



CEO Message



Dear Valued OPAL Members,

October was one of our busiest and most productive months of the year. From international partnerships and capacity-building programs to major safety, training, and local content initiatives, OPAL continued to drive collaboration, innovation, and workforce development across Oman's energy and minerals sector.

Empowering National Talent and Building Skills

On October 1, OPAL, in collaboration with BP Oman, held the induction of the fourth batch of the Ruwad National Training Program for 40 Omani graduates. The program, funded by BP Oman and delivered by several industry leaders, reflects our continued commitment to empowering youth and equipping them with the skills needed to thrive in the labor market.

On October 19, OPAL launched the Assistant Trainer On-the-Job Training Program, funded by the Ministry of Labour. This initiative provides six Omani engineering graduates with structured training and employment opportunities, further supporting Omanization efforts.

Throughout the month, OPAL also worked closely with the Ministry of Education on enhancing vocational and technical training through a field visit to North Al Batinah Governorate on October 16, reviewing progress and ensuring that training quality meets national standards.

Strengthening Local Content and Economic Integration

In close collaboration with the Ministry of Energy and Minerals, OPAL continued to expand the Local Content Certification Scheme through multiple awareness sessions, including one with Daleel Petroleum on October 8. On October 16, OPAL signed Service Level Agreements with accredited audit firms under the supervision of the Financial Services Authority, defining verification roles and ensuring transparency in certification processes.

Later in the month, on October 30, OPAL hosted the inaugural meeting with Madayn's Industrial Innovation Academy to activate the cooperation program that promotes in-country value, supports SMEs, and enhances integration across Oman's economic sectors. This initiative underscores OPAL's commitment to aligning industrial development with national objectives for sustainable growth.

Promoting Safety, Health, and Well-Being

October saw extensive activity in advancing safety and occupational health. On October 6, OPAL held a meeting with the Road Safety Standard Sub-Committee to update and benchmark the driver section of the Road Safety Standard. On October 15, OPAL, together with the Operators' Safety, Health, and Environment Managers Committee (OSHEMCO), hosted a workshop to align sector-wide HSE strategies.

The same focus continued with the Occupational Health Working Group meeting on October 22, and additional sessions with the Occupational Health Management and Heat Stress Management Working Groups on October 27. These meetings ensured that OPAL's standards remain aligned with leading global practices to promote workforce health and well-being.

OPAL's active participation in the Road Safety Campaign with OQ RPI on October 19 and the Continuous Professional Development (CPD) Workshop for Defensive Driving Instructors on October 29 further reinforced our shared vision of a safer and more responsible sector.

Fostering Collaboration and Industry Partnerships

October marked significant progress in both national and international cooperation. On October 28, OPAL signed a Memorandum of Cooperation with the International Association of Oil and Gas Producers (IOGP) in London, establishing OPAL as IOGP's first Partner Association from the Middle East. This partnership positions Oman as a regional leader in HSE, sustainability, and innovation.

That same day, OPAL also hosted discussions with the International Petroleum Industry Environmental Conservation Association (IPIECA) to explore joint initiatives in environmental stewardship. On October 22, OPAL welcomed H.E. Dr. Thomas Oertle, Ambassador of Switzerland, for discussions on future collaboration opportunities in the energy sector.

Throughout the month, OPAL also engaged domestically with several key entities, including Muscat Municipality on October 21, focusing on its Occupational Health and Safety Framework, and the Camp Standard Working Group on October 28, to enhance worker welfare standards across the sector.

Advancing Digitalization and Innovation

On October 20, OPAL hosted the HSE Digitalization and Artificial Intelligence Workshop at OQ Exploration and Production, bringing together experts to explore AI applications in safety and operational management. Later, on October 30, OPAL partnered with 4Future Academy to organize AI for the Oil & Gas Sector Workshop, which showcased the latest advancements in artificial intelligence and their potential to improve efficiency, safety, and sustainability in the energy industry.

Looking Ahead

October has been an exceptionally active and rewarding month for OPAL, showcasing the strength of collaboration across government, private, and international partners. From capacity building and workforce empowerment to innovation, HSE, and sustainability, these achievements reflect OPAL's ongoing commitment to driving progress across Oman's energy and minerals sector. As we look to the months ahead, we will continue to build on this momentum, expanding partnerships, raising standards, and delivering impact that supports Oman Vision 2040 and the shared prosperity of our nation.

Warm regards,

Eng. Mohammed Al Naabi

Chief Executive Officer

Oman Energy Association (OPAL)



Wednesday, 1 October 2025 - in collaboration with BP Oman, Oman Energy Association (OPAL) organized the official induction for the Forth batch of the "Ruwad" National Training Program, which includes 40 graduates from various specializations. Funded by bp Oman, the program will be delivered over one year by Worley, Nafath Renewable Energy, AB Energy, SLB, and MBPS. The program aims to empower Omani youth, enhance their skills, and provide them with the practical knowledge and experience needed to succeed in the labor market.



Monday, 6 October 2025 - Oman Energy Association (OPAL) held its regular meeting with the Road Safety Standard Sub-Committee. The meeting focused on reviewing and updating the driver section of the Road Safety Standard, as well as benchmarking it against international standards to improve road safety practices within Oman's energy sector.



