending 31st December 2022 and approve their remuneration.
- To appoint an independent entity to evaluate the Board of Directors performance and approve their remuneration.
- To Approve the criteria for measuring the performance of the Board of Directors for the financial year ending 31st December 2022

As per the Bank's Articles of Association and the regulations of the convening of the AGMs through electronic platforms, issued by the Capital Market Authority (CMA), we would like to attract your kind attention to the following:

- Only juristic persons may give proxy to a natural person to attend the AGM and vote on their behalf through the electronic systems, provided that the deputized natural person has an investor number at Muscat Clearing and Depository Company.
- Voting on the subject items offered for voting in the agenda starts before a period of not more than 3 days and until the end of the voting process on the Meeting's day. If the investor's balance of shares increased or decreased, his/her voting will be cancelled and they should vote again on the AGM's date.

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Russia-Ukraine talks resume as thousands flee Mariupol

Previous rounds of talks had focused on establishing local ceasefires to set up humanitarian corridors, but these quickly fell apart

KYIV: Ukrainian negotiator and presidential advisor Mykhailo Podolyak said on Twitter that the fourth round of talks between Ukraine and Russia, which were paused yesterday, resumed on Tuesday afternoon.

The talks are being held over a video conference. Podolyak reiterated on Tuesday that, for Kyiv, the meeting would focus on “general regulation matters, ceasefire [and] withdrawal of troops.”

Previous rounds of talks had focused on establishing local cease-



NEGOTIATIONS: Higher-level talks between the Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov in Turkey last Thursday failed to produce any diplomatic solutions to the conflict.

fires to set up humanitarian corridors, but these quickly fell apart several times.

Higher-level talks between the Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov in Turkey last Thursday failed to produce any diplomatic solutions to the conflict.

As the Russia-Ukraine war enters its twentieth day, Kyiv has imposed a new curfew from 8 pm on March 15 until 7 am on March 17, said the Ukrainian local media.

Mayor of Kyiv, Vitali Klitschko, said that the residents are only allowed to go outside to head to the bomb shelters, reported the Ukrainian media outlet

Russia started a special military operation in Ukraine on February 24 in response to calls from the Donetsk and Luhansk people's republics for protection against intensifying attacks by Ukrainian troops.

Photojournalist killed

A veteran war photojournalist of Fox News, Pierre Zakrzewski, was killed while reporting in war-torn Ukraine, the Fox News Network said on Tuesday, reported CNN.

Fox News chief executive Suzanne Scott wrote to employees, “It is with great sadness and a heavy heart that we share the news this morning regarding

our beloved cameraman Pierre Zakrzewski,” adding “Pierre was killed in Horenka, outside of Kyiv, Ukraine.” Zakrzewski was a veteran war photojournalist who had “covered nearly every internal story for Fox News from Iraq to Afghanistan to Syria,” Scott said.

As per the chief executive, Zakrzewski was with correspondent Benjamin Hall “when their vehicle was struck by incoming fire.” He informed that Benjamin Hall remains hospitalized in Ukraine.

“His talents were vast and there wasn't a role that he didn't jump in to help with in the field - from photographer to engineer to the editor to producer - and he did it all under immense pressure with tremendous skill,” Scott said. “He was profoundly committed to telling the story and his bravery, professionalism and work ethic were renowned among journalists at every media outlet,” reported the news channel.

“He was wildly popular - everyone in the media industry who has covered a foreign story knew and respected Pierre,” Scott added. Scott said it was a “heart-breaking day for Fox News Media and for all journalists risking their lives to deliver the news.”

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NATO MEMBERSHIP

Time to admit Ukraine can't become a NATO member, says Zelenskyy

KYIV: Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on Tuesday said that it is time to admit that Ukraine will not become a North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) member, according to a media report.

“It is clear that Ukraine is not a member of NATO, we understand this, we are adequate people. For years we have heard about supposedly open doors, but now we have also heard that we cannot enter there, and this is true and we need to admit it,” Sputnik quoted Zelenskyy as saying at the meeting of leaders of the Joint Expeditionary Force.

Meanwhile, the United States has said that it will continue to assess what other forms of air defence it might be able to provide to Ukraine amid Russia's military operation, Sputnik reported citing envoy to NATO Julianne Smith.

“You've heard the President and Secretary of Defense talk about the fact that we are continually assessing what additional needs our friends have. We will continue looking at what other aspects of or other forms of air defence we might be able to pro-



vide to Ukraine,” the media outlet quoted Smith as saying.

“And of course, you've no doubt seen the news that Congress just recently approved an additional USD 13.6 billion of support for Ukraine. So this is an evolving story,” he added.

Notably, Zelenskyy on Monday urged NATO to impose a no-fly zone over his country or see its member states attacked by Russia.

In his virtual address, Zelenskyy said: “I reiterate that if you do not close our sky, it is only a matter of time before Russian missiles fall on your territory, on NATO territory, on the homes of NATO citizens.”

He spoke a day after thirty-five people were killed and more than 130 injured when Russian troops launched airstrikes on a military training ground, near the border with NATO member Poland. ANI

UKRAINE CONFLICT

UN chief says in contact with countries including India, China to stop Russia-Ukraine war

NEW YORK: Underlining how Ukraine is being “decimated before the eyes of the world”, UN chief on Monday warned that a meltdown of the global economy due to the conflict is provoking a hunger crisis that is hitting the poorest, hardest.

Addressing the media outside the Security Council chamber in New York, Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said that with each passing hour in Ukraine, the death and destruction is getting worse: “Whatever the outcome, this war will have no winners, only losers.”

The Secretary-General said the UN and humanitarian partners were working “to ensure safe passage from besieged areas, and to provide aid where security permits, allowing around 600,000 to receive some form of aid since the bombardment began.

And with Russia raising the alert level of his country's nuclear forces, the UN chief described it as a “bone-chilling development.”

He said the prospect of a nuclear war, “once unthinkable, is now back within the realm of possibility. The security and safety of nuclear facilities must also be preserved.”

“It is time to stop the horror un-



leashed on the people of Ukraine and get on the path of diplomacy and peace”, he said, noting that he had been in close contact with countries including China, France, Germany, India, Israel and Turkey - on mediation efforts to end Russia's invasion.

“The appeals for peace must be heard. This tragedy must stop. It is never too late for diplomacy and dialogue. We need an immediate cessation of hostilities and serious negotiations based on the principles of the UN Charter and international law.”

We need peace now, he added. “Peace for the people of Ukraine. Peace for our world.”

The nearly two million now displaced inside the country, and close to three million who have become refugees in the past two weeks - the vast majority women and children - are becoming increasingly vulnerable, he warned.

Russia and Ukraine represent more than half of the world's supply of sunflower oil and about 30 per cent of the world's wheat, he added, noting that Ukraine alone provides more than half of the World Food Programme's (WFP) wheat supply.

“Food, fuel and fertilizer prices are skyrocketing. Supply chains are being disrupted. And the costs and delays of transportation of imported goods - when available - are at record levels,” Guterres said and added that all of this is hitting the poorest the hardest. ANI

SHOW OF SUPPORT

Polish, Czech, Slovenian leaders head to Ukraine in show of support

KYIV: The leaders of three European countries are traveling by train to Ukraine to pledge their support. The prime ministers of Poland, the Czech Republic and Slovenia are due to arrive in Kyiv on Tuesday to express European Union solidarity as Russia continues its assault on Ukraine's capital city.

The leaders are set to meet with Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal, and are going in their capacity as representatives of the European Council. Polish Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki said in a tweet that “Europe must guarantee Ukraine's independence and ensure that it is ready to help in Ukraine's reconstruction.” DW

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SPORTS



Benzema helps Real Madrid move ten points clear in La Liga

Following a goalless first half, the striker set up Vinicius Jr for Madrid’s first goal before adding a second from the penalty spot



MADRID: Karim Benzema was once again the star as Real Madrid opened up a 10-point lead at the top of La Liga with a 3-0 win away to Real Mallorca.

Following a goalless first half, the striker set up Vinicius Jr for Madrid’s first goal before adding a second from the penalty spot and then heading home a third after a cross from Marcelo.

Real Madrid began by looking to control the ball, but, looking to end a run of four consecutive defeats, Mallorca put a bit of bite into their challenges and there were some tense moments on the pitch.

thanks to Maffeo’s desperate late block.

The Brazilian opened the scoring 10 minutes into the second half after Fede Valverde robbed Idrissu Baba 30 meters from goal before feeding Benzema, who slipped the ball through to Vinicius to beat Sergio Rico.

