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HIS MAJESTY VISITS SULTAN OF OMAN'S ARMoured DIVISION

NEW GOALS

PDO aims to increase its oil production

MUSCAT: Petroleum Development Oman (PDO) announced that it has achieved good results in 2022 with the crude oil production reaching 660,000 barrels per day as a result of improving the efficiency and using modern production technologies.

Speaking at a press conference on Tuesday at the Oman Convention and Exhibition Centre (OCEC), Steve Phimister, PDO managing director, said that the company aims to increase its oil production to 700,000 barrels per day. He also unveiled company's new corporate purpose and strategy: 'Building a sustainable and low-carbon future to maximise value for Oman'. **>A3**

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IZKI: His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tariq, the Supreme Commander yesterday paid a Royal visit to the Sultan of Oman's Armoured Division at the Royal Army of Oman (RAO).

His Majesty was accompanied by HH Sayyid Theyazin bin Haitham Al Said and HH Sayyid Bilarab bin Haitham Al Said.

Upon His Majesty's arrival at Shafa Garrison, the headquarters of the Sultan of Oman's Armoured

Division, he was received by Maj. Gen. Mattar Salim Al Balushi, RAO Commander, Commander of the Sultan of Oman's Armoured Division and commanders of the armoured vehicles.

Armoured vehicles

His Majesty, the Supreme Commander, listened to a briefing on the Sultan of Oman's Armoured Division and its military capabilities. His Majesty also inspected

some models of tanks, armoured vehicles and military equipment at the Sultan of Oman's Armoured Division.

After that, a commemorative photo was taken of His Majesty, the Supreme Commander, with personnel of the Sultan of Oman's Armoured Division.

Then, His Majesty left Shafa Garrison, the headquarters of the Sultan of Oman's Armoured Division. —ONA **See also >A4 & A5**

AL MOUJ SARAI: MAJESTIC COLLECTION OF INCOMPARABLY EXCLUSIVE PALACES

Al Mouj Muscat has announced the launch of Al Mouj Sarai, an ocean front paradise comprising of 28 palaces designed to reflect the true essence of their owners.

A heaven for uncompromising majesty, Al Mouj Sarai is defined by grand spaces, sophisticated designs by international award-winning architects, bespoke amenities, and the most breathtaking panoramic views in Muscat. Quintessential and bespoke, each home is a work of art in its own right, gracefully blending the tranquility of nature with the grandeur of Oman's rich heritage, through six unique styles.

Thoughtfully imagined to frame and embrace its surrounding vistas, these styles embody the new paradigm of luxury – disconnecting from all that is stressful. With the maximum use of glass-walls, double-height and open spaces, each design concept removes the juxtaposition between indoor and outdoor, creating a seamless and holistic living experience that masterfully connects human and nature, privacy and transparency, leisure and living spaces.

LIVING ON THE AZZURE
Strategically located at the

crescent of the world-class luxury-lifestyle development, it offers homeowners the perfect symmetry between exclusivity and accessibility to Al Mouj Muscat – the most coveted address in Oman. Created for those looking for incomparable, rare, and unique experiences and properties, this regally beautiful collection is an ultra-exclusive gated community complete with enchanting water features and reflection pools, harmonious courtyards and lush gardens. It is the crowning jewel of Al Mouj Muscat imbued with the 'azure' beauty of nature.

PEERLESS PRESTIGE

The Al Mouj Sarai's carefully –selected designs can be customized to individual taste and style, featuring intricate details and bespoke finishes. Discerning homeowners can create their family palatial living spaces to their exact specifications including choosing the plot area, façade design, interior color schemes, layout and amenities which include private berths, invigorating saunas, dedicated cigar lounges, home theaters and cinema rooms – every corner can be designed to speak of complete indulgence, majestic pampering, and timeless luxury.

OCEAN SARAI

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MARINA SARAI

A private paradise designed to nourish the mind, body and soul, Marina Sarai consists of 16 palaces in two unique designs ranging from 1,514 and 1,638 sqm. In addition to their very own exclusive birth, they also include up to 5 bedrooms and bathrooms and 5 multi-purpose living and experiential spaces in addition to indoor and outdoor kitchens and parking space for 8 cars.



Today, Al Mouj Muscat is considered the most desirable integrated lifestyle destination in Oman that is already home to more than 8,000 residents from over 85 countries. Bridging people and culture in a spectacular oceanfront location, it is home

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Pact to design future cities in Oman inked

These seven agreements come in implementation of urban regional strategies and to pursue a balanced urban development in all governorates

MUSCAT: The Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning on Tuesday signed seven agreements to assign the designing of layouts and future cities distributed over various governorates of the Sultanate of Oman.

These agreements come in implementation of urban regional strategies and to pursue balanced urban development in all governorates.

The agreements were signed on behalf of the Ministry by Eng. Ibrahim Hammoud Al Waeli, Director



of the Urban Strategy Office with officials of companies in the field of urban planning and building future cities.

Agreements were signed with consulting companies for the projects of "Future City of Salalah", "Bawshar City" and "Future City of Sohar". A number of other projects were also awarded to companies, such as the layout of Greater Nizwa, layout of Haima City, developing downtown of Ibri city and Khor Grama layout at Sur City.

Future cities provide an integrated model for various uses, with multiple features, represented

in being easy to access, flexible, healthy, smart, developed, highly efficient, safe and sustainable. The total area of such cities exceeds 20 million square meters, and they all accommodate more than 150,000 people and about 40,000 housing units, which is a new model for modern life that keeps pace with changes and meets the needs of the population.

Al Waeli said that the main goal of future cities is to provide services before distributing or investing in land plots.

He pointed out that as many as 40,000 housing units are targeted

by these agreements, benefiting more than 150,000 people in different areas in the Sultanate of Oman. Ownership of these units will be available for Omanis and non-Omanis.

Moreover, since the beginning of 2023, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning has approved the allocation of 51 land plots through the usufruct system for various uses in different governorates.

The ministry has also inked contracts worth OMR10.5 million during the Real Estate Development Conference. — OMA

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HARAMAIN AMBER OUD

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Al Haramain Perfumes, a renowned fragrance brand, has recently achieved a major milestone by selling 1 million units of Amber Oud in year 2022 all over the world. This achievement is a testament to the brand's unwavering commitment to quality and customer satisfaction across the globe.

Amber Oud Series has a perfect blend of warm and earthy notes with a well-balanced of rich and woody note, creating a fragrance that is both luxurious and timeless. There are different editions of Amber Oud; The Amber Oud, Gold Edition, Tobacco Edition, Ruby Edition, White Edition, Bleu Edition and Carbon Edition. This unique blend of scents has captured the hearts of many customers and has become the favorite among both men and women.

The success of Amber Oud can be attributed to the use of only the finest ingredients and traditional methods of fragrance-making. Each bottle is crafted with the utmost care and attention to detail, ensuring that every

customer receives a truly world-class and high-quality fragrance. The company's Chairman and Managing Director, Mr. Mohammed Mahtabur Rahman (Nasir), said, "We are thrilled and overwhelmed to have reached this milestone of 1 Million happy and loyal customers. This is a testament to our dedication to providing world-class and high-quality fragrances. We are also proud to have sold 1 Million units of our best-selling fragrance, Amber Oud all over the world. This is a reflection of its immense popularity and the high demand for this unique and captivating scent."

To further enhance the customer experience, Al Haramain Perfumes has recently opened several new showrooms within the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) region. These showrooms provide customers with the opportunity to experience and try the perfumes before making a purchase. The brand's commitment to customer satisfaction is evident in the attention to detail and care that goes into each showroom,

ensuring that customers have a truly immersive and enjoyable experience. You may visit shop. alharamainperfumes.com/store-locator to see the full list of their showrooms locations.

The opening of these new showrooms also supports the brand's expansion plans in the GCC region. The region is home to a large and growing market for luxury fragrances, and Amber Oud is well-positioned to take advantage of this opportunity. The brand's reputation for quality and customer satisfaction, combined with its affordable prices, make it an attractive option for customers looking for a luxury fragrance at an accessible price point.

In conclusion, Al Haramain Perfumes success in selling 1 Million units of Amber Oud worldwide is a testament to the brand's commitment to quality and customer satisfaction. The brand's loyal customer base, combined with the recent opening of new showrooms in the GCC region, positions the brand for continued success in the luxury fragrance market.



HARAMAIN AMBER OUD

RENEWABLE ENERGY SECTORS

The Netherlands delegation attends Oman Sustainability Week

Times News Service

Muscat: The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Oman will be hosting a networking reception on the occasion of the visit by a Netherlands business delegation to the Oman Sustainability Week (OSW).

The companies in the delegation are interested in finding coopera-

tion possibilities with parties in Oman in the water and renewable energy sectors, where the Netherlands and Oman both stand to gain from increasing the number of B2B partnerships.

The Netherlands Pavilion can be found in booth 1710 at the OCEC during the Oman Sustainability Week 2023 (13-15 March).

The Oman Sustainability Week

is aligned with Oman Vision 2040 and the Sultanate's commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

These SDGs are a call for action to respond to the global challenges that face our world; challenges such as poverty, inequality, protecting the planet and ensuring everyone can enjoy peace and prosperity.

Innovation driven solutions

On the occasion of this event, the Dutch water and energy sectors will be present to showcase their worldwide and innovation driven solutions.

The Netherlands looks forward to sharing knowledge and expertise with participants, and explore new opportunities for cooperations.



PDO unveils orderly transition pathway to low-carbon future

Under its new strategy, PDO's decarbonisation roadmap will see the company halve the existing CO2 emissions by 2030

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Petroleum Development Oman (PDO) has pledged its commitment to a lower-carbon system in the Sultanate of Oman and laid out an orderly transition pathway to achieve the ultimate goal of Net Zero Emission by 2050 (NZE2050).

On Tuesday, PDO Managing Director Steve Phimister admitted that "energy markets still face extreme volatility" but the company is determined to "building a sustainable and low-carbon future to maximise value for Oman."

The new mantra was unveiled during a media interaction with the PDO's new 'corporate purpose and strategy', outlining how it will continue to serve and deliver value to Oman.

Speaking on the sidelines of the Oman Sustainability Week (OSW), which PDO co-hosted with the Ministry of Energy and Minerals (MEM) for the second consecutive year at the Oman Convention and Exhibition Centre, Phimister said: "The new strategy aims to deliver that purpose: to fulfil our role in contributing to Oman's Vision 2040 and Net Zero Emissions 2050.



"We aim to maximise value from our core oil and gas business. PDO is committed to both cost and carbon competitiveness - safely, efficiently and sustainably."

Phimister spoke on the giant strides made by PDO, since the first concession was awarded in 1937. "We have come a long way and today, Oman has 202 oilfields and nearly 10,000 active wells. We plan to rig new 1,000 wells in the year ahead."

PDO to ramp up production

The PDO chief said that the company aimed to increase its daily production of 660,000 barrels per day to 700,000 barrels per day. Oman's crude production is currently estimated to be at one million barrels per day.

Decarbonisation roadmap

Under its new strategy, PDO's decarbonisation roadmap will see the company halve the existing CO2 emissions by 2030.

"The actual carbon emissions of PDO in 2019 were 12 million ton and we brought it down to 10.5 million ton in 2021. Our aspirations are to reduce the CO2 emissions to 6 million ton by 2030 and then go Net Zero by 2050," said the PDO managing director.

PDO aims to achieve the goals by pioneering the new energy landscape, leading technology deployment, operational excellence, decarbonisation and supply chain development for Oman's oil and gas industry.