Wednesday, 8 October 2025 - As part of its ongoing efforts to enhance awareness of the Local Content (LC) Certificate Scheme, the Oman Energy Association (OPAL), in coordination with the Ministry of Energy and Minerals, conducted an awareness session for the local content , contracting and procurement team at Daleel Petroleum. The session highlighted the effective integration of the Local Content Certificate within procurement and tendering processes, reinforcing Daleel's commitment to empowering local suppliers and promoting their active participation in the energy sector. This initiative aligns with Oman's national objectives to drive economic diversification and sustainability while maximizing local content value across the industry.



Wednesday, 8 October 2025 - Oman Energy Association (OPAL) organized an awareness session for energy and minerals suppliers interested in joining the Local Content Certification Scheme. The session aimed to explain the certification process and provided support to suppliers to enhance their readiness to comply with the program's requirements, in line with Oman's objectives for economic diversification and sustainable development.



Wednesday, 1 October 2025 - The Oman Energy Association (OPAL) participated in the Road Safety Campaign organized by OQ RPI in Sohar and Muscat, with representatives from various sectors across the Sultanate. The campaign aimed to raise awareness of safe driving practices and promote responsible road behavior through a series of engaging and interactive activities. OPAL's participation reflects its ongoing commitment to supporting national initiatives that promote a culture of safety and reinforce the principle that road safety is a shared responsibility.



Wednesday, 8 October 2025 - Oman Energy Association (OPAL) held its regular meeting with the Camp Standard Committee, bringing together representatives from the Ministry of Energy and Minerals as well as various operating companies. Discussions focused on enhancing the implementation of the Camp Standard across multiple areas, with the aim of improving worker welfare and strengthening health and safety standards within Oman's energy sector. This initiative is part of the periodic review of the existing standard and reflects OPAL's commitment to fostering collaboration and continuous improvement across the sector, in close coordination with industry stakeholders.



12-13 October 2025 - As part of its corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives and ongoing commitment to supporting national initiatives and promoting the principles of sustainable development, the Oman Energy Association (OPAL) participated as the main partner in the Third Waqf Forum, held under the theme "Towards Innovative Endowments and Sustainable Giving." The event, organized by the Jaber Bin Zaid Endowment Foundation, featured OPAL's contribution through a workshop titled "Social Return on Investment (SROI)." This participation aimed to highlight the importance of measuring the Social Return on Investment (SROI) for endowment and development projects, emphasizing its role in enhancing transparency and improving the effectiveness of social impact across various initiatives.



Monday, 13 October 2025 – The Oman Energy Association (OPAL) participated in the Career and Internship Fair 2025 organized by the German University of Technology in Oman (GUtech). The event provided a valuable opportunity for OPAL to connect with graduates and showcase the various internship and training programs available through OPAL and across the energy sector, as well as the diverse career pathways the industry offers. Through its participation, OPAL reaffirmed its commitment to supporting university students and strengthening human capital development initiatives in alignment with Oman Vision 2040.



Wednesday, 15 October 2025 – Oman Energy Association (OPAL) organized a workshop with the Operators' Safety, Health, and Environment Managers Committee (OSHEMCO), hosted by Occidental Oman at its headquarters. The workshop focused on reviewing the progress of HSE initiatives across the energy sector, discussing common challenges, sharing lessons learned, and aligning HSE strategies across the industry.



Thursday, 16 October 2025 – Oman Energy Association (OPAL) participated as a supporting partner in the 6th Oman In-Country Value Forum, organized by Al Roya Newspaper under the theme: "Future Scenarios: Local Content – From Compliance to Impact." The event was held under the patronage of H.H. Al-Sayyid Mohammed Thuwaini Al-Said, at the Grand Hyatt Muscat. The forum serves as a leading national platform for companies to showcase their commitment to enhancing ICV, share best practices, and explore opportunities for strategic collaboration and partnerships, contributing to stronger integration between the government, private sector, and entrepreneurship community, while bringing together leaders, decision-makers, and experts from various sectors to spotlight key opportunities for strengthening local content and boosting competitiveness, in alignment with the objectives of Oman Vision 2040.



Tuesday, 14 October 2025 – As part of its corporate social responsibility initiatives, the Oman Energy Association (OPAL) participated in the 2nd edition of the Oman Childhood Conference and Exhibition, organized by the Children First Association under the theme: "Perspectives on Rehabilitation and Empowerment of Children with Disabilities in the Era of Emerging Technologies." The event was held under the patronage of H.H. Sayyid Harib bin Thuwaini Al Said, Assistant Secretary General of the Council of Ministers for Conferences, at the Oman Convention & Exhibition Centre. The conference aimed to highlight the latest trends and best practices, while strengthening the role of public and private sectors in supporting and empowering children with disabilities, in line with the objectives of Oman Vision 2040 to build a cohesive society with equal opportunities. OPAL's participation reflects its commitment to advancing programs for the care and empowerment of children.



Thursday, 16 October 2025 – As part of the Local Content Certificate Program, the Oman Energy Association (OPAL), in collaboration with the Ministry of Energy and Minerals and the Authority for Projects, Tenders, and Local Content, has signed Service Level Agreements (SLAs) with several audit firms accredited and authorized by the Financial Services Authority (FSA) as official partners in the program. This initiative is part of the ongoing efforts to verify the data submitted by companies applying for the Local Content Certificate. The agreements aim to define the roles, responsibilities, and legal framework of the participating audit firms, including conducting independent assurance and verification activities, and actively participating in evaluation processes all in line with the highest standards of transparency and quality. This milestone aligns with Oman Vision 2040 and supports the national objectives of enhancing local content and promoting economic sustainability in the Sultanate of Oman.



