

# OMAN ECONOMIC FORUM

Muscat, Sultanate of Oman  
April 13 and 14 , 2008

## Saturday, April 12, 2008

16:00-18:00 **Registration of participants at Al Bandar Hotel, Bar Al Jassah Shangri-la Hotel & Resort**

## Day One: Sunday, April 13, 2008

08:00-09:00 **Registration of participants at Al Bandar Hotel, Bar Al Jassah Shangri-la Hotel & Resort**

09:00-10:00 **Opening Session:**

- **Mr. Raouf Abou Zaki**, General Manager, Al-Iktissad Wal-Aamal Group
- **H.E. Maqbool Bin Ali Bin Sultan**, Minister of Commerce and Industry
- **H.E. Ahmed Bin Abdulnabi Macki**, Minister of National Economy- Deputy Chairman of the Financial Affairs and Energy Resources Council

**The Lifetime Achievement Award Ceremony to honor:**

- **Sheikh Saoud Bin Ali Al Khalili**, Chairman , Al Taher Group
- **Sheikh Suhail Salim Bahwan**, Chairman, Suhail Bahwan Group
- **Mr. Mohamad Al Barwani**, Chairman, MB Holding

10:15-10:45 **Inauguration of the conference exhibition and coffee break.**

10:45-11:45 **Session I: Business and Investment Environment**

**Chairman: HE Dr. Abdullah Al Kuwaiz**, Former Assistant Secretary General - Economic Affairs, the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf - Secretariat General

**Speakers:**

- **H.E. Ahmed Bin Hassan Al Dib**, Undersecretary of Commerce and Industry, Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- **H.E. Khalil Bin Abdula Al Khonji**, Chairman, Oman Chamber of Commerce & Industry
- **H.H. Faysal Bin Turki Al Said**, CEO, Branding & Marketing Unit of Oman
- **Eng. Samih Sawiris**, Vice Chairman of Orascom and Chairman of Muriya

11:45-12:45 **Panel II: The Road Ahead for Omani Banking**

**Moderator: Mr. Philip Stanton**, Managing Partner, Ernst & Young

**Keynote address by:**

**H.E. Hamood Bin Sangour Al-Zadjali**, Executive President, Central Bank of Oman

**Panelists:**

- **Mr. Abdulrazak Ali Issa** , Chief Executive, Bank Muscat
- **Mr. Abdul Kader Askalan**, CEO, Oman Arab Bank
- **Mr. Youssef Nasr**, CEO, HSBC Bank Middle East Ltd

12:45- 13:30 **Session III: Investing in Infrastructure**

**Chairman: Mr. Faysal Abou Zaki**, Deputy General Manager, Al-Iktissad Wal-Aamal Group

**Speakers:**

- **H.E. Sheikh Al Fadel Al-Harthy**, Undersecretary for Development Affairs, Ministry of National Economy.
- **H.E. Said Bin Hamdoon Al Harthy**, Undersecretary for Ports and Maritime Affairs, Ministry of Transport and Communications.
- **H.E. Mohammed Bin Abdulla Al Mahrouqi**, Chairman, Public Authority for Electricity and Water.
- **Engineer Naashiah Al-Kharusi**, Board Member, Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA).

13:30-15:30 **Lunch hosted by the Capital Markets Authority in Al Bandar Hotel, Bar Al Jassa**

15:30-16:30 **Panel IV: Petrochemicals and Basic Industries**

**Moderator: Mr. Jan Meijer**, CEO, Sohar Industrial Port Company SAOC

**Panelists:**

- **Dr. Hamed Bin Hashem Al Dhahab**, CEO, Oman Polypropylene
- **Mr. Tony Kinsman**, CEO, Sohar Aluminium
- **Mr. Nicholas Barakat**, Managing Director, Octal Petrochemical
- **Mr. Hussein Hassan AbdulHussein**, GM, Business Development & Marketing, Oman Refinery

20:30 **Dinner hosted by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry at the Grand Hayat Hotel.**

## Day Two: Monday, April 14, 2008

### 9:00-10:15 **Panel V: Investment Opportunities in Real Estate and Tourism**

**Moderator:** Mr. Wael Ahmed Al Lawati, CEO, Oman Tourism development Company.

**Keynote address by:** H.E. Dr. Rajiha Bint Abdul Al-Amir Bin Ali, Minister of Tourism

**Panelists:**

- **Mr. Hassan Bin Mohamad Ali**, Vice president, Oman Tourism development Company.
- **Eng. Ziad Mohamad Al Zubair**, Managing Director, Al Zubair Corporation
- **Mr. Khalid Hilal Al Maawali**, Country Manager, Sama Dubai Oman
- **Mr. Khaled Al-Mashaan**, Chairman and Managing Director, ALArgan International Real Estate Co.
- **Mr. Abdulrazak Al Raysi**, Senior Sales Manager, Oman Air

### 10:15-10:30 **Coffee break**

### 10:30- 11:30 **Panel VI: Omani Capital Markets: Funding Growth**

**Moderator:** Mr. Faysal Abou Zaki, Deputy General Manager, Al-Iktissad Wal-Aamal Group

**Keynote Speech:** H.E. Yahya Bin Said Al-Jabri, Executive President, Capital Market Authority

**Panelists:**

- **Mr. Abdullah Bin Salim Al Salmi**, Vice Executive President for Regulatory Affairs, Capital Market Authority
- **Mr. Ahmed Bin Saleh Al Marhoon**, Director General, Muscat Securities Market
- **Mr. Ali Bin Mohammed Bin Jumaa**, CEO, Vision Investment Services Co.

### 11:30-12:30 **Panel VII: Oil and Gas**

**Moderator:** Mr. Peter Dranfield, Vice President, Middle East BG Group

**Panelists:**

- **Dr. Zayed Bin Khamis Al Siyabi**, General Manager, Production and Exploration, Ministry of Oil & Gas
- **Mr. Mohammed Al-Barwani**, Chairman, MB Holding Company LLC
- **Mr. Michael Townshend**, President, BP Oman
- **Mr. Ahmed Al Wahaibi**, CEO, Oman Oil
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### 12:30- 13:30 **Workshop: Doing Business in Oman**

Getting started, forms of businesses permitted foreign ownership, regulators, capital and investment requirements, land ownership regulations, taxation, dividends and remittances, free zones, labor law, and visas.

### 13:30-15:00 **Lunch hosted by Ernst & Young in Al Bandar Hotel, Bar Al Jassa**

*\*This program is subject to change as seen necessary by the organizers*