Phimister said: "Oil & Gas has a role in the global energy system for decades to come, but hydro-carbon development must be sustainable. We have a responsibility to sustain the current energy system whilst we build the new (low carbon) energy system. PDO has bold plans to safely increase oil & gas production while at the same time halving its emissions. And PDO is well-positioned, in partnership with others, to build sustainable, low-carbon revenue streams for the future of Oman"

PDO has demonstrated its environmental stewardship by pioneering innumerable sustainability initiatives. It has kept pace with Oman Vision 2040 and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, remaining steadfast in its commitment to deliver meaningful Social Investment (SI) programmes aimed at creating sustainable benefits for the Omani society.

The PDO chief said: "PDO has been at the forefront of developing innovative renewable solutions to create new growth opportunities not only for itself but for the benefit of the nation as well. This strategic direction places increased emphasis on leveraging new technologies, boosting collaboration with relevant institutions, and improving overall energy efficiency and water-management processes. The goal is to ensure longevity in a low-carbon world."

He added: "PDO is a key contributor to the Omani In-Country Value (ICV). Be it Omanisation and employment or social investment, the ICV value retained annually is US\$ 1.8 billion and growing."



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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



Bangladesh Social Club marks women's day

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Women's Wing of Bangladesh Social Club Oman celebrated International Women's Day in a festive atmosphere on 10 March, 2023.

Bangladesh Social Club Women's wing observed international women's day at Halban Garden in presence of hundreds of women in different professions along with their families and guests.

Members of Women's Wing displayed Bangladeshi traditional "Pitha Utsab" by making and displaying different types of traditional Pitha (Cake).

Moreover, Bangladeshi women's traditional games like pillow passing, musical chair, blind hit also took place on the occasion.

Sirajul Hoque, Chair-

man of the Club welcomed all the participants.

Dr. Jannatun Nayem Juwi convenor of Women's Wing anchored the event. Iftakher Chowdhury, CEO, Gulf Exchange as Chief Guest and Shariful Islam Country Manager, Biman Bangladesh Airlines, attended the event as special guest.

Members of the Executive Committee, former officials of Bangladesh Social Club Oman, renowned businessman and Bangladeshi community leaders also attended the programme.

Before ending the programme Social Club Chairman handed over a farewell memento to Mahbul Alam Sikder, the former Club executive member, who worked here for last 44 years and served the community.



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OF OMAN'S ARMoured DIVISION
AT THE ROYAL ARMY OF OMAN (RAO)



WILAYAT OF MANAH

Ambassadors visit Oman Across Ages Museum

MANAH: A number of Ambassadors of Arab and Foreign countries accredited to the Sultanate of Oman today paid a visit to Oman Across Ages Museum in the Wilayat of Manah, Governorate of A'Dakhiliyah.

They were received by Nasr Hamoud Al Kindi, Secretary General of the Royal Court Affairs, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Museum, and some officials.

The ambassadors toured various corridors of the museum as they viewed different items and manuscripts displayed in pavilions of the museum at the History Gallery and Renaissance Gallery.

They also viewed the latest interactive technologies in the museum, in addition to various facilities and services rendered by the museum for the visitors.

The ambassadors also went on tour of the Knowledge Centre and Hisn Al Shomoukh library. — OMA



IN THE FIELD OF SUSTAINABILITY



Oman and Switzerland eye closer bilateral ties

Times News Service

MUSCAT: As part of the 50th anniversary celebrations of bilateral relations between Switzerland and Oman, Switzerland is committed to closer bilateral cooperation in the field of sustainability.

To this end, the Swiss Embassy in Oman invited the Swiss-French graffiti artist Saype to create a giant fresco in Oman.

The work of over 10,000 m2 of eco-friendly paint was created in the country's largest solar power plant in Ibri and symbolises co-operation on a sustainable world for future generations.

The work was presented to Salim bin Nasser Said Al Aufi, Oman's Minister of Energy and Minerals.

A partnership between Switzerland and Oman is a natural fit:

while Oman has ideal conditions for wind and solar energy, Switzerland has much to offer in the field of sustainable technology.

That is why Switzerland was represented at the Sustainability Week in Oman's capital with a pavilion on cleantech and sustainable solutions from the Swiss private sector. And at the conference taking place at the same time, ETH President Prof. Joël Mesot spoke about the circular economy and the commitments that the international community must fulfil in view of the 28th World Climate Conference.

"We thank Presence Switzerland, Roche Diagnostics, AcwaPower, PDO, Sika and the Ministry of Heritage and Tourism for the cooperation and partnership," a statement from the Embassy of Switzerland in Oman said on Tuesday.

UN MEETING

Insulting sanctities is evidence of intolerance, hate crimes: GCC states



GENEVA: The countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) have expressed their concern about the challenges facing the freedom of religion and belief, such as widespread acts of violence, incidents of religious hatred, increasing discrimination and religious intolerance, as well as attacks on religious sites.

This was cited in a speech delivered on behalf of the GCC states by Idris Abdulrahman Al Khanjari, Permanent Representative of the Sultanate of Oman to the United Nations (UN) and International Organizations in Geneva during his participation in 52nd regular session of the Human Rights Council (UNHRC).

Al Khanjari affirmed that insulting sanctities and religions, such as the Holy Qur'an burning inci-

dent, represents clear evidence of the gravity of intolerance that need to be confronted.

He said that the GCC states agree with the Special Rapporteur on the importance of ensuring respect for religions at the legislative and applied levels, and taking measures to consolidate respect for religions in societal thought.

Al Khanjari pointed out that the GCC states call on the Human Rights Council to set a global and humanitarian goal that must be achieved when celebrating the centenary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in order to achieve the Millennium Goals for the year 2030.

This will ensure reaching a tolerant world that respects the idea of freedom of belief in its comprehensive dimensions. — OMA



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HYDROGEN OMAN

Pacts worth over OMR20bn for green hydrogen projects in Oman inked



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These term-sheet agreements were signed with developers from Belgium, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, Japan, Singapore, Germany, India, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates.

The production capacity of these projects reaches 15GW of electricity, built on an area of approximately 1,500 square kilometres in the governorates of Al Wusta and Dhofar.

The agreements include contracting for 47 years, of those 7 years are for the development and establishment of the projects and 40 years for operating the projects.

These agreements include two projects for BP Alternative Energy Investments Limited. The first project in Duqm will be set up on an area of 320 square kilometers. The second project in the Governorate of Dhofar will be set up on an area of 427 square kilometres with a production capacity of 3.3 GW of electricity and 150,000 metric tons of hydrogen annually, for both projects.

The agreements also include Green Energy Oman (GEO) project on an area of 337 square kilometres, SalalaH2 project on an area of 419 square kilometres. The production capacity of these projects is similar to the BP projects. Further, the agreements include Hyport Duqm project on



an area of 150 square kilometres. The production capacity of this project is 2 GW of electricity and 70,000 metric tonnes of hydrogen annually.

Another project is the Green Hydrogen and Chemicals SPC on an area of 80 square kilometres and a production capacity of 1 GW of electricity and 38,000 metric tons of hydrogen annually.

The agreements were signed by Eng. Salim Nasser Al Aufi, Minister of Energy and Minerals Chairman of Hydrogen Oman's Board of Directors, and heads of the investing companies.

Al Aufi said that the Sultanate of Oman has taken several bold steps in keeping pace with international transformations in energy and climate issues during the previous period. Those steps include Oman's commitments to reach net zero carbon emissions by 2050, in addition to preparing necessary policies to press ahead with projects and plans for the transition to green energy.

In a press statement, the Minister said that he expects green hydrogen to be produced in the Sultanate of Oman between 2028 and 2030, both for the use of local industries or for exporting. — OMA

HEADS OF GCC CAPITAL MARKET AUTHORITIES HOLD MEETING

The committee of Heads of GCC Capital Market Authorities on Tuesday held its 26th meeting under the chairmanship of Abdullah Salim Al Salmi, CEO of the Capital Market Authority, Chairman of the committee's current session. The committee discussed a spectrum of topics, namely a report on the performance and developments of GCC capital markets in 2022, among other topics. — OMA



SPORTS



Bangladesh whitewash England

The hosts defeated reigning T20 World Cup champions England in the third and final T20I by 16 runs to clinch the series 3-0

DHAKA: Hosts Bangladesh completed a 3-0 whitewash over reigning T20 world champions England as they won the third and final T20I match by 16 runs in Mirpur on Tuesday.

Chasing 159, England's batting faltered as they slipped from 100-1 after 13 overs to 123-5 after 17 to finish on 142-6.

The only notable partnership was between Dawid Malan (53) and Jos Buttler (40) as they shared a 95-run for the second wicket.

Malan, who overturned an lbw dismissal on six before being dropped on 42, and skipper Buttler departed from successive balls in a two-run 14th over - Malan caught behind, Buttler run out - before Moeen Ali (9), Ben Duckett (11) and Sam Curran (4) came and departed.

England required 27 from the final over and gave themselves a glimmer of hope when Chris Woakes (13 n.o.) hammered Hasan Mahmud for successive fours, but the tourists managed just two



byes and two dots after that as Bangladesh celebrated a whitewash against their fancied rivals.

England were sloppy in the field as Bangladesh reached 131-1 from 15 overs after being put to bat, with simple dropped catches from Rehan Ahmed and Ben Duckett.

Duckett shelled Bangladesh top-scorer Litton Das (73 off 57) at deep midwicket after Ahmed had grassed Das' opening partner Rony Talukdar (24) on 17 at short third, with Jofra Archer the unfortunate

bowler on both occasions as he went wicketless.

The tourists limited the hosts to only 27 runs from the final five overs as Archer (0-33), Curran (0-28) and Chris Jordan (1-21) bowled superbly - but Bangladesh's attack were then equally impressive at the death later on.

England's chase got off to an inauspicious start with Phil Salt (0) stumped off debuting Bangladesh spinner Tanvir Islam in the first over and they were perhaps fortu-

nate not to be 8-2 in the second.

Malan was given out lbw to Taskin Ahmed but overturned the decision on review with the TV umpire deciding bat was involved.

England were clear favourites with nine wickets in hand and 59 required from the final seven overs, only for Malan to top-edge a pull off Mustafizur Rahman behind and Buttler to be run out as Mehidy Hasan Miraz shot down the stumps from point.

Moeen Ali holed out in the



deep off Taskin three overs later before the same bowler splattered Duckett's stumps and Curran - once again coming in potentially a spot too high at No 6 - sliced Shakib Al Hasan to point amid a collapse of 5-28.

Earlier, Das and Talukdar put on 55 for Bangladesh's first wicket in the series finale but their stand was snapped in the eighth over when Rony ballooned back to Adil Rashid (1-23) on the reverse sweep.

The hosts continued to

dominate, though, as Das and Najmul Hossain Shanto (47 n.o. off 36) plundered 84 from just 58 balls, during which time Shanto smeared sixes off Rashid's fellow spinners Ahmed and Moeen, and Das mowed a maximum off Archer five balls after being dropped.

The last of Das' 11 boundaries came in the 15th over and he then holed out off Jordan in the 17th as England's seamers put the squeeze on and Shanto and Shakib (4 n.o.) struggled to score.

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OMAN CRUDE PRICE FALLS

The price of Oman oil has decreased, with prices for delivery by May 2023 reaching \$79.18, said Dubai Mercantile Exchange (DME). The DME statement said that the price of Oman oil fell by \$3.28 from the price of Monday, which was \$82.46. - OMA

MARKET

BUSINESS & FINANCE



MSX INDEX ENDS HIGHER

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Land allocated for Oman's first hydrogen station

This will be the first station of Shell globally to have the hydrogen production unit on site, which will help achieve the maximum energy efficiency

Times News Service

MUSCAT: During Oman Sustainability Week, Oman Shell and Oman Airports Management Company announced land allocation for Shell's green hydrogen for mobility project.

