

HM THE SULTAN RECEIVES WRITTEN MESSAGE

His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik received a written message from President Ibrahim Mohammed Saleh of Maldives. The message deals with bilateral relations and means of promoting them in various spheres. **>A5**



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HM THE SULTAN ISSUES ROYAL DECREE

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik yesterday issued Royal Decree No. 66/2022 on the issuance of First-Class License to Oman Technology Infrastructure Company for the construction and operation of inactive infrastructure for telecom towers. Article (1) states that a First-Class License shall be issued in favour of Oman Technology Infrastructure Company for the construction and operation of inactive infrastructure for telecom towers. Article (2) says that this decree shall be published in the Official Gazette and enforced on its date of issue. **-ONA**



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SAYYID THEYAZIN: WOMEN PARTNERS IN PROSPERITY



Sayyid Theyazin launched the identity of Women's Club for Sports and Cultural Creativity

MUSCAT: His Highness Sayyid Theyazin bin Haitham Al Said, Minister of Culture, Sports and Youth, presided over a ceremony organised by Women's Club for Sports and Cultural Creativity to mark Omani Women's Day. He also launched the club's identity.

Proved efficiency
"Omani women proved their efficiency in many areas and acted as basic partners in the coun-

try's march of prosperity over the past years of the renaissance as desired by His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik," said HH Sayyid Theyazin in a statement.

Basic pillar
HH Sayyid Theyazin noted that His Majesty the Sultan affirmed that "citizen's partnership in building Oman's present and future constitutes a basic pillar of national action". **>A4**

TOP THREE INSIDE STORIES

OMAN Flights to Masirah

1 Tourism in Masirah Island will get a big boost after the CAA of Oman gave the green light for flights to this beautiful town. **>A4**

SPORTS All set for AFC Cup final

2 Oman's Seeb Club and Malaysia's Kuala Lumpur City to meet in summit clash on Saturday. **>A8**

MARKET Opaz team at Rotterdam

3 Dr Ali bin Masoud Al Sunaidy, Chairman of Opaz, visited the Port of Rotterdam in the Netherlands. **>B1**



October 2022

FLOATING TENDERS

Oman Airports Company announces the following tenders:

Tender REF. NO	TENDER TITLE	DOC'S FEE OMR	Last date for DOC'S DISTRIBUTION	TENDER SUBMISSION DATE
ITC-221006	Microsoft License Renewal for Oman Airports	500	31 st October 2022	10 th November 2022
ITC-221007	Provision of Scenario Planning System for Oman Airports	100	31 st October 2022	10 th November 2022
ITC-221008	Provision of Internal Audit Services for Oman Airports (Call Off Contract)	100	31 st October 2022	10 th November 2022
ITC-221009	Supply of Firefighting Foam for Oman Airports	100	31 st October 2022	10 th November 2022
PC-221010	Supply of Specialized Screens For the Airport Operation Control Center at Muscat International Airport	25	31 st October 2022	10 th November 2022
PC-221011	Provision of Enhancement works for Toilets at Muscat International Airport	25	31 st October 2022	10 th November 2022
PC-221012	Annual Maintenance Contract for IPTV (Internet Protocol television) at Muscat International Airport and Salalah Airport	25	31 st October 2022	10 th November 2022
PC-221013	Supply & Installation of phone Charging points for Muscat International Airport	25	31 st October 2022	10 th November 2022

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Maghrib.....	5:42pm
Isha.....	6:53pm
Fajr (Tomorrow).....	4:51am

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MARITIME SECTOR

Permanent envoy of Oman presents credentials to IMO

LONDON: Mansour Khalfan Al Wahaibi, Permanent Envoy of the Sultanate of Oman to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) handed over his credentials to Kitack Lim, Secretary General of the IMO here on Wednesday.

Al Wahaibi underscored the attention accorded by the Sultanate of Oman to the maritime sector.

The IMO, an affiliate of the United Nations (UN), is an agency specialised in preserving marine safety and preventing pollution caused by ships.

The IMO aims to support governmental cooperation in organ-



ising maritime practices within the framework of international trade. It also targets achieving the highest marine safety standards,

assuring the competency of vessel personal, controlling pollution caused by ships and facilitating international trade. -ONA

COMPETITION

Woman and Child International Shortfilm Festival details unveiled

MUSCAT: Oman Film and Theatre Society on Wednesday unveiled the details of the Woman and Child International Shortfilm Festival in Muscat, which will be held during the period from 21 to 25 December 2022.

The festival includes two competitions and 11 awards distrib-

uted among those competitions, in addition to various cash prizes.

The first competition is on short fiction films, while the second is on short documentary films.

Registration for the competitions begins from 25 October to 25 November 2022.



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WOMEN'S CLUB FOR SPORTS AND CULTURAL CREATIVITY



Sayyid Theyazin unveils club's identity

< FROM A1 HH Sayyid Theyazin added that the inauguration of the Women's Club for Sports and Cultural Creativity is a clear indication of the Royal care and attention accorded to women by His Majesty the Sultan.

The event signals a renewed call for women to efficiently play their role alongside men and to keep pace with the requirements of this era, while at the same time taking pride in their identity and their ability to innovate and excel wherever they might be.

At the outset of the ceremony, HH Sayyid Theyazin toured an exhibition marking the occasion. He took note of samples of Omani women's accomplishments in various fields of sports, culture and youth.

Meanwhile, Sayyida Sana Hamad Al Busaidi, President of the Club, said that Omani women have enjoyed lofty status since the dawn of the blessed Renaissance. This attention, she added, enabled women to shine as partners to domestic development. The designa-

tion of "Omani Women's Day" is yet another manifestation and celebration of women's role and a reaffirmation of their high prestige, said Sayyeda Sana.

Sayyeda Sana added that the club is considered the first women's institution of its kind aimed to enhance women's contribution to various aspects of cultural, sports and youth action. She added that the club would empower women to carry out social roles more competently and confidently.

Then, HH Sayyid Theyazin inaugurated the club's identity, indicating the design of an index finger ring—being a symbol of leadership and a reflection of the new club's values of confidence, progress and social traditions. The identity also underscores the role played by women in the country's development, gaining inspiration from their history and their own vision to build the future.

A Women's Symposium for Sports and Cultural Creativity is being held to mark the occasion. Besides highlighting women's specialisations and goals, the

symposium sheds light on the accomplishments that gave rise to women's presence in sports and cultural arenas.

The two-day symposium consists of two sessions, the first of which deals with the stage of establishment of the club. The second session overviews women's sports and cultural activities at GCC and Arab levels. It highlights



the experiences of similar clubs in Kuwait and Morocco.

The symposium will continue on Thursday with two sessions. The first session will deal with "joint work and integration of roles" and the second will focus on the development of sports and cultural action. It also contemplates women's presence in the cultural sector. -ONA



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International career guidance event held at Indian School Bousher

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Avenir 2022 #DISCOVERYOU was inaugurated by Dr Nutayla Al Harthy, Dean, Oman Dental College at a ceremonious function organised by Indian School Bousher on 13 October, 2022. Dr. Sivakumar Manickam, Chairman, Board of Directors, Indian Schools Oman presided over the function.

The event Avenir 2022 is being conducted in a hybrid mode post COVID-19 pandemic. Avenir 2022 will play a major role in guiding the students to be global citizens and help them choose the right career path as they pursue higher education after they graduate from schools.

In her inaugural address, Chief Guest Dr Nutayla Al Harthy exhorted the students the significance of discovering one's potentials and move forward. She shared the lessons learnt from her own life experiences to make her speech indelible for the students.

While explaining the difference between the fixed mind-set and the growth mind-set, Dr Al Harthy said, "Mind-set is extremely important for anyone embarking on the journey of life. It is very important to have a growth mind-set to be bold enough to face challenges headstrong and move forward."

In his introductory address, Dr. Sivakumar Manickam said, "The tagline of Avenir 2022 'Discoveryou' is meaningful and that's the first step in career choice - get to know yourself. Once you

know your strengths, you will find that it will help you to make career decisions that are in your best interest. Be mindful of your goals. Any job that helps you achieve them is a benchmark for success".

The Chief Guest Dr. Nutayla Al Harthy inaugurated the Avenir App - one of the unique features of Avenir 2022 #DISCOVERYOU by releasing the video. The aim of Avenir 2022 #DISCOVERYOU is to be the lighthouse - the guiding light in the darkness of storms in the sea of their lives. A plethora of sessions were streamlined in the main streams namely Science, Engineering, Humanities and Commerce.

The function witnessed the presence of Syed Salman, Vice Chairman and Gajesh Dhariwal, Director on the Board of Indian Schools, Ajayan Poyyara, President and dignitaries of the of Indian School Bousher School Management Committee, Principals, Vice Principals, Counsellors, Coordinators, teachers, parents and the ambitious student participants.

The ceremony began with the Royal Anthem of Oman followed by the National Anthem of India, thereafter the lighting of the lamp which brought in a feeling of divinity through the sloka and the prayer song by the ISB Choir. The welcome dance was indeed a beautiful rhythmic presentation by the dance troupe. The President School Management Committee rendered the warm words of welcome to the chief guest and all the respected dignitaries.



CAA

SalamAir to start flights from Muscat to Masirah Island

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Tourism in Masirah Island is set to get a big boost after the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) of Oman gave the green light for flights to land in the beautiful town.

Travellers had to drive and use ferry to reach the popular island, which is nearly 510km from the capital Muscat, spending nearly six hours.

On Wednesday, Oman's budget airlines, SalamAir, got the approval for domestic operations to Masirah Island from Muscat.

In an official twitter handle of the CAA, the authorities said that the "approval of two domestic flights per week to Masirah Island from Muscat has been given to SalamAir."



The CAA added further that the domestic operations will begin from November 3, 2022.

Masirah is the largest island in the Sultanate of Oman. The rugged terrain of the island and surrounding rough coastline has led to the appearance of many wrecked dhows on the beaches

of the island, most of them well preserved by the salt water and intense heat. It is a popular spot for kite surfing, snorkelling, fishing and nature photography.

People usually drive from Muscat to Shannah Port through Sinaw or via Sur before boarding ferry at the port.

OFFICIAL LAUNCH

Opportunities, incentives in green hydrogen sector to be unveiled



MUSCAT: The Ministry of Energy and Minerals will hold a press conference on Sunday (23 October 2022) to announce opportunities and incentives for investment in the green hydrogen sector, as well as the official launch of Oman Hydrogen Company.

The conference will outline Royal directives for the Sultanate of Oman's achieving zero

carbon emissions by 2050. It will also include the establishment of the Oman Sustainability Centre, to keep pace with global action towards reducing carbon emissions.

The ministry has taken important steps towards accelerating procedures for regulating the hydrogen sector, setting legal frameworks and policies necessary for its growth and allocating

appropriate sites for its production. The move is aimed at attracting investments, localizing green hydrogen technology and conducting studies necessary for its realisation.

The carbon management outputs are an important step that will reflect positively on Oman to achieve carbon neutrality (zero carbon emissions).

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MEETING

HM receives written message

MUSCAT: His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik received a written message from President Ibrahim Mohammed Saleh of the Republic of Maldives. The message deals with bilateral relations and means of promoting them in various spheres.

It was handed over to Foreign Minister Sayyid Badr Hamad Al Busaidi when he received envoy of the President of Maldives, Abdullah Shahid, Minister of Foreign Affairs, in his office on Wednesday.

The meeting underlined the cooperation in all fields between the two countries. It also discussed the regional and international developments.

The meeting was attended by Khalid Hashil Al Muselhi, Head of the Minister's Office Department, Mohammed Khalil, non-resident Ambassador of Maldives to the Sultanate of Oman and several officials from both sides. -ONA

CURRENCY MARKET

Indian Rupee hits a historic low

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The Indian Rupee closed at a new record low of 83.02 against the US Dollar on Wednesday with OMR1 fetching almost 215, according to an official at a leading exchange house.