Thursday, 16 October 2025 – Oman Energy Association (OPAL), in cooperation with the Ministry of Education, organized a field visit to three training institutes in North Al Batinah Governorate implementing the Vocational and Technical Education Program. The visit aimed to review the progress of the program's implementation and monitor the quality of both practical and theoretical education provided to students. The visit included tours of workshops and training halls, in addition to meetings with administrators, supervisors, and instructors to discuss ways to further develop the program and enhance cooperation in supporting students' technical and vocational skills. This visit comes as part of the ongoing efforts of the Oman Energy Association (OPAL) and the Ministry of Education to enhance the quality of vocational and technical education, thereby contributing to the development of a skilled national workforce that meets the needs of the labor market.



Sunday, 19 October 2025 – The Oman Energy Association (OPAL) organized an official induction for the "Assistant Trainer" On-the-Job Training Program, funded by the Ministry of Labor. The program aims to enhance employment opportunities for six Omani job seekers holding bachelor's degrees in engineering. It will be implemented by the Polyglot Institute over a 12-month period, after which the trainees will be directly employed upon successfully completing the program requirements. This initiative contributes to empowering national talent and supporting Omanization efforts in the energy sector.



Sunday, 19 October 2025 - Oman Energy Association (OPAL) had the honor of hosting H.E. Sayyid Ibrahim Said Al Busaidi, Governor of Musandam, to gain insights into OPAL's significant contributions to the energy and minerals sector, as well as other sectors. Discussions also highlighted OPAL's latest initiatives in training, employment, and human capital development



Tuesday, 21 October 2025 - The Oman Energy Association (OPAL) and Muscat Municipality held a joint meeting to review the Municipality's newly developed Occupational Health and Safety Framework and its Health, Safety, and Environment (HSE) plans. The meeting underscores the ongoing collaboration between OPAL and Muscat Municipality aimed at promoting continuous improvement and ensuring the implementation of high-quality standards in health, safety, and environmental practices across the Municipality's operations and its contractors, thereby safeguarding community well-being.



Monday, 20 October 2025 - The Oman Energy Association (OPAL) organized the HSE Digitalization and Artificial Intelligence Workshop, which brought together experts from operating companies across the energy sector, hosted by OQ Exploration & Production. This workshop, an initiative of the newly established HSE Digitalization and AI Collaboration Working Group, aims to explore innovative ways to leverage digital technologies and artificial intelligence to enhance HSE management. It also provides a platform for knowledge exchange among operating companies within the sector.



The Oman Energy Association (OPAL) participated as a supporting partner in the 10th Annual Customer and Client Experience Conference, held under the theme "Transforming Customer Experience Strategies" from 21 to 22 October 2025 at the Sheraton Hotel Muscat, under the patronage of H.H Sayyid Mohammed bin Thuwaini Al Said. The conference featured world-renowned speaker Ron Kaufman, along with a distinguished leading experts and leaders from both the public and private sectors in the Sultanate of Oman. The conference highlighted global best practices in customer service, showcased transformational success stories in customer and client experience, and explored innovative strategies and future insights that contribute to enhancing customer experience in line with the objectives of Oman Vision 2040.



Wednesday, 22 October 2025 - The Oman Energy Association (OPAL) was honored to welcome H.E. Dr. Thomas Oertle, Ambassador of the Swiss Confederation to the Sultanate of Oman, to gain insights into OPAL's key programs, initiatives, and services offered to its members across the energy and minerals sector. During the visit, both parties discussed potential areas for collaboration and joint investment between Oman and Switzerland in this vital sector, with a shared commitment to advancing sustainable development goals and strengthening the economic partnership between the two countries.



Wednesday, 22 October 2025 - As part of ongoing efforts to enhance In-Country Value (ICV) through initiatives promoting the Omanization and localization of maintenance operations in oil and gas fields, the Oman Energy Association (OPAL) organized a visit to OQ's Sohar facility to follow up on the second batch of turnaround maintenance employees. This initiative aims to develop and qualify national talent while reducing reliance on expatriate labor, in alignment with the objectives of Oman Vision 2040.



Wednesday, 22 October 2025 - The Oman Energy Association (OPAL) held a meeting with the Occupational Health Working Group of the energy sector, attended by representatives from the Ministry of Energy and Minerals, as well as various operating companies, including experts in occupational health. The session focused on reviewing OPAL's Occupational Health Standard to ensure its alignment with industry best practices and to further promote the health and well-being of employees across the sector.



Monday, 27 October 2025 - The Oman Energy Association (OPAL) held two meetings with the Occupational Health Management Working Group and the Heat Stress Management Working Group within the energy sector. The meetings were attended by representatives from the Ministry of Energy and Minerals, several operating companies across the sector, and occupational health experts. Both meetings focused on reviewing OPAL's Occupational Health and Heat Stress Standards to ensure their alignment with leading industry practices and to further promote the health and well-being of employees across all worksites in the sector.