The land assigned for this project is owned by Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) and is located near Oman International Airport. Construction will commence as soon as the necessary permits are secured, with the station expect-



ed to be on stream in 2024.

Commenting on this milestone, Walid Hadi said, "This will be the first station of Shell globally to have the hydrogen production unit on site, which will help achieve the maximum energy efficiency. Taking an integrated energy approach, the station will be partially solar-powered and will include multiple mobility solutions including electric vehicle (EV) charging units, hydrogen fuelling units as well as other fuelling products and non-fuel retail products and services."

Sheikh Aimen Al Hosni, CEO of Oman Airports, stated, "The vision of Oman Airports' environmental sustainability strategy

is to work together with all our stakeholders towards a greener Oman for generations to come. The green hydrogen for mobility project in partnership with Oman Shell is an important investment in the existing infrastructure, which will reduce carbon emissions and provide a more sustainable environment for the residents around Muscat Airport. The introduction of hydrogen cars to our fleet and having a state-of-the-art hydrogen station set up near the premises of Muscat Airport will be a major step towards a more sustainable future for Oman, in line with Oman Vision 2040 and Oman's Net Zero by 2050 ambitions."

ENERGY SERVICES

Abraj's stock listed on MSX

MUSCAT: Muscat Stock Exchange (MSX) celebrated yesterday the listing and start of trading the shares of Abraj Energy Services company.

Abraj Energy Services is considered the first company to undergo an initial public offering (IPO) within the framework of the exit plan led by the Oman Investment Authority (OIA).

The listing ceremony was attended by Abdulsalam Mohammed Al Murshidi, Chairman of OIA, Mohammed Mahfoud Al Ardhi, Chairman of MSX Board of



Directors, and several stakeholders and businesspeople in the securities sector.

The volume of subscriptions in the shares of Abraj Energy Ser-

vices company amounted to over OMR790 million with a coverage rate of 870 per cent. This figure exceeds the required amount by more than 8 times. -OMA

CENTRAL BANK OF OMAN

Treasury bills worth OMR12.10 million issued

MUSCAT: The Central Bank of Oman (CBO) raised OMR12.10 million by way of allotting treasury bills on Tuesday.

The value of the allotted Treasury bills amounted to OMR10.40 million, for a maturity period of 28 days. The average accepted price reached OMR99.652 for every OMR100, and the minimum accepted price arrived at OMR99.650 per OMR100. The average discount rate and the average yield reached 4.53743 per cent and 4.55328 per cent, respectively.

Whereas, the value of the allotted Treasury bills amounted to OMR1.70 million, for a maturity period of 91 days.

The average accepted price reached OMR98.775 for every OMR100, and the minimum accepted price arrived at OMR89.775 per OMR100. The average discount rate and the average yield reached 4.91346 per cent and 4.97440 per cent, respectively. -OMA



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Invitation to the Annual Ordinary General Meeting

The Board of Directors of HSBC Bank Oman S.A.O.G. (hereinafter referred to as the "Bank") is pleased to invite the Shareholders of the Bank to attend the Annual General Meeting ('AGM'), to be held at 3:00 pm on Wednesday, 29th March 2023 via the electronic platform for convening General Meetings which can be accessed via the Muscat Clearing and Depository Company ('MCDC') website (www.mcd.gov.om), in the event a quorum is not present on the day, the meeting shall be held at 3:00 pm on Wednesday 5th April 2023 to discuss the following agenda:

1. To consider and approve the Board of Directors' Report for the financial year ended 31 December 2022.
2. To consider and approve the Corporate Governance Report for the financial year ended 31 December 2022.
3. To consider the Auditors' Report and approve the Financial Statements (Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account) of the Bank for the year ended 31 December 2022.
4. To consider and approve the distribution of a cash dividend at the rate of 8 Omani Baisa (Eight Baisas) as a Dividend per Share for the year ended 31 December 2022 to the Shareholders
5. To consider and ratify the Board and Committees' sitting fees during the preceding year and specify the Board and Committees sitting fees for the coming year.
6. To appoint the statutory auditors for the financial year ending 31 December 2023 and approve their remuneration.
7. To consider and approve the distribution of an annual pay-out of (20,000 Omani Riyals) to the Board of Directors for the financial year ending 31 December 2022.
8. To consider and note the transactions carried out by the Bank with related parties during the financial year ended 31 December 2022.
9. To elect three new Board members to fill in the vacant seats on the Board for the Bank from amongst Shareholders or non-Shareholders. Any person who wishes to be nominated to the Board of Directors of the Bank is required to fill in a Director's Nomination Form. Such a form can be obtained from the Bank. The completed form should be delivered to the Bank Head Quarters no later than five (5) days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting (i.e. at 2:30 pm Wednesday 22 March 2023).

In accordance with the Bank's Articles of Association and the controls for Convening General Meetings of Public Joint Stock Companies using modern technology issued by the Capital Market Authority, we would like to draw to your attention the following:

- a) Juristic persons shall have the right to appoint a proxy to attend the General Meetings and vote on their behalf via electronic means, subject to the proxy holder having an investor number issued by the MCDC.
- b) Voting on agenda items shall begin three (3) days prior to the date of the General Meetings and shall continue until the end of the voting process on the Meetings day. In the event of a deviation (either an increase or a decrease) in the shareholders' poll balance, the voting process shall be null and void and a re-vote shall be counted once again on the day of the Meetings

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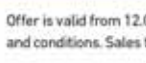
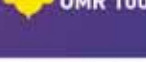


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MARKET

MSX index ends higher

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A total number of 8,322 trades were executed during the day's trading session, generating a turnover of OMR14.68 million, with more than 4772 million shares changing hands. Out of 29 traded securities, 9 advanced, 9 declined, and 11 remained unchanged.

Financial Index closed at 7,958.20 points, up 0.97 per cent. Prices of Ahli Bank, Ominvest, Oman United Insurance and Bank Nizwa were up by 4.65 per cent, 3.60 per cent, 3.23 per cent

and 1.01 per cent respectively. Prices of Oman & Emirates Investment, Muscat Finance and Bank Muscat were up by 3.41 per cent, 1.64 per cent and 0.35 per cent respectively.

Industrial Index closed at 6,215.52 points, up 1.57 per cent. Prices of Oman Cement and Oman Refreshment were up by 9.87 per cent and 9.31 per cent respectively. Prices of National Aluminium and Galfar Engineering were up by 4.84 per cent and 2.42 per cent respectively.

Services Index was down by 0.13 per cent before closing at 1,727.54 points. Prices of Abraj Energy, OIFC and Oman Telecom were up by 14.86 per cent, 6.61 per cent and 1.48 per cent respectively. Prices of National Gas, SMN Power Holding, and Shell Oman Marketing were up by 3.67 per cent, 2.94 per cent and 0.44 per cent respectively – **United Securities**

MUSCAT STOCK EXCHANGE

INDECIES

Index	High	Low	Value	Prev. Value	Diff.	Diff%
MSX 30 INDEX	4,937.23	4,850.91	4,920.63	4,894.01	26.63	0.54
FINANCIAL INDEX	7,958.20	7,864.72	7,958.20	7,881.47	76.74	0.97
Industry Index	6,215.52	6,135.99	6,215.52	6,119.29	96.23	1.57
Services Index	1,733.77	1,706.12	1,727.54	1,729.76	-2.22	-0.13
MSX Shariah Index	489.34	484.52	486.07	488.78	-2.71	-0.55
MSX TR INDEX	6,253.98	6,144.64	6,232.96	6,179.51	53.45	0.86
FINANCIAL TR IDX	8,333.28	8,235.39	8,333.28	8,247.08	86.21	1.05
SERVICES TR IDX	1,858.24	1,828.60	1,851.56	1,846.06	5.49	0.30
INDUSTRIAL TR IDX	6,471.12	6,388.32	6,471.12	6,370.94	100.18	1.57

Trading Summary

Volume	Turnover	Trades	Market Cap.	Up	Down	Equal	Sec. Traded
47,729,389	14,676,213	8,322	23,980,601,939	9	9	11	29

SHARE PRICE BULLETIN FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 14

SECURITY NAME	VOLUME	TURNOVER	TRADES	OPEN PRICE	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE PR	PREV. CLOSE	DIFF. (BD)	DIFF %	LAST PR	LAST BD	LAST OFFR	PAR VALUE	MARKET CAP
REGULAR MARKET															
OM0000001749 OMAN CEMENT	959,784	316,899	25	0.312	0.334	0.312	0.334	0.304	0.030	9.868	0.334	0.334	0.334	0.100	110,511,485
OM0000001525 OMAN INVST & FIN.	270,496	34,668	12	0.122	0.129	0.122	0.129	0.121	0.008	6.612	0.129	0.120	0.129	0.100	30,573,000
OM0000002200 AHLI BANK	212,000	38,160	5	0.180	0.180	0.180	0.180	0.172	0.008	4.651	0.180	0.180	0.180	0.100	350,938,344
OM0000001533 OMINVEST	224,200	116,574	8	0.520	0.520	0.518	0.518	0.500	0.018	3.600	0.518	0.500	0.520	0.100	346,213,291
OM0000001087 OMAN UNITED INSUR.	39,085	12,505	4	0.318	0.320	0.318	0.320	0.310	0.010	3.226	0.320	0.314	0.320	0.100	32,000,000
OM0000003026 OMAN TELECOM	58,176	59,775	27	1.000	1.030	1.000	1.030	1.015	0.015	1.478	1.030	1.020	1.020	0.100	772,500,000
OM0000001483 NATIONAL BANK OMAN	38,155	10,471	15	0.270	0.275	0.270	0.275	0.275	0.000	0.000	0.275	0.272	0.275	0.100	447,135,248
OM0000002176 JAZEERA STEEL PROD.	5,100	1,479	2	0.290	0.290	0.290	0.290	0.290	0.000	0.000	0.290	0.290	0.294	0.100	36,220,408
OM0000003224 RENAISSANCE SER	107,467	44,131	16	0.410	0.420	0.410	0.420	0.420	0.000	0.000	0.420	0.402	0.462	0.100	99,292,200
OM0000003398 SOHAR INT. BANK	100,000	10,400	1	0.104	0.104	0.104	0.104	0.104	0.000	0.000	0.104	0.104	0.105	0.100	477,366,478
OM0000002796 BANK MUSCAT	900,704	260,130	31	0.289	0.289	0.288	0.288	0.289	-0.001	-0.346	0.288	0.279	0.288	0.100	2161,842,354
OM0000003968 OOREDOO	64,995	28,157	26	0.410	0.452	0.410	0.430	0.450	-0.020	-4.444	0.430	0.424	0.424	0.100	279,906,019
Total	12	2,980,162	933,349	172											