The Mallorca players were furious as it looked as if Valverde had fouled Baba when he won the ball.

Benzema doubled Real Madrid’s lead from the penalty spot with 13 minutes left to play. Vinicius turned in the area and was brought down by Olivan and Benzema scored with a low shot to the keeper’s right.

With eight minutes left, the French striker then produced a powerful header from Marcelo’s cross. However, the striker appeared to hurt his calf in scoring to the goal and had to limp out of the game, which will be a worry ahead of next weekend’s El Clasico against FC Barcelona.

FORMULA ONE



F1 champ Lewis Hamilton plans to change his name

MANAMA: The seven-time Formula One champion Lewis Hamilton wants to change his name to add his mother’s surname.

The Brit whose full name is Lewis Carl Davidson Hamilton plans to include ‘Larbaletstier’ as a third middle name. Lewis’ mother Carmen Larbaletstier, now Lockhart, separated from his father Anthony Hamilton when he was a child.

“I’m really proud of my family’s name, Hamilton,” said the 37-year-old ahead of the season’s opening Grand Prix this weekend in Bahrain. “None of you might

know that my mum’s name is Larbaletstier and I am just about to put that in my name.”

“I don’t fully understand the idea that when people get married the woman loses their name. I really want my mum to continue on with the Hamilton name,” he added.

In F1, Hamilton has won a joint-record seven World Drivers’ Championship titles (tied with Germany’s Michael Schumacher) and holds the records for the most wins, pole positions, and podium finishes, among others.

FOOTBALL

Chelsea want FA Cup tie at Middlesbrough behind closed doors



LONDON: Premier League club Chelsea have requested that their FA Cup quarter-final against Middlesbrough at Riverside Stadium is played behind closed doors amid their ongoing ban over selling matchday tickets.

Chelsea’s ticket sales were halted on March 10 after the UK government sanctioned the club’s owner Roman Abramovich over his links with Russian President Vladimir Putin. Despite engaging in extensive discussions with

the Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation (OFSI), the deadline to purchase away tickets has passed without appropriate amendments being made to the Government licence which would allow a full allocation of Chelsea supporters to attend.

“It is important for the competition that the match against Middlesbrough goes ahead, however, it is with extreme reluctance that we are asking the FA board to direct that the game be played

behind closed doors for matters of sporting integrity,” Chelsea in a statement said.

“Chelsea FC recognises that such an outcome would have a huge impact on Middlesbrough and its supporters, as well as our own fans who have already bought the limited number of tickets that were sold before the licence was imposed, but we believe this is the fairest way of proceeding in the current circumstances. We will continue to discuss the issue

of ticket sales with OFSI as there are a number of fixtures still to be played this season and we hope to reach a resolution,” PL club added.

The Blues are currently only allowed to continue operating through a special licence granted by the UK government, which permits existing ticket holders to attend matches, but new sales - including home and away match day tickets - have not been allowed.



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COMPANY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Respected Shareholders,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all on behalf of my colleagues and the Board of Directors of Muscat Gases Company SAOG to the 32nd Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the company.

A summary of the results of the company performance for the year ending 31st December 2021 is presented below.

Operating Performance:

Revenue:

Total revenue for the year ended 31st December 2021 in the parent Company was OMR 16,761,608 and the total revenue in the group Companies was RO 17,880,989 compared with total revenue of OMR 16,114,242 in the parent Company and the total revenue of OMR 16,114,242 in the group Companies for the year ended 31st December 2020.

Net Profit:

Net Profit after tax for year ended 31st December 2021 in the parent Company was OMR 63,681 and OMR 133,097 in the group Companies, compared with OMR 415,471 in the parent Company and OMR 415,471 in the group Companies for the year ended 31st Dec 2020.

Earnings per Share (EPS) in the parent Company is OMR 0.002 and OMR 0.004 in the group Companies, for the year ended 31st December 2021 compared with is OMR 0.014 in the parent Company and OMR 0.014 in the group Companies for the year ended 31st December 2020.

The board also reviewed the related party transactions as mentioned in note-26 which are within the normal business relationship.

Investment in Subsidiary Companies:

On 6th January 2021 Muscat Gases Company acquired 100% shares of LPG bottling Company called Al Aman Industrial & House Gas LLC.

Muscat Gases Company holds 99.99% shares in the subsidiary Company called Muscat Power Pioneer LLC and 99% shares in the subsidiary Company called United Marketing Solutions.

Market Share:

Muscat Gases is the biggest player in the LPG market in Oman offering a wide range of products (Cylinder Bottling, Bulk Gas Delivery, MGAP [Deodorized Gas], and export). MGC is planning a steady growth by increasing its products and service portfolio and opening new sales channels. MGC has been and shall be fully committed to play its national role in serving the customers with the necessary LPG needs. MGC continues focus on customer service and operational efficiencies.

Human Resources

Human Resources plays an important strategic role in the continuous development of MGC and employees are our key assets in this journey to success.

Omanization

Omanization and continuous development of National workforce has been given top priority. Majority of the functions and divisions are being headed by Omanis. Company achieved 47 % Omanization as on 31st December 2021 and we believe that the Omanization will be adding more value to the Company.

Health Safety & Environment

Muscat Gases Company is committed to high HSE standards and promote HSE culture among its employees and distributors.

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR):

As part of its ongoing commitment to support the society and environment, Muscat Gases has embarked on number of CSR initiatives and programs related to its mandate and operating field as part of its commitment to protect the safety

and foster convenience of customers. During the year 2021, the Company spent 1,000 OMR for the CSR Programme.

Future Outlook:

LPG: The Company formulated a 5 years growth strategy in different areas to increase the Company's performance in coming years. The Management's total focus on the LPG business has started yielding better results and the Company is committed to put all its efforts to maximize the shareholders return.

Thanks, and Appreciation.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, and the staff, we are honored to express our gratitude to His Majesty Haitham Bin Tariq Bin Taimoor Al Said for His visionary leadership. We pray to Almighty Allah to grant him all the health & blessings to continue to lead the country on the path of sustainable development. We take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks to our shareholder & customers for their continued support that enabled us to achieve the results. With their support, we are confident that Muscat Gases will continue its performance and will be able to reach new heights of excellence.

Engr. Omar Ahmed Salim Qatan
Chairman

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Group 2021 RO	Parent Company 2021 RO	Parent Company 2020 RO
Revenue	17,880,989	16,761,608	16,114,242
Cost of sales	(17,033,923)	(16,091,342)	(15,233,234)
Gross profit	847,066	670,266	881,008
Other income	206,938	264,217	219,675
Allowance for inventories (net)	-	-	24,578
Allowance for expected credit loss (net)	(2,317)	(2,317)	(3,622)
Administrative and general expenses	(795,952)	(758,715)	(744,119)
Profit from operations	255,735	173,451	377,520
Share of (loss)/profit of an associate	-	-	(253,003)
Gain on disposal of investment in an associate	-	-	453,610
Finance charges	(82,309)	(81,972)	(98,183)
Impairment on investment in a subsidiary	-	-	-
Profit for the year before taxation	173,426	91,479	479,944
Income tax	(40,329)	(27,798)	(64,473)
Profit for the year	133,097	63,681	415,471
Other comprehensive (loss)/income			
Revaluation of land	-	-	(420,000)
Deferred tax (on revaluation of land)	-	-	63,000
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year	133,097	63,681	58,471
Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to the owners of the Parent Company	133,097	63,681	58,471
Basic earnings per share	0.004	0.002	0.014

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Group 2021 RO	Parent Company 2021 RO	Parent Company 2020 RO
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	3,078,475	2,622,800	2,749,566
Goodwill	996,800	-	-
Investment in subsidiaries	-	1,901,475	-
Right-of-use assets	211,285	211,285	239,944
Trade receivables	406,107	406,107	531,063
	4,692,667	5,141,667	3,520,573
Current assets			
Inventories	1,155,131	1,127,349	232,260
Trade and other receivables	2,957,102	3,034,588	2,051,995
Cash and bank balances	2,459,438	2,419,246	4,540,051
	6,571,671	6,581,183	6,824,306
Total assets	11,264,338	11,722,850	10,344,879
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Equity			
Share capital	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000
Statutory reserve	1,009,975	1,000,000	1,000,000
Special reserve	1,457,067	1,457,067	1,457,067
Land revaluation reserve	753,887	753,887	753,887
Retained earnings	124,850	65,409	436,728
Total equity	6,345,779	6,276,363	6,647,682
Liabilities			
Non-current liabilities			
Non-current portion of term loans	348,279	348,279	582,951
Non-current portion of lease liabilities	199,797	199,797	219,878
Employees' end of service benefits	70,845	69,868	61,200
Deferred tax liability	154,740	153,225	148,520
	773,661	771,169	1,012,549
Current liabilities			
Term loans	227,700	227,700	231,122
Bank borrowings	438,827	438,827	-
Lease liabilities	26,051	26,051	21,634
Trade and other payables	3,411,172	3,952,608	2,383,315
Income tax payable	41,148	30,132	48,577
	4,144,898	4,675,318	2,684,648
Total liabilities	4,918,559	5,446,487	3,697,197
Total equity and liabilities	11,264,338	11,722,850	10,344,879
Net assets per share	0.212	0.209	0.222