Sunday, 26 October 2025 - As part of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programs and its commitment to supporting national initiatives, the Oman Energy Association (OPAL) participated in the Sharqia Social Investment Forum. The forum was organized by the Omani Women's Association in Al Kamil and Al Wafi, in collaboration with the Ministry of Heritage and Tourism, under the patronage of Al Sayyida Maani bint Abdullah Al Busaidi, Director General of Family Development at the Ministry of Social Development. OPAL contributed to the forum through a panel discussion titled "The Role of Social Investment in Promoting Sustainable Development in the Sultanate of Oman." This participation reaffirms OPAL's ongoing commitment to supporting initiatives that empower institutions and foster cross-sector collaboration, in alignment with the Sultanate's national development goals.



Tuesday, 28 October 2025 - The Oman Energy Association (OPAL) held a meeting with the Camp Standard Working Group in the energy sector, attended by representatives from the Ministry of Labour and various operating companies. The meeting focused on fostering continuous learning and reviewing the OPAL Camp Standard to further enhance health and safety measures in workers' accommodations. Discussions also aimed to strengthen worker welfare and promote ongoing improvements in living standards and best practices across Oman's energy sector.



Tuesday, 28 October 2025 - The Oman Energy Association (OPAL) hosted a meeting with the International Petroleum Industry Environmental Conservation Association (IPIECA) at OPAL's headquarters. The session included introductory presentations from both organizations, along with discussions on potential areas of collaboration to advance their shared objectives in the energy sector.



Tuesday, 28 October 2025 – The Oman Energy Association (OPAL) and the International Association of Oil and Gas Producers (IOGP) have signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) during the IOGP Congress 2025, held in London, United Kingdom. This milestone partnership establishes OPAL as IOGP's first Partner Association from the Middle East, marking Oman's growing leadership in advancing HSE excellence, sustainability, and innovation across the global energy sector. Through this collaboration, OPAL and IOGP will work together to align HSE standards, share best practices, and promote knowledge exchange and capacity building across the energy sector. Eng. Mohammed Al-Naabi, CEO of OPAL, stated: "OPAL is proud to partner with IOGP to advance our shared vision of excellence, safety, and sustainability. This partnership supports Oman's Vision 2040 by connecting our energy community with international expertise and fostering innovation, collaboration, and continuous improvement." This agreement marks a new chapter of international cooperation, aimed at creating a safer, smarter, and more sustainable global energy future.



Wednesday, 29 October 2025 – The Oman Energy Association (OPAL) organized the fourth workshop in its Continuous Professional Development (CPD) series for Defensive Driving Instructors, hosted by Safety Cooperation Services (SCS). The workshop focused on enhancing the competencies of OPAL-certified Defensive Driving Instructors. The CPD workshop series aims to strengthen participants' knowledge and practical skills by providing clear guidance on the updated OPAL Defensive Driving Program, with an emphasis on strategic improvements in training methodologies. This initiative is part of OPAL's ongoing efforts to promote a culture of excellence in defensive driving and to support the continued growth and development of the energy sector.



Thursday, 30 October 2025 – The Oman Energy Association (OPAL), in collaboration with 4Future Academy, organized "AI for the Oil & Gas Sector." Workshop. The workshop aimed to introduce participants with insights into artificial intelligence technologies and their practical applications in improving operational efficiency, safety, and decision-making within the sector. The workshop also showcased the latest trends and best practices in leveraging AI to foster innovation and promote sustainability across the energy industry.



Wednesday, 29 October 2025 – The Oman Energy Association (OPAL), in collaboration with the Academy for Professional Development at the Modern College of Business and Science (MCBS), organized a two-day workshop titled "Corporate Governance." The workshop introduced participants to the concept of corporate governance, reviewed the frameworks and regulations governing it in the Sultanate of Oman, and showcased best practices in implementing corporate governance principles.



Thursday, 30 October 2025 – The Oman Energy Association (OPAL) held its first meeting with members of the Technical Committee for the National Occupational Standards (NOS) in the field of lifting operations training, with the participation of experts and specialists from the sector. The meeting focused on discussing mechanisms for developing high-quality standards for training programs in lifting operations to enhance their efficiency and effectiveness. This initiative reaffirms the Association's commitment to supporting skill development, enhancing the competency of the national workforce, and ensuring that the quality of training aligns with the requirements of the energy sector.



Thursday, 30 October 2025 – The Oman Energy Association (OPAL) hosted the inaugural meeting to activate the cooperation program between OPAL and the Public Establishment for Industrial Estates – Madayn, represented by the Industrial Innovation Academy. This meeting marks the implementation of a joint cooperation program that aims to increase the in-country value (ICV) within the national economy, enhance integration across economic sectors, support industrial innovation, and empower small and medium enterprises (SMEs) through value chain analysis and the identification of investment opportunities with sustainable economic and social impact. The program also focuses on developing national capabilities through specialized training and qualification programs that meet the needs of the labor market, in addition to designing developmental initiatives that contribute to empowering local communities and promoting sustainable practices across various sectors.

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OQEP and Petronas forge pact in upstream energy



OQ Exploration and Production New Ventures LLC (OQEP), a wholly owned subsidiary of OQ Exploration and Production SAOC, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Petronas Carigali International Ventures Sdn Bhd (PCIV), a subsidiary of Petronas, marking the start of a potential strategic collaboration in the global upstream oil and gas sector.