Parallel Market

OM0000008934 ABRAJ ENERGY SERVICES	42,207,607	12,089,071	8,089	0.290	0.291	0.282	0.286	0.249	0.037	14.859	0.291	0.286	0.287	0.100	220,277,200
OM0000001426 OMAN REFRESHMENT	76,978	103,935	2	1.355	1.355	1.350	1.350	1.235	0.115	9.312	1.350	1.350	0.000	0.100	67,500,000
OM0000004420 BANK NIZWA	267,000	26,700	6	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.099	0.001	1.010	0.100	0.097	0.100	0.100	223,695,303
OM0000001418 RAYSUT CEMENT	2,515	351	2	0.137	0.140	0.137	0.140	0.140	0.000	0.000	0.140	0.138	0.154	0.100	28,000,000
OM0000002374 UNITED FINANCE	110,000	6,930	5	0.063	0.063	0.063	0.063	0.063	0.000	0.000	0.063	0.062	0.063	0.100	21,996,098
OM0000002804 ASAFAA FOODS	150	32	1	0.210	0.210	0.210	0.210	0.210	0.000	0.000	0.210	0.191	0.231	0.100	25,200,000
OM0000003661 VOLTAMP ENERGY	60,000	7,080	4	0.118	0.118	0.118	0.118	0.118	0.000	0.000	0.118	0.118	0.120	0.100	9,605,525
OM0000004768 MADINA TAKAFUL	144,600	13,170	6	0.092	0.092	0.091	0.091	0.091	0.000	0.000	0.091	0.090	0.091	0.100	15,925,000
OM0000005260 OMAN ARAB BANK	45,100	5,232	1	0.116	0.116	0.116	0.116	0.116	0.000	0.000	0.116	0.000	0.116	0.100	193,651,560
OM0000005963 PHOENIX POWER	300	17	1	0.057	0.057	0.057	0.057	0.057	0.000	0.000	0.057	0.057	0.060	0.100	83,368,283
OM0000002275 SHELL OMAN MRK.	1,637,308	1,473,577	6	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.900	0.904	-0.004	-0.442	0.900	0.000	0.960	0.100	85,500,000
OM0000001590 MUSCAT FINANCE	60,500	3,610	6	0.059	0.060	0.059	0.060	0.061	-0.001	-1.639	0.060	0.059	0.060	0.100	18,428,780
OM0000003521 GALFAR ENGINEER	444	90	1	0.202	0.202	0.202	0.202	0.207	-0.005	-2.415	0.202	0.200	0.208	0.100	41,003,262
OM0000004248 SMN POWER HOLDING	105,325	10,437	8	0.100	0.100	0.099	0.099	0.102	-0.003	-2.941	0.099	0.099	0.102	0.100	19,763,924
OM0000001681 OMAN EMIRATES HO.	3,200	272	2	0.085	0.085	0.085	0.085	0.088	-0.003	-3.409	0.085	0.082	0.085	0.100	10,359,375
OM0000001160 NATIONAL GAS	15,700	1,649	4	0.105	0.105	0.105	0.105	0.109	-0.004	-3.670	0.105	0.102	0.115	0.100	8,925,000
OM0000001319 ALUMINIUM PROD.	12,500	712	6	0.056	0.060	0.056	0.059	0.062	-0.003	-4.839	0.059	0.056	0.060	0.100	1,980,716
Total	17	44,749,227	13,742,864	8,150											

REFUSE-DERIVED FUEL

be'ah inks MoU with Oman Cement

MUSCAT: Omani Environment Services Holding Company (be'ah) and Oman Cement Company signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to use Refuse-Derived Fuel (RDF) as an alternative fuel in cement manufacturing.

Signing the MoU comes within the framework of Oman Sustainability Week, which is held at the Oman Convention and Exhibition Centre from March 12 to 16.

The MoU was signed by Eng. Tariq Ali Al Amri, CEO of be'ah, and Eng. Salem Abdullah Al Hajri, CEO of Oman Cement Company.

The signing of the memorandum is in line with be'ah's strategy to divert municipal solid waste from landfills through sustainable waste management practices and material and energy recovery applications in a bid to increase in-country value and reduce land-filling. The project will utilise an additional alternative fuel in the cement manufacturing process, replacing natural gas, and increasing cement production.

Refuse-derived fuel is produced



utilising municipal solid waste, consisting of different streams of waste, including non-recyclable plastic and paper waste, wood chips and sawdust, and other mixed combustible waste.

be'ah also signed a research agreement with Sohar University aimed to develop a database on the amount of waste generated in Oman. This agreement was signed by Kumail Ahmed Al Lawati, be'ah's

Vice President for Business Development and Prof. Hamza Idris, Sohar University's Deputy Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

As per this agreement, the research team at Sohar University will be tasked with developing a database for electrical and electronic devices in homes, companies, commercial buildings, and industrial areas and dismantling the waste devices. -**ONA**

BUSINESS PLATFORM

Sezad event for SMEs concludes

Times News Service

MUSCAT: The 'Rowad Duqm' programme, organised by the Special Economic Zone at Duqm (Sezad) in cooperation with the Tawasil Foundation, a number of government and private bodies operating in the zone, SMEs and entrepreneurs concluded.

The closing ceremony was presided over by Eng. Ahmed bin Ali Akaak, Acting CEO of the Special Economic Zone at Duqm. This 3-day programme marked as a business platform where around 45 companies, government bodies and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) took part and attracted 70 participants from SMEs, entrepreneurs, and employees of companies operating in Sezad.

It aimed to create sustainable business opportunities for SMEs and entrepreneurs. It also contributed to establishing partnerships between the participants and corporates operating in the zone.

MINISTER OF COMMERCE



Minister explores investment projects at Nizwa Industrial City

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Qais bin Mohammed Al Yousef, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion visited Madayn's Nizwa Industrial City to explore the investment projects in the industrial city.

Al Yousef was received by Ahmed bin Salim Al Hajri, Direc-

tor-General of Nizwa Industrial City, who gave a brief overview of the investment climate in the industrial city along with the key performance indicators, completed projects over the past two years, and the current projects. Al Yousef then toured Nizwa Industrial City and visited Pragati Glass Gulf and Al Wahej Al Raqi Factory.

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OMINVEST PROJECT

Oman's new real estate project La Vie to attract top tourism and sports brands

Times News Service

MUSCAT: Oman Real Estate Investment and Services (ORIS), the real estate arm of Oman International Development and Investment Company (Ominvest), has unveiled the details of its latest project in Madinat Al Erfan, named La Vie, which translates to 'The Life' in French. The project was announced during Ominvest's 40th anniversary celebrations.

Touching on the project's objective, Abdulaziz Al Balushi, Group CEO at Ominvest, said, "Through this project, Ominvest aims to support the Sultanate's efforts in enhancing the role of tourism and sports sector in the diversification of the country's economy. La Vie will be a valuable addition to the sector's infrastructure, attracting top brands in tourism and sports from around the world to operate its various facilities. It will also provide several job opportunities for Omani nationals, which aligns with the objectives of Oman Vision 2040. As an enabling body, Ominvest is committed to realising this vision in a way that meets everyone's aspirations."

Nasser Al Shibli, Chief Real Estate Officer at Ominvest, explained, "Following the successful completion of our iconic 'Ominvest Business Centre', we embarked on a search for a new project that could offer something unique and add value to the city of Muscat. This



was why we selected Muscat Hills. It was the ideal location to develop a distinctive residential, sports, and tourism project that could embody the city centre concept while serving as a natural hub for entertainment and family activities. This dream has become a reality today, and the project, once completed, will undoubtedly be a wonderful addition to the area's aesthetic appeal."

Covering an area of approximately 610,000 square metres, the La Vie project will feature the re-opening of one of the region's largest natural golf courses, complete with 18 holes and a private club for golf enthusiasts. The course and clubhouse will be managed by the renowned golf management company - 'Troon', which operates over 750 golf clubs across 30

countries worldwide.

With a built-up area of 64,000 square metres, the La Vie project will comprise residential, commercial, and tourism buildings. The centrepiece of the development is an 80-room boutique hotel managed by global hospitality giant - Tivoli, a part of Minor brand, which is making its debut in the local market. The hotel boasts a rooftop swimming pool that is 70 meters long, providing stunning views of the golf course and will also feature a private health club and spa operated by the world-leading brand 'Anantara'. Additionally, Tivoli will manage 100 fully serviced apartments.

The residential complex of the La Vie project will consist of 8 independent luxury villas and 22 apartments, all offering unique

views of the Sea of Oman and the Al Hajar Mountains. The development will also feature approximately 2,800 square metres of retail space, including restaurants and cafes that will host a wide variety of international brands, some of which will be entering the Omani market for the first time, with ample parking for both residents and visitors.

Al Shibli added, "What sets the La Vie project apart is its focus on environmental and social sustainability, aligning with Ominvest's commitment to international standards across all its activities. The building design features double-glazed windows and a shaded façade, reducing the cooling requirements of the project. Building orientation has also been optimised to minimise UV exposure, while wind tunnels have been incorporated in outdoor seating areas to enhance visitor comfort. The project will use solar energy to heat water and feature walking paths and exercise facilities.

"Electric vehicle charging units and bicycle facilities will be provided to guests free of charge, with easy access to public transport through collaboration between the development and the public transport company. Moreover, consultants and operators have been carefully selected from the best companies worldwide to ensure adherence to the highest sustainability standards."

FINDING JOY IN THE DARKNESS

A TEENAGE CANCER PATIENT'S STORY OF HOPE, FAMILY AND AN AMAZING TRIP

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We walked by rooms to see children having to go through treatment or recover from surgery alone, and we realised there's got to be something we can do to help

Emma Frommeyer is a typical teenager in so many ways. She loves music, makeup and hanging out with friends. She's also an incredibly smart honour roll student, however, there is one thing that sets her apart from most teenagers ... Emma has a brain tumour and is fighting for her life.

“She called me one day to come get her from school, which is not her,” said Emma's mother, Dacia Wood. “Three hours later doctors told us she had a tumour. Tears were running down my face, but she laughed and said, ‘I knew it.’”

Nine days after her 13th birthday, Emma was diagnosed with a very aggressive form of brain cancer (group 3 medulloblastoma). Since then, her life has revolved around hospitals, going through radiation, and a lot of therapy, but Emma has faced these challenges with grace and joy. She had successful surgery to resect the tumor, then went to inpatient rehab to build her strength and endurance. She is currently going through a year of IV chemotherapy.

“We always say that I was probably the best one (in her family) to get cancer,” said Emma. “I made it good. The only time it was sad was when I would get emotional or upset about it. Other than that, it was a fun time. It's brought me closer to my family, especially my mom and my aunt. We're always together and we laugh a lot.”

If ever there was proof of every

storm cloud having a silver lining, Emma's fight is it. She has spent these last few years battling through adversity, all the while remaining positive and optimistic. And this has allowed her to build an unbreakable connection with her mother. The time spent traveling to and from the hospital for treatment provided opportunities for the two of them to talk, laugh and sometimes cry. These regular trips, however, came with a financial cost as gas prices hit record highs.

This is where the Bear Fund became an invaluable part of team Emma.

“It was 50 miles one way, back and forth each time, and she had 30 visits,” said Wood. “That's 100 miles. And gas, of course, is expensive. The Bear Fund stepped in by providing gas cards, which was a huge help. We wanted to focus on Emma's treatment, so not having to worry about gas to get her to her appointments was a big deal for us.”

The Bear Fund was founded by Heather and Nick Baker after their youngest child, Barrett (“Bear”), was diagnosed with a rare liver cancer. During that time, the couple saw first-hand the economic challenges some families on the hospital floors were facing. They decided they wanted to help, so they established The Bear Fund, in partnership with the Cancer Support Community, to provide financial support and navigation services to families with children diagnosed with cancer.

“We walked by rooms to see chil-

dren having to go through treatment or recover from surgery alone, and we realised there's got to be something we can do to help,” said Heather Baker. “Parents shouldn't have to worry about missing work, or the cost to find childcare for their other children, so they can be with their kids during treatment. We wanted to do what we could with the help of amazing donors to make this tough journey just a little bit easier.”

Among the Bear Fund's many partners is California-based Mercury Insurance, and their philanthropic initiative, Mercury Cares. The company was introduced to Emma and her incredible story through the Bear Fund and the Cancer Support Community and decided to give Emma an experience to remember.