The currency converter Xe displayed that the INR had touched 215.859 in the day's trade but closed around 215.5 in the evening.

An official at a leading exchange house confirmed that there was an increase in the remittances during the day at their outlet in Ruwi.

"This is an all-time low for an Indian Rupee against Omani Rial. We were offering our customers INR215 against OMR1," he said.

On Wednesday, the Indian Rupee touched an all-time low reversing gains from earlier in the session on more indications that high inflation will keep major central banks in rate-hike mode, hurting the recent risk-assets rally.

The rupee closed at the lifetime low of 83.02 against the dollar after opening at 82.3062, compared to its previous close of 82.36.

The Indian currency fell to a new intra-day record low level of 83.02 against the greenback in a volatile trading session on Wednesday.

News agency from Indian reported that the rupee plunged 61 paise to dip below the 83 mark for the first time ever and closed provisionally at a new record low of 83.01 against the US dollar, as surging US treasury yields forced a rally in the greenback.

Analysts said that rising crude prices in the international markets and risk-averse sentiment among investors weighed on the currency.

Invitation to Tender

Dhofar Integrated Services Company S.A.O.C (DISC) invites reputable Supplier/ Dealer/Manufacturer for carrying out following works in Dhofar Region.

Tender Reference	Title of the Tender
DISC/Tender/2022/161	Supply, Install and Commissioning of Stationary Water Meters Test Benches
Tender Fee	RO. 52,500 Inclusive VAT (5%) each Tender Note: Tenderer who wish to participate in the above tender should collect the tender application form from DISC's office or send an e-mail to below mention mail id for form.
Experience	The Tenderer must show previous experience in performing similar jobs in the last 3 years.
Pre-qualification	The Tenderer should be a registered business owner with proper commercial registration with ministry of Commerce and Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Tenderer shall be an Omani Company/Establishment registered with the Oman Tender Board, Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment promotion, Oman Chamber of Commerce with the proven track record in carrying out qualitative and quantitative works for similar Supplies are eligible to participate in this Tender. The documentary evidence of such registration certificates shall be submitted along with their Technical Proposal. The Tenderer must provide and properly bind into the Tender Documents a copy of the valid Tender Board Registration Certificate and computer printout document issued by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry containing the name of the owner(s) of the company with specimen signatures.
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Tender document published date	03:00 PM on 04.11.2022
Last date for seeking pre bid clarification	03:00 PM on 07.11.2022
Last date for response pre bid clarification	03:00 PM on 13.11.2022
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FOREIGN MINISTRY

Australia backs efforts pertaining to Palestinian cause

MUSCAT: The Foreign Ministry of the Sultanate of Oman asserted that the announcement made by the Australian government to rescind its recognition of West Jerusalem as Capital of Israel backs international endeavours calling for commitment to the International Law and United Nations resolutions pertaining to the Palestinian Cause.

The decision is a step to

achieve just and comprehensive peace, enabling the brotherly Palestinian people to obtain all their legitimate rights and establish their independent state on the 1967 borders with East Jerusalem as its Capital, in accordance with the two-state solution, international legitimacy resolutions and the Arab Peace Initiative.



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US President Biden to release 15mn barrels of oil from reserve

It completes the release of 180 million barrels authorized by Biden in March



WASHINGTON: President Joe Biden will announce the release of 15 million barrels of oil from the US strategic reserve as part of a response to recent production cuts announced by the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC+) nations.

As per *Washington Post*, he will say more oil sales are possible this winter, as his administration rushes to be seen as pulling out all the stops ahead of next month's mid-term elections. Biden will deliver

remarks to announce the draw-down from the strategic reserve, senior administration officials said Tuesday on the condition of anonymity to outline Biden's plans.

It completes the release of 180 million barrels authorized by Biden in March that was initially supposed to occur over six months. That has sent the strategic reserve to its lowest level since 1984 in what the administration called a "bridge" until domestic production could be increased.

The reserve now contains roughly 400 million barrels of oil, reported *Washington Post*.

Biden will also open the door to additional releases this winter in an effort to keep prices down. But administration officials would not detail how much the president would be willing to tap, nor how much they want domestic and production to increase in order to end the drawdown.

Biden will also say that the US government will restock the strategic

reserve when oil prices are at or lower than USD 67 to USD 72 a barrel, an offer that administration officials argue will increase domestic production by guaranteeing a baseline level of demand, reported *Washington Post*.

The prospective loss of 2 million barrels a day -- 2 per cent of global supply -- has had the White House saying Saudi Arabia sided with Russian President Vladimir Putin and pledging there will be consequences for supply cuts that could prop up energy prices.

The 15 million-barrel release would not cover even one full day's use of oil in the US, according to the Energy Information Administration.

Biden during his visit to Saudi Arabia in July had expressed optimism that Saudi Arabia would take steps to boost the global oil supply in the coming weeks, which had been viewed as a major goal of the trip given high domestic gas prices globally due to the ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine. **ANI**

POLIO ERADICATION

World leaders pledge \$2.6 billion to eradicate polio

BERLIN: The United Nations health agency said during a summit in Berlin on Tuesday that it had received some \$2.6 billion (€2.64 billion) in pledges as part of its five-year campaign to end the deadly polio virus.

The World Health Organization (WHO) welcomed the funding but warned that eradicating the disease by 2026 would be no easy feat, pointing especially to the rise in cases this year, including in countries previously thought to be free of the virus.

"The new detections of polio this year in previously polio-free countries are a stark reminder that if we do not deliver our goal of ending polio everywhere, it may resurge globally," WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said.

"We must remember the significant challenges we have overcome to get this far against polio, stay the course and finish the job once and for all."

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) is looking for a total of \$4.8 billion to carry out its program. Countries and organizations met in Berlin for the World Health Summit to make

the pledges. Almost half came from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation -- \$1.2 billion.

Germany pledged \$72 million. "No place is safe until polio has been eradicated everywhere," German Economic Cooperation and Development Minister Svenja Schulze said at the summit.

"The good thing is that polio can be defeated, there is a vaccine," Schulze told DW.

"We know at least since COVID-19 that nobody is safe until everyone is safe," she added.

Polio was once endemic across 125 countries, but since 1988, following a massive international effort, the number of cases has decreased by 99%.

The virus now only exists in its wild form in Afghanistan and Pakistan, but imported cases were reported in Malawi and Mozambique in 2022. The virus mainly affects children under the age of five, often leading to paralysis.

The GPEI is hoping to complete the eradication of the virus with a final health campaign that aims to vaccinate 370 million children each year over the next five years. **ANI**

Invitation to Tender

Dhofar Integrated Services Company S.A.O.C (DISC) invites reputable contractor for carrying out following works in Dhofar Region.

Tender Reference Number	Title of the Tender
DISC/Tender/2022/163	Replacement of Existing 11kV Switchgear and Transformer-1 in Raysut Industrial Estate-1 PSS, RIE-1
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Pre-qualification	Contractors participating in the tendering process shall be at least Grade-A registered electrical contractor with Distribution Code Review Panel (DCRP), Sultanate of Oman. Apart from the above, the Contractors participating in the tendering process shall have Competent Electrical Person (CEP) certified by DISC and copy of the valid CEP certificate shall be submitted along with bid without which the bids will not be considered for evaluation. Further, Tenderers will be evaluated as per the HSE qualification criterion specified in the Tender documents.
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Tender document publish date	7th November 2022
Site Visit	9th November 2022
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Last date for Response for pre bid clarification	15th November 2022
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INSEIN PRISON

Eight killed as explosions rock prison in Myanmar



PYONGYANG: Three officials and five visitors died at Yangon's Insein Prison on Wednesday after at least two explosions occurred near a queue of people wanting to leave parcels for inmates, according to a statement by an information team for the country's junta.

Eighteen people were said to have been injured in the blasts. The junta blamed the explosions on "terrorists."

Myanmar has been in chaos since last year, when a military junta overthrew an elected government led by the party of Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi.

The junta has launched a brutal clampdown on dissent, which is sometimes taking the form of self-declared civilian "people's

defense forces" that are fighting the military.

The prison holds thousands of political prisoners who have been jailed since the military coup.

What else do we know about the incident?

According to the news portals Myanmar Now and Irrawaddy News, the blasts occurred at 9:40 a.m. local time (0310 UTC) near the facility's parcels counter.

The junta said the dead included three prison staff and a 10-year-old girl. It said security forces had defused another "homemade mine" device found nearby.

A witness who declined to be named told Reuters news agency

that soldiers at the prison had opened fire in response to the blasts.

"As soon as I heard the blast, I ran out and that's when I got hurt [by shrapnel]. The soldiers ... at the entrance gate fired shots recklessly," said the witness.

Rights groups said detainees held in the prison include the former British ambassador to Myanmar, Vicky Bowman, and Japanese journalist Toru Kubota.

At least 2,300 people have been killed since the coup amid the military clampdown and more than 15,000 arrested, according to a local monitoring group.

The junta blames anti-coup fighters for the deaths of almost 3,900 civilians. **bw**





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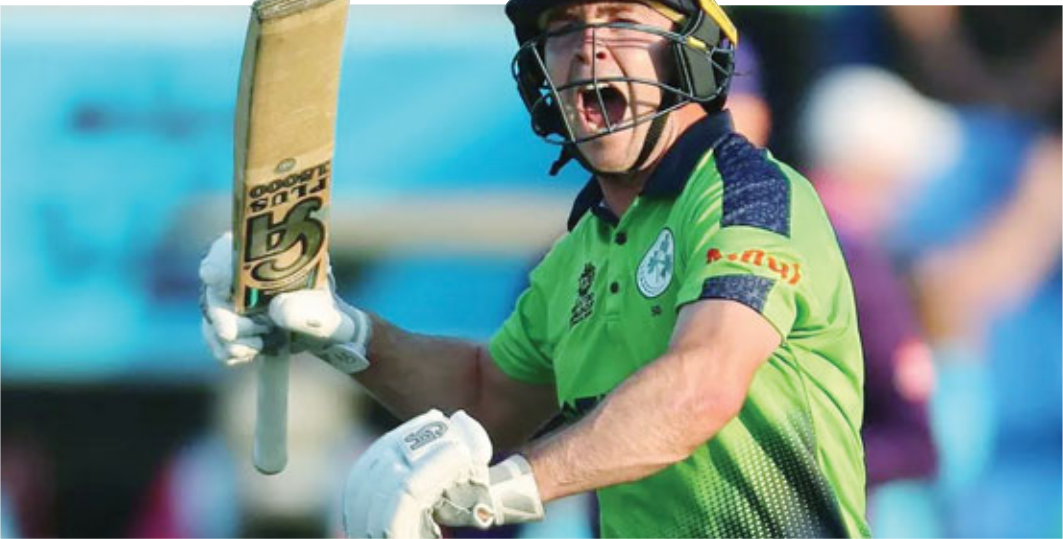
Quote of the Day



ALZARRI JOSEPH,
WEST INDIES PACER

“It’s very encouraging, but we all know the job is not done. We still have one more game to play.”

