

## Chairman’s Report – December 2025

Dear Shareholders,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am pleased to present the financial statements of ahlibank for the year ended 31 December, 2025.

As we conclude 2025, the global economic landscape continues to be shaped by moderate inflation, tighter financial conditions across major markets, and ongoing geopolitical uncertainties. Despite these challenges, the Sultanate of Oman has demonstrated commendable resilience, underpinned by prudent fiscal management, contained inflationary pressure, and steady progress under the Tenth Five-Year Plan. According to the International Monetary Fund, Oman’s GDP growth for 2026 is projected at approximately 3.7%, driven primarily by non-oil sector expansion and continued economic diversification initiatives. These fundamentals continue to reinforce investor confidence and provide a stable foundation for medium-term growth.

Within the domestic financial sector, performance remained robust. Credit growth was sustained across corporate, retail, and SME segments, reflecting continued economic activity and business confidence, while deposit growth underscored customers’ trust in the strength and stability of the Banking sector. The Islamic banking segment maintained strong double-digit growth, further deepening financial inclusion and reinforcing the sector’s contribution to the broader economy. Regulatory enhancements and the continued emphasis on the ESG-linked framework further strengthened transparency, efficiency, and responsible governance, accelerating the sector’s transition toward digitalization and sustainable finance.

Throughout 2025, the bank executed its strategic priorities with discipline and focus, building clarity, resilience and operational momentum. This approach has enabled the Bank to navigate evolving market conditions while maintaining a long-term commitment to financial stability, responsible growth, and sustainable value creation for all stakeholders.

### Financial Performance

The Bank completed 18 successful years since its incorporation as a commercial Bank and continued to move ahead with another steady performance across key financial indicators for the year ending December 2025.

	31 Dec 2025	31 Dec 2024	Growth
	﷮ Million		%
Loans, advances and financing, net	3,446.4	3,022.3	14.0
Total Assets	4,188.7	3,754.9	11.6
Customers’ Deposits	3,157.5	2,762.8	14.3
Equity	641.3	558.0	14.9
Operating Income	117.75	108.30	8.7
Operating Expenses	(48.97)	(46.40)	(5.5)
Profit for the year	46.32	41.66	11.2

The Bank’s Loans, advances and financing, net witnessed a 14.0% growth to ~~﷮~~3,446.4 million at end of 31st December 2025, over the corresponding period in 2024. Total assets increased by 11.6% to ~~﷮~~4,188.7 million, driven by healthy growth across the retail and corporate sectors. Customers’ deposits increased by 14.3% to reach ~~﷮~~3,157.5 million, compared to the corresponding period of last year. Operating Income increased by 8.7% to reach ~~﷮~~117.75 million. Operating Expenses, increased by 5.5% to reach ~~﷮~~48.97 million. Profit for the year grew by 11.2% to reach ~~﷮~~46.32 million, demonstrating the Bank’s sustained growth strategy.

## Achievements

During 2025, ahlibank delivered meaningful progress across digital innovation, capital-market leadership, customer-centric transformation, and nationwide expansion, reinforcing its role as a key contributor to Oman's economic development. The bank advanced initiatives that strengthened its financial position, expanded its specialized capabilities, and deepened engagement in priority development sectors. These included real estate and housing finance supporting the Sultanate's urban development agenda, advisory mandates for sustainable and net-zero city projects, and strategic involvement in renewable-energy and private-sector initiatives aligned with national diversification objectives.

The bank's leadership in the capital markets was further demonstrated through the successful management of major issuances during the year, reinforcing confidence in its structuring expertise and financial stewardship. In support of the Bank's long-term strategy and growth ambitions, ahlibank successfully completed an oversubscribed rights issue during the year. This milestone further strengthened the Bank's capital base and underscored the confidence of shareholders in its strategic direction and governance framework.

Digital transformation remained a central focus throughout the year. The bank introduced a range of forward-looking solutions aimed at enhancing accessibility, operational efficiency, and customer experience across retail, corporate, and SME segments. Among these initiatives was the launch of ahlinext, an interactive, youth-focused platform designed to promote financial literacy by combining practical financial tools with secure, parent-guided controls, enabling children to build healthy financial habits from an early age. The bank also expanded automated and online services for businesses and continued the modernization of core platforms to support an increasingly integrated and scalable operating environment.