“Mercury Cares partners with like-minded organisations that are committed to providing valuable services to the customers and communities we help protect,” said Erik Thompson, Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer at Mercury Insurance. “We were struck by Emma's courage and the unwavering support she received from her family, so we wanted to give them something so they could step away from being Emma the cancer patient. We wanted her to enjoy an experience as Emma, the 13-year-old

girl who loves her family.”

Since her diagnosis, Emma hasn't had the opportunity to do the things many 13-year-olds are able to do. To remedy that, Mercury Cares gifted Emma and her family the trip of a lifetime, sending the entire family to Southern California, away from hospitals and treatments, so they could spend time together creating memories.

“Mercury showed how much they care when they gifted a dream trip to Los Angeles so Emma could see one of her favorite music artists and enjoy some beach time with her family,” said Tara Conner, Emma's aunt. “She'd never seen the ocean, and we are so thankful for the joy that it's brought.”

Emma's story is captured in a series of videos, allowing everyone to get to know this amazing young woman and watch her journey, as she shares her story to inspire and empower others.

“I always wanted to have a close relationship with my family, so when I finally got that, I was really happy,” said Emma. **-BPT**



TSPORTS

Relaxed ahead of WTC final: Kohli

Being unable to score big for team was eating me up, says star India batter Virat Kohli after his marathon ton in drawn Ahmedabad Test against Australia

AHMEDABAD: Star India batter Virat Kohli admitted that not being able to get a big score for his team bothered him to some extent and he will head into the ICC World Test Championship (WTC) final against Australia in a relaxed state of mind following his marathon century against Australia in the fourth Test of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy that ended in a draw in Ahmedabad on Monday.

India qualified for the final of the WTC, where they will take on Australia at The Oval in London from June 7. India's qualification was secured after New Zealand defeated Sri Lanka in a last-ball thriller in the first Test in Christchurch, New Zealand on Monday.

Kohli brought an end to his century drought in Test cricket, scoring his 75th international century and his 28th in Tests. This was his first century in Tests since November 2019. He scored 186



runs in 364 balls, consisting of 15 fours in his marathon effort.

In a video posted by BCCI, featuring Team India head coach Rahul Dravid, Kohli said: "I had let complications grow on me a bit because of my shortcomings. The desperation to get that three figure mark can grow on you as a batter and I let that happen to me to some extent. I am not the guy who is happy with 40-45 runs, when I know I can get 150 and help my team.

This was eating me up for a while. "Not being able to get a big score for the team bothered me as I have always taken pride in performing in different conditions and situations whenever the team needed me. It was never about milestones. A hundred is something that just happens along the way in my goal of batting as long as long for my team and scoring as much as possible."

Kohli added: "To be able to do

ing well, even in the Test matches before this one. It was a good wicket to bat on. The Australians utilised whatever little help was on the surface really well. I had to trust my defence and be patient. This is the template with which I have always played in Test. My defence is my strongest point. When I defend well, I know I can cash in whenever there is a loose ball to hit and get runs."

"Boundaries were not easy to come by. Outfield was slow and the ball was soft. Something that calmed me down was that I was happy to run ones and twos and score my hundred. I can bat four, five sessions here. That is where fitness and physical preparations come into play for me. I come out relaxed because I know I can bat in many ways. I am not desperate for fast runs. I am happy scoring 30 runs hitting in a session and not hitting boundaries. I am fine with batting six sessions and getting a 150. I know boundaries will come eventually," added the batter.

Kohli said that it is not possible to play the same way all the time because one needs to adjust as per conditions. "This is one of the main reasons why I have been able to play all the formats of the game for so long. The adaptability comes from knowing physically I can do things in different ways. Mentally, I can prepare to play in a certain way. But if my body would not support it, I would be found out," he said.

"I have been able to adapt to different situations and conditions as I was able to run ones and twos and do power hitting as well. For that you need all-round fitness, which does not happen over a period of two to three months," added Kohli. - **ANI**

Iyer doubtful for ODIs vs Australia

AHMEDABAD: India middle-order batter Shreyas Iyer is doubtful for the upcoming three-match ODI series against Australia starting from March 17 due to a recurring back injury, with skipper Rohit Sharma saying that Iyer "does not seem to be doing that well."

Iyer did not bat in the fourth and final Test against Australia at Ahmedabad. He is currently under the supervision of the BCCI medical team at the National Cricket Academy in Bengaluru where he will be assessed.

Iyer flew out of Ahmedabad before the match concluded to seek a prognosis of his condition.

As per *ESPNCricinfo*, Iyer is certain to miss the first ODI. The recurrence of Iyer's back condition will also be a concern to Kolkata Knight Riders, which he captains in the Indian Premier League (IPL) after being signed in a mega auction last year following his release from Delhi Capitals. - **ANI**

THREE-MATCH SERIES

Latham to lead new-look NZ side in ODI series against Sri Lanka

WELLINGTON: Tom Latham will lead a new-look New Zealand side for a three-match ODI series against Sri Lanka, starting from March 25, with Kiwis set to play without several key players.

New Zealand will be without ODI regulars Kane Williamson, Tim Southee, Devon Conway and Mitchell Santner. Finn Allen, Lockie Ferguson and Glenn Phillips will also be released from the squad after the first ODI to travel to India for the Indian Premier League (IPL).

The three players will be replaced by Henry Nicholls, Mark Chapman and Ben Lister in the squad from the second ODI onwards.

The series will also witness the returns of Will Young and Tom Blundell to the ODI setup.

Skipper Tom Latham will be able to bank on the presence of regulars like Daryl Mitchell, Ish



Sodhi and Michael Bracewell for all the three ODIs.

New Zealand have also handed a call-up to Chad Bowes, who could

always exciting as a coach to have new players in the environment and to have players putting their hands up to be selected again in a particular format."

"We are set to play 16 white ball matches between now and the start of May so there will be a number of chances for players to test themselves in familiar and unfamiliar conditions."

The three matches will be played between March 25 and 31 in Auckland, Christchurch and Hamilton.

New Zealand squad: Tom Latham (c), Finn Allen (ODI 1), Tom Blundell, Chad Bowes, Michael Bracewell, Mark Chapman (ODI 2 & 3), Lockie Ferguson (ODI 1), Matt Henry, Ben Lister (ODI 2 & 3), Daryl Mitchell, Henry Nicholls (ODI 2 & 3), Glenn Phillips (ODI 1), Henry Shipley, Ish Sodhi, Blair Tickner, Will Young. - **ANI**

GALLE NAMED VENUE

Ireland to play two Tests against hosts Sri Lanka

DUBLIN: Ireland will play a two-match Test series in Galle against Sri Lanka in April, Cricket Ireland announced the rejigged schedule on Monday.

Sri Lanka's desire to play more Test cricket has received a boost with the news that next month's visit of Ireland will now include two Test matches. The tour was recently scheduled to consist of one Test match and two ODIs, but both teams agreed to play a second Test encounter and skip the 50-over games.

Sri Lanka are currently in New Zealand for their two-match series against the Black Caps and on Monday had their faint hopes of reaching this year's ICC World Test Championship (WTC) final dashed when they fell to a thrilling final-over loss to the Kiwis.

While the visit of Ireland will not be a part of the WTC, it will provide Sri Lanka with some excellent practice ahead of the next WTC cycle.

The five-day matches will also be important for Ireland, who have played just three Test matches in total over the last six years.

Their next three will now come in the space of two months, with Ireland travelling to Sri Lanka for two Tests and then taking on England in a one-off Test at the start of June.

Both Test matches between Sri Lanka and Ireland will be held in Galle, with the first contest commencing on April 16 and the second from April 24.

"When we were approached by Sri Lanka Cricket about the possibility of a change to the schedule, our immediate thoughts



were around our white-ball priority, given the potential 50-over World Cup qualification later this year still being a tangible outcome. Talking through our priorities and their priorities, we agreed to the late change given that the Test series is preceded by six white-ball matches in Bangladesh, and followed by three further ODIs after we return home," Richard Holdsworth, High-Performance Director at Cricket Ireland, said in an official statement.

Ireland squad for the Sri Lanka tour: Andrew Balbirnie (capt), Mark Adair, Curtis Campher, Murray Commins, George Dockrell, Fionn Hand, Graham Hume, Matthew Humphreys, Tom Mayes, Andrew McBrine, James McCollum, PJ Moor, Harry Tector, Lorcan Tucker and Ben White. - **ANI**

OMAN CRICKET

Vanderlande face Israr Ghala in senior knockout T20 final

MUSCAT: Vanderlande set up a summit clash with Israr Ghala in the Oman Cricket senior knockout T20 final while Mazoon Dairy will take on Earn Trust CT in the final of the junior knockout T20 tournament.

The senior and junior finals will be played at Al Amerat ground on March 17.

In the senior knockout first semi-final, Vanderlande beat Bank Muscat by 25 runs. Batting first, Vanderlande scored 195/3, courtesy Vinayagam Barathwaj's 87 off 48 balls. Bank Muscat were then bowled out for 170. Haja

Hussain claimed four wickets while Aasim Mohammed took three wickets.

The other semi-final witnessed Israr Ghala rout PDO by seven wickets. Batting first PDO were bundled out for 129 in 19.4 overs. Mobeen Mohammed and Mohammed Islam grabbed three wickets each. Israr Ghala chased down the target in 15.4 overs as they scored 130/3.

In the junior knockout semi-final, Mazoon Dairy trounced KCA Deutag by 55 runs. Batting first, Mazoon Dairy scored 193/4 with Yusuf Patanwala

top-scoring with 66. KCA Deutag were bowled out for 138 in 18.4 overs. Hemantha Kumar and Patanwala claimed three wickets each.

The other semi-final saw Earn Trust CT score a thrilling nine-run win over Skill Vision and NTS CT. Earn Trust, batting first put up a huge score of 201/6 with Imran Ali smashing 77 of 44 balls. Skill Vision and NTS CT took the game into the final over but fell short by 9 runs as they reached 192/5. Santosh Varikkath was the top run-getter with 94.



Imran Ali and Maanas Kapoor

SERIES AGAINST WEST INDIES



Shamsi replaces injured Maharaj for ODIs

JOHANNESBURG: South African spinner Tabraiz Shamsi has replaced an injured Keshav Maharaj for the upcoming ODI series against West Indies, starting from March 16 onwards. The second ODI will be played on March 18 while the third and final will be held on March 21.

Maharaj had injured himself while celebrating Kyle Mayers' wicket during the West Indies second innings in the second Test

at home. Proteas won the Test series 2-0.

South Africa's Wiaan Mulder has also been ruled out of the three-match ODI series against West Indies due to a side strain. Wayne Parnell has been named as his replacement.

The Proteas all-rounder suffered a grade one side strain during the second Test against West Indies. He had experienced discomfort during the Test and

scans later confirmed the strain.

Parnell has 98 ODI wickets at an average of 30.4.

ODI squad for the first and second ODI:

Temba Bavuma (c), Gerald Coetzee, Quinton de Kock, Tony de Zorzi, Bjorn Fortuin, Reeza Hendricks, Sisanda Magala, Lungi Ngidi, Ryan Rickelton, Wayne Parnell, Andile Phehlukwayo, Tabraiz Shamsi, Tristan Stubbs, Lizaad Williams, Rassie van der Dussen. - **ANI**

Williams, Rassie van der Dussen.

