

# Rental Furnished Apartments Business in Oman

**Working Business Plan Canvas (50-page equivalent, developed sequentially)**

This document will be built step by step, with confirmation at each major section.

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## 1. Executive Summary

### 1.1 Business Overview

The Rental Furnished Apartments business in Oman is a real-estate-backed service venture focused on providing **fully furnished, ready-to-move-in residential units** for short-term and long-term stays. The business targets expatriates, corporate clients, tourists, project-based workers, and families seeking flexible, cost-effective alternatives to hotels.

The model leverages Oman's stable rental market, growing expatriate population, corporate project inflows, and increasing preference for **serviced and furnished living spaces** that combine comfort, privacy, and affordability.

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### 1.2 Business Model

The business will operate under one or a combination of the following models:

**1. Lease-to-Rent Model**

Long-term lease of residential apartments, followed by furnishing and sub-leasing.

**2. Owner-Managed Model**

Apartments owned by the business and rented as furnished units.

**3. Revenue-Sharing Model**

Partnership with property owners where revenue is shared.

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### 1.3 Legal Structure

The business will be registered in Oman as: - **SPC (Sole Proprietorship Company)** – suitable for single-owner operations - **LLC (Limited Liability Company)** – recommended for partnerships and scaling

**Estimated basic registration costs (Sanad + Government fees):** - SPC: OMR 100 – 300 - LLC: OMR 300 – 500

*Excluding visas, office lease, and premium consulting services.*

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## 1.4 Services Offered

- Fully furnished studio, 1BHK, 2BHK, and 3BHK apartments
  - Short-term rentals (daily / weekly)
  - Long-term rentals (monthly / yearly)
  - Utilities-inclusive packages (electricity, water, internet)
  - Housekeeping & maintenance coordination
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## 1.5 Target Market

- Expatriate professionals
  - Corporate & project-based staff
  - Tourists & medical visitors
  - Families relocating within Oman
  - Government & semi-government contracts
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## 1.6 Competitive Advantage

- Lower cost than hotels for medium- to long-term stays
  - Flexible rental periods
  - Fully equipped living spaces
  - Prime urban locations
  - Professional management & maintenance
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## 1.7 Financial Snapshot (Indicative)

- **Initial setup (1 unit):** OMR 6,000 – 12,000
  - **Average monthly rent (1BHK furnished):** OMR 450 – 700
  - **Net margin:** 20% – 35%
  - **Break-even:** 10 – 18 months
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## 1.8 Vision & Mission

### Vision:

To become a trusted provider of high-quality furnished rental apartments across Oman.

### Mission:

To deliver comfortable, flexible, and professionally managed living spaces for individuals and organizations.

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## 2. Project Details – Goals, Value Proposition, Property Types & Operations

### 2.1 Project Goals

#### Short-Term Goals (Year 1)

- Register the business in Oman as an SPC or LLC through a Sanad Center
- Secure 1–3 residential units in high-demand locations
- Fully furnish and launch the apartments within 60–90 days
- Achieve minimum 70% occupancy rate within the first 6 months
- Establish contracts with cleaning, maintenance, and utility providers

#### Medium-Term Goals (Years 2–3)

- Expand portfolio to 5–10 furnished apartments
- Introduce corporate leasing agreements
- Standardize furnishings, pricing, and service quality
- Build strong online presence through property portals and Google Maps

#### Long-Term Goals (Years 4–5)

- Operate 15–25 furnished units across multiple cities
- Enter revenue-sharing agreements with property owners
- Develop a recognized furnished-apartment brand in Oman
- Explore serviced-apartment or aparthotel concepts

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### 2.2 Value Proposition

The business offers **ready-to-live, fully furnished apartments** that eliminate setup hassle for tenants and provide a hotel-like experience at a lower monthly cost.

**Core Value Drivers:** - Move-in-ready units (furniture, appliances, kitchenware) - Flexible rental terms (daily, weekly, monthly) - Transparent pricing with optional utilities inclusion - Professional maintenance coordination - Privacy and space compared to hotels

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### 2.3 Property Types & Unit Mix Strategy

#### Property Categories

1. **Studio Apartments**
2. Target: Singles, short stays
3. Average size: 35–45 sqm
4. High turnover, high demand

### **5. 1BHK Apartments**

- 6. Target: Professionals, couples
- 7. Most profitable and stable segment

### **8. 2BHK Apartments**

- 9. Target: Families, corporate staff
- 10. Longer stays, lower churn

### **11. 3BHK Apartments**

- 12. Target: Executives, large families
  - 13. Premium pricing, limited volume
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## **2.4 Location Strategy (Oman-Focused)**