The MoU was signed at OQ's headquarters in Muscat by Mahmoud Al Hashmi, Acting Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer of OQEP, and Mohd Redhani bin Abdul Rahman, Vice President of International Assets at Petronas Upstream.

The agreement establishes a framework for both parties to jointly explore upstream exploration and production opportunities worldwide. It reinforces the shared ambition of OQEP and PCIV to strengthen their international presence and generate long-term value through strategic cooperation and alignment.

"This MoU represents a meaningful step towards expanding OQEP's international footprint through strategic partnerships," said Mahmoud Al Hashmi, Acting CEO and COO of OQEP. "Petronas brings a wealth of experience and technical depth, and we look forward to exploring synergies that can unlock new value and drive sustainable growth across key markets."

Through the partnership, OQEP and PCIV will leverage their combined technical capabilities, operational excellence, and innovative approaches to capture new growth opportunities and deliver reliable, sustainable energy solutions in international markets.

"We are pleased to formalise this collaboration with OQEP, a partner that shares our commitment to innovation and operational excellence," said Mohd Redhani bin Abdul Rahman, Vice President of International Assets, Petronas Upstream. "Together, we aim to pursue impactful opportunities that contribute to the energy transition and create long-term value for our stakeholders."

The MoU underscores both companies' shared commitment to building strategic partnerships that advance their global growth ambitions while supporting the continued evolution of the international energy landscape.

OQ posts \$731 million net profit in H1 2025



OQ Group, Oman's global integrated energy company, reported a resilient performance in the first half of 2025, driven by strong financial results and a significant rise in in-country value (ICV) contributions — underscoring the company's growing role in supporting Oman's economic diversification goals.

The energy conglomerate achieved a net profit after tax of \$731 million, marking a 12% increase from \$651 million in the first half of 2024. Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortisation (EBITDA) stood at \$1.6 billion, marginally down by 2% compared with \$1.64 billion in H1 2024. The average realised oil price during the period was \$74 per barrel, a 9.5% decline from \$82 per barrel last year.

Despite softer oil prices, OQ maintained its investment-grade standing, with Fitch Ratings assigning a bbb- standalone credit profile and S&P Global reaffirming a BBB- rating with a stable outlook, reflecting market confidence in the group's fundamentals and disciplined portfolio management.

The group's contribution to Oman's local economy strengthened notably during the period. Total spend in contracts and procurement rose to \$729 million, a 35% increase from \$541 million in H1 2024. Local spend reached \$565 million, up 34% from \$421 million, highlighting the company's ongoing efforts to maximise domestic participation in its operations.

OQ also achieved significant growth in ICV retained value, which climbed to \$238 million, a 37% rise compared with \$174 million last year. Spending on small and medium enterprises (SMEs) reached \$128 million, up 29%, while Riyadh spend — investments directed towards national capacity building — increased 30% to \$44 million.

Ashraf Hamed Al Mamari, Group CEO of OQ, said the performance reflects both operational strength and a commitment to national priorities:

> "Our performance reflects the strength of our portfolio and the discipline of our strategy as we continue to deliver steady growth and create lasting value, driven by efficiency, diversification, and a clear vision for Oman's energy future. Our local spend reaffirms our commitment to national value," he said.

Analysts noted that OQ's strong local spend and ICV performance align closely with Oman Vision 2040 objectives, particularly in strengthening domestic supply chains, enhancing SME participation, and fostering employment.

While the slight decline in EBITDA indicates continued sensitivity to oil price movements, the growth in profitability and procurement spend demonstrates OQ's operational resilience and focus on value creation beyond hydrocarbons. The H1 2025 performance reinforces the company's position as one of Oman's key economic drivers — balancing robust financial returns with a growing contribution to the Sultanate's sustainable development agenda.

Work begins on PDO's Rawafid renewable energy projects



Construction has commenced on a trio of renewable energy projects being developed for Petroleum Development Oman (PDO) through a partnership between OQ Alternative Energy (OQAE) part of the OQ Group and France-based TotalEnergies Renewables.

Collectively known as the Rawafid Projects, they include the Riyah-1 and Riyah-2 wind farms located at PDO's Amin and West Nimr fields in southern Oman, and the North Solar Plant at Saih Nihayda in northern Oman. Renewable energy generated from the 234 MW wind farms and the 105 MWAC solar plant will be supplied to PDO under long-term Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) with the OQAE–TotalEnergies partnership, in which OQAE holds a 51% stake and TotalEnergies 49%.

Announcing the start of construction on the Riyah-1 and Riyah-2 projects, Almoatasem Al Ismaili, Project Manager at OQ Alternative Energy, said:

> “Our teams on site have now started wind turbine foundation works — from excavation and reinforcement to the first layer of concrete pours. Each foundation marks the base of a turbine that will soon contribute clean power to PDO's grid.”

Referencing the North Oman Solar Project, Al Ismaili added:

> “The site is progressing with pile installations for the solar trackers — the precision systems that will support rows of solar panels soon to cover the desert landscape.”

These updates follow a visit by officials from PDO, OQAE, and EPC contractor Huadong Engineering Corporation (a subsidiary of PowerChina) to the facilities of Chinese firms contracted to manufacture hardware for the Rawafid Projects. The delegation witnessed Factory Acceptance Tests (FATs) for key wind turbine components produced at multiple facilities in China.