ODI squad for the third ODI:

Temba Bavuma (c), Gerald Coetzee, Quinton de Kock, Tony de Zorzi, Bjorn Fortuin, Reeza Hendricks, Marco Jansen, Heinrich Klaasen, Sisanda Magala, Aiden Markram, David Miller, Lungi Ngidi, Ryan Rickelton, Wayne Parnell, Andile Phehlukwayo, Tabraiz Shamsi, Tristan Stubbs, Lizaad Williams, Rassie van der Dussen. - **ANI**

Suzuki unveils its game-changer SUV all-new Grand Vitara

With powerful SUV exterior styling, flushed hood and crafted chrome grill, and long shoulders emphasise the overall length while the shoulder line and the front/rear fenders, give it a muscular and assertive SUV exterior

MUSCAT: Suzuki Motor Corporation, has unveiled its game-changer SUV, the all-new Grand Vitara. Suzuki has developed the All-new Grand Vitara as a global flagship SUV and shall showcase the best of Suzuki's design, technology and performance.

With powerful SUV exterior styling, flushed hood and crafted chrome grill, and long shoulders emphasise the overall length while the shoulder line and the front/rear fenders, give it a muscular and assertive SUV exterior. The front face with distinctive 3-point signature lamps, chrome grille bar which connects right and left lamps, and polygonal grille give the all-new Grand Vitara a premium look.



The sophisticated layered instrument panel expresses luxury and the thick console enhances the appearance of a confident SUV, while the black and burgundy dual-tone interior with silver stitched synthetic leather in the instrument panel and the trims create a luxurious cabin. The 4WD variant is equipped with ALLGRIP SELECT a system that allows the driver to choose from four selecta-

ble driving modes.

With the introduction of the All-New Grand Vitara in the Mid-SUV segment and expanding its SUV lineup, Suzuki will seek to expand its share in the middle-east.

Major specifications of the all-new Grand Vitara:

- All Grip Select 4X4 System
- Overall Length 4,345mm x Width 1,795mm x Height 1,645mm

- Engine Type: 1.5L Smart Hybrid (Mild Hybrid)
- Transmission: 6-Speed AT (Mild Hybrid)
- 6 Airbags
- Panoramic sunroof
- Head-up display
- 9" Display Audio System
- 360 view camera
- Wireless Charging
- Cruise Control
- LED Headlamps

Ramadan offers

There's no time like now to bring home the Grand Vitara with the rewarding Suzuki Ramadan offers which include: Insurance (Oman & UAE) + Registration, Service for 2 years or 40,000 km, 5 years unlimited Mileage Warranty, Quality Window tinting, Shopping Voucher worth OMR 100, Fuel Card worth OMR 100, Gifts worth 200 OMR and VAT charges included. Offer

valid from March 12 to May 11.

Drop into our Muscat branch in Wattayah or any of our branches across Oman, in Salalah, Sohar, Nizwa, Sur or Ibri and make the most of this rewarding Ramadan offer. Moosa Abdul Rahman Hassan & Co are the exclusive distributors of Suzuki vehicles in Oman with branches and service networks covering all major towns across the Sultanate.

ADDITIONAL INCENTIVE

Malabar Gold & Diamonds adds more sparkle to its gold rate protection offers

MUSCAT: With an impressive retail network of over 305 outlets across 10 countries, Malabar Gold & Diamonds, the 6th largest jewellery retailer globally has enhanced its gold rate protection offer by providing customers with a free diamond gift voucher worth OMR10 for 10% advance bookings made on or before April 2.

The additional incentive was announced by the brand after the resounding acceptance of their gold rate protection offer which was unveiled on March 1, through which customers can just pay 10% advance for their favourite jewellery and block the gold rate until April 23, protecting themselves from any

increase in gold rate during this period. If the gold rate increases at the time of purchase, customers can avail of the blocked rate and if it reduces they can still draw mileage from the reduced rate.

This offer will be valid across all Malabar Gold & Diamonds showrooms. Customers can either pay the advance directly at the outlet or online, via Malabar Gold & Diamonds' mobile app. The gift voucher will be available to the customers through the brand's mobile app and can only be obtained for the first 10% advance booking made by a customer before April 2. The gift voucher can be redeemed at any Malabar Gold & Diamonds show-

rooms in the country of issue.

"In the short period since we introduced the gold rate protection offer, our valued customers have seized the opportunity to invest in gold, which is one of the safest assets to invest in, without having to worry about the constant change in prices. By paying just 10% as advance, customers can ensure that they reap the benefits of the fluctuating prices, regardless of whether it goes up or down. As Malabar Gold & Diamonds steps into its 30th year of providing an exemplary jewellery shopping experience, we are providing our customers with an added benefit of free diamond gift vouchers to ensure that

they get to enjoy the upcoming festive season to the fullest extent," commented Shamlal Ahamed, MD-International Operations, Malabar Gold & Diamonds.

With the upcoming festive season, this exclusive offer from Malabar Gold & Diamonds will help customers shop for their favourite jewellery, without having to worry about the gold price. Gold being a reliable investment is one of the intrinsic reasons for people buying gold jewellery while also serving as an adornment. It is the ease to liquidate the metal for cash without losing much value even during difficult times that have further increased its dependability.

SPECIAL OCCASION

First Workshop on Digital Documentation of World Heritage in Arab region held at German University of Technology in Oman

MUSCAT: The Unesco chair for World Heritage and Sustainable Tourism Management at the German University of Technology (GUtech) in Oman held yesterday its first activity 'the First Workshop on Digital Documentation for World Heritage in the Arab region'.

From March 11 to 17, Unesco is organising the first workshop on Digital Documentation for World Heritage in the Arab region for Dive into Heritage.

The workshop comes as part of the Dive into Heritage initiative which is funded by the Ministry of Culture in Saudi Arabia and implemented in the region by the Unesco chair for World Heritage and Sustainable Tourism management in the Arab Region and the Arab Regional Centre for World Heritage in Bahrain.

The opening ceremony was held under the auspices of Ibrahim bin Saied Al Kharusi, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Heritage and Tourism for Heritage. Prof. Dr Heba Aziz Director of the Arab Regional Center for World Heritage and Unesco chairholder at GUtech addressed the guests and participants highlighting the importance of innovative technologies for the management and conservation of heritage. Prof. Michael Braun Rector of the German University of Technology in Oman GUtech welcomed the participants and guests to GUtech and stressed the role of



technology in enhancing the engagement of youth in heritage; and the new opportunities that it avails to the future of youth in Oman and the region.

Sheikh Ibrahim bin Mohamed Al Khalifa deputy director of the Arab Regional Centre for World Heritage expressed the centres commitment to consolidate its connection to the universities in the region and to the works of Unesco.

The first workshop gathers site managers, emerging heritage professionals and students from Arab States, 37 participants from Bahrain, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt and Sudan are to learn more about digital tools to document and model World Heritage sites. Participants will learn the basics in surveying and data acquisition as well as data processing methods for 3D models of cultural heritage sites. The workshop includes

theoretical lectures (3D surveying, photogrammetry, laser scanning) taking place at the German University of Technology in Oman and practical work in the field at the Unesco World Heritage property of Bahla Fort Oman.

At the end of the workshop, the participants will present the outcomes of their field recording work and data processing and should be able to understand the full digital workflow and its different stages. The workshop is expected to equip the participants with knowledge and skills to improve the documentation and conservation of World Heritage sites in the Arab region and their Outstanding Universal Value, and contribute to the preservation and promotion of these sites. The Dive into Heritage project is an important step towards making Unesco World Heritage more accessible by using the latest technologies available and safeguarding

it for our future generations.

Mohamed Buzian representative of Unesco mentioned in his opening remarks that the initiative aims at creating an innovative online platform to present digital data of World Heritage sites in the Arab region and its related intangible heritage.

Generously funded by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, through the Programme on Culture and Digital Technologies, the Dive into Heritage project is currently in its Pilot Phase and runs until 31 December 2024.

Social media posts

The Unesco #DiveIntoHeritage project funded by Saudi Arabia is empowering heritage professionals through a workshop on digital documentation in Oman in collaboration with #ARC-WH #GUtech/ Unesco Chair for World Heritage and Sustainable Tourism Management for the Arab Region.

RECOGNITION



Royal Tulip Muscat wins 'best Arab four-star hotel' award at ITB Berlin

MUSCAT: The Royal Tulip Muscat Hotel won the award for the best four-star hotel suitable for an Arab family within the Arab Union Tourism Media Awards for the year 2023, which were distributed on the side-lines of the activities of the Berlin International Tourism and Travel Exhibition held in the German capital Berlin from March 7 to 9.

Ismail Ibrahim, General Manager of the Royal Tulip Muscat Hotel, expressed his happiness at winning this prestigious award, which enhances the strategic growth process of the hotel during the coming period in line with the tourism movement witnessed in the Middle East region.

Ismail added: "Our winning of the award for the best four-star hotel in the Arab world confirms our steadfastness in recording more successes and achievements thanks to the tireless efforts of our team, which includes some of the best workers in the tourism sector in the Arab world."

Ismail stressed that the award represents an incentive to exert more effort and continue to work to achieve more successes and keep abreast of the latest developments in the world of hospitality and tourism to always remain

at the forefront locally, regionally and globally.

The Royal Tulip Muscat Hotel is characterised by a high level of luxury and sophistication, in addition to being equipped with the most luxurious designs and the latest technology. It includes several facilities such as a swimming pool with a panoramic view that allows visitors to see the sights of Muscat Governorate, a health and sports club equipped with the latest sports equipment and a varied menu of Arabic, Indian, Asian and Italian cuisine.

The Royal Tulip Muscat Hotel includes 260 rooms and suites, and a hall for events that can accommodate approximately 300 people, in addition to several meeting rooms equipped with the latest technology.

The hotel continues to attract hundreds of visitors with many distinguished offers during the current period, including the rooms offer, which provides discounts of up to 20% on selected rooms, and allows the visitor to stay in a luxurious hotel room for two people at a very attractive price, as well as the food and beverage offer, which provides a fixed special discount of 20% on some selected menu items.

ROUND-UP

MCBS celebrates 29th graduation ceremony

Modern College of Business and Science highlighted the accomplishments of students from various academic levels including associate, bachelor's, and master's degrees across different disciplines

MUSCAT: The Modern College of Business and Science (MCBS) celebrated the 29th graduation for the academic years 2021-2022. It highlighted the accomplishments of students from various academic levels including associate, bachelor's, and master's degrees across different disciplines. The celebration took place at the Grand Millennium Hotel in Muscat and was attended by several important figures including representatives from MCBS's affiliate Franklin University, Guest of honour Dr David Decker (President - Franklin University, Ohio, USA), Dr Munir Al-Maskari (the college founder and Executive Chairman), Dr Moosa Al Kindi (the college Dean), members of the Board of Governance, senior community members, students, parents, faculty members, and college administrative staff. During the event, Dr Moosa Al Kindi, the Dean of the college, delivered an inspiring speech and revealed some exciting news regarding the college's academic programs. Dr Al Kindi announced that the college will be expanding its academic portfolio by introducing two new programs - Auditing and



Forensic Accounting, and Game Development and Animation. Furthermore, the college has also received approval to offer a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Business Administration, which will commence in the next academic year. MCBS is widely recognised as one of the leading educational institutions in Oman, known for its broad range of academic and training programs that deliver exceptional quality education in various fields. Among its main priorities is to expand its research capabilities and promote an environment that encourages the conduct of research projects that are both internally and externally funded. The institution is committed to meeting the needs of both local and global labour markets by offering diverse programmes and ensuring the highest quality of education. MCBS has a clear mission to support the country's economic development by equipping its graduates with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in their careers and employ a highly specialised and trained team to achieve this goal.