OMAN CRUDE PRICE FALLS

The price of Oman oil has decreased, with prices for delivery by May 2022 reaching \$100, said Dubai Mercantile Exchange (DME). The DME statement said that the price of Oman oil fell by \$9.91 from the price of Monday, which was \$109.91. - OMA

MARKET
BUSINESS & FINANCE



MSX INDEX ENDS HIGHER

The MSX index closed at 4,343.10 points, up by 0.43 per cent from the previous close. The Sharia Index ended down by 0.20 per cent at 491.44 points. Voltamp Energy, up 7.45 per cent, was the top gainer while, Aman Real Estate, down 8.08 per cent, was the top loser.



ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Mohammed Mahfoudh Al-Ardhi
Chairman



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

We entered the year with the pandemic still looming large and an uncertain global economic environment. As the year progressed, the threat of the pandemic to our people receded owing to Oman's remarkable vaccination drive. Green shoots of recovery elevated hydrocarbon prices to multi-year highs helping Oman achieve the lowest budget deficit since 2014.

Undeterred by peaks and troughs of the economic cycle, Sohar International continued its growth trajectory, demonstrating its institutional strength and resilience. Year 2021 has been pivotal for Sohar International as it entered a new phase of excellence paving way for the organization to reach new heights. We continue to deliver on multiple fronts, contributing to the country's progress, supporting the larger community in which we operate, creating shareholder value and being an employer of choice.

FINANCIALS

Profit for the year increased 41.6% to RO 28.3 million compared to RO 20.0 million last year. Total operating income increased 20.3% to RO 110.7 million, (31 December 2020: RO 92.0 million), driven by increases in all major income streams.

Total operating expenses increased by 11.3% to RO 50.3 million (31 December 2020: RO 45.2 million). Increased expenses reflect the bank's continued investment in people and technology supporting the bank's strategic objectives as well as significant contributions to the community.

Net operating income before impairment provisions increased by 29.0% to RO 60.4 million compared to RO 46.8 million last year, resulting in a cost-to-income ratio of 45.4% (31 December 2020: 49.1%). Net impairment charges and other credit risk provisions for the year was RO 27.1 million compared to RO 23.1 million last year. The increase reflects the bank's continued prudence in managing its credit risk through the current economic cycle.

Total assets as at 31 December 2021 increased by 14.5% to RO 4,134 million (31 December 2020: RO 3,611 million) mainly driven by increase in investment securities. Loans, advances and financing (net) increased by 4.3% to RO 2,612 million (31 December 2020: RO 2,504 million) reflecting the bank's prudence in managing growth in the current economic conditions.

Customer deposits increased by 7.3% to RO 2,394 million (31 December 2020: RO 2,232 million), highlighting the bank's strengthening funding & liquidity position. Increase in total shareholder's equity of 19.6% to RO 396.6 million (31 December 2020: RO 331.7 million) includes the highly successful rights issue of RO 50 million.

GROWTH STRATEGY

Whilst Sohar International's organic growth has been spectacular with its market share of total assets now positioning the bank third in the Oman market, the bank has ambitions to accelerate its growth locally and expand internationally in line with its vision of becoming a world-leading Omani service company that helps customers, communities and people to prosper and grow. In pursuit of these objectives Sohar International has received approval from the Central Bank of Oman to initiate the due diligence process to assess the feasibility of the bank's proposed merger with Bank Nizwa.

Internationally, having successfully partnered with Saudi EXIM Bank to enhance foreign trade and investment opportunities between our two nations, Sohar International is in the midst of establishing a branch in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. This initiative further increases the pace of economic cooperation, realizing meaningful commercial and investment exchanges and contributing towards achieving the goals outlined in Oman Vision 2040.

Congruent to its purpose of helping people win by delivering banking for their ever-changing world, Sohar International is moving ahead continuing to strike a balance between continuity and change. The bank's culture of innovation, and digital prowess, is embedded across various facets of its businesses as it continues to scale its business model locally and internationally. This aligns seamlessly with Sohar International's principles of providing more vision, more value and more velocity to all stakeholders.

With increased global focus and importance of Environmental, Social, Governance (ESG), Sohar International remains committed to incorporating these principles within its business strategies. Sohar International's values complement initiatives in relation to sustainability, diversity & inclusion, and are well aligned with the nation's considerable efforts to adopt environmental sustainability and social spheres, through effective governance structures.

DIGITAL FIRST

Sohar International has successfully leveraged technology to inject innovation throughout its processes, introduce new products & services and enhance customer convenience. In line with providing more velocity as well as contributing to the overall sustainability agenda, the bank's most frequent retail processes are now paperless and fully automated through a dedicated secure workflow system. With Sohar International's refined strategy in place, a digital-first approach has been the fulcrum of all its efforts in introducing products and services. The bank's investments in pursuing an intelligence-based approach through Business Intelligence (BI) platforms help it consistently deliver on its extensive digitalization agenda. This has helped the bank enhance operational efficiency in addition to streamlining digital processes. By introducing products based on a customer segmentation approach, and an Omni-channel model of customer engagement, our intent is to provide ease of banking, excellence and an unmatched customer experience complementing their lifestyles. These factors remain strong drivers in the bank's continued development across all touch points and digital channels.

Building on the existing advanced technological infrastructure and proactively fulfilling the banking needs of individual and wholesale banking clients, a state-of-the-art mobile banking application was launched for conventional and Islamic banking customers. Furthermore, and playing an important role in fulfilling the aspirations of becoming a digitized economy and enhancing efficiencies to streamline and enjoy stress-free financial transactions, Sohar International rolled out its digital Transaction Banking platform providing secure, seamless and convenient cash and trade facilities marking a new era for wholesale clients. Accordingly, Sohar International has continued to invest in upgrading software and operating platforms, leveraging its human capital as a key enabler of this transformation by ensuring preparedness and knowledge through training and development opportunities.

CUSTOMER CENTRICITY

Sohar International continues to innovate, diversify and expand its product portfolio catering to the dynamic needs of individuals,

enterprises and support Oman's growing economy. Whether it is through our highly skilled asset management team supporting Takaful Oman issue the country's first perpetual Sukuk, or our expert wealth management team providing financial solutions and advice to individual customers, Sohar International continues to create value and a winning proposition for all.

Our aim is to create a winning experience, based on a well-defined customer segmentation strategy. This has translated to a better understanding of the varying customer needs enabling the bank to roll out tailored products, services and value added propositions by partnering with well renowned organizations locally, regionally, and internationally ranging across multiple growth sectors including and not limited to telecom, airline, real estate, tech companies, and much more.

With two new full-service branches within Muscat, Sohar International continues to deliver on its promise of a winning journey for all through providing relevant and frequent offers in the form of financial solutions to instilling a culture of savings within the community. Pursuing banking inclusion reaching out far and wide, Sohar International concluded its Prize Scheme for the year 2021 themed 'In Oman We Win' promoting savings as well as serving as a platform to highlight the historic, agricultural, and economic prowess of the Sultanate locally, regionally, and internationally.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Sohar International is committed to Oman's socioeconomic development agenda and takes great pride in supporting and complementing the many community efforts of our esteemed government. Leading from the front, Sohar International is a first responder to crisis events, committing at the peak of the pandemic up to RO 1.5 million to relieve severely impacted customers from personal loan obligations as well as providing 200 fresh graduate a 2-year on the job training and development program across a varied range of sectors in cooperation with the Ministry of Labour.