The itinerary included a visit to the hub and nacelle manufacturing facility of leading Chinese wind turbine maker Goldwind in Yancheng, Jiangsu Province. The hub is the central part of the rotor that connects the blades to the main shaft, transferring rotational energy to the drivetrain, while the nacelle, located atop the tower, houses the main mechanical and electrical components, including the gearbox, generator, and control systems.

> “Within the facility sits a dedicated R&D centre featuring advanced test benches for pitch and yaw systems, blade endurance, and drivetrain performance — ensuring each turbine meets the highest standards of quality and reliability,” said Mohammed Al Lawati, Head of Renewable Energy at PDO and a member of the delegation.

The FATs also covered rotor assembly and drivetrain testing at a facility in Fuyang (Anhui Province), as well as inspection of the gearbox, wind blades, and other critical components and performance parameters.

> “Every component undergoes thorough inspection and testing before approval, reflecting the meticulous attention to detail behind each turbine that will soon contribute to Oman's growing wind energy portfolio,” Al Lawati added.

While in China, the delegation also toured the facilities of Sineng Electric, a power electronics company specializing in PV inverter manufacturing; LONGi Solar, a leading global supplier of solar PV modules; and Nextracker Inc, a US-based provider of solar tracking systems for utility-scale solar projects.

The North Oman Solar Project is scheduled to begin commercial operations in Q2 2026, while the Riyah wind farms are expected to be commissioned in Q4 2026.

Oman's oil production reaches 363.3mn barrels



Oman's proven oil reserves stood at 4.8bn barrels in 2024, with total production reaching 363.3mn barrels and exports at 308.4mn barrels, according to the latest data from the National Centre for Statistics and Information (NCSI). Natural gas reserves were estimated at 658.5bn cubic metres, while domestic consumption amounted to 56.5bn cubic metres. Exports of liquefied natural gas totalled 12mn metric tonnes during the year.

In the electricity sector, total production rose to 49.1 terawatt-hours (TWh) in 2024, up from 45TWh in 2023. Natural gas continued to dominate the power mix with 44.8TWh, while renewable energy contributed 2.4TWh—2.3TWh from solar and 0.1TWh from wind. The Ibri 2 solar plant accounted for the largest share, generating 1.56TWh. Water production reached 519.7mn cubic metres in 2024, compared to 520.4mn cubic metres the previous year, reflecting a marginal 0.1% decline. Muscat governorate recorded the highest distribution at 136.9mn cubic metres, followed by Dhofar with 52.3mn cubic metres and North Batinah with 34.3mn cubic metres.

The number of wastewater treatment plants increased to 67, with a combined capacity of 147.2mn cubic metres. Desalination remained the main source of supply, accounting for 89% of total water production, while wells contributed 11%—unchanged from 2023 levels.



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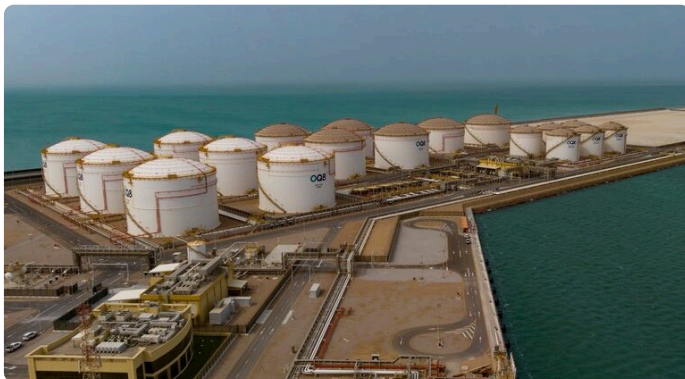
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Crude oil, gasoline prices sink on easing Middle East tensions, China trade jitters



Crude oil and gasoline prices fell sharply today, with crude dropping to a five-month nearest-futures low and gasoline sliding to a 4.5-year low. Prices came under pressure as easing tensions in the Middle East reduced the likelihood of supply disruptions following a ceasefire agreement between Israel and Hamas. Losses in crude accelerated after global equities declined amid renewed trade tensions with China. US President Donald Trump threatened a “massive increase” in tariffs on Chinese goods, citing recent “hostile” export controls on rare-earth minerals. Adding to the bearish sentiment, Saudi Arabia’s state-owned Aramco decided to keep the price of its main oil grade for Asian customers for November delivery unchanged — contrary to expectations of a 30-cent-per-barrel increase. The move signalled weaker energy demand and further weighed on prices.

However, crude prices found some support after OPEC+ agreed on Sunday to raise its crude production target by 137,000 barrels per day (bpd) starting in November — well below market expectations of a 500,000 bpd increase. OPEC+ is currently in the process of boosting output by an additional 1.66mn bpd to fully reverse the 2.2mn bpd production cut implemented in early 2024. OPEC’s September crude production rose by 400,000 bpd to 29.05mn bpd, the highest level in two and a half years. Meanwhile, reduced production in Russia lent support to oil prices after Reuters reported that Russia’s Kirishi refinery — with a capacity of 160,000 bpd — had halted most operations following a Ukrainian drone strike and fire on Saturday. Ukraine has targeted at least 15 Russian refineries over the past two months, worsening the fuel crunch in Russia and curbing its export capacity. Ukrainian drone and missile attacks have reduced Russia’s total refined-product flows to 1.94mn bpd in the first half of September, the lowest monthly average in more than three years. A decline in global crude oil stored on tankers also provided some price support. Vortexa reported on Monday that crude held on tankers stationary for at least seven days fell by 7% week-on-week to 82.81mn barrels in the week ended October 3. Yahoo.Finance