CAMPHER IS IRELAND’S HERO



Scotland vs Ireland	Scoreboard
SCOTLAND G Munsey lbw b Adair 1 M Jones c Adair b Little 86 M Cross c McCarthy b Campher 28 R Berrington c Dockrell b Campher 37 M Leask not out 17 C MacLeod run out 0 Extras: (lb 2, nb 1, w 4) 7 TOTAL: 176/5 in 20 overs (RR: 8.80) Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-60, 3-137, 4-170, 5-176	IRELAND P Stirling c Cross b Sharif 8 A Balbirnie c Jones b Wheal 14 L Tucker c Davey b Watt 20 H Tector c Greaves b Leask 14 C Campher not out 72 G Dockrell not out 39 Extras: (b 1, lb 3, w 9) 13 TOTAL: 180/4 in 19 overs (RR: 9.47) Fall of wickets: 1-22, 2-29, 3-57, 4-61
Bowling: J Little 4-0-30-1, M Adair 4-0-23-1, B McCarthy 4-0-59-0, G Delany 3-0-28-0, S Singh 2-0-16-0, C Campher 2-0-9-2, G Dockrell 1-0-9-0	Bowling: M Watt 4-0-39-1, B Wheal 4-0-25-1, J Davey 4-0-46-0, S Sharif 3-0-32-1, C Greaves 2-0-18-0, M Leask 2-0-16-1

Points table

GROUP A (first round)							
Team	P	W	L	N/R	T	PTS	NRR
Netherlands	2	2	0	0	0	+0.149	4
Namibia	2	1	1	0	0	+1.277	2
Sri Lanka	2	1	1	0	0	+0.600	2
UAE	2	0	2	0	0	-2.029	0

GROUP B (first round)							
Team	P	W	L	N/R	T	PTS	NRR
Scotland	2	1	1	0	0	+0.759	2
Zimbabwe	2	1	1	0	0	+0.000	2
West Indies	2	1	1	0	0	-0.275	2
Ireland	2	1	1	0	0	-0.468	2

HOBART, AUSTRALIA: Curtis Campher and George Dockrell combined for a 119-run partnership to guide Ireland to an unlikely six-wicket victory over Scotland in Hobart on Wednesday.

Campher and Dockrell worked superbly in tandem to successfully guide Ireland's run chase home. The duo came to the crease with their side in a spot of bother at 61/4 and needing to score at greater than 10 runs per over to claim an unlikely victory.

But Campher (72* off 32 deliveries)

and Dockrell (39* off 27) kept their cool, running hard between the wickets, finding the gap when required and even clearing the fence with some massive hitting to help Ireland to their first victory of the tournament.

Their 119-run stand was achieved from just 57 deliveries, with Campher – who was also the pick of the Ireland bowlers with figures of 2/9 – hitting a trio of consecutive boundaries from the penultimate over to clinch a famous triumph for the European side.

While Campher's innings was his best so far of his T20I career, it was also the highest of any Ireland player in the history of the T20 World Cup.

But that was just the beginning of a host of records that fell on a memorable day for Ireland.

The run chase was Ireland's highest ever successful run chase in T20I cricket and Campher and Dockrell's stand of 119 was the highest ever partnership by Ireland in T20 World Cup history.

It also comes in as the third highest T20I partnership ever for Ireland and one would expect the Guinness to be flowing deep into the night in Hobart.

Michael Jones' scintillating knock earlier in the day seemed distant after Ireland's memorable run chase, but the Scotland opener batted beautifully to help his side post a competitive total of 176/5. But it was all in vain as Campher and Dockrell combined to provide Ireland with one of their best wins of their cricketing journey.

Today's matches



08:00am
Netherlands vs Sri Lanka



12:00pm
Namibia vs UAE

T20 WORLD CUP GROUP B

WI win to earn first points

HOBART, AUSTRALIA: West Indies set a target of 154 for Zimbabwe to chase down and then bowled them out for 122 to sneak in a crucial win in their T20 World Cup encounter at the Bellerive Oval in Hobart on Wednesday.

West Indies started well despite losing Kyle Mayers early, with Johnson Charles and Evin Lewis establishing a vital stand.

West Indies were struggling at 101/6, but a late flourish from Powell and Akeal Hosein allowed them to post a score of 153/7.

Zimbabwe started off optimistically, knocking off 18 runs in the first over. However, the introduction of Alzarri Joseph reaped rewards for the West Indies as the tall quick picked up 4/16 to stall the chase.

West Indies vs Zimbabwe	Scoreboard
WEST INDIES K Mayers c Chakabva b Muzarabani 13 J Charles run out 45 E Lewis c Shumba b Raza 15 N Pooran c & b Williams 7 RPowell c Ngarava b Muzarabani 28 S Brooks lbw b Raza 0 J Holder c & b Raza 4 A Hosein not out 23 O Smith not out 1 Extras (lb 10, nb 2, w 5) 17 TOTAL: 153/7 in 20 overs (RR: 7.65) Fall of wickets: 1-28, 2-77, 3-90, 4-97, 5-97, 6-101, 7-150 Bowling: RNgarava 3-0-20-0, T Chatara 3-0-22-0, B Muzarabani 4-0-38-2, R Burl 3-0-27-0, S Raza 4-0-19-3, S Williams 3-0-17-1	ZIMBABWE W Madhevere c Lewis b Holder 27 R Chakabva b Joseph 13 T Munyonga b Joseph 2 SWilliams c Pooran b McCoy 1 S Raza c Powell b Smith 14 M Shumba c Brooks b Hosein 2 RBurl lbw b Holder 17 LJongwe b Joseph 29 RNgaravab Joseph 2 T Chatara b Holder 3 B Muzarabani not out 1 Extras (lb 2, nb 2, w 7) 11 TOTAL: 122 in 18.2 overs (RR: 6.65) Fall of wickets: 1-29, 2-47, 3-48, 4-58, 5-64, 6-79, 7-92, 8-102, 9-120, 10-122 Bowling: K Mayers 1-0-17-0, AHosein 4-0-25-1, A Joseph 4-0-16-4, O McCoy 3-0-19-1, J Holder 3-2-0-12-3, O Smith 3-0-31-1



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SEEB FACE KUALA LUMPUR CITY

Stage set for AFC Cup final

MUSCAT:

With both the final-ists of the 2022 AFC Cup at-tempting to win the trophy for the first time, the summit clash between Oman's Seeb Club and Malaysia's Kuala Lumpur City promises to be a cracker of a clash. The final will be played at the Bukit Jalil National Stadium in Kuala Lumpur on Saturday [October 22]. The match kicks off at 3pm, Oman time.

No Oman club has ever reached the final of the continental com-petition and a victory for Seeb will script a golden chapter in the Sultanate of Oman's football history. KL City, the hosts, would look to emulate fellow Malaysian side Johor Darul Ta'zim, the AFC Cup 2015 champions.

Besides the honour of being crowned champions, the title will also secure the winners a place in next season's AFC Champions League preliminary stage.

The eagerly anticipated show-down will be the second match in the tournament's history to im-plement the Video Assistant Referee (VAR) system, following its debut in the AFC Cup 2021 final clash between Bahrain's Muharra-q Club and Uzbekistan's FC Nasaf.

Seeb advanced to the final in a challenging fashion. Drawn in the West Zone's Group A, Seeb kicked off their campaign with a 1-0 win over Syria's Jableh. That was followed by a 2-1 defeat to Kuwait SC but Seeb were at their best in the next game as they cruised to a 4-0 win over Al Ansar to finish as the Group A winners.

In the West Zone semifinals, Seeb beat Al Arabi of Kuwait 2-1 in extra-time. The West Zone final saw Seeb rout Bahrain's Al Riffa 4-0 at the Seeb Sports Stadium to move within one match of becom-ing the first club from Oman to win an AFC club competition.

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MSX INDEX ENDS LOWER

The MSX index closed at 4,479.33 points, down by 0.23 per cent from previous close. The Sharia Index ended down by 0.7 per cent at 480.38 points. Gulf International Chemicals, up 4.65 per cent, was the top gainer while Dhofar Generating, down 7.69 per cent, was the top loser.



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Discussion on renewable energy held in Rotterdam

The meeting explored mechanisms to activate the cooperation between Port of Sohar, Port of Rotterdam and the free zones in Oman

Times News Service

ROTTERDAM: Dr Ali bin Masoud Al Sunaidy, Chairman of the Public Authority for Special Economic Zones and Free Zones (Opaz), visited the Port of Rotterdam in the Kingdom of the Netherlands and met with Allard Castelein, CEO at Port of Rotterdam and a number of officials.

During the meeting, both parties



discussed mechanisms to activate the cooperation between the Port of Sohar, the Port of Rotterdam and the free zones in Oman. They also touched on ways to maximise the benefits of renewable energy for the production and export of green hydrogen. On the other hand, the delegation visited several facilities operating in the areas adjacent to the Port

of Rotterdam, including facilities for green fuel production and emission of the associated carbon dioxide resulting from industrial production operations. The chairman and accompanying delegation also met with a number of port officials and companies operating in the fields of logistics, information technology and energy. On the sidelines of

this visit, the Chairman met with a group of trainees who are on a scholarship programme from the Sohar Free Zone and Sohar Port. The meetings were attended by Sheikh Dr Abdullah bin Salim Al Harthi, Oman's Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Omar bin Mahmoud Al Mahrizi, CEO of Sohar Free Zone and Emile Hoogsteden, CEO of Sohar Port.

ACCREDITATION

Al Wusta Fisheries Industries obtains certification for wild sustainable fishing

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Al Wusta Fisheries Industries (Oman Pelagic), a subsidiary of Fisheries Development Oman, has been awarded the certification for wild sustainable fishing from Friend of the Sea, the world-renowned independent sustainability organisation.

This certificate aims to protect the oceans and involve sustainable practices in all aspects of its business to safeguard the integrity of aquatic life.

Al Wusta Fisheries Industries went through a series of sustainability audits to achieve this. This accreditation ensures that Al Wusta operations follow the guidelines according to FAO, Regional Fishery Bodies and National Fisheries Authorities which provide for the non-overexploitation of wild fisheries resources.

Other criteria include no significant impact on the seabed,



selective fishing gear (maximum 8 per cent discard), no bycatch listed as 'vulnerable' or worse in the IUCN Red List, waste and energy management and social accountability.

It is worth noting that Al Wusta Fish Industries was established as one of the initiatives of the national economic diversification programme 'Tanfeedh', which was established in line with the Oman Vision 2040, which seeks to increase the utilisation of Oman's abundant fish resources, creating jobs, building in-country capacity and training opportunities for the national workforce.

HIGH-FLOW REACTOR GRADE PP HOMOPOLYMER



Luban HP2151T marks latest OQ innovation in thin wall packaging solutions

Times News Service

MUSCAT: OQ, the fast-growing, Oman-based enterprise, continues to expand its product portfolio by introducing Luban HP2151T – a high-flow reactor (60 MFT) grade PP homopolymer targeting thin wall packaging applications.

Luban HP2151T delivers a multitude of benefits for rigid packaging manufacturers who will be able to connect to OQ experts on the new grade at the upcoming K 2022 show in Düsseldorf, Germany.

First, Luban HP2151T provides a more sustainable solution for rigid food packaging manufacturers; requiring up to 15 per cent less energy to convert, cutting up to 8 per cent of CO2 emissions during the moulding phase.

Second, Luban HP2151T's higher flowability combined with increased stiffness and top load performance enables packaging designers the freedom to use less material in their products thus providing light weighting potential.

Third, Luban HP2151T is designed for transparent packaging and offers up to 25 per cent lower haze as well as improved gloss and a fresh look over benchmark products. These enable brand owners to differentiate their end products on crowded supermarket shelves.

Last but not least, rigid packaging manufacturers can benefit from increased productivity with Luban HP2151T. The advanced nucleation system in its formulation offers less warpage and rapid cooling. When combined with its higher flowability, manufacturers can realise up to 5 per cent faster cycle times during moulding. In summary, a broad range of benefits

across the packaging value chain is delivered by Luban HP 2151T.

Responding to industry demand

Luban HP2151T was developed in response to several industry demands and trends. Consumers are increasingly seeking packaging solutions with improved aesthetic appeal and lower environmental footprint, while moulders are in search of materials that offer boosted productivity and lightweighting potential.