In rapid response to the impacts of Cyclone Shaheen, Sohar International mobilized more than 150 volunteers, armed with shovels and truck loads of urgent supplies, to support on the ground clean-up efforts. In addition, Sohar International has commenced renovation of severely damaged houses for more than 100 families and allocated RO 5 million of interest free loans to support impacted customers rebuild as well as providing deferment options on debt repayments.

As a proud sponsor in 2021 of Oman Rally, Oman Cricket, Oman InFocus and a number of other sporting associations, Sohar International's contribution to sport helps position the Sultanate as a venue of choice for international sporting fixtures. By supporting talented Omani youth Sohar International has rightfully enabled individuals to achieve on a regional and global stage.

KNOWLEDGE FOCUSED

With a focus on continued learning and personal development, "Viewpoints - Sohar International's Chairman Forum" has been bringing the best of the world to Oman with prominent guest speakers sharing the very best of their leadership experiences and expert knowledge. Our much acclaimed "Tomohi" program continued in 2021 providing 20 internships to talented Omani graduates as a stepping stone for commencing their professional careers.

Valuing human capital as our nation's most important asset, we continue to invest in staff training and development. Mindful of building a knowledge-based economy, that will help create long-term, sustainable benefits for Oman's socio-economic growth, Sohar International launched an in-house world-class academy. Our training initiatives aim to prepare our employees to tackle ever increasing complexity against a background of rapid change to our operating environment.

EMPLOYER OF CHOICE

Employee wellbeing is at the heart of our organization. Sohar International prioritized employee safety by securing vaccines and achieving over 95% vaccination rate. The bank was proud to extend the vaccination drive to include employee's families, local welfare associations, and other strategic partners. In response to the pandemic, Sohar International introduced a flexible working program resulting in high levels of productivity and uninterrupted customer service.

AWARDS & ACCOLADES

Sohar International's achievements have received numerous local, regional and international accolades. Spearheading transformation, Sohar International's Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Ahmed Al Musalmi, was honored with the coveted 'Business Leader of the Year Award'. Furthermore, Viewpoints - Sohar International's Chairman Forum has been honored with the coveted 'OER Business Excellence Award' for creating a world-class knowledge platform.

Demonstrating excellence in all its operations, the bank won the 'Debt Deal of the Year - Oman' and 'Equity Deal of the Year - Oman' award at the Corporate and Investment Banking Awards and was also conferred with the title of the 'Best Corporate Banking Oman 2021'. These awards are a testimony to our growing credentials as an outstanding organization that helps people 'win'; a bank that continues to uphold the values of simple and fast processes' to help customers benefit from the technological advancements in our industry. Our customer centric business model is in perfect harmony with Oman Vision 2040.

RECOGNITION

I thank our stakeholders who have bestowed upon us continued trust and confidence and applaud our employees who have shown utmost commitment, agility and dedication during these exceptional times. I express my gratitude to the Central Bank of Oman and the Capital Market Authority for their strong governance, transparency and leadership.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and our loyal employees, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik for his leadership and vision, taking our beloved country to greater heights and giving praiseworthy impetus to the banking sector in Oman.

Mohammed Mahfoudh Al Ardhi
Chairman

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MINIMUM DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS IN YEAR-END FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021 RO'000

Details	Current Year	Previous Year
Gross Interest Income	148,211	146,987
Interest Expense	(70,445)	(75,016)
Net Interest Income	77,766	71,971
Other Operating Income	24,891	14,315
1. Dividend Income	395	464
2. Net Fee & Commission Income		
a) Fee and Commission Income	16,246	12,774
Less: b) Fee and Commission Expense	-	-
3. Net Foreign Exchange Income		
a) Income	5,029	1,146
Less: b) Expense	-	-
4. Net Income from dealing in securities		
a) Gain / (loss)	3,221	(69)
Less: b) Expense	-	-
5. Net Income from Investment Securities		
a) Income	-	-
Less: b) Expense	-	-
Gross Income	102,657	86,286
General Administrative Expenses	(47,159)	(42,184)
Depreciation	(3,102)	(2,971)
Total Operating Costs	(50,261)	(45,155)
Net Operating Profit (Profit on ordinary activities before provisions)	52,396	41,131
Income from Subsidiaries	-	-
a) (Loss) from Islamic financing	8,007	5,699
Income from Associate Companies	-	-
Income from Other Licensed Activities	-	-
Investment Activities	-	-
Profit from sale of non-banking assets	-	-
Bad debts Written off	-	-
ECL Allowance (net) charged for Loans & Advances	(24,028)	(24,898)
ECL Allowance (net) charged for Investments	(1,238)	31
ECL Allowance (net) charged for Placements	31	784
ECL Allowance charged (net) for Off-balance sheet items	(1,855)	949
ECL Allowance charged (net) for Others (if any)	-	-
Provision for diminution / Gain in value of investments	-	-
Profit for the year after loan loss provisions	33,313	23,696
Taxation	(4,975)	(3,683)
Net profit after tax	28,338	20,013
Other Comprehensive Income for the year		
Movement in fair value of available for sale / FVOCI investment for the year	754	(2,079)
Effect of currency translation for the year	-	-
Any other comprehensive income for the year	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income for the year	29,092	17,934

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MINIMUM DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS IN YEAR-END FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021 RO'000

Assets (Net of total ECL)	Current Year	Previous Year	Liabilities	Current Year	Previous Year
1. Cash	34,551	29,175	1. Deposits (incl. Govt.)		
2. Balances with CBO	60,815	172,948	a) Demand	934,366	717,020
3. Capital Deposit with CBO	507	507	b) Savings	375,102	326,573
4. Government & other Securities	94,099	96,145	c) Time	1,084,997	1,187,972
5. Treasury Bills & Other Bills	-	-	2. Certificate of Deposits	-	-
6. Due from H.Q. branches, principal shareholders & affiliates abroad	-	-	3. Due to H.Q. branches, principal shareholders & affiliates abroad	-	-
7. Due from banks:			4. Due to Banks:		
i) Placements	172,498	78,898	i) Placements	448,907	418,104
ii) Loans & Advances	461	2,686	ii) Borrowings	469,956	302,457
8. Other Money Market Placements	-	-	5. Other Money Market Deposits	-	-
9. Investments	937,905	604,973	6. Borrowings from CBO	-	-
10. Loans and advances	2,612,208	2,503,497	7. Capital	295,355	245,355
11. Tangible Fixed Assets	50,639	47,178	8. Reserves	84,698	72,573
12. Losses carried forward	-	-	9. Retained Earnings	16,525	13,774
13. Other Assets	170,302	74,980	10. Capital Bonds	200,000	200,000
Total Assets	4,133,985	3,610,987	11. Other Liabilities	224,079	127,159
			Total Liabilities	4,133,985	3,610,987

Note: All assets (where applicable) are net of ECL.

[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.]

MARKET

Shares of HSBC Bank Oman were the most active in terms of

Out of 42 traded securities, 9 advanced, 13 declined and 20 remained unchanged. At the session

Financial Index closed at 7028.95 points, up by 0.3 per cent. Prices of Sohar International Bank, HSBC Bank Oman, Global Financial Investments, Bank Nizwa, and Vision Insurance were up by 4.2 per cent, 3.33 per cent, 2.86 per cent, 1.01 per cent, and 0 per cent respectively. Prices of Oman Arab Bank, United Finance, Taageer Finance, Muscat Finance, and Al Sharqia Investment were down by 6.58 per cent, 4.76 per cent, 3.37 per cent, 3.23 per cent, and 2.3 per cent respectively.