Dune London collaborates with entrepreneur and influencer Reem Alswaidi

MUSCAT: Apparel Group's Dune London announced its latest collaboration with influencer and entrepreneur, Reem Alswaidi. Its Ramadan 23 collection fuses elegance, sophistication and quality craftsmanship, with its signature Dune London style - showcasing the key looks from the collection, Reem shows us how to #start-withtheshoes this Ramadan. Discover beautiful molten lurex flats, statement platforms and elegant kitten heels; finished with art deco crystal and pearl embellishment and adorned with an oversized sun dial buckles. Designed in-house our exquisite Ramadan collection will take you stylishly from iftar through to suhoor, and elevate your celebratory looks.

matching clutch. **Micro crystals** Coordinate your style and make your ensemble truly memorable with diamante embellishments that shine with every step. **Micro crystals** Inspired by the glitz and glamour of the roaring 20s our crystal embellished mules will take you effortlessly from day through to evening. **Sun dial trim** For us, it's all in the detail. Our beautiful crystal embellished brooch has been added to some of our signature styles for a dramatic effect. Dune London is a globally renowned footwear and accessories specialist, combining premium materials with expert in-house design and craftsmanship for more than 30 years.

PROMOTION

Own Toyota and avail 'Biggest Excitement' benefits

MUSCAT: Toyota's much awaited 'Biggest Excitement' campaign is back! This season own a Toyota and get exclusive benefits. The benefits include Service from 2 Years/20,000 km up to 5 Years / 50,000 km (whichever is earlier) and Insurance 1 Year Or Cash Gift in Lieu of Insurance OMR125 to OMR300 and 8 Toyota Raize SUV raffles. The campaign is valid until May 10. (Prospective buyers may be advised that the benefits vary between model variants, model year and manufacturing year. Terms & Conditions apply. Customers can visit any Saud Bahwan Automotive showroom for exact details.) Toyota vehicles are one of the most preferred high quality and dependable vehicles that have continued to make a lasting impression on customers in Oman. Toyota's legendary Land Cruiser still remains unbeatable in many aspects and continues to be a leader in terms of its inspiring strength, durability and reliability. Powering the Land Cruiser is a choice of two powertrain options. The V6 twin-turbo 3.5-liter petrol engine achieves class-leading performance that surpasses that of a conventional V8, producing 409 hp and up to 650 nm. This is paired



to a 10-speed automatic transmission. Also available is a naturally aspirated 4.0-liter V6 petrol engine that produces 271 hp and up to 385 nm paired to a 6-speed automatic transmission. The Toyota Hilux is one of the most dependable and powerful pick-ups in its category. In Oman, customers have a choice of two versions of the Hilux. The rugged Hilux with J-Deck and the sporty 4.0 Litre V6 Hilux Adventure with the A Deck. The 4.0 Litre V6 Toyota

Hilux Adventure is a truly exciting mean machine that's been developed by Toyota to get your pulse racing. The powerful Hilux Adventure is equipped with a mighty 4.0 Litre V6 Engine packing a mighty punch with 235 HP & 38.3 Kg-m Torque. It has an Auto Disconnect Differential to keep the tempo going. Similarly the Hilux 4X4 is equipped with a 2.7 Litre Petrol Engine that is available in 5-speed Manual Transmission and 6 Speed Automatic Transmission, outputting 164 HP.

The Toyota Camry takes style and performance to high levels with stylish exterior, advanced range of features and technology. The Camry is available with a choice of three powertrain options. They include a 2.5-litre four-cylinder Dynamic Force engine that produces 204 hp and 243 nm of torque which is paired with an eight-speed Direct-Shift Multi-mode automatic transmission. A 3.5-litre V6 engine with D-4S fuel injection system that produces

298 hp and 356 nm of torque and which is mated to an eight-speed multi-mode automatic transmission. And an electrified hybrid system, which combines a petrol engine and two electric motors. The combined power of the two power sources is 208 hp. It is also paired with an Electrically Controlled Continuously Variable Transmission (ECVT), delivering heightened driving pleasure. Toyota Corolla continues to be an inspiration for the indus-

try with popular combination of stylish design, advanced features, well-detailed interior and more. The Corolla is equipped with a 2.0-litre four-cylinder Dynamic Force engine which produces 168 hp and 20.39 kg-m of torque. For more immersive driving experiences, the engine is paired to a Direct Shift CVT transmission. Customers looking for a more fuel-efficient option can choose the 1.6-litre four-cylinder engine Corolla that produces 121 hp and 15.7 kg-m of torque. This is paired with a CVT transmission. Toyota popular Yaris promises a dynamic driving experience thanks to its four-cylinder engine that is equipped with 16-valve DOCH and dual VVT-I. The vehicle is available with 1.5-liter capacity engine that delivers smooth acceleration and a quick response, producing 105 horsepower and 138 Nm of torque with fuel consumption of 20.5 km/l. This is paired with Continuously Variable Transmission (CVT), which simulates a seven-speed sequential shift transmission to deliver powerful, smooth acceleration from start-off and at low speeds, and quiet, efficient transmission at higher speeds with excellent fuel efficiency.





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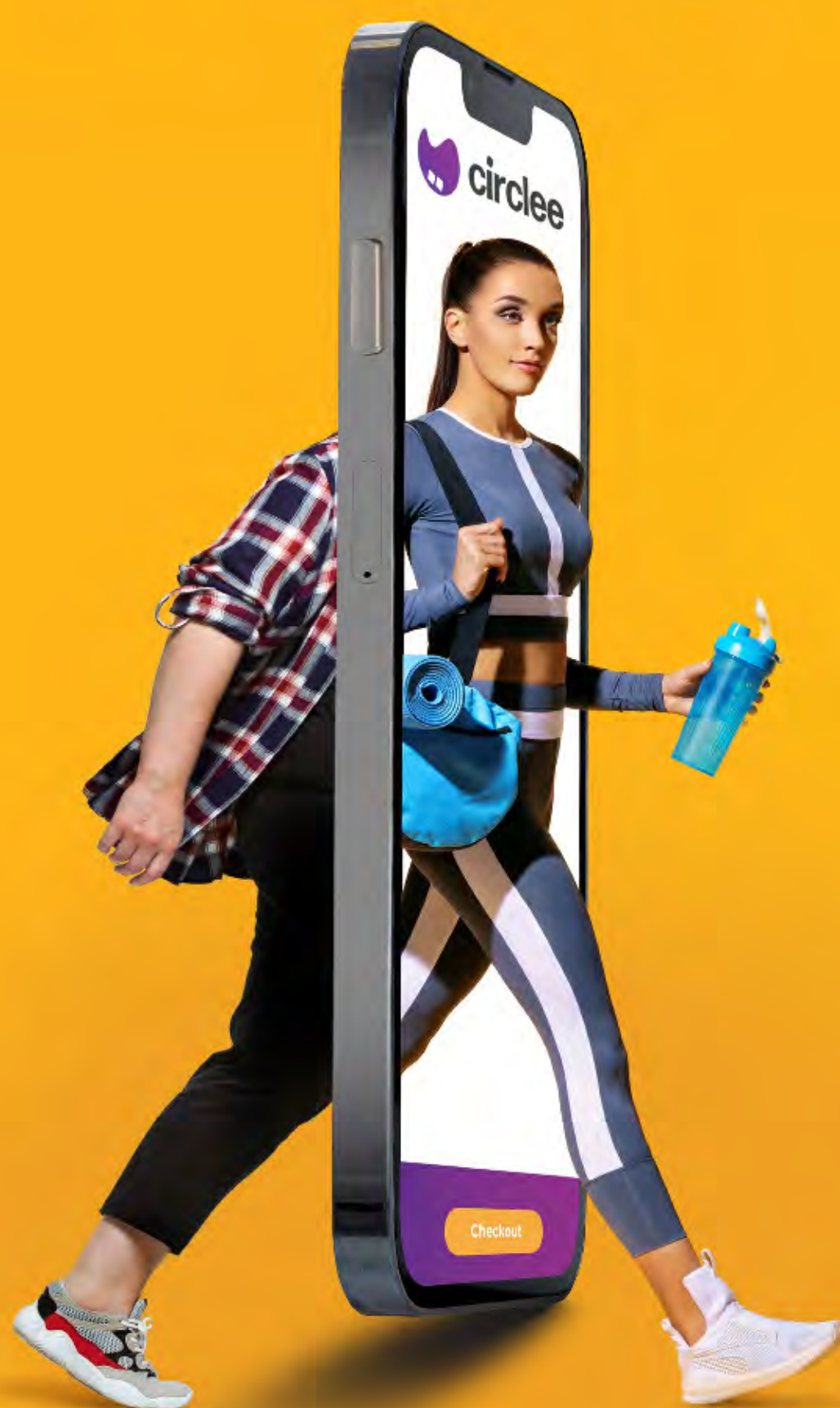
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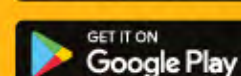
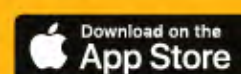
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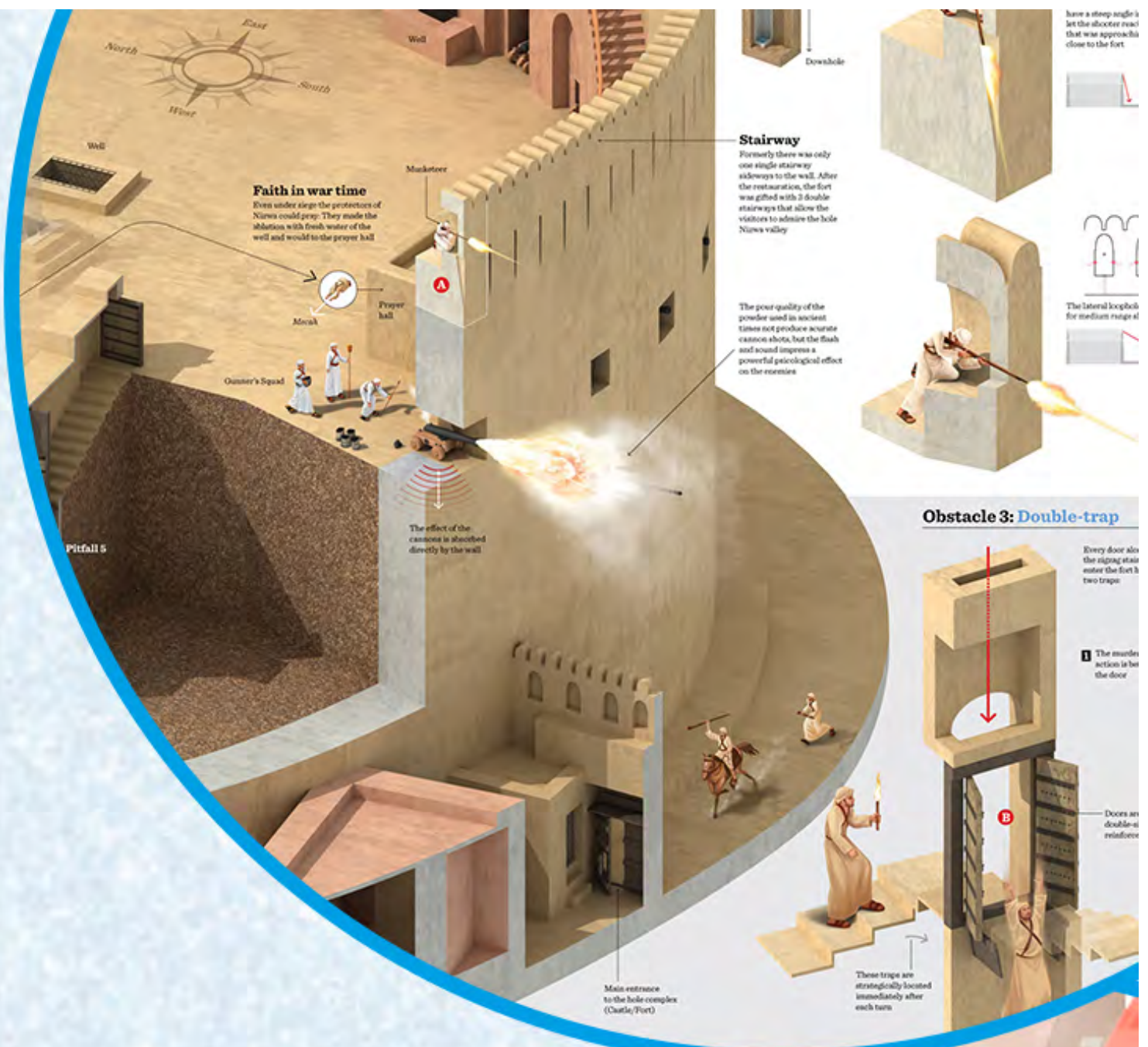