Gilles Rochas, Managing Director of Polymer Marketing at OQ, commented: "The process of developing Luban HP2151T was accelerated so it was ready for our customers within a short time. We continue to produce grades based on customer needs, value creation in the application and the demand and feedback of our customers globally. In the case of Luban HP2151T, this is our star product as we look ahead to K 2022. It perfectly showcases the progressive direction we are taking."

Looking ahead, OQ is set to strengthen its thin wall packaging solutions further with additional Luban family launches.

These will include high-flow impact and random copolymer products designed for a range of rigid packaging solutions that contribute to food security.

Customers and prospective customers will be able to explore all of OQ's innovations at K 2022. The event, one of the most prestigious gatherings of stakeholders from across the worldwide polymer industry, is held in Düsseldorf on October 19-26. OQ will be exhibiting in Hall 6/A23.

BUG BOUNTY

Vodafone Oman challenges ethical hackers to take their best shot

MUSCAT: Vodafone in Oman has issued a challenge to local and international ethical hackers to put its cybersecurity to the test through a bug bounty programme.

The first-of-its kind in Oman managed and executed in collaboration with HackerOne, the programme has set rewards of up to OMR5,000 for identified vulnerabilities.

Detailed information including rules of engagement, participation criteria and qualifying vulnerabilities is available on the website. All hackers are required to register on HackerOne's bug bounty page as well as confirm their interest by sending their name, date of birth and HackerOne ID via email.

Adopting a proactive approach to cyber readiness and resilience, Vodafone in Oman is breaking away from the traditionally defensive strategy to one that is inclusive and collaborative.

"This latest initiative will not only allow us to demonstrate and reinforce our cybersecurity capabilities but will open new doors of collaboration and nurture a solutions-driven relationship between Vodafone and the wider community of cybersecurity experts, ethical hackers and technology enthusiasts," said Jaifar Al Mamari, Head of Cyber Security at Vodafone in Oman.

"As a technology company, we are as strong as our weakest link. Research shows that new security challenges primarily stem from the increased adoption of technologies such as cloud services, IoT devices and remote working. We acknowledge these evolving threats and instead are harnessing cyber security to drive our growth, trust, and customer satisfaction."

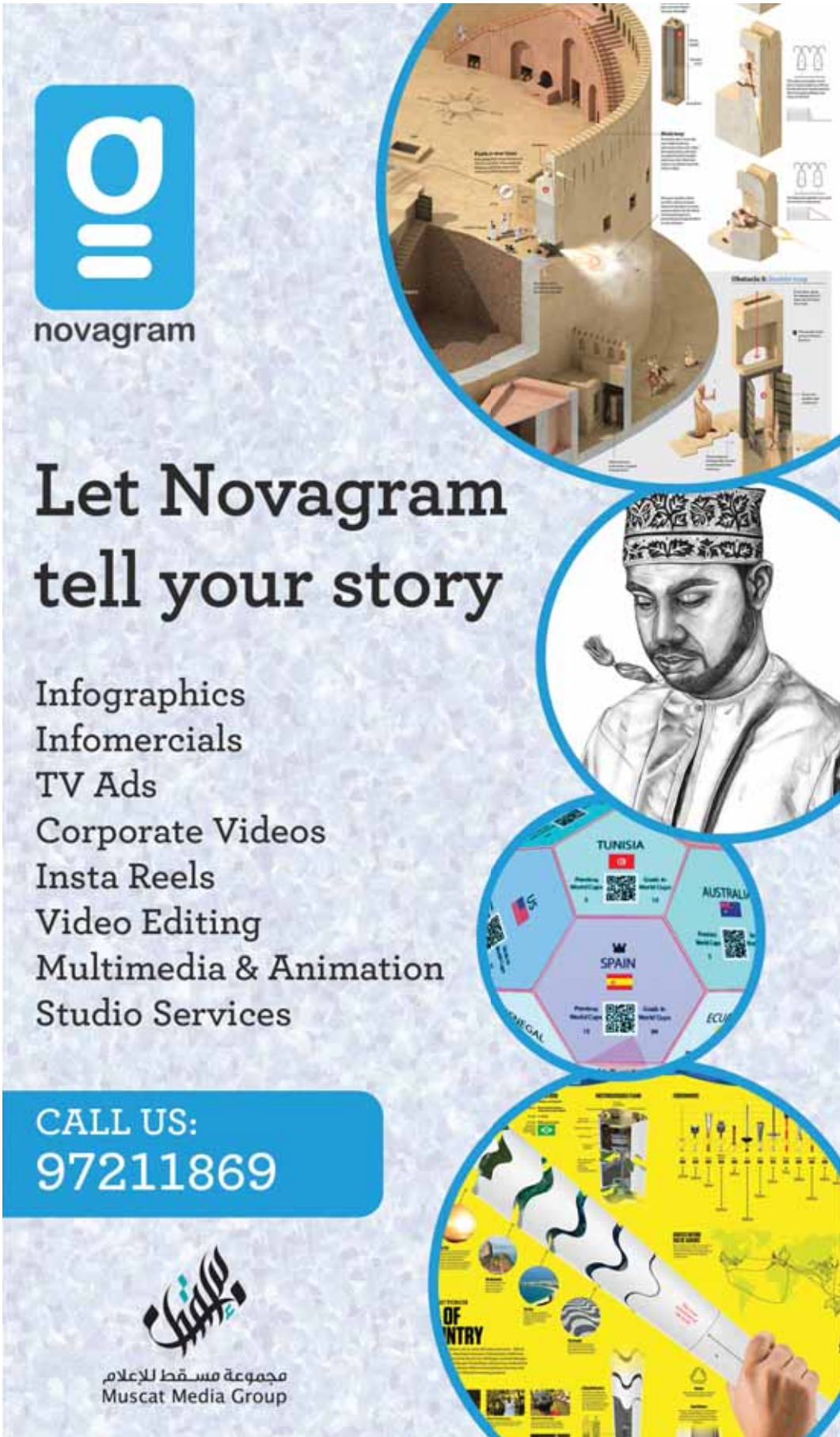


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MSX index ends marginally lower

Gulf International Chemicals, up 4.65 per cent, was the top gainer

MUSCAT: The MSX index closed at 4,479.33 points, down by 0.23 per cent from the previous close. The Sharia index ended down by 0.7 per cent at 480.38 points.

Gulf International Chemicals, up 4.65 per cent, was the top gainer while, Dhofar Generating, down 7.69 per cent, was the top loser. Shares of Bank Muscat were the most active in terms of the number

of shares traded as well as in terms of turnover.

A total number of 276 trades were executed during the day's trading session, generating a turnover of OMR2.37 million, with more than 8.24 million shares changing hands.

Out of 37 traded securities, 4 advanced, 19 declined, and 14 remained unchanged. At the session

close, GCC and Arab investors were net buyers for OMR18,000 while foreign investors were net sellers for OMR10,000, followed by domestic investors for OMR8,000 worth of shares.

Financial Index closed at 7,154.35 points, down 0.22 per cent. Prices of Bank Muscat and Ominvest were up by 0.7 per cent and 0.61 per cent respectively.

Prices of Al Madina Takaful, Global Financial Investments, National Bank Oman, National Life & General Insurance, and Bank Nizwa were down by 2.17 per cent, 1.89 per cent, 1.52 per cent, 1.18 per cent and 1.04 per cent respectively.

Industrial Index closed at 6,086.76 points, down 0.45 per cent. Prices of Gulf International Chemicals were up by 4.65 per

cent. Prices of A'Saffia Foods, Gulf Mushroom Products, Voltamp Energy, Muscat Thread Mill, and Oman Cement were down by 5.42 per cent, 3.29 per cent, 2.17 per cent, 1.82 per cent and 1.36 per cent respectively.

Services Index was down by 1.09 per cent before closing at 1,562.51 points. There were no gainers from the sector. — **United Securities**

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FINANCIAL INDEX	7,172.05	7,139.69	7,154.35	7,169.93	-15.58	-0.22
Industry Index	6,110.23	6,086.75	6,086.75	6,114.46	-27.70	-0.45
Services Index	1,579.68	1,560.30	1,562.51	1,579.68	-17.17	-1.09
MSX Shariah Index	482.83	478.53	480.38	483.79	-3.41	-0.70
MSX TR INDEX	5,663.04	5,642.13	5,649.48	5,662.62	-13.14	-0.23
FINANCIAL TR IDX	7,504.75	7,470.89	7,486.23	7,502.53	-16.31	-0.22
SERVICES TR IDX	1,640.35	1,620.22	1,622.52	1,640.35	-17.83	-1.09
INDUSTRIAL TR IDX	6,341.39	6,317.03	6,317.03	6,345.78	-28.75	-0.45

Trading Summary

Volume	Turnover	Trades	Market Cap	Up	Down	Equal	Sec. Traded
8,244,421	2,371,147	276	23,165,096,918	4	19	14	37

SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 19

SH.	SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF. (RD)	DIFF %	LAST PD	LAST BID	LAST OFFER	PAR VALUE	MARKET CAP
REGULAR MARKET																
OM0000002796	BANK MUSCAT	2,615,325	1,487,959	55	0.568	0.572	0.568	0.572	0.568	0.004	0.704	0.572	0.570	0.572	0.100	2,146,829,560
OM0000001533	OMINVEST	285,113	94,103	12	0.330	0.332	0.330	0.332	0.330	0.002	0.806	0.332	0.330	0.332	0.100	221,897,321
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OM0000003125	GLOBAL INV. H.	72,328	3,761	8	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.053	-0.001	-1.887	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.100	10,400,000
OM0000002226	ALJAZEERA SERVICES	2,000	480	2	0.240	0.240	0.240	0.240	0.250	-0.010	-4.000	0.240	0.235	0.244	0.100	14,689,026
OM0000007407	DHOFAR GENERATING	1,500	72	1	0.048	0.048	0.048	0.048	0.052	-0.004	-7.692	0.048	0.047	0.000	0.100	10,667,520
Total		15	6,174,980	2,159,123	117											
Parallel Market																
OM0000002028	GULF INT. CHEMI.	1,600	131	2	0.081	0.090	0.081	0.090	0.086	0.004	4.651	0.090	0.086	0.090	0.100	1,890,000
OM0000007910	AMAN REAL ESTATE	79,420	7,638	5	0.096	0.098	0.096	0.098	0.096	0.002	2.083	0.098	0.096	0.098	0.100	19,600,000
OM0000001020	OMAN CHROMITE	55	121	1	2.200	2.200	2.200	2.200	2.200	0.000	0.000	2.200	0.000	2.200	1.000	6,600,000
OM0000001418	RAISUT CEMENT	220,151	83,559	37	0.152	0.154	0.152	0.152	0.152	0.000	0.000	0.152	0.152	0.152	0.100	30,400,000
OM0000001590	MUSCAT FINANCE	459,084	27,263	22	0.061	0.061	0.060	0.060	0.060	0.000	0.000	0.060	0.059	0.060	0.100	18,458,790
OM0000001772	ALANWAR INVESTMENT	143,000	10,768	4	0.076	0.076	0.075	0.076	0.076	0.000	0.000	0.076	0.073	0.076	0.100	15,200,000
OM0000004248	SMN POWER HOLDING	32,000	992	2	0.031	0.031	0.031	0.031	0.031	0.000	0.000	0.031	0.030	0.032	0.100	6,188,704
OM0000004669	SHARQIYAH DESALIN.	40,242	4,990	3	0.124	0.124	0.124	0.124	0.124	0.000	0.000	0.124	0.116	0.124	0.100	12,127,468
OM0000004776	TAKAFUL OMAN	10,000	430	1	0.043	0.043	0.043	0.043	0.043	0.000	0.000	0.043	0.043	0.000	0.100	10,750,000
OM0000004925	ALBATAINAH POWER	1,246	47	1	0.038	0.038	0.038	0.038	0.038	0.000	0.000	0.038	0.000	0.040	0.100	25,645,722
OM0000005963	PHENIX POWER	53,500	2,301	3	0.043	0.044	0.043	0.044	0.044	0.000	0.000	0.044	0.041	0.044	0.100	64,354,464
OM0000004420	BANK NIZWA	29,369	2,790	5	0.095	0.095	0.095	0.095	0.096	-0.001	-1.042	0.095	0.095	0.097	0.100	212,510,538
OM0000007043	NATIONAL LIFE INS	1,300	437	1	0.336	0.336	0.336	0.336	0.340	-0.004	-1.176	0.336	0.336	0.336	0.100	133,853,779
OM0000002036	Muscat Thread Mill	10,000	540	1	0.054	0.054	0.054	0.054	0.055	-0.001	-1.818	0.054	0.052	0.057	0.100	867,923
OM0000004735	SENBORP SALALAH	352,600	18,929	18	0.054	0.054	0.053	0.053	0.054	-0.001	-1.852	0.053	0.051	0.053	0.100	50,592,313
OM0000003661	VOLTAMP ENERGY	101,550	9,263	13	0.092	0.092	0.090	0.090	0.092	-0.002	-2.174	0.090	0.090	0.090	0.100	7,326,248
OM0000004768	MADINA TAKAFUL	1,121	100	2	0.086	0.090	0.086	0.090	0.092	-0.002	-2.174	0.090	0.086	0.086	0.100	15,750,000
OM0000002287	GULF MUSHROOM P.	241,500	58,498	10	0.243	0.243	0.235	0.235	0.243	-0.008	-3.292	0.235	0.230	0.239	0.100	9,777,239
OM0000001160	NATIONAL GAS	90,199	9,991	14	0.115	0.115	0.113	0.113	0.117	-0.004	-3.419	0.113	0.110	0.113	0.100	9,605,000
OM0000002804	A'SAFFA FOODS	70,237	19,702	9	0.280	0.280	0.279	0.279	0.285	-0.016	-5.424	0.279	0.270	0.279	0.100	33,480,000
OM0000004933	AL SUWADI POWER	100,277	3,711	2	0.039	0.039	0.037	0.037	0.040	-0.003	-7.500	0.037	0.036	0.037	0.100	26,433,035
Total		21	2,027,441	211,520	156											