Services Index was up by 0.15 per cent before closing at 1629.75 points. Prices of Shell Oman Marketing, Al Batinah Power, Oman Telecom, OIFC, and Ooredoo were up by 2.79 per cent, 2.08 per cent, 0.47 per cent, 0 per cent, and 0 per cent respectively. Prices of Al Jazeera Services, National Gas were down by 2.84 per cent, 1.4 per cent respectively. — United Securities





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INDICES																
Index.....	High.....	Low.....	Value.....	Prev. Value.....	Diff.....	Diff %										
MSX 30 INDEX.....	4,354.50	4,324.70	4,343.10	4,324.70	18.40	0.43										
FINANCIAL INDEX.....	7,068.92	7,007.60	7,028.94	7,007.60	21.34	0.30										
Industry Index.....	5,957.03	5,947.01	5,952.11	5,956.91	-4.80	-0.08										
Services Index.....	1,637.68	1,627.26	1,629.75	1,627.26	2.49	0.15										
MSX Shariah Index.....	492.92	491.44	491.44	492.41	-0.98	-0.20										
MSX TR INDEX.....	5,241.72	5,205.84	5,227.99	5,205.84	22.15	0.43										
Trading Summary																
Volume.....	Turnover.....	Trades.....	Market Cap.....	Up.....	Down.....	Equal.....	Sec. Traded									
17,320,727	3,689,889	594	22,314,319,826	9	13	20	42									
SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 15																
ISIN	SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR.	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF (RD)	DIFF %	LAST PR	LAST BID	LAST OFFER	PREV VALUE	MARKET CAP
REGULAR MARKET																
OM0000003398	SOHAR INT. BANK	1,000,000	124,045	10	0.119	0.125	0.119	0.124	0.119	0.005	4.202	0.125	0.110	0.121	0.100	370,767,724
OM0000003026	OMAN TELECOM	354,003	303,521	23	0.856	0.864	0.856	0.862	0.862	0.004	4.469	0.860	0.860	0.864	0.100	642,000,000
OM0000002168	AL ANWAR CERAMIC	340,800	154,705	11	0.454	0.456	0.450	0.454	0.452	0.002	0.442	0.450	0.450	0.454	0.100	99,860,000
OM0000001418	RAYSUT CEMENT	3,500	616	2	0.176	0.176	0.176	0.176	0.176	0.000	0.000	0.176	0.174	0.176	0.100	35,200,000
OM0000001749	OMAN CEMENT	4,692	1,113	2	0.236	0.239	0.236	0.239	0.239	0.000	0.000	0.239	0.236	0.247	0.100	79,078,578
OM0000001072	ALANWAR INVESTMENT	256,700	22,076	17	0.086	0.087	0.086	0.086	0.086	0.000	0.000	0.086	0.086	0.086	0.100	17,200,000
OM0000000220	AHLI BANK	25,000	3,124	3	0.125	0.125	0.124	0.125	0.125	0.000	0.000	0.124	0.120	0.125	0.100	243,707,183
OM0000000366	OREBET	525,687	182,414	26	0.346	0.348	0.346	0.348	0.346	0.000	0.000	0.346	0.342	0.348	0.100	226,528,920
OM0000000620	VISION INSURANCE	480,800	48,120	12	0.104	0.104	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.000	0.000	0.100	0.100	0.103	0.100	10,000,000
OM0000000505	ALMAHA CERAMICS	155,861	77													



Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry

TENDER

Oman chamber of commerce and industry would like to announce the following public tender:

Tender No.	Tender Name	Tender Fees (irrevocable)	Specialized companies	Deadline for Obtaining Documents	Deadline for Tender submission
3/2022	Design and printing of a brochure of experience and the private sector in responsibility	25 -/R.O	Companies specialized in Classification, design, printing and publishing	29/3/2022	Before 12 pm 12/4/2022

Companies specialized in **Classification, design, printing and publishing** may obtain the tender documents from the Administration Department at the Second Floor of the chamber's Headquarters in Ruwi, during the official working hours against the payment of tender fees.

Tender Terms:
 Provide valued CR, OCCI membership, Tender Board membership and taxation certificate.

The bids should be submitted in red waxed envelopes addressed to - Head of main tendering Committee, OCCI, written outside the Number and title of the Tender. No indication about the bidder is allowed on the envelope. Offers should be deposited in the tender box kept at the Administration Department in the Second floor of OCCI Head office.

OCCI is not bound to accept the lowest or any other bids. It has the right to accept or reject any bids without showing reasons

- * Requires specialized companies:
- Working to collect information and data about the experiences of a number of target companies by addressing and visiting them officially and directly.
- Provided that the Chamber provides the applicant company with a list of the targeted companies, which number (35) companies, and provides them with an official letter to facilitate their work in collecting data.
- Work to add at least (25) companies and other institutions from other than the aforementioned list that have a role and experience in the field of social responsibility to be included in the book.
- Working on reformulating the material after its collection, finding an appropriate classification for the book, and creating a presentation and output method that suits the project's objectives.
- Provide linguistic and spelling revision.
- Translation from Arabic into English and vice versa, according to the available material.
- Design and printing according to technical specifications.

Interested companies should submit the Tenders before 12 pm on 12/4/2022.

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Treasury bills worth OMR39mn issued

MUSCAT: The Central Bank of Oman (CBO) raised OMR39 million by way of allotting treasury bills on Tuesday.

The treasury bills are for a maturity period of 28 days, from March 16 until April 13, 2022.

The average accepted price reached 99.960 for every OMR100, and the minimum accepted price arrived at 99.960 per OMR100. The average discount rate and the average yield reached 0.52143 per cent

and 0.52164 per cent, respectively.

Secured instruments

Treasury bills are short-term highly secured financial instruments issued by the Ministry of Finance, and they provide licensed commercial banks the opportunity to invest their surplus funds. CBO acts as the Issue Manager and provides the added advantage of ready liquidity through discounting and repurchase facilities (Repo).

The interest rate on the Repo operations with CBO is 0.5 per cent while the discount rate on the Treasury Bills Discounting Facility with CBO is 0.75 per cent.

Furthermore, treasury bills promote the local money market by creating a benchmark yield curve for short-term interest rates. Additionally, the government may also resort to this instrument whenever felt necessary for financing its recurrent expenditures. -**ONA**



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MUSIC COMBINED WITH AUDITORY BEAT STIMULATION CAN REDUCE ANXIETY



Treatments integrating music and auditory beat stimulation are effective in reducing anxiety in some patients, a recent study suggested.

The study by Adiel Mallik and Frank Russo of the Ryerson University, Canada was published in the open-access journal 'PLOS ONE'.

Anxiety has been steadily increasing, particularly in the adolescent and young adult populations, over recent decades. Studies have previously shown that listening to music can reduce anxiety, perhaps even more effectively than some anti-anxiety medications. However, quantitative data on the effects of personalized music on anxiety has been lacking.

In the new study, the researchers randomized 163 patients taking anti-anxiety medications to participate in an at-home treatment session involving music, auditory beat stimulation, both, or pink noise-background sounds similar to white noise.

The music was selected for each patient using LUCID's artificial

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intelligence which curates music based on the patient's emotional state and music preferences. Auditory beat stimulation involves combinations of tones, played in one or both ears, designed to trigger changes to brain activity. In all groups, patients were asked to download a customized application on their smartphone for the treatment, close their eyes, and listen to a 24-minute session.

Among people with moderate anxiety before the treatment session, greater reductions in somatic anxiety--the physical symptoms of

anxiety--were seen in people who listened to both music and ABS (p=0.04, effect size=0.83), or those who listened to music alone (p=0.05, effect size=0.52), compared to those who listened to pink noise.

The greatest reductions in cognitive state anxiety, the aspect of anxiety related to thoughts and feelings, were also seen in moderate trait anxiety participants who listened to both music and ABS. Among people with high trait anxiety before the session, the music-alone group had significantly higher reductions in anxiety compared to the ABS-alone

group (p=0.04, effect size=0.72).

The authors concluded that sound-based treatments can be effective in reducing state anxiety and potentially offer a simple and easily distributable method of treating anxiety in a segment of the population.

Drs. Russo and Malik said: "With the pandemic and remote work, there has been a remarkable uptick in the use of digital health tools to support mental health. The results of this clinical trial indicate great promise for the use of digital health tools, such as LUCID's digital music therapy, in the management of anxiety and other mental health conditions."

They added, "The findings from this research are exciting as they indicate that personalized music shows great promise in effectively reducing anxiety in specific segments of the population that suffer from anxiety. Hopefully, with additional research, we can help build a solid evidence base which further supports the use of personalized music as an additional tool in the clinician's toolbox that can be used to help reduce anxiety in the patient population." -ANI

MARKET

OMAN SUSTAINABILITY WEEK

Oman Cables outlines cleaner, greener future for manufacturing

MUSCAT: Oman Cables Industry, Oman's leading manufacturers of industrial cables, was present at Oman Sustainability Week to share the company's vision for an energy-efficient, decarbonised and circular economy.

Exhibiting its mission to link the MEAT Region to a sustainable future by enabling the transition to sustainable energy, Cinzia Farisè, The CEO of Oman Cables and Prysmian Group MEAT Region, explained the company's commitment towards its economic, social and environmental responsibilities in producing and offering the most advanced cable technology.