Oman’s oil exports record marginal decline

Oman’s oil exports recorded a marginal decline by the end of August 2025, reaching around 205.04mn barrels compared to 205.48mn barrels during the same period in 2024, according to preliminary data from the National Centre for Statistics and Information (NCSI). The report showed that the average price of Omani crude stood at US\$72.1 per barrel by the end of August 2025, down 12.6% from US\$82.5 per barrel in the corresponding period of 2024. Average daily production reached 993,200 barrels per day, marking a slight 0.1% fall from 994,500 barrels per day in 2024. Oman’s total oil output amounted to 241.37mn barrels by the end of August 2025, a 0.5% drop from 242.67mn barrels in the same period last year. The figures indicate relative stability in the Sultanate’s oil sector despite global volatility in crude prices and demand trends.

Sustainability and growth: Oman's balanced path forward



Oman’s journey toward economic diversification is increasingly intertwined with its environmental agenda. The government’s evolving framework for environmental permits, sustainable construction, and green investment demonstrates that growth and sustainability can coexist — provided that regulation encourages innovation rather than stifles it. Oman’s recent reforms in this space are not merely administrative; they represent a cultural shift toward responsible development. The Environment Authority’s restructuring of the environmental permitting process is one of the most significant reforms in this direction. By classifying projects based on environmental impact and setting clear timeframes for approvals, the system brings much-needed predictability. The maximum fee of RO 900 for three years reduces the financial burden on investors while maintaining rigorous oversight — making compliance more achievable for small and medium enterprises (SMEs).

This approach reflects a broader understanding that environmental regulation is not a cost to business — it is an investment in resilience. By simplifying processes and reducing uncertainty, Oman is making it easier for companies to plan projects that meet sustainability standards from the outset. The focus on proactive compliance, where companies receive prior warnings before penalties, marks a progressive shift in regulatory behavior. It positions the government as a partner in sustainability rather than a policing authority.

Infrastructure and urban development have also embraced this philosophy. Building permits — once requiring complex, multi-agency coordination — can now be secured within weeks through digital systems. Civil Defence, municipal, and planning approvals are gradually being integrated into unified online workflows, allowing developers to track progress transparently. This not only shortens project timelines but also ensures that safety and environmental standards are met without compromise. The cumulative effect is the emergence of a development model rooted in sustainability and efficiency. Whether through smart energy use, digital permitting, or environmental classification, Oman is embedding sustainability into its administrative DNA. The country’s commitment to renewable energy projects, industrial diversification, and efficient urban planning further demonstrates alignment with global environmental goals. However, sustainability cannot thrive on regulation alone. It requires collaboration between government, industry, and academia to develop new technologies, train green professionals, and promote a culture of environmental responsibility. Initiatives that combine vocational training with sustainable construction practices — or partnerships that encourage private investment in waste management and recycling — will be key to sustaining this momentum.

In the broader context of Oman Vision 2040, the nation’s environmental and investment reforms are not separate pursuits — they are converging strategies. A country that makes it easier to do business sustainably will attract investors who think long-term. By building systems that value both profit and preservation, Oman is crafting an identity as a forward-looking economy that balances growth with stewardship.

Ultimately, the success of Oman’s sustainability agenda will depend on consistent enforcement and continuous engagement with the private sector. The current trajectory is promising — not because Oman has achieved perfection, but because it has embraced the principle that progress must be both practical and principled. In a world where the cost of ignoring the environment grows higher each year, Oman’s pragmatic path toward sustainable growth offers a lesson in balance that others in the region may well follow.



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PDO's ICV generates over \$4.3 billion impact



Petroleum Development Oman (PDO), the country's largest oil and gas producer, has reaffirmed its role as one of the key drivers of Oman's economic diversification. Its In-Country Value (ICV) initiatives have delivered an estimated \$4.3 billion in economic impact to date.

According to PDO, the company's ICV programme has become a cornerstone of national industrial growth—strengthening domestic supply chains, boosting employment, and expanding local manufacturing capabilities in alignment with Oman Vision 2040.

Since the inception of its ICV framework, PDO has implemented seven major national projects designed to retain value within the Sultanate of Oman and reduce dependence on imports. These projects have played a vital role in developing local industries, enhancing workforce skills, and promoting entrepreneurship across the energy ecosystem.

PDO's ICV strategy has led to the establishment of 83 manufacturing facilities in Oman, helping to expand the country's industrial base. Around 42% of PDO's total supply chain spending is now retained locally, while 14% of contracts are awarded to small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and Local Community Contractors (LCCs). Collectively, these initiatives have created more than 17,500 job opportunities for Omani nationals across various sectors.

PDO's latest ICV partnerships further underscore this commitment. The company recently signed two key contracts aimed at reinforcing Oman's industrial base:

- A five-year agreement with Oman Cables Industry for the local supply of high-voltage and instrumentation cables.
- An extended partnership with Flowline Valves LLC, a subsidiary of Technofit Trading LLC, for the local manufacture of ball valves.