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WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BECOME A SUCCESSFUL ENTREPRENEUR?



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If you're asked for names of well-known entrepreneurs, a few obvious contenders might come to mind, like Bill Gates or Steve Jobs. A recent survey asked questions about who are the most successful entrepreneurs - revealing insights into what people think it takes to make it big.

In the new survey, commissioned by Herbalife Nutrition based in the US respondents were first asked to identify entrepreneurs they felt were the "greatest of all time." Historical luminaries like Henry Ford, Alexander Graham Bell and Thomas Edison featured multiple times in their answers. Interestingly, the survey found that nearly half of the respondents (48%) believed modern entrepreneurs are more influential than their historical counterparts were, while only one-fifth (20%) believed that modern entrepreneurs are actually less influential.

How can you identify people who are top entrepreneurs? One result is clear: from their innovations that make a difference in the lives of others.

"Entrepreneurs change our world for the better with their out-of-the-box thinking," said Ibi Montesino, executive vice president of distributor and customer experience at Herbalife Nutrition. "And their inventions have a great impact on our lives and society."

While many of these are household names, there are countless other Americans who make a real-life impact through their entrepreneurial efforts every day, whether they are groundbreakers in terms of building their own small businesses, helping their communities, creating something new or simply using their energy and talents to provide for themselves and their families.

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The survey also asked what is most important when it comes to entrepreneurial success. The top two results showed that each entrepreneur's personal accomplishments (24%) and their contributions to society (22%) mattered most. And when asked what it takes to become a successful entrepreneur, the most popular responses were that it required specific character traits (19%), having one "great idea" (15%) - and a commitment to hard work (14%).

Regarding today's best known entrepreneurs, here are the top 10 names that came up in answer to the question:

"Which modern entrepreneurs have made the most positive impact on society?"

BILL GATES
(founder of Microsoft, co-founder of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation)

21%

JEFF BEZOS
(Amazon founder)

18%

MARK ZUCKERBERG
(Facebook founder)

17%

ELON MUSK
(founder of SpaceX, CEO of Tesla)

17%

STEVE JOBS
(co-founder of Apple)

18%

OPRAH WINFREY
(co-founder of Oxygen, founder of O, The Oprah Magazine)

15%

MELINDA GATES
(co-founder of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation)

14%

SAM WALTON
(Walmart and Sam's Club founder)

13%

LARRY PAGE
(Google co-founder)

12%

TED TURNER
(CNN founder)

11%

CHARACTER TRAITS THAT MATTER

When asked to clarify what specific character traits were considered vital for being a successful entrepreneur, these were the four top contenders:

CREATIVITY | INTELLIGENCE | CONFIDENCE | MOTIVATION

Perhaps the most surprising result of the survey was that nearly half (45%) reported having their own aims to become an entrepreneur - and 42% of them said they believed they had what it takes to be successful in that endeavor, claiming to have a "big" idea that they could turn into a successful business. Perhaps the secret for entrepreneurial success is combining their ideas, creativity and their passion, with hard work, in addition to gaining strength from the support of family, friends and colleagues.

"While there are numerous character traits that go into making a successful entrepreneur, the ones we work with, day in and day out, all have a common theme: they demonstrate a commitment to hard work and surround themselves with a supportive community," added Montesino.

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GOLF EVENT

2022 Europcar Open promises to be more enthralling



Times News Service

MUSCAT: After the tremendous success of the last seven editions of the Europcar Open, Al Mouj Golf course is once again ready to host the eighth edition which promises to be even more enthralling on Friday, December 2, 2022.

As every year, the Europcar Open Golf event will see the best golfers in the country competing for the Men's Division A, Men's Division B, Ladies & Inter-Club challenge trophies.

Europcar hosted a launch dinner at the Mumtaz Mahal for the GMs, Captains of the four Golf Clubs from Oman and the Sponsors and Part-

ners. Oman Golf Association was represented by Ahmed Al Jahdhami Director & Jamie Wood Championship & Technical Director.

The clubs were represented by Marcus Casey, Head Golf Professional and Girish Chawla, Men's Captain at Al Mouj Golf, Khalil Al Wahaibi, GM, Ahmed Al Farsi, Operations Manager and Mark Davis, Men's Captain at Ghala Golf Club, Shawn Skibinsky, Operations Manager and Simon Walker, Men's Captain at Ras Al Hamra, Jade Lucas, Operations Manager at Sifah Golf Club.

The title sponsor for this prime corporate golfing event is Peugeot and Aston Martin and will be partnered by Mistal Watches and Al Ahlia Insurance.

Other sponsors include Kempinski, Travelex, African and Eastern, WH Smith, Mumtaz Mahal, Woodlands and media partner is Times of Oman.



UNVEILED



2023 FIFA Women's World Cup mascot Tazuni unveiled

AUCKLAND: A football-loving penguin was unveiled on Wednesday as the official mascot of the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup.

Named Tazuni, the penguin will become a symbol for the tournament, appearing on official merchandise and media platforms, as well as in real life in community activities ahead of the event.

FIFA Secretary General Fatma Samoura said: "Today's announcement is a major milestone on the road to the FIFA Women's World Cup in Australia & New Zealand. Tazuni stands for everything

which makes the Women's World Cup unique, and her story will resonate with millions of young fans around the world."

Sarai Bareman, FIFA's Chief Women's Football Officer, said: "Tazuni is the perfect mascot for this tournament, exemplifying all that is positive about the biggest women's football event ever staged, and our sport-obsessed host nations who are ready to welcome the world."

Tazuni's first live appearance will be on October 22 at the tournament's draw in Auckland, New Zealand. -Xinhua/FIFA

Three stalemates in Spanish League

Atletico looked to be on track for a 1-0 win after Alvaro Morata swept home Antoine Griezmann's cross in the 20th minute

Times News Service

MADRID: Draws dominated Spanish League games on Tuesday night as three matches ended in stalemates.

Atletico Madrid were held to a last-minute 1-1 draw at home to Rayo Vallecano in La Liga.

Alvaro Morata put the hosts ahead as he latched on to a well-timed Antoine Griezmann cross to tap home. Diego Simeone's side seemed to be headed for a fourth consecutive win but Radamel Falcao's injury-time penalty meant the points were shared.

The result was further soured by France winger Thomas Lemar being forced off the pitch through injury. Atletico now sit two points below second-place Barcelona but have played a game more, with Vallecano in tenth.

There was late drama as Sevilla and Valencia shared a point at the Ramon Sanchez Pizjuan stadium.

Edinson Cavani struck early on to give the visitors the lead but the goal was cancelled out in the 85th



minute by Erik Lamela.

Sevilla's Papu Gomez received a red card in the 12th minute of additional time only for it to be rescinded by the video assistant referee, with Kike Salas then sent off for a foul on Thierry Correia and Valencia handed a penalty.

But Jose Gaya squandered his chance to secure all three points

with his tame penalty easily met by Sevilla goalkeeper Bono.

Valencia are now five games unbeaten and sit eighth in the table, while Sevilla are 11th.

Points were also shared as Getafe drew 2-2 at home to Athletic Bilbao. Inaki Williams found the net within the first two minutes of the game but Carles Alena

levelled the scoring for Getafe.

The second half was a similar affair with Raul Garcia putting Bilbao ahead but Munir El Haddadi responding for the hosts.

Athletic Club have now failed to win their last three games in La Liga but remain in sixth place. Getafe are winless in four and lie 15th. -Xinhua

T20 WORLD CUP

India's second warm-up game vs New Zealand washed away

BRISBANE: India's second warm-up game against New Zealand at the T20 World Cup was washed out without a ball being bowled due to incessant rain at the Gabba on Wednesday.

The men in blue were scheduled to lock horns with the Kiwi team before starting their campaign against Pakistan on October 23, but the rain played spoilsport barring the cricket fans of an exciting game. Toss could also not occur as the rain poured heavily and the players could not make their way onto the ground.

Rain also forced the match between Pakistan and Afghanistan to be abandoned, which was being played at the same venue with the Pakistan innings only going as far as the third over.

Mohammad Nabi played a fine knock of 51* helping Afghanistan post 154/6 from its 20 overs.

Shaheen Afridi made a comeback on the cricket field after being forced out to sit for close to two months due to a knee injury. The pacer ended with 2/29 off his four overs.

Pakistan were in the third over of the match at 19/0 when the rain stopped play for the match to be



called off.

India won its first official ICC T20 World Cup practice match against Australia by six runs.

At the ICC competition, India is in Group 2 with Pakistan, Bangladesh, South Africa and two qualifiers.

Following their October 23 encounter against Pakistan at the MCG, they will play on October 27, against a qualifier in Sydney, on October 30, against South Africa in Perth, on November 2,

against Bangladesh in Adelaide, and on November 6. (vs qualifier in Melbourne).

India squad for ICC T20 World Cup: Rohit Sharma (Captain), KL Rahul (vice-captain), Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Deepak Hooda, Rishabh Pant (wicket-keeper), Dinesh Karthik (wicket-keeper), Hardik Pandya, R. Ashwin, Yuzvendra Chahal, Axar Patel, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Harshal Patel, Arshdeep Singh and Mohammed Shami. ANI

FOOTBALL

Schalke fires coach Kramer after a run of heavy defeats

BERLIN: The German football club Schalke fired coach Frank Kramer after four months in charge following a run of losses which left the club in the German Bundesliga relegation zone.

Schalke was knocked out of the German Cup with a 5-1 loss to Hoffenheim in the second round on Tuesday, the club's fifth successive defeat in all competitions.