Guided by a vision of 'Empowerment, Innovation and Excellence', Oman Cables is driven by sustainable growth with a dualistic dimension: climate ambition and social ambition. The company's strategic partnership with the Prysmian Group, a member of the FTSE4 Good Global Index, which recognises companies that demonstrate ethical and transparent governance practices, promotes shared values in the commitment towards environmental responsibility and



reduction of carbon footprint.

Priority
Sustainability has always been a priority for Oman Cables as part of Prysmian Group and is an integral part of its business and a part of the culture. Oman Cables consider multiculturalism, diversity and inclusion as fundamental pillars of the company. Oman Cables supports Oman Vision 2040 and the national priorities towards a safe, socially responsible and well-preserved environment, with effective and balanced ecosystems and renewable resources.

Cinzia Farisè, CEO at Oman Cables and Prysmian Group MEAT Region, said, "We take our role in preserving the environment and reducing human impact on the community incredibly seriously. It is important that every aspect of our business not only meets but exceeds targets and we continue to make progress towards our goals. The commitment of our leadership to develop an equal and diverse working environment and to positively impact the communities we operate in has led to a culture of innovation where employees are empowered to enact



change within the organisation."

She added, "Oman Sustainability Week provides the opportunity to share best practices with the industry and learn from others in the space. We are fully committed to reinforcing our business model to integrate economic, social and environmental responsibility in all aspects of our activities, making a profit for the benefit of our shareholders and creating value for the community and the entire ecosystem."

During the event, Oman Cables had the opportunity to invite His Highness Sayyid Theyazin bin

Haitham Al Said and Dr Mohammed bin Hamad Al Rumhi, Minister of Energy and Minerals to the company's stand where the CEO Cinzia Farisè gave a short presentation about the wide range of products and services offered by Oman Cables.

Oman Cables has developed a Regional ESG plan to cover all aspects of environmental, social, and governance, as well as establishing a Steering Committee to ensure sustainability remains at the core of all operations. The company is also conducting Sustainability Awareness Training to empower all employees within every stage of the process. The current priorities for Oman Cables include product circularity and recycling to reduce waste, develop efficiencies and maximise resources.

In partnership with the Prysmian Group, Oman Cables has identified key ESG targets with specific KPIs aligned with the Steering Committee and is focused on increasing sustainability awareness in line to become a leading company in this area and supported by dedicated investment to sustainability.

The Prysmian Group's Social Ambition complements its Climate Change Ambition, which aims to make Prysmian one of the leading technological players in the transition to low carbon energy. Its climate strategy adopts science-based targets aligned with the requirements of the Paris Agreement that sets a net-zero target achieved between 2035 and 2040 for the emissions generated by its operations and for value chain emissions by 2050.

Oman Sustainability Week is a nationwide event dedicated to showcasing best practices in all aspects of sustainability. Hosted by the Ministry of Energy and Minerals under the patronage of His Highness Sayyid Theyazin at Oman Convention & Exhibition Centre from 14-16 March 2022, the event aims to highlight Oman's commitment to sustainability leadership through innovative strategies aligned with the UN Sustainability Development Goals (SDGs) and engage the national development stakeholders to present Oman as a model for sustainable development.

OMR27.9bn credit extended by ODCs

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STATISTICS: Total private sector deposits increased by 2.3 per cent to OMR17.3 billion. - **ONA**

MUSCAT: The total outstanding credit extended by other depository corporations (ODCs) grew by 3.9 per cent to OMR27.9 billion at the end of January 2022, while credit to the private sector demonstrated a moderate increase of 1.8 per cent (Y-o-Y) to reach OMR23.5 billion, according to the statistics issued by the Central Bank of Oman (CBO).

STRATEGIC PARTNER

OQ's participation in Oman Sustainability Week shows its commitment to sustainable practices

MUSCAT: As a globally integrated energy company with roots in Oman, OQ has integrated environmental conservation and sustainable development into its corporate strategy. Further attesting to this commitment, the company is currently participating in the ongoing Oman Sustainability Week (OSW).

As a keen advocate of sustainable development, through the event, OQ is focusing on achieving and delivering sustainability agenda based on three pillars which are environmental, social, economic and governance. Within 2022 focus on decarbonisation and in-country value (ICV).

Speaking about OQ's participation, Ashraf Al Mamari, OQ's Chief Executive of People, Technology and Culture at OQ stated, "OSW is a promising platform for industry leaders who have embraced sustainability to come together and share meaningful insights to influence, empower and drive others to follow suit. Along with a number of ongoing sustainable initiatives which are being showcased at OSW, OQ is also highlighting its Alternative Energy (AE) business unit. AE is in strong alignment with Oman Vision 2040's objective of renewable energy, diversified sources of energy and rationalised consumption to achieve energy security."

Commenting further, he said, "Sustainability is one of our main pillars that form the heart of our operations, and we will continue to advocate this concept in the



community to achieve prosperity and development in the country. At OQ, we also believe in setting new sustainability benchmarks in the industry to help realize Oman's sustainability targets. Meanwhile, our focus on energy optimisation and efficiency will remain our top priority as we embark on the path of decarbonisation. OQ has started assessing its carbon footprint across all its assets and has been publishing this data since 2019 in its Sustainability Report. Committed to the energy transition, OQ has also established operations in upstream renewable energy, collaborated on electrical transmission, deployed downstream green

private sector credit as of the end of January 2022.

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In terms of the sector-wise composition of private sector deposits, the biggest share goes to household deposits at 51.7 per cent, followed by non-financial corporations at 30.5 per cent, financial corporations at 14.8 per cent and the other sectors at 3.0 per cent. - **ONA**

the panel discussion titled 'Paving the Path to Sustainability - A Regional Action Plan', she will speak about OQ's sustainability strategy and reporting. Meanwhile, at the panel discussion titled 'Behaviour Change and Social Innovation Through Communication - A Call for Collective Engagement', Nasser Al Mamari, Head of Environment at OQ's Downstream will be speaking about how OQ prioritizes the environment in all its projects and how this outlook is the cornerstone to achieving sustainable economic growth.

Recognising its continued commitment and efforts to achieve sustainability, OQ has received the Platinum Award at Oman Sustainability Week. OQ also won two awards under the categories of Environment and Society. These OSW awards are aimed at recognising Omani companies with an expectational contribution to sustainability practices in the Sultanate.

Realigning its business goals by empowering the community through sustained projects and initiatives to uphold OQ's commitment to the environment and the community. The new framework strikes the right balance between satisfying its sustainability aspirations and meeting stakeholder expectations while adhering to global best practices. With a keen focus on health and education, economic prosperity and environmental stewardship, OQ has completed 8 projects, continuing its meaningful contribution to the socio-economic progress of the nation.

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT



Pact inked for operating, developing Khasab Port

MUSCAT: The Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technology signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Oman International Container Terminal Company (Hutchison Ports Sohar) to manage, develop and operate the Port of Khasab.

The MoU was signed by Eng. Said Hamoud Al Ma'awali, Minister of Transport, Communications and Information Technology and Anson Kim, CEO of Oman International Container Terminal.

Eng. Al Ma'awali said that signing the MoU will serve the local community by developing the port, while at the same time preserving the identity of the place.

He pointed out that a workshop will be held next May to discuss ways of developing the port with the authorities concerned.

Sayyid Ibrahim Said Al-Busaidi, Minister of State and Governor of Musandam said that the MoU is an important step in developing the logistics sector in the Governorate of Musandam, which will develop the economic sector in the governorate. He explained that developing facilities of the port would augment investment opportunities for various institutions.

The signing ceremony was attended by Eng. Khamis Mohammed Al Shamakhi, Undersecretary of the Ministry for Transport. - **ONA**

2-DAY VISIT



Economic and Financial Committee of Shura Council visits Sezad

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Public Authority for Special Economic Zones and Free Zones (Opaz), in coordination with the Shura Council, organised a two-day visit for many officials, representatives of the Economic and Financial Committee of the Shura Council to the Special Economic Zone at Duqm (Sezad).

The delegation chaired by Abdullah bin Salim bin Mohammed Al Junaibi met upon their arrival at the Special Economic Zone management building in Duqm, Eng. Ahmed bin Hassan Al Dheeb, Deputy Chairman of Opaz, and many officials from Sezad management.

During the visit, several presentations were delivered that highlighted the capabilities of Sezad and the incentives, advantages, and facilities offered to businesspersons and investors,

in addition to the key facilities that characterise the zone, its location, ongoing strategic projects and the projects under construction, as well as the services and the lifestyle in the zone.

