

BankMuscat Submission to Oman Green Awards

Award Category: The Green Habitat Award

Organization details

Organization name: BankMuscat

CR No: 1/14573/8

One line description of the organization: With assets worth over USD 15 billion, BankMuscat is the leading financial services provider in Oman with a strong presence in Corporate Banking, Retail Banking, Investment Banking, Treasury, Private Banking and Asset Management.

Organization type: Commercial and wholesale banking

Website: www.bankmuscat.com

Address: Airport Heights – Seeb

Building No. 120/4, Block No: 311, Street No: 62

Project details

Project Title: BankMuscat Head Office

Location of the project: Airport Heights, Seeb, Oman

One line description of the project: The new head office is a unique architectural masterpiece and an outstanding landmark in terms of aesthetics and facilities. It redefines modern banking requirements in terms of functionality, security, productivity and business continuity plan,

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Commencement of project: inaugurated in December 2010

Objectives of the project:

- 1) Create a building where about 2,000 personnel will want and choose to spend their work and leisure time.
- 2) Provide the best work environment and improve employee performance. The attractions include a Moroccan style garden and an internal street bustling with a state-of-the-art branch, coffee shops, restaurants and convenience store. All this add up to creating the best

work and leisure environment. The use of themed “break-out” areas close to work areas is also something to excite the Bank personnel.

3) Incorporate the latest technologies to enhance collaboration, connectivity and connection among the bank staff.

4) Meet all requisites in terms of functionality, security and Business Continuity Planning in line with the Bank's long term plans and strategies.

5) Transform to the open office work environment which enables the staff to work in comfort and perform duties in a flexible manner

6) Higher customer satisfaction on account of all services being available under one roof.

Environmental achievements:

1) The new Head Office building is designed in accordance with the highest environmental standards.

2) All timber products on the project have been taken from a sustainable source.

3) The building meets the requirements of individuals with special needs and includes tactile paving, anti-slip flooring, etc...

4) When designing the eastern and western elevations of the building, the construction team gave due consideration to the installation of simple windows for protection from the heat.

5) The Oriel windows reflect the Omani architectural style blended with traditional Islamic architecture.

6) Pilkington glass imported was used for the project, which is one of the most advanced and environment friendly types available.

7) Two key air handling units have been strategically placed to minimize green house effects.

8) The building is fitted with sensor-based lighting devices to reduce or increase lighting in order to conserve energy. When sunshine is at its peak, the lighting system automatically remains dim.

9) Sensor taps and other latest sanitary fixtures have been used to minimize water wastage.

Hopes on achievement in the long term:

Having successfully pushed architectural boundaries, the new BankMuscat headquarters is sure to stand the test of time. The new facilities unleash a vibrant banking experience as BankMuscat remains focused on consolidating its leading position in Oman with innovative banking solutions. The Bank hopes to set standards for other companies in Oman to follow

the same path in providing best facilities to their employees in a warm inspiring environment.