Schalke, which was promoted back to the top flight for this season, is 17th in the 18-team league. Its only win in 10 league games this season was against last-place Bochum.

Board member Peter Knäbel highlighted the loss at Hoffenheim and a 4-0 defeat at Bayer Leverkusen as being particularly "not worthy of FC Schalke 04" and hinted at more changes to come.

"Our analysis will therefore also go beyond the head coach as an individual," Knäbel said. "We are going to have to improve significantly in all areas to be able to achieve our big goal, staying up."

There was no immediate word on a successor, and Schalke said assistant coaches were handling training today. Schalke's next game is at Hertha Berlin in the Bundes-



liga this Sunday. With Hertha on its own five-game winless run in the league, it's an opportunity for Schalke to pick up valuable points.

Schalke is traditionally one of Germany's main football clubs, but plunged into financial problems in 2020 blamed on the coronavirus pandemic and years of heavy spending without enough Champions League revenue to cover the

costs. Relegation followed at the end of the 2020-21 season.

Kramer was hired as coach in June after Schalke was promoted back to the German Bundesliga under interim coach Mike Büskens.

Five of the Bundesliga's 18 clubs have changed coaches this season after firings at Leipzig, Leverkusen, Stuttgart and Bochum. ANA



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ROUND-UP



Fuel-efficiency enhances 2022 Hyundai Elantra’s enduring popularity

Stellar sales in Oman and the wider region attest to its enduring appeal across diverse customer segments

MUSCAT: The all-new 2022 Hyundai Elantra – the automaker’s bestseller in the compact sedan segment – is creating a buzz in the Omani market, not least for its bold styling, generous equipment and affordable pricing.

The seventh-generation Elantra – the product of significant enhancements both inside and out – delivers the most progressive in-vehicle experience in its class.

Longer, wider and more powerful than its counterparts of the preceding generation, the 2022 Elantra also has a classiness and appealing road presence unmatched in its segment.

Second only to its sibling, the Tucson, as the global best-seller in the Hyundai lineup, the 2022 Elantra has evolved over three decades – both in design and technology – only to cement the brand’s reputation as a popular motoring choice of millions of customers around the world.

Stellar sales in Oman and the wider region attest to its enduring appeal across diverse customer segments.

The 2022 edition of the Elantra stays true to its reputation as a hot-selling sedan. Incorporating the acclaimed ‘Sensuous Sportiness’ design identity of Hyundai,



the Elantra comes with an elaborately designed chassis that enables customers to experience this distinctive character of the brand. In addition, a spacious interior, modern comfort and connectivity features, and advanced safety and driver assistance systems, ensure an immensely satisfying driving experience with unmatched fuel economy to boot.

Available in two engine size options – a Gamma 1.6-litre MPI and a Nu 2.0-litre MPI – the Elantra is equipped with a powerful and fuel-efficient engine connected to either a six-speed manual or automatic transmission. The Gamma 1.6 MPI has a maximum power of 127.5ps/6,300rpm and a maximum torque of 19.5kg.m/4,500 rpm. The corresponding values of the Nu 2.0-litre MPI are 159ps/6,200rpm of power and 19.5kg.m/4,500rpm of torque.

Standard across the Comfort and Premier variants in the 1.6-litre model range is a host of convenience features, including a Central Door Lock, Power Windows, Rear AC Vent, 8-inch Audio/Radio Display (only with the Premier variant) and Audio Remote Control.

In line with its continued focus on safety innovations, both variants come equipped with a wide range of safety features including Tyre Pressure Monitoring System, Daytime Running Lights, Rear Parking Distance Warning, and Front Airbags, in addition to the ABS+ ESC+ HAC features as standard.

Amenities and technologies features are dramatically ramped up in the 2.0-litre line-up comprising two variants – Luxury and Royal. Exclusive to the Royal are a Sunroof and Chrome Pack, although Alloy Wheels and Mudguard are standard. Adding to the array of convenience

features across both variants are a Smart Key & Push Button Start, as well as Remote Engine Starter.

Safety features are significantly enhanced as well. While the Royal includes a Blind-Spot Collision Warning System and Auto Window Defogger, both variants also come equipped with Front Airbags, Front and Rear Parking Distance Warning, Immobilizer System, Tyre Pressure Monitoring System and ABS+ ESC+ HAC package. All of these features bundled together make driving the 2022 Elantra a delightful experience for the driver and passengers alike.

Representing Hyundai in Oman is OTE Group, a leading distributor of globally reputable automotive brands, among other products. The complete Elantra line-up can be checked out at any Hyundai showroom located in key cities across Oman.

KR ESHRAQA



Stemazone inspires young minds at Oman Science Festival

MUSCAT: Khimji Ramdas (KR) Eshraqa’s Stemazone kiosk enjoyed a remarkable student turnout at the third edition of the Oman Science Festival held at the Oman Convention and Exhibition Centre (OCEC). The KR Group was the gold sponsor of the event, which witnessed students making a beeline for Stemazone’s interactive booth, where they were acquainted with its hybrid learning experience.

Initiated by Eshraqa, the Corporate Social Responsibility arm of Khimji Ramdas, Stemazone is a sustainable educational programme that has been conceived in partnership with the Ministry of Education (MoE) and the Ministry of Youth, Sports, and Culture (MoYSC). Stemazone helps students understand the analytics of problem-solving, teamwork & collaboration, testing ideas, and creating inspirational work; while aiding them to think critically and creatively, and encouraging an element of curiosity in them.

Speaking about the thought-provoking Science Festival and its impact on students, Nailesh Khimji, Director, Khimji Ramdas Group stated: “Our STEAM programme aims to inspire students to imbibe a scientific bent of mind and equip them with the necessary skills required

for the jobs of the future. This comes within the framework of achieving the objectives of the national agenda set by Oman Vision 2040, when it comes to building an effective ecosystem of Omani talent by fostering scientific research, creativity, and innovation, through interactive learning sessions and workshops.”

“Education is one of Eshraqa’s core pillars and we will always work towards supporting and strengthening it. The Oman Science Festival is an acclaimed event, known for spreading knowledge and awareness of the field and its importance in people’s lives; as well as developing students’ thinking and refining their skills. The sheer strength in the number of children and parents swarming our booth at the festival was testimony to the exceptional turnout it has received this year”, he added.

Dr Abdullah bin Khamis Ambusaidi, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Education, and Chairman of the Main Committee of the Oman Science Festival 2022 stated, “We were pleased to witness the support of private sector companies such as Khimji Ramdas Group for the Oman Science Festival, which is the most prominent national scientific event implemented and supervised by the MoE.”



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Wakud International partners with GÜtech

Wakud, a biodiesel refining company with operations in Oman, converting used cooking oil into biodiesel, and GÜtech creating a platform for environmental engineering challenges to be tackled by science and industry



MUSCAT: Wakud International and GÜtech, the German University of Technology in Oman, announced their newly established cooperation in developing Bio Engineering Research and Development in both, academic and shop floor eco-systems.

Wakud, a biodiesel refining company with operations in Oman, converting used cooking oil into biodiesel and GÜtech are interested in creating a platform for environmental engineering challenges to be tackled by science and industry.

“Wakud’s vision is to be a catalyst for biofuels and waste-to-energy ecosystem in Oman. Academic institutions play a major role in that ecosystem. Wakud is excited to partner with GÜtech on enhancing the research and development opportunities in this space as well as offering students a chance to gain hands-on experience at our production facility in Khazaen.” Maher Al Habsi, CEO, Wakud.

Various cross-cutting technical features throughout the Alternative Energy and Engineering Sector offer Omani youth an accentuated deep dive into problem-solving of technical challenges that need to be addressed by innovative minds.

GÜtech students will benefit from both partners’ respective expertise and potential to enhance the biofuels and alternative energy sector in Oman, researching state-of-the-art solutions and gaining hands-on practical experience, moving the dial for Oman’s future society and economy.

“GÜtech’s agile infrastructure allows for fast and flexible adjustments of innovative solutions for modern-day environmental challenges. GÜtech is known to be one of the most experienced academic partners in research and education particular for young and innovative enterprises. Our future will be a multi-faceted eco-system and biofuels together with other technologies will play an important role to accomplish a circular economy and creating a CO2-neutral world,” emphasises Prof. Michael Braun, the Rector of GÜtech.

Nominations open for Oman Sustainability Week 2023 Awards



MUSCAT: The 2023 edition of Oman Sustainability Week (OSW) Awards, to be held on March 12, 2023, will be jointly organised by be’ah (co-organiser) and CONNECT (organiser), in partnership with the globally renowned Centre for Sustainability and Excellence (CSE), and under the patronage of the Ministry of Energy and Minerals.

They will be held as an integral part of Oman Sustainability Week (March 12-16) which has Petroleum Development Oman (PDO) as the Host Organisation, be’ah and Oman Shell as the Strategy Partner, and BP Oman as the Platinum Sponsor of Oman Sustainability Week.

Established as a prestigious annual event, the awards will assess organisations operating in Oman in the areas of sustainability and corporate responsibility. In accordance with sustainability initiatives identified under Oman Vision 2040, the focus of the awards will be on clean water and sanitation, affordable and clean energy, industry innovation and infrastructure, sustainable cities and responsible consumption and production.

The primary goal of the OSW Awards is to raise awareness regarding sustainability issues and to assist businesses and organisations in incorporating responsible and sustainable practices into their corporate strategy, thereby demonstrating that economic, social, and environmental responsibility is a long-term commitment. Aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals, the OSW Awards continue to recognise vital contributions to sustainability that have helped businesses surge ahead of their competitors.

Themes under the environment segment will cover environmental strategy, environmental management system, energy consumption, water consumption, emissions, waste management and environmental impacts; the

social segment will include strategy, measure social impact, local communities support, supply chain, customer health and safety, customer privacy; the governance segment will focus on corporate vision and values, strategic goals on sustainability, anti-corruption policy and stakeholder engagement; whereas the employment segments will cover health, safety, wellness and wellbeing, and training and education.

Organisations wishing to provide a submission may submit an ‘expression of interest’ from October 17 to November 17. As per the set structure, submissions for the OSW Awards will be scored against the internationally recognised Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) framework. Submissions will be limited to 25 in total, across all categories (Enterprise, Government, SME and Academic) with high performers announced at the awards ceremony on March 12, 2023. Participating firms will be assessed according to an overall index score and benefit from a bespoke report, mapping out their current sustainability status against industry peers and identifying the medium- and long-term risks and opportunities. Business entities that have set themselves apart with their contributions to sustainability will be honoured.

Dr Mohab Ali Al-Hinai, Vice President - Sustainability and Circular Economy, be’ah, said, “With sustainability at the heart of the Oman 2040 vision, organisations in the Sultanate are increasingly becoming conscious of adopting ESG principles in their business operations. Such practices have proven to have a long-term positive impact, ensuring sustainable economic development. The Oman Sustainability Week awards serve as a platform to honour those organisations that are transforming their business practices into ones that are more socially and environmentally responsible.”

AL BUSTAN PALACE, A RITZ-CARLTON HOTEL

Muscat’s top hotels unite for World Food Day drive, donating over 200 food boxes to Oman Food Bank

MUSCAT: Al Bustan Palace, a Ritz-Carlton Hotel, has once again teamed up with a group of Muscat’s most prominent hotels to mark World Food Day, celebrated annually on October 16.

In keeping with the United Nations #ZeroHunger and healthy eating theme, the resorts’ Ladies and Gentlemen joined over 120 volunteers from Shangri-la Barr Al Jissah, Muscat, Kempinski Hotel Muscat, Sheraton Oman Hotel and W Muscat in a food cart race at Lulu Hypermarket in Darsait.