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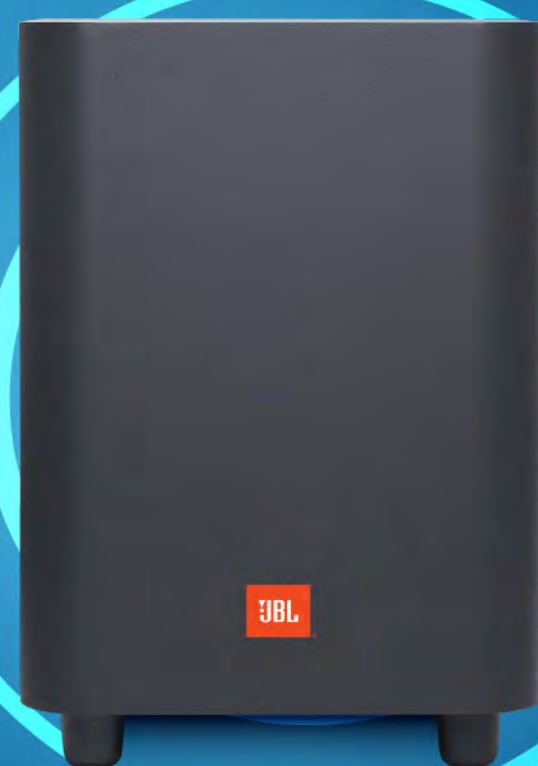


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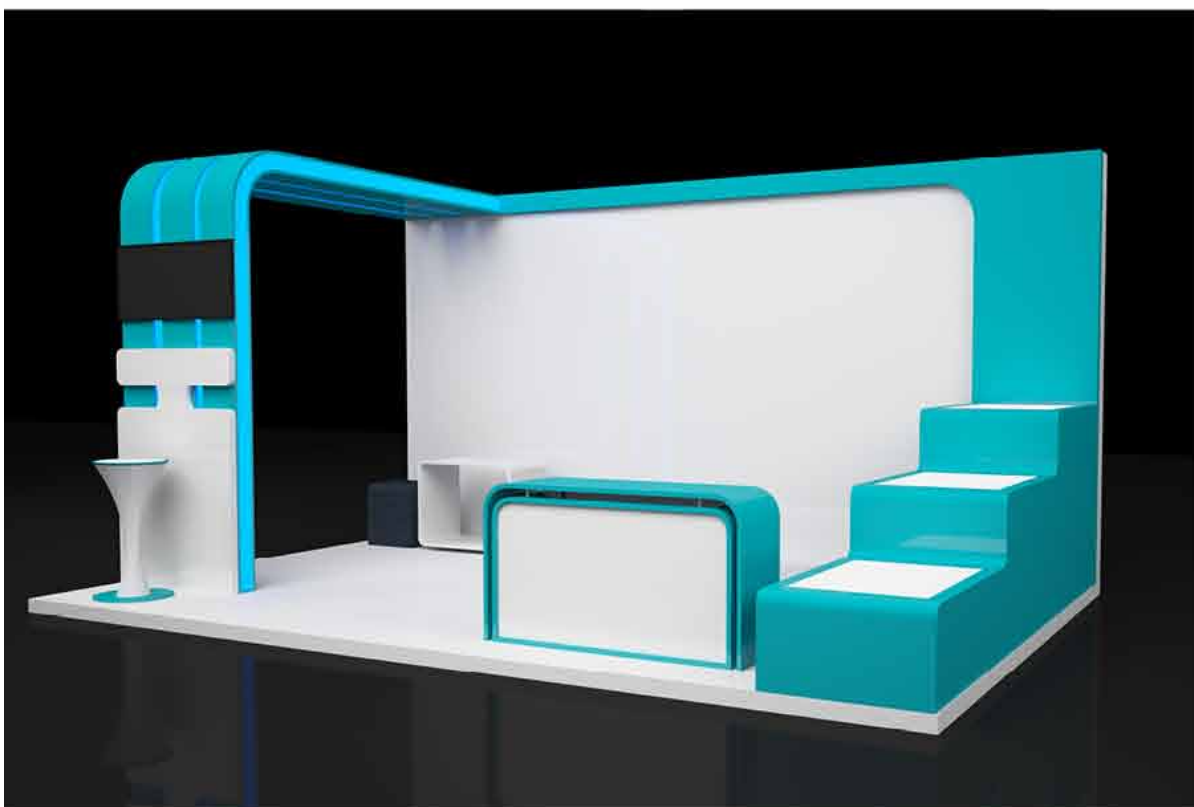
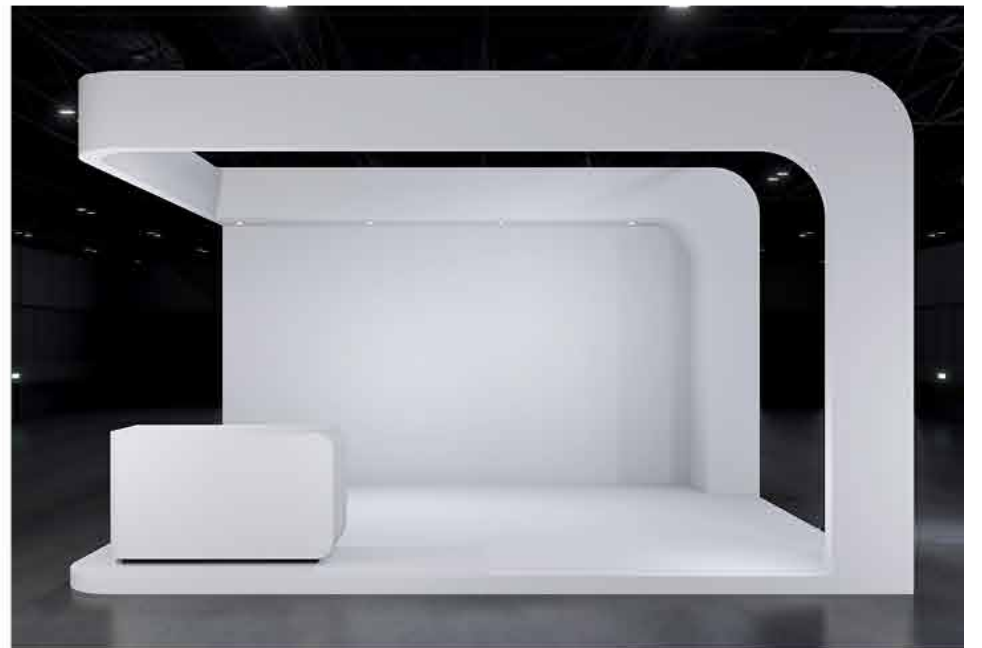
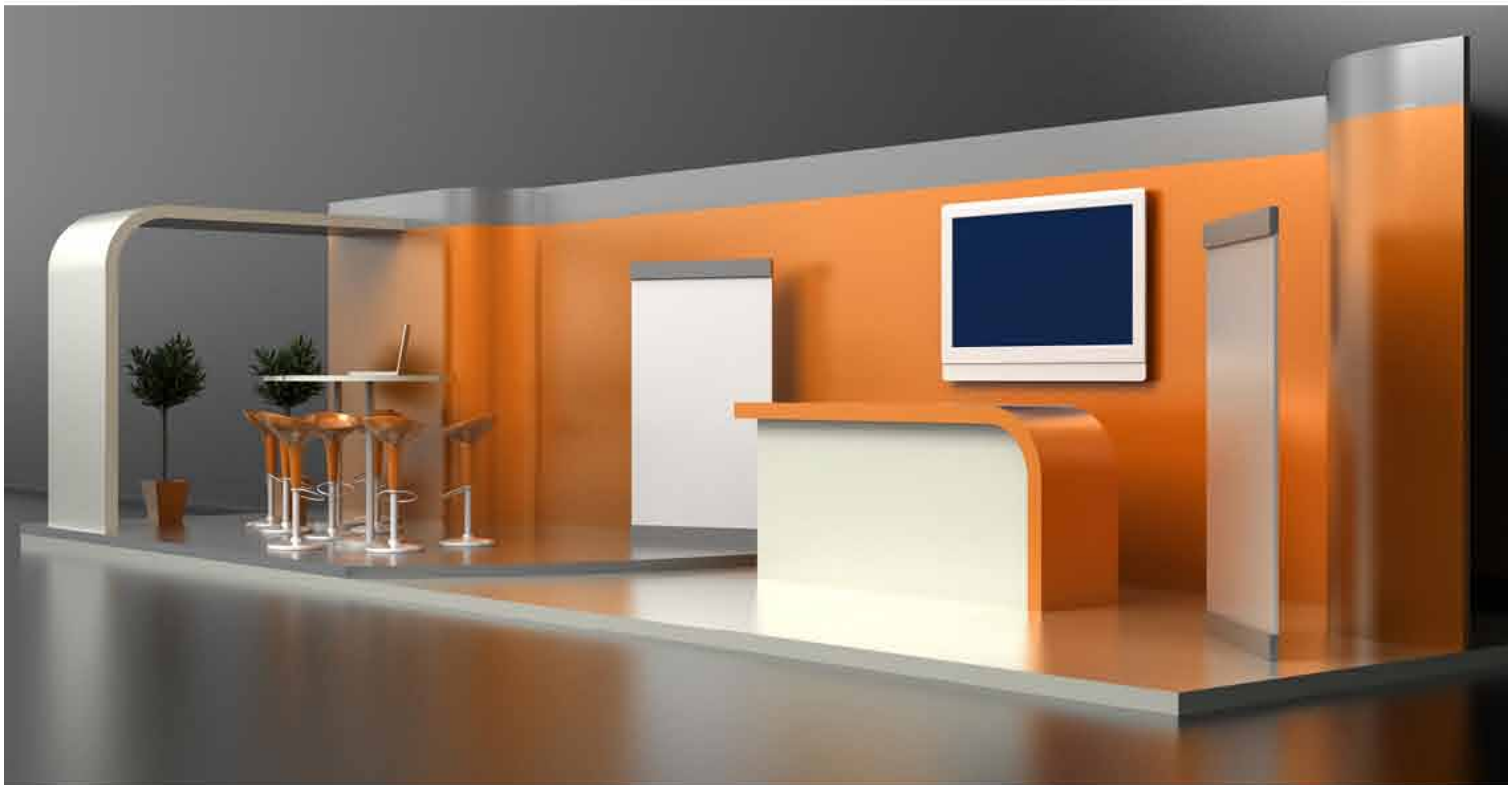
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