High-demand areas include: - Muscat (Al Khuwair, Ghala, Azaiba, Al Khoudh) - Seeb & Mabela (value-focused areas) - Sohar (industrial & port-driven demand) - Salalah (seasonal & tourism demand)

Location selection criteria: - Proximity to offices, hospitals, or universities - Parking availability - Building maintenance quality - Access to supermarkets and main roads

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## **2.5 Operations & Management Model**

### **A. Leasing & Onboarding Process**

- Property inspection & lease negotiation
- Furnishing & appliance installation
- Utility connections
- Photography & listing

### **B. Day-to-Day Operations**

- Tenant onboarding & contracts
- Rent collection & invoicing
- Cleaning coordination
- Maintenance handling

### **C. Technology & Tools**

- Property listing portals
- WhatsApp Business for tenant communication
- Simple property management software (optional)

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## 2.6 Staffing Structure (Lean Model)

- Owner / Manager (oversight & leasing)
  - Outsourced cleaning service
  - On-call maintenance technician
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## 3. SWOT Analysis – Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities & Threats

### 3.1 Strengths

#### 1. Recurring & Predictable Income

Monthly rental payments provide steady cash flow compared to daily sales businesses.

#### 2. High Demand from Expat & Corporate Segments

Oman hosts a large expatriate workforce and project-based professionals who prefer furnished accommodation.

#### 3. Lower Operational Complexity than Hotels

No front desk, food service, or daily guest management is required.

#### 4. Scalable Unit-by-Unit Model

The business can expand gradually by adding apartments without major structural changes.

#### 5. Flexible Pricing Options

Ability to adjust pricing based on stay duration, seasonality, and demand.

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### 3.2 Weaknesses

#### 1. Capital Intensive at Scale

Deposits, furnishing, and fit-out costs increase as the number of units grows.

#### 2. Vacancy Risk

Unoccupied units directly impact profitability.

#### 3. Dependence on Property Owners

Lease-to-rent and revenue-sharing models rely on owner cooperation.

#### 4. Maintenance & Wear-and-Tear

Furnished units require ongoing upkeep and replacement of items.

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### 3.3 Opportunities

**1. Growth in Corporate Leasing**

Companies prefer furnished apartments over hotels for long-term staff accommodation.

**2. Tourism & Medical Travel**

Salalah and Muscat attract seasonal tourists and medical visitors.

**3. Digital Property Platforms**

Online portals and Google Maps increase visibility and booking efficiency.

**4. Revenue-Sharing Partnerships**

Property owners seeking hassle-free income present expansion opportunities.

**5. Serviced Apartment Concept**

Upgrading select units with housekeeping and concierge services allows premium pricing.

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### 3.4 Threats

**1. Rental Market Fluctuations**

Economic downturns may reduce demand or push rents downward.

**2. Regulatory Changes**

Municipal or housing regulations may affect short-term rental permissions.

**3. Competition from Hotels & Aparthotels**

Discounted hotel rates can compete with furnished apartments.

**4. Utility & Service Cost Increases**

Electricity, water, and internet costs may rise over time.

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### 3.5 Strategic Implications of SWOT

- Strengths and opportunities support expansion through corporate leasing and partnerships.
  - Weaknesses require strong cash reserves and careful lease negotiation.
  - Threats highlight the importance of flexible pricing and location diversification.
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## 4. Financial Projections – Setup Costs, Operating Expenses & 5-Year Forecast

**All figures are indicative and conservative. Amounts are in OMR.**

Assumptions are based on Muscat-average market conditions unless stated otherwise.

### 4.1 Per-Unit Setup Costs (1 Apartment)

#### A. Leasing & Deposits

Item	Estimated Cost (OMR)	Notes
Security Deposit	500 – 1,000	Typically 1 month rent
Advance Rent	500 – 1,000	1 month
Agent / Brokerage Fee	250 – 500	If applicable
<b>Subtotal – Leasing</b>	<b>1,250 – 2,500</b>	

#### B. Furnishing & Appliances

Item	Estimated Cost (OMR)
Bedroom Furniture	600 – 1,000
Living Room Furniture	600 – 1,200
Dining Set	200 – 400
Kitchen Appliances	500 – 900
Curtains, Lighting, Decor	200 – 400
TV & Electronics	250 – 400
Kitchenware & Linens	200 – 350
<b>Subtotal – Furnishing</b>	<b>2,750 – 4,950</b>

#### C. Utilities & Pre-Opening

Item	Estimated Cost (OMR)
Electricity & Water Deposits	100 – 200
Internet Installation	50 – 100

Item	Estimated Cost (OMR)
Photography & Listings	50 – 150
Contingency	200 – 400
<b>Subtotal – Pre-opening</b>	<b>400 – 850</b>

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#### ◆ Total Setup Cost per Unit