With total fundraising from all hotels equally divided, the teams raced through the store to fill their carts with as much food as possible in 10 minutes. Over 200 boxes were then packed and donated to Oman Food Bank Charity Association, which caters to underprivileged families in the Sultanate. In its fourth annual edition this year, the teams managed to raise a total of OMR4,328, where Kempinski Hotel Muscat contributed OMR1,116, followed by OMR1,064 from Sheraton Oman Hotel, which was collected through a series of charitable initiatives including flea markets, ice cream and popcorn corners and salary contributions.

Nabil Al Zadjali, General Manager of Al Bustan Palace said “Helping families in our community is a cause that is very near and dear to our hearts given our line of business. We have adopted sustainable methods to reduce and dispose of food waste and firmly believe that the hospitality industry plays an integral role in championing this important cause that impacts every country around the globe. We hope that our actions will inspire others to follow our footsteps so that zero hunger can become a living reality.”

General Manager of Kempinski Hotel Muscat, Carsten Wiegandt said, “It is our philosophy at Kempinski Hotels and through our partnership with BE Health, which is a programme created to spread health and to bring all hotels under

one corporate responsibility mission of caring for people’s health from the workplace to the local communities that we operate in. We believe in our future generations and it is a pleasure to be part of World Food Day.”

Encouraging the spirit of giving, this initiative demonstrated the influential role that the hospitality industry plays in highlighting important issues like food waste and environmental impact. Putting a fun spin on a very important topic, World Food Day provides the impetus to join in the bigger picture.

Engineer Ibrahim Al Hosni, Chairman of Oman Food Bank said: “Our mission is to improve the lives of those who are less fortunate here in the Sultanate, through positive and constructive partnerships. As we are a community-based organisation, we partner with many establishments locally to join hands with all the components of society. It is a pleasure to have such hotels on board.”

WINTER COLLECTION

Coats, cardigans, and more: REDTAG is back with your winter wardrobe



DUBAI: REDTAG, the Middle East’s favourite value fashion and homeware brand, has launched its Winter 2022 Collection that exceeds its predecessors in style, substance, and selections. While winter essentials like coats and cardigans are the mainstay of the new collection, REDTAG has also launched dashing dungaree dresses, rugged boots, and leather skirts that are apt for the season but fashionable all year.

“It is that time of the year when functionality takes precedence in fashion. This year, we have redefined ‘functional fashion’ through equal emphasis on aesthetics. So, we have adhered to sartorial fundamentals as much as we have aligned ourselves with the vogue. This is to say, the essence of the new collection is the balance,” explained Shehbaz Shaikh, Chief Retail Officer, REDTAG.

REDTAG brings winter wardrobe essentials, such as cosy cardigans, warm coats and wool-

len beanies, for the whole family. Between bobble and pom-pom beanies and elk-themed earmuffs, shoppers across age groups can instantly tap into the spirit of the cold season. On the apparel front, women are spoilt for choices, with REDTAG even launching its modest A’aniqa and plus-size options in the form of A-line dresses, tops, blazers and co-ord sets attuned to both casual and formal settings.

Contemporary options

Contemporary options for women include maxi cardigans in standard colours and cool pop-culture merch tees to go with winter boots and skinny-fit leather pants. Oversized puffer coats in black and white monogram print are a head-turner, along with button-front midi skirts in beige browns. Long coats, all-over checked belted blazers, and dungaree dresses represent perfect panache. Limited editions, exclusively for women, include dazzling cropped blazers

and skirt sets in crimson red, unapologetic cotton bodycon dresses and graphic crewneck tops.

Men can conquer cold with fleece jackets and overshirts in warm colours. Vintage designs make a comeback with button-front and zip-up jackets and hoodies. Boys can continue their outdoor routine in sweatshirt-and-jogger sets in powdery pastels. If the cold sets in, there is comfort in puffer fleece jackets in colour-blocked variants, woolen mufflers, and flannels.

Winter collection has warm hoodies-and-jogger sets in creams for girls deterred to not letting the wintry weather get in the way of a good playtime. For the outgoing, there are checked long winter coats, oversized jackets, fleece outers and midi dresses.

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“REDTAG is rapidly growing as a value-fashion brand. And we want that to reflect in every collection, initiative, and expansion. So, the new Winter Collection is bigger, bolder and better. This season, if warmth, style, quality, and affordability are your prerequisite for a joyous time, REDTAG has everything on offer in a single collection,” added Shehbaz Shaikh.

Customer-centric

In line with Shehbaz’s comment on the brand’s rapid growth, REDTAG has launched customer-centric, hyper-convenience services such as ‘Anytime-Anywhere Exchange’, ‘Find Your Size’, ‘Fashion Stylists’, and ‘Free Home Delivery’. With several such first-to-market services in the Middle East and its tiered loyalty programme – RT Rewards – which boasts over 15 million members, REDTAG continues to cement its position as the leading value fashion and homeware brand in the region.