A defining milestone in 2025 was the launch of ahlibank's digital debit card, marking a significant step in advancing frictionless, secure, and fully digital customer onboarding. Designed for immediate activation and compatibility with leading payment wallets, this solution reflects the bank's commitment to embed technology into everyday financial interactions and elevating the digital banking experience. This progress was further supported by strategic geographic expansion, with new branches opened across key growth corridors to enhance service coverage for both conventional and Islamic customers.

The bank's performance and innovation were recognized through multiple industry awards. ahlibank was named Best Bank for SMEs at the Euromoney Awards 2025, highlighting its contribution to enterprise growth and sectoral development. The bank was also awarded Best Retail Bank in Oman by The Digital Banker, reflecting its leadership in customer-centric banking and service excellence. Additionally, ahlibank received Best Performing Company – Large Cap for the seventh consecutive year, alongside Excellence in Innovation & Digital Banking at the 14th Alam Al-Iktisaad Awards, underscoring its balanced progress across financial strength, customer value, and digital transformation.

## Corporate Social Responsibility

ahlibank's commitment to social impact remained a core pillar of its purpose-driven agenda throughout 2025. Guided by principles of empowerment, inclusivity, and national alignment, the Bank advanced initiatives supporting education, community wellbeing, sustainability, and financial inclusion, reflecting a holistic ESG-led approach embedded across its operations and partnerships.

During the year, ahlibank strengthened support for vulnerable communities through partnerships with charitable and educational institutions. Its collaboration with the Al Rahma Association for Motherhood and Childhood Care focused on supporting widowed and divorced women through essential household assistance and improved financial stability. Partnerships with the Al Noor Association for the Blind and the Omar Bin Al-Khattab Institute for the Blind expanded access to training, financial literacy, and inclusive learning tools, enhancing employability, accessibility, and independence.

The Bank also promoted community wellbeing through initiatives including blood-donation drives, sponsorship and participation in the Muscat Marathon, and the second edition of ahli Expo, providing SMEs and local entrepreneurs with a platform to showcase their products and expand market reach. The ahlibank Ramadan Souq, held for the third consecutive year, supported more than 60 small businesses during the holy month.

In addition, ahlibank distributed over 1,000 Iftar food boxes, provided Eid clothing to more than 50 elderly residents at the Social Care House, and supported low-income families with over 40 air-conditioning units in partnership with the Al Rahma Association. The Bank also served as the exclusive banking sponsor of the Back to School 2025 campaign, benefiting more than 2,000 children from orphaned and low-income families.

During the final quarter, ahlibank reinforced its commitment to women's empowerment through a Memorandum of Understanding with Sidab Women, supporting low-income female entrepreneurs and vocational initiatives that preserve Omani craftsmanship and cultural heritage.

Sustainability remained integral to the Bank's strategy, with ESG principles embedded across key initiatives. The completion of the solar-powered car park marked a tangible contribution to the Sultanate's Net Zero ambitions, while continued investment in national talent through structured learning and leadership programs ensured a skilled, future-ready workforce aligned with Oman's human capital priorities.

### **Looking Ahead**

As we enter 2026, ahlibank remains firmly anchored in a strategy that emphasizes financial soundness, operational strength, and sustained value creation. The year ahead will be shaped by evolving regulatory standards, rapid technological advancements, and heightened expectations for disciplined governance across the banking sector. In response, the bank will continue strengthening its core capabilities, reinforcing prudent risk management, enhancing operational efficiency, and advancing the digital transformation initiatives that are now fundamental to modern banking.

At the same time, ahlibank will deepen its contribution to Oman's socio-economic development by supporting priority sectors under the national diversification agenda, expanding opportunities for SMEs, and investing in the development of national talent. Guided by a commitment to responsible growth, strong capital positions and sound governance, the bank is well-positioned to pursue new opportunities with clarity and purpose.

### **Acknowledgements**

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I extend our sincere appreciation to our shareholders for their continued confidence in the bank's strategic direction. We are equally grateful to our customers, whose trust underpins our progress, and to our partners and stakeholders for their continued collaboration and support.

The Board also acknowledges the dedication of our Executive Management and employees, whose professionalism, adaptability, and commitment have been instrumental in delivering the Bank's priorities throughout the year. Their collective efforts continue to strengthen the Bank's culture and position it to embrace new opportunities with confidence.

Above all, we express our deepest respect and allegiance to His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik. We remain firmly committed to supporting the Sultanate's socio-economic ambitions and contributing meaningfully to the nation's ongoing progress and prosperity.

**Hamdan Ali Nasser Al Hinai**

**Chairman**