The delegation was also toured around several projects in Sezad, including Asyad Dry Dock Company, Port of Duqm, Karwa Motors Company, Duqm Refinery, and the Ras Markaz project. Post the visit, the delegation commended the experience of the Special Economic Zone at Duqm, the progress observed in the recent years, the facilities provided to investors, and the incentives and benefits that can be used in the lands affiliated to the zone. They also praised the service facilities, the infrastructure, and the electronic services which facilitated the usufruct of the lands, applications processing applications, and doing business easier.

ROUND-UP

Scratch and win Kia’s compact, powerful Sonet this Ramadan

Kia’s compact yet thrilling Sonet SUV is fuel-efficient and powerful too. Sporting a stylish design, impressive interior and storage space, the Sonet is popular among those who seek to enjoy the city streets as well as weekend getaways

MUSCAT: Own a Kia Sonet SUV and get an unbelievable opportunity to scratch and win 2 Kia at one time. Additional scratch & win prizes include, Win your purchased Kia back, Win all-new Sportage, Win up to 20 per cent on display price, Win periodic service up to 1,00,000 km and VAT on us. The campaign is valid until 1st May 2022. (Conditions apply. Please visit the Kia showroom for details.)

Kia’s compact yet thrilling Sonet SUV is fuel-efficient and powerful too. Sporting a stylish design, impressive interior and storage space, the Sonet is popular among those who seek to enjoy the city streets as well as weekend getaways. The



powerful and affordable 5-seater Sonet SUV has a 1.5L engine paired to a CVT Transmission and offers a 17.5KmpL fuel average.

Designed around the driver with a well laid-out, intuitive infotainment and cluster interface, the Sonet was built taking into consideration the end user’s experience. The Sonet comes with Android Auto and Apple CarPlay features,

Audio Remote Control, Bluetooth, USB charger. Harbours functional qualities in every inch of its ergonomic space.

Underlining the Sonet’s attractive looks are the body colour outside mirror, 2-tone bumper, power outside mirror, body colour door handles, side repeater lamps in outside mirror, 16” alloy wheels, chrome radiator grille, rear fog

lamps, LED front fog lamps, roof rack, LED headlamps, LED daytime running lamps and more.

Boasting multiple segment-first features that offer the ultimate driving experience for customers, the Sonet provides comfort, convenience, and safety. Fitted with 8” Audio Display, the Sonet also comes with other smart features such as remote engine start, auto

cruise control and more. Adding to increased levels of convenience as features like keyless entry system, smart key with button start, central door lock and more.

Kia has ensured that every drive with the Sonet is as hassle free and safe as possible, thanks to a rigorous set of measures created in line with Kia’s pillars of safety. Among the Sonet’s key safety features are

driver and front passenger airbags, ABS (anti-lock braking system), ESC (Electronic Stability Control), Rear parking assist system, Rear view camera, tyre pressure monitoring system (TPMS) and ISOFIX child-seat anchoring points.

Reliable International Automotive, the distributor for Kia in Oman provides a rewarding ownership experience for customers.

VALUE-ADDED SERVICES

Awasr launches seven new packages for residential subscribers

MUSCAT: As part of the continuous development and modernisation plans carried out by Awasr to continue providing the best services to its subscribers, Awasr launched seven new home packages that will provide better speeds, great value-added services with competitive prices.

Engineer Adnan bin Mohammed Al-Alawi, Awasr’s CEO, stated, “Simple, Agile, Caring and Smart are the core values of the company, and they are the values that we are always keen to keep in mind when providing services to our customers. Awasr has updated the residential packages with great care after conducting extensive studies of the needs of its subscribers whether by evaluating their use of the Internet or through their opinions collected from time to time to measure their satisfaction. We always strive to provide convenient and exceptional services and products to our customers.”

Eng. Issam bin Munir Al-Ismaili, Head of Commercial at Awasr expressed that the company continues improving all services and products provided to its customers. He also stressed that the company’s endeavour to improve speeds, quality of services and products to provide an appropriate environment for all the subscribers, whether for home or government institutions, business sector. Awasr has launched 7 new home packages while continually providing the successful SafeNet and Jawwy

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TV services. The new packages will cater to a large customer segment and will allow more to join and enjoy the internet.

Awasr has been operating successfully in Oman since 2015 and has made a qualitative leap in the speeds and quality of the services provided in the Sultanate: where it has introduced in Oman super-fast speeds of up to 1000 Mbps per second for residential customers and 10,000 Mbps for the public and business sectors. Driven by the best technologies in the world, it has managed to acquire the trust of a lot of customers who live within the broadband network in the sultanate. As a result of these efforts, the company won numerous awards for being the fastest broadband internet offered in the sultanate, the speeds are designed to suit the digital needs of the subscribers, where they will be able to enjoy ultra-high Internet services.

PARALYMPIAN CHAMPION TALIB AL BALUSHI

Khimji Ramdas felicitates gold medallist paralympian of West Asian Para Games



MUSCAT: Paralympian champion Talib Al Balushi, an employee at Khimji Ramdas (KR) was recently felicitated by the group’s directors at a formal ceremony held at their Head Office, to celebrate his star performance at the recently concluded 2022 West Asian Para Games in Bahrain.

Winner of two gold medals (shot-put and discus throw) and a silver medal (javelin throw), Talib’s outstanding participation in the Para Games, which saw Oman Para Athletic Team winning a total of 20 medals - including 12 gold - is a reflection of his strong resolve to keep Oman’s sporting pennants flying high.

Congratulating him on his de-

cisive victory, Nailesh Khimji, Director, Khimji Ramdas stated: “Talib Al Balushi has upheld the Paralympian motto of ‘Spirit in Motion’; and inspires each one of us to go beyond the expected and savour success that comes from grit and resilience. His success story motivates us to continue to play a crucial role in guiding our employees to achieve their full potentials, thereby doing our bit towards securing a stronger workforce for the nation.”

Commenting on the group’s ongoing social responsibility endeavours, he added: “As an organisation that is steadfastly committed to facilitating its people, particularly its youth realise their true capa-

bilities, we have, and continue to initiate and support ventures that foster inclusion and all-round national development. The Oman team and Talib’s victory is testimony to the efforts put in identifying, nurturing, promoting, and celebrating talent at every level in the country. We believe that this is just the beginning of a glorious future for Oman sports, and will continue to strive to put the sultanate on the world sporting map.”

Paralympic celebrity Talib Al Balushi has have been a part of the Khimji Ramdas Group for over a decade. He has played a significant role in Oman’s Para Athletic Team, winning laurels at various local and regional sporting events.

Expressing gratitude to the Group Directors and the staff who assembled to felicitate him, he said, “I attribute my success to the trust reposed on me by the KR Group and the people of Oman. It is their confidence that has helped me surge ahead and bring home laurels.”

To see the Sultanate enjoy a prime place in the global sporting arena, as well as inspire the nation’s youth and next generation of athletes, the Khimji Ramdas Group continuously celebrates and supports national sporting talent. KR lauds Talib Al Balushi’s commitment and perseverance, as it also mirrors the group’s fortification of employees’ skills in and outside the workplace.



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ROUND-UP

Huawei launches nova SE in Oman

Huawei's newest mid-range phone nova 9 SE is the best smartphone you can get today in the Sultanate of Oman for less than OMR130



MUSCAT: Huawei Consumer Business Group launched the newest phone Huawei nova 9 SE at an exclusive event held at Huawei Experience Store in City Centre Muscat. The event was witnessed by media and influencers in Muscat who received the first look to experience the newest phone. Mid-range smartphones aim to combine flagship-level features with great value. You may have to compromise slightly on one aspect or another, but it's often totally worth it. They also come with many benefits besides their competitive price, they often boast premium features, they're on par with the performance of high-end phones and they allow you to update to a newer gadget without feeling as guilty. Huawei's newest mid-range phone Huawei nova 9 SE is the latest addition to their mid-range offerings and we think that it is a

great choice for a mid-range phone priced under OMR130, here's why: **Staggering 108MP high-res photography** Huawei nova 9 SE is equipped with a 108MP AI Quad Camera system, which comprises a 108MP main camera, an 8MP ultra-wide-angle lens, a 2MP Bokeh lens, and a 2MP macro lens. With an impressive pixel count, the 108MP ultra-high-definition main camera allows users to unleash their creativity in sublime detail. The larger sensor and advanced imaging technology allow the smartphone to deliver extremely clear shots in High-Res mode, creating lossless images even when they are zoomed in three times. The Huawei nova 9 SE can capture pictures in dark environments and increase the brightness while reducing noise and improving the photo's dynamic range. You can also snap perfect selfies in low light as the Super Night