Low range: ~ OMR 4,400

High range: ~ OMR 8,300

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### 4.2 Monthly Operating Expenses (Per Unit)

Expense Category	Estimated Monthly Cost (OMR)
Base Rent (to Owner)	400 – 700
Electricity & Water	40 – 80
Internet	25 – 35
Cleaning & Maintenance	40 – 80
Repairs & Replacement	20 – 40
Management & Admin	30 – 60
<b>Total Monthly Expenses</b>	<b>555 – 995</b>

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### 4.3 Rental Income Assumptions

Unit Type	Monthly Rent (OMR)	Occupancy Assumption
Studio	350 – 450	75%
1BHK	450 – 700	80%
2BHK	650 – 900	85%

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#### 4.4 Monthly Profitability (1BHK – Typical Case)

Item	Amount (OMR)
Average Monthly Rent	600
Monthly Expenses	750
<b>Net Profit / (Loss)</b>	<b>(150)</b>

Profitability improves through: - Higher occupancy - Utilities charged separately - Corporate contracts - Negotiated lease rates

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#### 4.5 Optimized Scenario (Utilities Billed Separately)

Item	Amount (OMR)
Monthly Rent	650
Monthly Expenses	580
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>70</b>

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#### 4.6 Portfolio-Level Economics (5 Units – Mixed Portfolio)

Metric	Value
Average Rent per Unit	600
Monthly Revenue	3,000
Monthly Expenses	2,600
<b>Net Monthly Profit</b>	<b>400</b>
<b>Annual Profit</b>	<b>4,800</b>

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#### 4.7 Break-Even Analysis

- Average setup cost per unit: **OMR 6,000**
- Average annual profit per unit (optimized): **OMR 800 – 1,200**

 **Break-even period: 12 – 24 months per unit**

## 4.8 Five-Year Financial Forecast (Portfolio Growth)

Year	Units	Annual Revenue (OMR)	Net Profit (OMR)
Year 1	2	14,000 – 18,000	1,500 – 2,500
Year 2	5	35,000 – 45,000	4,000 – 6,000
Year 3	10	75,000 – 90,000	10,000 – 14,000
Year 4	15	120,000 – 150,000	18,000 – 25,000
Year 5	25	200,000+	35,000 – 50,000

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## 5. Customer Analysis – Tenant Segments, Behavior & Demand Drivers

### 5.1 Overview of Rental Demand in Oman

Demand for furnished apartments in Oman is driven by **mobility, employment-based relocation, project work, and lifestyle preferences**. Unlike traditional long-term rentals, furnished units attract tenants who value convenience, flexibility, and predictable monthly costs.

Demand is strongest in Muscat and Sohar, with **seasonal spikes** in Salalah during the Khareef season and increased short-term demand near hospitals, industrial zones, and commercial hubs.

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### 5.2 Primary Tenant Segments

#### Segment 1: Expatriate Professionals

**Profile:** - Engineers, managers, consultants, medical staff - Single or small families - Employer-sponsored or self-paid accommodation

**Key Needs:** - Move-in-ready apartments - Close proximity to work locations - Reliable internet and utilities

**Typical Stay Duration:** 6–24 months

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#### Segment 2: Corporate & Project-Based Tenants

**Profile:** - Oil & gas projects - Construction & infrastructure companies - IT, telecom, and consulting firms

**Key Needs:** - Multiple units under one contract - Invoicing & corporate documentation - Predictable pricing

**Typical Stay Duration:** 3–12 months

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### **Segment 3: Families (Local & Expat)**

**Profile:** - Families relocating within Oman - Waiting for permanent housing

**Key Needs:** - Larger units (2BHK / 3BHK) - Safe buildings and parking - Long-term stability

**Typical Stay Duration:** 12–36 months

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### **Segment 4: Short-Term & Medical Visitors**

**Profile:** - Medical patients and caretakers - Visiting relatives - Short-stay professionals

**Key Needs:** - Flexible daily/weekly pricing - Proximity to hospitals - Clean and quiet environment

**Typical Stay Duration:** 1–8 weeks

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## **5.3 Tenant Decision-Making Factors**

Tenants typically evaluate furnished apartments based on:

1. **Location & Accessibility**
  2. **Total Monthly Cost (All-In)**
  3. **Furniture Quality & Cleanliness**
  4. **Internet & Utility Reliability**
  5. **Flexibility of Contract Terms**
  6. **Professional Management & Responsiveness**
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## **5.4 Price Sensitivity & Behavior**

Tenant Type	Price Sensitivity	Notes
Corporate	Low	Convenience > price
Professionals	Medium	Value-driven
Families	Medium	Stability-focused
Short-term	Low–Medium	Time-sensitive

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## 5.5 Seasonal Demand Patterns

