

## Oman Air Cargo introduces Pan-GCC trucking services

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Oman Air Cargo unveiled its Pan-GCC custom bonded truck services connecting Muscat with Salalah and other GCC countries. Hailed as a milestone in the annals of Oman Air achievements, this service will be effective from 1st June 2011.



During the launch of Oman Air Cargo's Pan-GCC custom bonded truck services.

It is the first time in Oman's freight history that a scheduled custom bonded trucking service is being introduced for customer's use, connecting cargo from one airport to another both domestically as well as to selected airports in the GCC.

The trucking services of Oman's National Carrier will be operated by its business partner M/s. **Able Logistics Group (Oman) LLC**, providing airport to airport connectivity which is expected to play a major role in improving export and import growth in the country by adding faster and more efficient connections.

**Able Logistic Group (Oman) LLC**, is an Omani registered company with established transport and freight forwarding roots in the Sultanate of Oman. **Able Logistics Group (Oman)** is specialized in transporting customs bonded cargo from airport to airport and non-bonded cargoes cargo throughout the GCC and Middle East Region.

Oman Air will link from and to its cargo hubs in Muscat and Salalah to all the Gulf Cooperation Council Countries, namely, United Arab Emirates (Dubai, Sharjah and Abu Dhabi airports), Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (King Fahad Abdul Aziz Ad-Dammam, King Khalid Riyadh and King Abdul Aziz Jeddah airports), Kuwait (Kuwait International Airport), Bahrain (Bahrain International Airport) and Qatar (Doha International Airport). The domestic markets that will be covered under this service are: Salalah and Sohar, followed soon by Adam, Nizwa, Duqm and Sur.

Oman Air will complete its present Online destinations Network with additional new Offline destinations adding Ground Transport Services along with its Flight Programmes.

Speaking on the occasion of unveiling the new service, Abdulrazaq Alraisi, Chief Commercial Officer, Oman Air, said, "We are happy to join hands with **Able Logistics** to provide Pan GCC trucking services. We are confident that the local importers and exporters will welcome our Road Feeder product and turn this into their advantage to grow their businesses. The Road Feeder Services (RFS) will be offered as scheduled services while keeping open the option of adhoc requests. We are sure that this new service will complement and supplement our narrow bodied aircrafts flying within the gulf region."

Mohammed Noor Mohammed, Chairman of **Able Logistics LLC**, Oman, said, "We are proud to be partnered with the National Carrier of Oman in bringing our service to an ever wider customer base. Able Logistics LLC is committed to offering transportation solutions throughout the region to its customers. **Able Logistics's** business philosophy has always been to provide its customers with reliable, efficient and cost effective transportation services by eliminating costly delays, by reducing transit times and above all maintaining product integrity by delivering its customers cargoes safely to their final destination."

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### About **Able Logistics LLC** Oman:

Established by Mohammed Noor United Co.LLC, Oman and **Able Logistics Group** UAE, is a logistics company based in Muscat offering a wide variety of custom made services and solutions in clearing and freight forwarding(air, sea, land), general land transport, warehousing, equipment hire, materials handling and cargo consolidation. The company's objective is to provide high quality transport and logistics service through its highly trained and dedicated staff, utilizing the latest machines, international systems and technology.

**Able Logistics Group**, a Limited Liability Company head quartered in Dubai, United Arab Emirates offering multi dimensional integrated logistics both local and international. **Able Logistics Group** is also recognized as one of the top 3 airfreight forwarders in the UAE and in the top 5 land transport operators and brokers in the UAE. ([www.ablelogisticsgroup.com](http://www.ablelogisticsgroup.com)).

About Oman Air:

Oman Air is the flagship carrier of the Sultanate of Oman. Founded in 1993, the airline has since witnessed massive growth and has played a major role in making Muscat an important traffic hub in the Middle East, supporting the commercial, industrial and tourism sectors.

The airline currently operates direct international flights from Muscat to Gulf destinations, such as Abu Dhabi, Bahrain, Doha, Dubai, Jeddah, Riyadh, Kuwait and Al Ain. Within the Middle East region, Oman Air flies to Cairo in Egypt, Beirut in Lebanon and Amman in Jordan.

In addition, Oman Air flies to ten destinations in India - Mumbai, Chennai, Kochi, Thiruvananthapuram, Hyderabad, Delhi, Lucknow, Bangalore, Kozhikode and Jaipur. Within the Subcontinent, Oman Air also flies to Chittagong in Bangladesh, Karachi, Islamabad and Lahore in Pakistan and Colombo in Sri Lanka. Furthermore, Oman Air flies to the Indian Ocean islands of the Maldives. Within the Far East, Oman Air destinations include Bangkok in Thailand and Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia.

Among its European destinations are: London in the United Kingdom, Munich and Frankfurt in Germany and Paris in France. Oman Air also flies to Zanzibar and Dar Es Salaam in Tanzania.

In September 2010, Oman Air commenced operations to Dammam in Saudi Arabia, and Kathmandu in Nepal. Milan, Italy, was latest addition to the expanding network of Oman Air destinations.

Oman Air's fleet consists of Boeing 737 and Airbus A330s. Currently, the fleet strength stands at 15 B737-700s/800s, three A330-200s, three A330-300s, two Embraer E 175s and two ATRs 42-500. During 2011, one additional A330-200 will be delivered.

For the future Oman Air has ordered 6 Boeing 787 Dreamliners, which are scheduled for delivery in 2014.

Oman Air unveiled its First Class Mini Suite in October 2009 which marked a further milestone in Oman Air's ongoing drive for quality and comfort. Earlier in 2009, Oman Air had unveiled its new, lie-flat Business Class seat, which offers greater levels of comfort and amenity than many other airlines' first class products and is fitted on all the new Airbus wide-body fleet.

Marking a pioneering milestone in the history of aviation, Oman Air has become the first airline in the world to offer both mobile telephony and Internet connectivity on board its flights.

Oman Air and Malaysia Airlines entered a code-share partnership in June 2010, opening up more international destinations to their customers. Oman Air's passengers, who currently enjoy direct flights to Kuala Lumpur and Bangkok, will now be connected to 4 new destinations in Malaysia - Langkawi, Kota Kinabalu, Penang, Kuching, and 2 new destinations in Asia - Singapore and Hong Kong. In turn, passengers flying from Kuala Lumpur to Muscat will be able to connect seamlessly to Amman and Kuwait City, with more options from Oman to Dubai and Beirut as well.

More recently Oman Air entered a code-share partnership with British Midlands International (BMI) announced a code-share agreement that will allow Oman Air's customers to book flights from Oman's capital of Muscat to Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Belfast or Manchester, via London Heathrow. BMI's customers will be able to book flights from any of the airline's UK departure points through to Muscat. The code-share agreement is effective since 1st April 2011 and customers will be able to book flights through either Oman Air or BMI outlets.

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