Shot feature can accurately recognise human faces and optimise the background while filtering out noise. With AI recognition shutter technology, enabling the smart adjustment of the shutter, the Huawei nova 9 SE captures dynamic scenes with precision, allowing every single memory that matters to be preserved. **Powerful performance** Fast charging has become a must-have in smartphones. Thanks to 66W Huawei SuperCharge, Huawei nova 9 SE can be charged by 60 per cent in just 15 minutes or be fully charged in 36 minutes. **Striking design with sophisticated craftsmanship** The Huawei nova 9 SE features a Huawei FullView Display with ultra-narrow bezels measuring a mere 1.05mm each. This contributes to a far more immersive visual

experience for the user and perfectly complements the ultra-slim body of the smartphone, which comes in at just 7.94mm. The rear lens bears the nova Series' iconic Star Orbit Ring camera design. With its slim body coupled with the 3D Glass Rear Cover, the Huawei nova 9 SE is easy to hold and fits well in the palm of your hand. **Creative Vlog experiences** If you are into making vlogs, the Huawei nova 9 SE has everything you need. No matter where, you can easily take videos from different perspectives, thanks to the Continuous Front/Rear Recording. This feature lets you seamlessly film from different perspectives, save footage as a single file, and save your time from complex editing. On the other hand, Dual-View Video recording allows you to showcase live reactions to events, simultaneously using the front and rear cameras with no extra editing.

There is also the Petal Clip app to streamline the whole content creation process. In case you haven't tried vlogging yet, this might also be the perfect time to start. **EMUI 12** With EMUI 12, users can enjoy a buttery smooth experience even after using the device for a long period. The Device+ tab in Control Panel enables users to easily control or set up multi-device collaboration with other devices. Thanks to One Hop Connection via near field communications (NFC), the Huawei nova 9 SE can pair with other Huawei devices directly; cross-device collaboration can be established with a simple tap. With the Distributed File System, Huawei nova 9 SE allows users to access files from a PC. Alternatively, users can send files between the smartphone and other Huawei devices via Huawei share. Running on EMUI 12, the Hua-

wei nova 9 SE offers a smart, easy and seamless experience to users. The trusted, innovative, user-friendly and secure AppGallery is available on the Huawei nova 9 SE where users can easily navigate, explore, find and easily download a wide range of high-quality apps. You might be hard-pressed to find a smartphone with better features at this price point that is why we think that the Huawei nova 9 SE is a great choice for a mid-range phone priced at OMR 124.9. **Price and availability** The Huawei nova 9 SE will be available for pre-order on 22nd March for OMR 124.9. The pre-order offer includes gifts worth OMR 51.2: Huawei Scale 3, Entertainment Gift Package 3, 6-month Screen Damage Protection, Petal One (Huawei video 3 months VIP + Huawei music 3 months VIP+ Huawei Cloud 200GB, one month free or 30% off).

COMPETITIVE OFFERS



Bank Muscat's special offer on personal, auto and home finance extended to March 31

MUSCAT: In line with its customer-centric vision and commitment to financial inclusion, Bank Muscat, the leading financial services provider in the Sultanate, offers a large number of state-of-the-art services and facilities to its large family of customers across the Sultanate. The bank recently announced that in line with its vision of better serving its customers, it would extend its highly competitive offers on personal, auto and Baituna home financing options for Omani nationals working in the government sector, government-related entities and select corporates till March 31. Takeover options on personal

and home financing are also included in this special offer. Bank Muscat endeavours to provide the best banking and financial products and services in Oman in line with the needs of different customer segments. It offers various financing options aligned to customer needs and the bank's aim of facilitating a high standard of living for people in Oman. Customers will be delighted by the fact that the bank is at present offering highly competitive rates, starting at just 3.5 per cent for auto finance, 3.75 per cent for personal finance and 4.95 per cent for Baituna Home Financing.

NEW TRIM LEVELS

Maserati introduces 3 Quattroporte models GT, Modena and Trofeo

MUSCAT: Maserati has introduced new and exclusive trim levels for the Quattroporte, to celebrate the refresh of the range with the Model Year 22 (MY22). The three new trim levels – GT, Modena (also available in Q4 version) and Trofeo – have been developed not only to meet all customers' requirements and expectations, but also to epitomise the various over-arching themes of the Maserati range: innovation, performance and design. From a stylistic point of view, the three new trim levels (GT, Modena and Trofeo) feature the new Maserati logo on the bonnet (included in the range from the MC20 onwards), new Trident logo on the C-pillar and refreshed lettering on the rear. There is also a specific trim level badge (bearing the wording "GT", "Modena" or "Trofeo") on the sides, just above the three iconic air intakes.

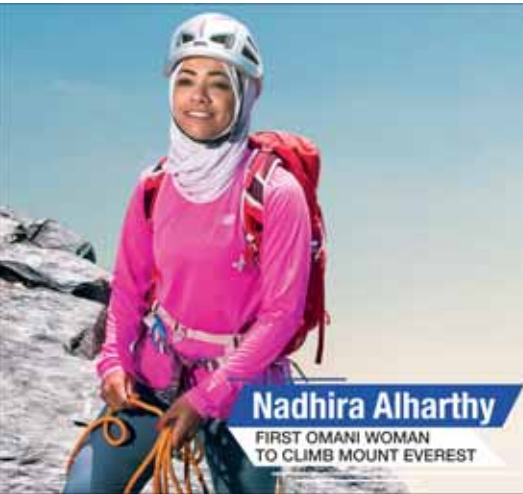


The new Maserati lettering appears on the central screen as well, as does the new "Trofeo" logo on the headrests. A classic example of true Italian design, the Quattroporte expertly combines elegance and sportiness. With MY22, the Brand's DNA is thus expressed in unique proposals, the result of the synergy that has played out between the Centro Stile Maserati and the Product Development Team, on research into materials, design cues and dedicated features. In its 55 years of history, the Quattroporte's style has evolved in the wake of the creativity of the best Italian designers. In 1963, the first Quattroporte combined performance, style and luxury in an elegant body designed by Pietro Frua, bringing to life a new market segment: luxury sport sedans. The 1974 second generation – created by Bertone and deliberately produced in very limited numbers – was followed by the great

success of the 1979 Quattroporte, designed by Giorgetto Giugiaro. In turn in 1994, Marcello Gandini redefined the fourth series of the flagship according to more compact style canons, whilst Pininfarina's 2003 Quattroporte set a new design standard for the segment, becoming a benchmark in the class for almost a decade. The new Quattroporte is reconfirmed as a car with as original and exclusive a personality as its fore-runners. The bold, imposing nose is sculpted around the 3D grille inspired by the Alfieri concept car: tapered and majestic, it features vertical chrome-plated elements in contrast with the depth of the "sharknose" effect. Making an appearance in the grille is the tuning fork, a design cue introduced with the MY21. Most of the aerodynamic interventions on the Quattroporte over time cannot be seen, having been made on the lower part of the

car. The flat bottom has various aerodynamic features, including a NACA duct to cool the differential without increasing aerodynamic drag, and deflectors on the rear suspension arms to conduct the airflow effectively. The classic Maserati grille has evolved into a functional, actively aerodynamic component, with the inclusion of an electrically adjustable air shutter between the air vents and the engine radiator. With the air shutter's perfect calibration of the engine temperature and optimisation of the car's aerodynamics by reducing fuel consumption and CO2 emissions, the Quattroporte now has an exceptional Cx of 0.28. Adaptive Full-LED headlights come as standard on all Quattroporte versions in both the high- and low-beam headlights, the daytime running lights (DRLs), parking lights and direction indicators. Equipped with static bending light

and automatic adjustment of the light beam height, these headlights are notable for the horizontal geometry of the DRLs, the form of which is reminiscent of the triple air intake above the car's fenders. The headlights include a built-in front-facing camera to support the Bi-Led Glarefree function for adaptive high beam adjustment. This feature creates "tunnels" of light by reducing the light beam in areas around the car that can be left in the dark, so the driver can always keep the high beams on without worrying about bothering drivers proceeding in the opposite direction. The headlights also interact with various car parameters to activate one of the following lighting modes: "urban" (<50 km/h), "out-of-town" (50-110 km/h), "motorway" (>110 km/h) and "rain". The boomerang taillights recall the Trident brand's history and were introduced with the MY21, including on the Quattroporte.



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