Under these agreements, Omanisation levels are set to increase, with Oman Cables Industry expected to add eight new Omani employees, and Flowline Valves expanding its national workforce from 22 to 55 employees. Both partnerships are designed to accelerate local production and enhance the competitiveness of Omani-made products in regional markets. PDO's ICV Development Manager, Saoud Al Jabri, said the company's achievements reflect a deep-rooted commitment to national value creation. "Our ICV journey is a national mission. Every contract awarded, every job created, and every factory established represents a step towards achieving Oman Vision 2040 and building a diversified, competitive, and self-reliant economy," he said. To ensure sustainable impact, PDO continues to collaborate with key institutions such as the Ministry of Labour and the Oman Energy Association (OPAL) to deliver workforce training and development programmes for Omani engineers and technicians. It has also launched 15 Vendor Development Programmes to help local companies meet international quality and performance standards.

Looking ahead, PDO said the next phase of its ICV transformation will focus on strengthening governance, enhancing collaboration, and improving supply chain resilience. A new transparent framework will align with shareholder expectations and national priorities while supporting public-private partnerships to bolster Oman's competitiveness in global energy markets. Through these efforts, PDO's ICV programme continues to demonstrate how targeted investment and local empowerment can generate lasting value for Oman's economy and its people.

Oman's power output rises 9.4%, water output stable



Total electricity production in the Sultanate of Oman grew by 9.4 per cent to reach 35,973.7 gigawatt-hours (GWh) by the end of August 2025, compared with 32,891 GWh during the same period in 2024, according to data from the National Centre for Statistics and Information (NCSI).

Net electricity production—comprising purchases by the Nama Power and Water Procurement Company (Nama PWP) and the Rural Areas Electricity Company (RAEC)—rose by 9 per cent to 34,857.4 GWh, up from 31,990.1 GWh a year earlier.

Meanwhile, total water production recorded a slight decline of 1 per cent, reaching 342.7 million cubic metres, compared to 346 million cubic metres in 2024.

Muscat Governorate saw an 11.2 per cent drop in water production to 136.6 million cubic metres, while Dhofar Governorate recorded a 3.4 per cent increase to 50.9 million cubic metres. Other governorates collectively posted an 8.5 per cent rise, reaching 155.2 million cubic metres.

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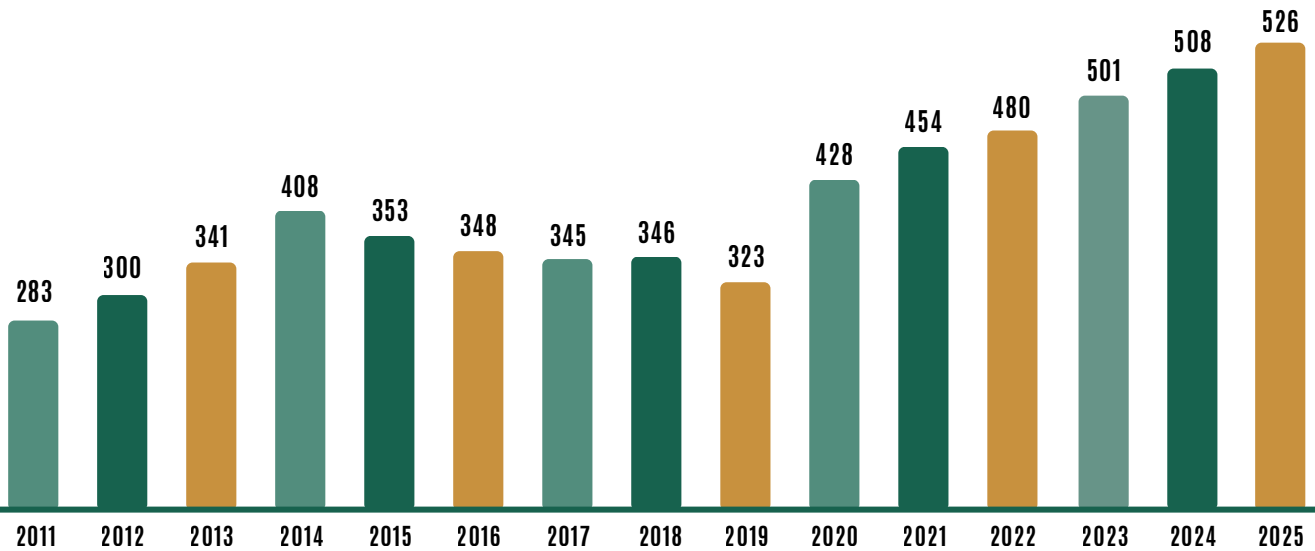
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Senior Leaders Safety Forum 15th Edition (23rd Jan)			Summer Heat Stress Management (30th Apr online)	 OMAN PETROLEUM & ENERGY SHOW (12-14th May)	Oman's Energy & Minerals Skills Development Ecosystem Webinar (25th June)
			Quarterly Senior Leaders Safety Forums (24th April)	Global HSE Forum Bahrain (19-22nd May)	
				INTI & OPAL Tech Day (25th May)	
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
	Quarterly Senior Leaders Safety Forums (28th Aug)	Learning from Incidents & Best Practices Forum (24th Sept)		58th ICV Steering Committee Meeting (2nd Nov)	
				JSR E-invoicing Framework in Oman (5th Nov)	
				WLGA Middle East LPG Summit (10 - 11 Nov)	
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