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H.E. Qais bin Mohammed Al Yousef, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion of Oman

Oman is a well-respected trade partner. Could you talk about the sectors the government has prioritised and where you see potential opportunities for enhanced cooperation?

Oman and Germany enjoy historic bilateral trade and investment ties. We share, for example, common commercial interests, particularly in manufacturing, tourism, logistics and renewable energy. NUMOV's visit to Oman in February 2020 was a great example of Omani-German orga-

nisations reinforcing this relationship, actively promoting and exploring opportunities for even greater bilateral economic cooperation.

With nearly 100 German companies operating in Oman and total non-oil trade valued at over USD 440m in 2020, we have a strong and established business relationship. In fact, as far back as the 1960s German firms have had a successful presence in the sultanate, in particular helping build our infrastructure. A few examples of this include Siemens, who after almost 50

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