Winter Offers

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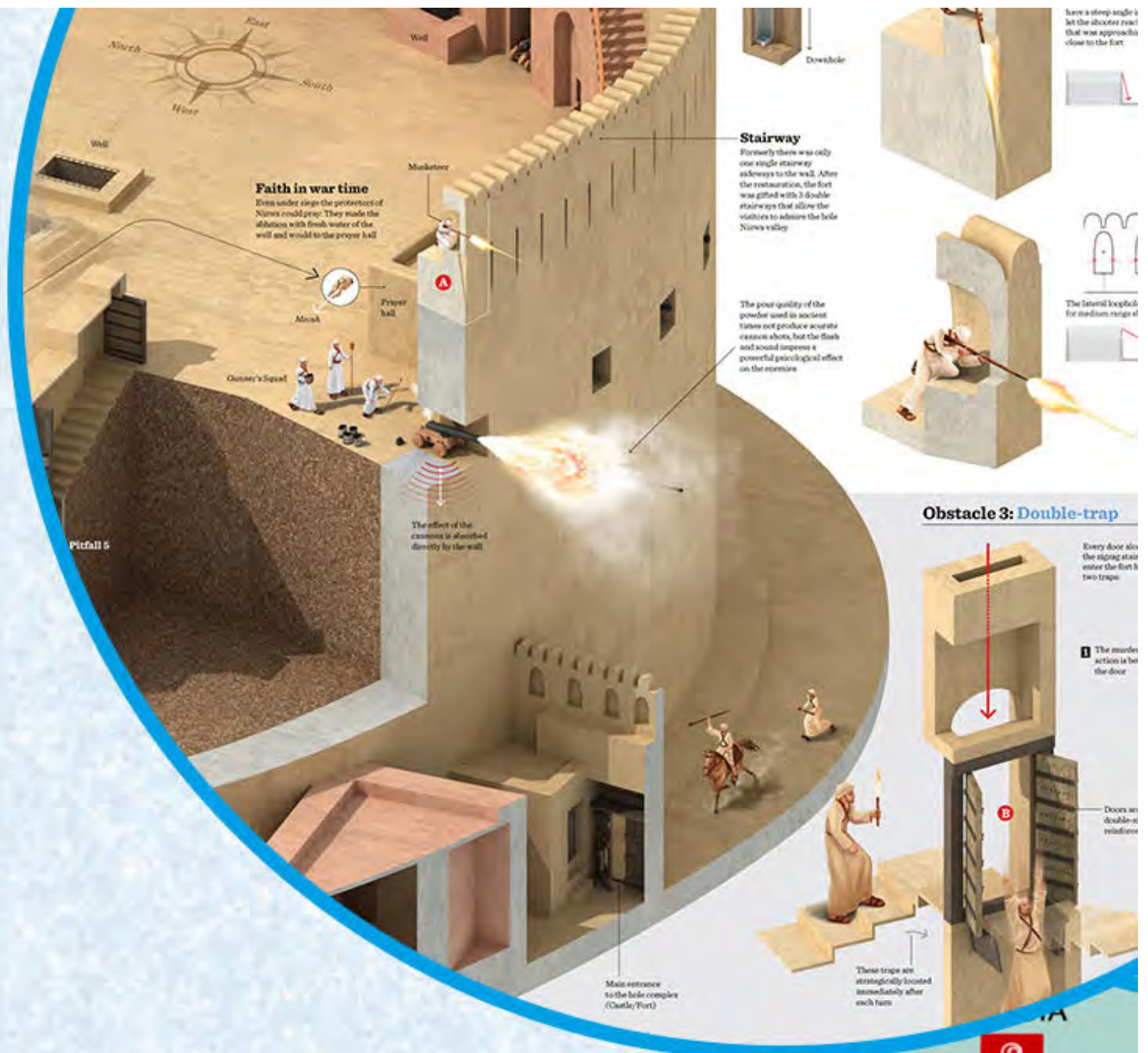
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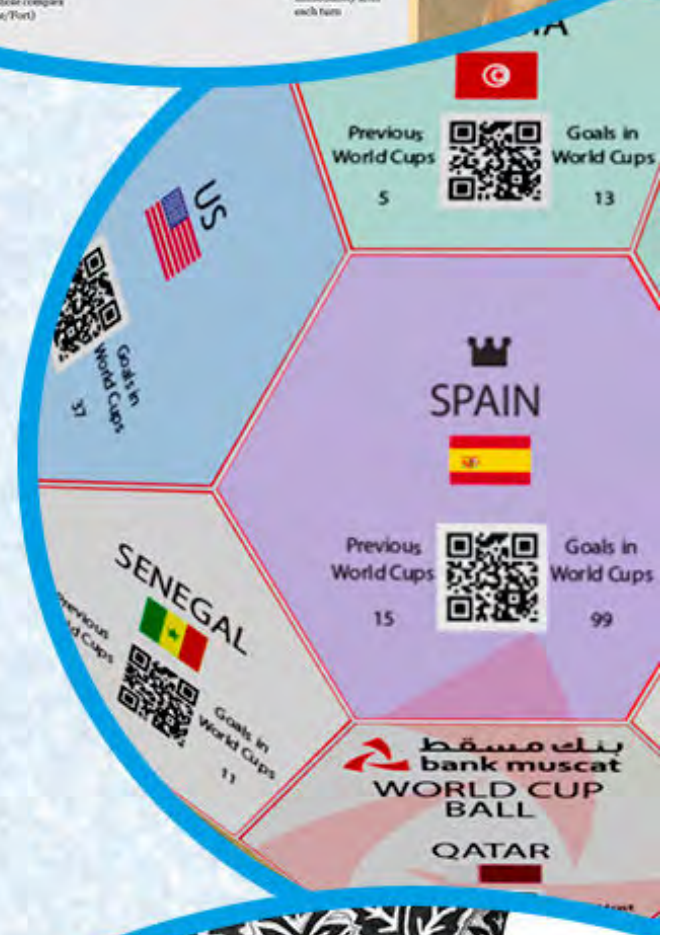
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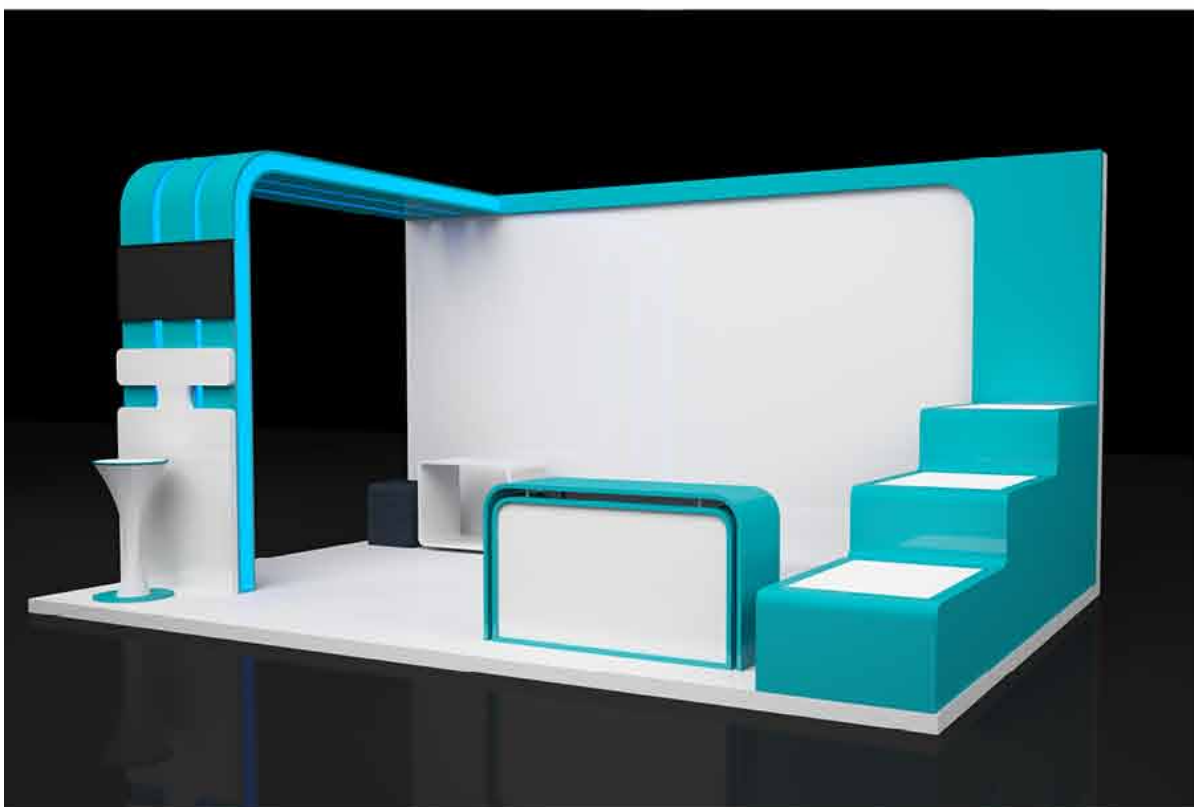
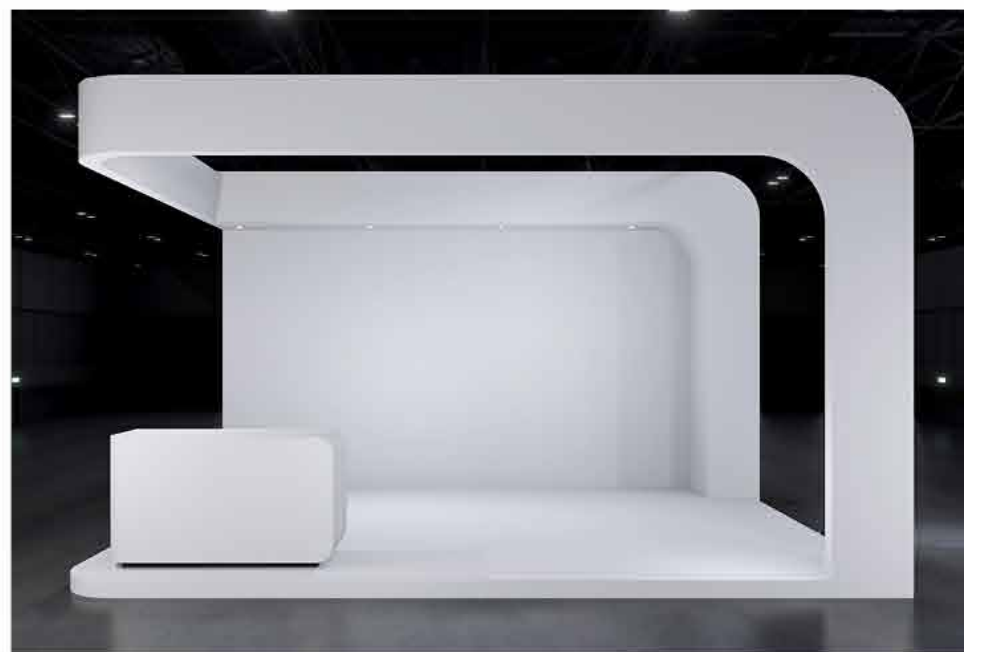
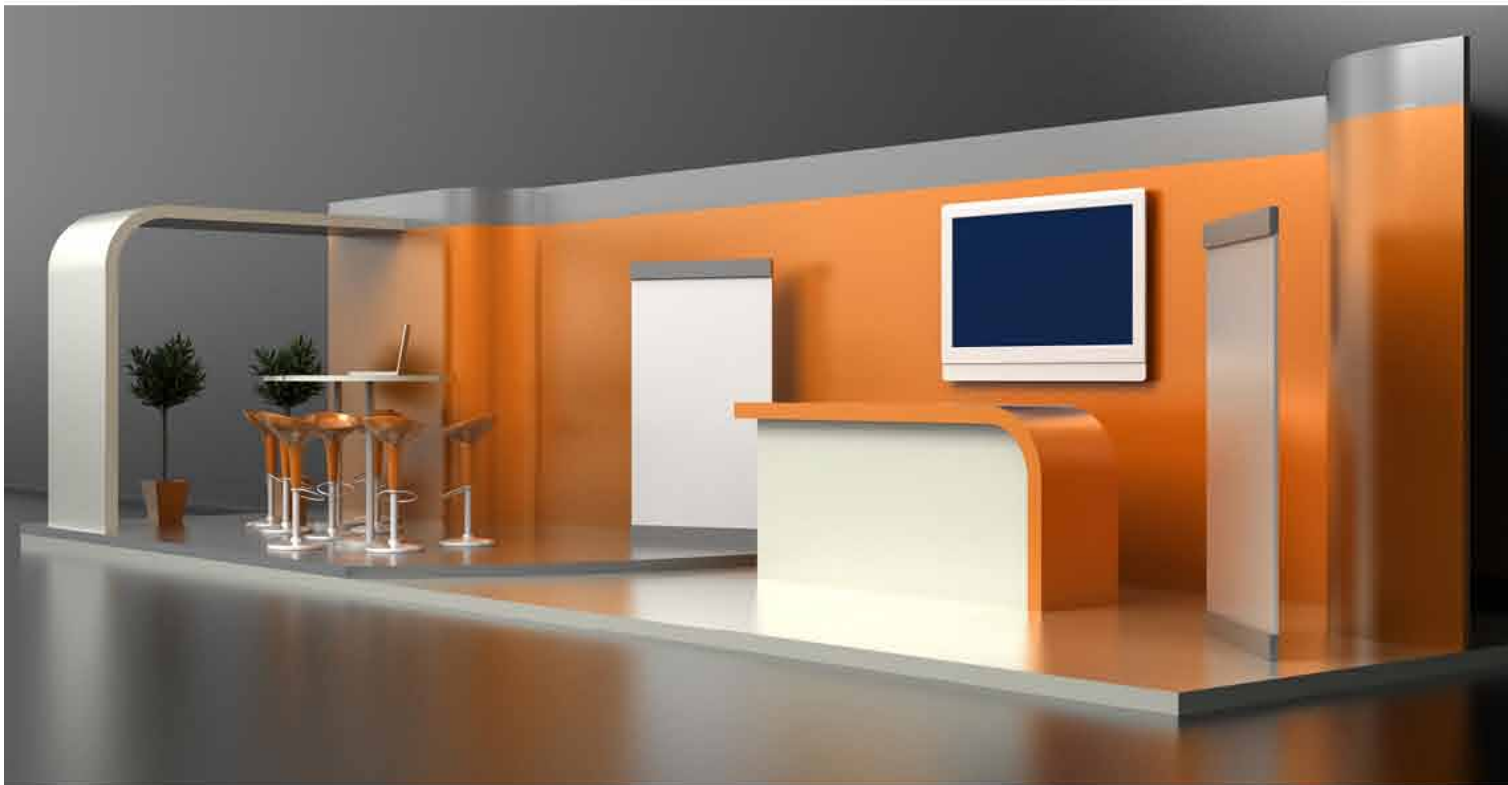


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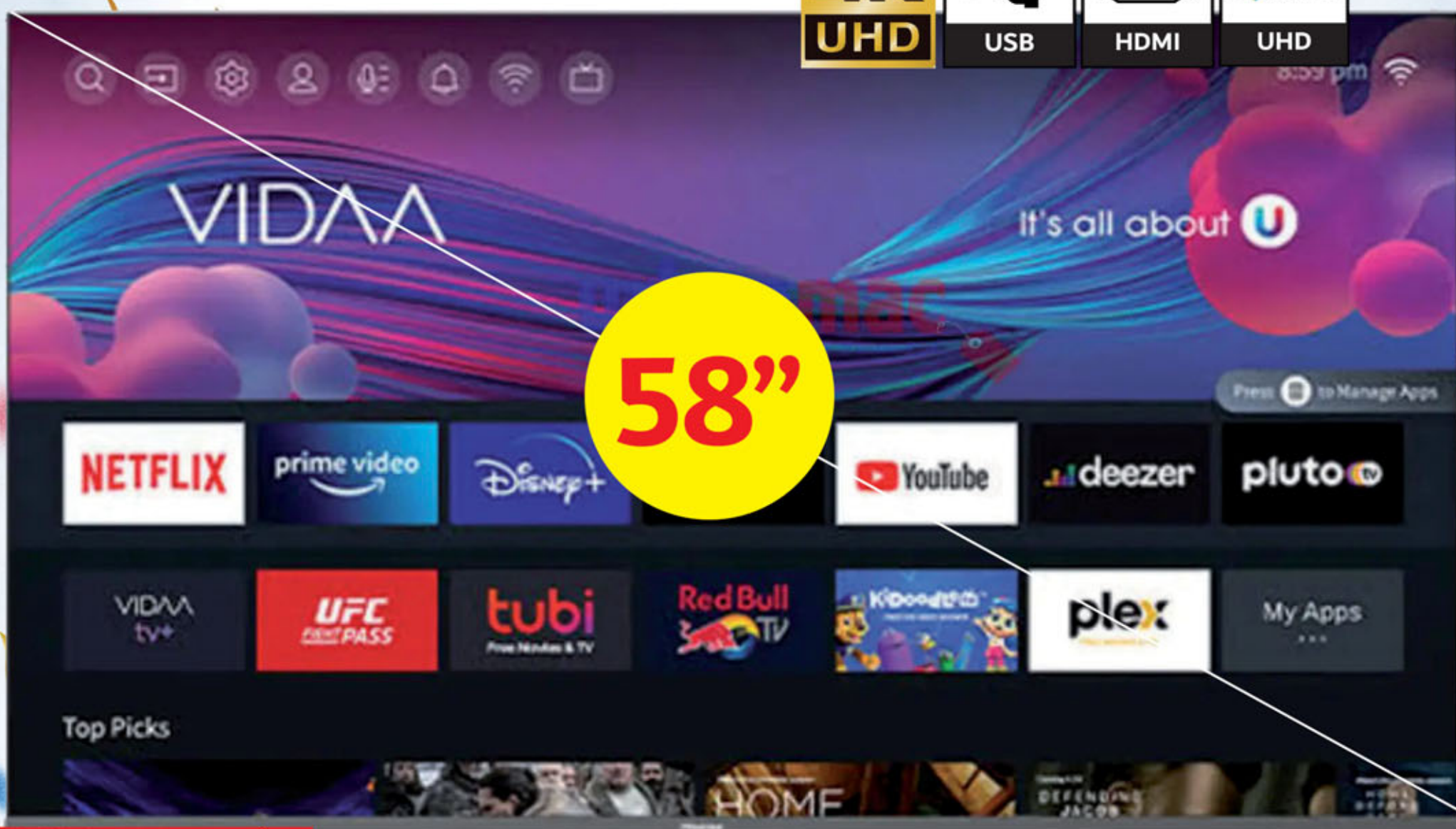
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