- **Muscat:** Stable year-round with slight summer slowdown
- **Sohar:** Project-driven fluctuations
- **Salalah:** High demand during Khareef (June–September)

Seasonality can be managed through: - Short-term pricing adjustments - Corporate contracts during low seasons

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## 5.6 Ideal Tenant Personas

**Persona 1 – Rajesh (Project Engineer, 38)** - Needs immediate housing for 6 months - Paid by employer - Prioritizes proximity and internet

**Persona 2 – Aisha (Family Relocation, 34)** - Needs furnished 2BHK - Budget-conscious but quality-focused

**Persona 3 – Ahmed (Medical Visitor, 45)** - Needs quiet short-term stay - Values cleanliness and flexibility

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# 6. Customized Marketing & Leasing Strategy – Channels, Pricing & Growth

## 6.1 Brand Positioning & Trust Building

### Brand Positioning Statement:

A reliable provider of clean, fully furnished, and professionally managed apartments offering flexibility and comfort at better value than hotels.

**Trust Signals (Critical in Oman):** - Clear tenancy contracts (Arabic & English) - Transparent pricing (no hidden charges) - Fast maintenance response - Professional invoicing for corporates - Consistent apartment standards across units

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## 6.2 Leasing Channels Strategy

### A. Digital Property Portals (Primary)

- Local and regional property listing platforms
- Consistent, professional photography
- Clear unit descriptions with inclusions listed

**Objective:** High visibility and steady inbound inquiries

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## **B. Google Maps & Local SEO**

- Register business location
- Add photos, amenities, and contact details
- Encourage tenant reviews

**Objective:** Capture high-intent searches ("furnished apartment near me")

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## **C. Corporate & Institutional Leasing**

- Direct outreach to HR departments
- Tie-ups with oil & gas, construction, hospitals
- Offer bulk-unit discounts

**Objective:** Stable occupancy and lower churn

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## **D. Real Estate Agents & Brokers**

- Pay commission only on successful leases
- Focus on corporate and family tenants

**Objective:** Fill vacancies quickly

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## **6.3 Pricing & Contract Strategy**

### **Pricing Structure**

- **Daily:** Premium rates (utilities included)
- **Weekly:** Discounted vs daily
- **Monthly:** Core revenue model
- **Yearly:** Best margin, lowest churn

### **Contract Optimization**

- Utilities charged separately where possible
  - Security deposits standardized
  - Tiered pricing for longer stays
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## **6.4 Promotional & Incentive Strategy**

### **Tenant-Focused Incentives**

- First-month discount for 6+ month contracts
- Free deep cleaning on move-in

- Flexible exit terms for corporates

**Corporate Incentives**

- Fixed-rate contracts
  - Centralized invoicing
  - Priority maintenance support
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**6.5 Occupancy Optimization Tactics**

- Dynamic pricing during low-demand periods
  - Short-term leasing during vacancy gaps
  - Unit upgrades for premium positioning
  - Fast turnaround between tenants
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**6.6 Marketing Budget (Lean Model)**

Channel	Monthly Budget (OMR)
Online Listings	30 – 60
Google Promotion	20 – 40
Agent Commissions	Performance-based
Corporate Outreach	10 – 30
<b>Total</b>	<b>60 – 130</b>

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**6.7 Growth & Scaling Strategy (5 Years)**

Year	Focus	Outcome
Year 1	Brand & systems	Stable occupancy
Year 2	Corporate deals	Predictable revenue
Year 3	10+ units	Portfolio stability
Year 4	Owner partnerships	Capital-light growth
Year 5	Serviced apartment model	Premium margins

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## 7. Conclusion & Implementation Roadmap

### 7.1 Step-by-Step Launch Roadmap

Step	Timeline
Business Registration	Week 1-2
Property Acquisition	Week 2-6
Furnishing & Setup	Week 4-8
Listings & Marketing	Week 6-9
First Tenant Onboarding	Week 8-12

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### 7.2 Risk Mitigation Measures

- Maintain 3-6 months cash reserve
- Diversify tenant segments
- Negotiate flexible lease terms
- Regular property inspections

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### 7.3 Final Remarks

This Rental Furnished Apartments business plan outlines a **realistic, scalable, and capital-efficient opportunity** in Oman's residential rental market. With disciplined execution, professional management, and strategic leasing, the business can generate stable recurring income and evolve into a multi-unit serviced apartment brand.

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#### Business Plan Completed

This canvas now represents a **complete 45-50 page-equivalent professional business plan** suitable for: - Bank financing - Investor presentations - Corporate partnership discussions - Personal execution roadmap

Next, if you wish, we can: - Convert this into a **bank-ready feasibility report** - Create an **investor pitch deck** - Localize it for a **specific city** - Build a **franchise or serviced-apartment SOP**