

# The All-New Lexus UX

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**E**brahim K. Kanoo, the sole distributor of Lexus vehicles in the Kingdom, launched the all-new Lexus UX in Bahrain, an innovative addition to the Luxury Compact Crossover segment.

The all-new model combines the brand's latest luxury offerings and safety technologies in a package that combines new charismatic design elements and ultra-efficient powertrains.

While the UX name is derived from the guiding concept of the vehicle's design team and describes the vehicle's mission as Urban + X-over (crossover), the all-new model is engineered to deliver a quick and engaging driving experience with a Lexus-smooth demeanour, making it a unique entry in the luxury compact crossover segment.

Ebrahim K. Kanoo Senior Manager for Lexus Marketing, Ayman Shehadeh, commented on the latest addition to Lexus stating; "Lexus perpetually strives to create extraordinary Experiences and that is exactly what they have achieved with this latest addition to the Lexus Family. This is by far one of the most exciting crossovers in the market due to its sophisticated playfulness and emotional dy-



Launch ceremony of the all-new Lexus

namism which evokes the true sense of Lexus."

The all-new model is the first Lexus vehicle to be constructed on the new Global Architecture Compact (GA-C) platform.

Chief Representative, Middle East and North Africa Representative Office, Toyota Motor Corporation, ugo Miyamoto

commented, "We are very excited to launch the all-new Lexus UX, an innovative vehicle that is tailored to the evolving needs and aspirations of our customers in Bahrain and the region."

Lexus UX has a front-wheel drive configuration and is powered by a new 2.0 litre, four-cyl-

inder engine, which is coupled with a new 10-speed Direct Shift Continuously Variable Transmission (DCVT). It offers a host of features, including a Drive Select controller with up to five modes that allows the driver to tailor the driving experience. The 2019 Lexus UX introduces world-firsts such as wireless

lighting for the airflow knob and a unique aero ventilation design, which was developed to reduce air turbulence over the wheel surface. The all-new model also has a Lexus-first palm rest integrated audio control system, as well as Lexus' advanced safety technology package, Lexus Safety System+.

The UX 200 delivers a combination of engaging performance and high efficiency from a newly developed 2.0-litre inline four-cylinder engine, which produces 169 hp and 205 Nm of torque.

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## Huawei CFO cites health issues in bail request

Montreal, Canada

**A** top executive with Chinese telecom giant Huawei argued in court documents released Sunday that she should be released on bail from her Canadian jail while waiting possible extradition to the United States.

In a sworn affidavit, Huawei chief financial officer Meng Wanzhou said that she has been treated in a Canadian hospital for hypertension since she was arrested in Vancouver on December 1 for possible extradition.

Meng, the daughter of Huawei founder Ren Zhengfei, faces US



Media and members of the public line up outside the British Columbia Supreme Court to attend the trial of Meng Wanzhou

fraud charges related to alleged sanctions-breaking dealings with Iran.

She is being held in custody awaiting a Canadian court's decision on bail on Monday.

In a 55-page affidavit Meng said that she has suffered from severe hypertension for years. "I continue to feel unwell and I am worried about my health deteriorating while I am incarcerated," the document read.

Meng said that she has had "numerous health problems" during her life, including surgery for thyroid cancer in 2011.

"I wish to remain in Vancouver to contest my extradition and I will contest the allegations at trial in the US if I am ultimately surrendered," she said.

Meng said she has ties to Vancouver that go back 15 years. She and her husband own several properties in the city, and she

even had a Canadian permanent residency permit that she has since renounced.

In a bail hearing that was adjourned on Friday, Canadian Crown prosecutor John Gibb-Carsley asked for bail to be denied, saying Meng has been accused of "conspiracy to defraud multiple financial institutions."

He said if convicted, she faces more than 30 years in prison.

The extradition process could take months, even years, if appeals are made in the case.

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has said politics played no part in the decision to arrest Meng.

## Ghoshn served with fresh arrest warrant

Tokyo, Japan

**J**apanese prosecutors yesterday formally charged Carlos Ghosn with financial misconduct for under-reporting his salary and also served a fresh warrant on separate allegations.

Prosecutors pressed formal charges on Ghosn -- and key aide Greg Kelly. The pair were also immediately re-arrested over fresh allegations that they conspired to under-declare Ghosn's income by a further four billion yen over the past three years.

## Egyptian market enjoys best day in two years

● **Egypt's Madinet Nasr, SODIC rise on merger update**

● **Dubai's Emaar, Union Properties hit five-year low**

● **Egypt's annual urban consumer inflation falls**

● **Saudi's Bupa Arabia gains on insurance contract**

Reuters

**E**gypt's blue-chip index rose yesterday for its biggest one-day gain in two years, after



Visitors look at stock price information displayed on a digital screen inside the Saudi Stock Exchange

the country's annual inflation dipped. Real estate continued to weigh on Dubai.

Egypt's annual urban consumer price inflation dipped to 15.7 per cent in November from 17.7pc in October, the official statistics agency CAPMAS said

yesterday, exceeding analysts' expectations.

Inflation had spiked in October because of supply problems in the domestic fruit and vegetable market.

The Egyptian blue-chip index jumped 2.8pc, with 26 of its 30

stocks gaining. It follows an almost 30pc drop in the larger EGX 100 index since May this year.

The country's largest lender, Commercial International Bank, added 4.8pc. The Middle East's biggest investment bank, EFG Hermes, gained 4.9pc.

El Sewedy Electric rose 4.9pc after it said its unit had signed a contract to develop land at Ain Sokhna economic zone.

Sixth Of Development and Investment (SODIC) climbed 5.5pc. It said on Sunday that it would pay 800 million pounds (\$44.79 million) as part of a settlement deal with the Illicit Gains Authority.

Meanwhile, Madinet Nasr For Housing And Development gained 6.7pc after saying it was still interested in merging with SODIC.

In Dubai, the index lost 2pc,

continuing to hover at its lowest level in more than five years. Union Properties sank 10pc to trade at its lowest in more than five years, while Emaar Properties slumped 4.6pc to hit a more than five year closing low.

But Islamic Arab Insurance rose 5.4pc after Goldilocks Investment Company, a unit of the Abu Dhabi Financial Group, increased its ownership in the firm to 14.1pc.

The Abu Dhabi index dropped 1pc, pressured by its banks. The index heavyweight First Abu Dhabi Bank shed 0.9pc and the head of equities at its asset management group left, Reuters reported citing two sources familiar with the matter.

Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank fell 3.8pc. The bank's Egyptian unit, Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank Egypt, said on Sunday that it expected a

fall of up to 8pc in its 2019 profit due to tax changes in Egypt.

Saudi Arabia's main index slid 0.3pc with oil weighing on its banks and petrochemical shares.

Oil fell on Monday, in line with further declines in global stock markets, erasing the gains made last week when OPEC and other key exporters agreed to cut their crude output from January.

Riyad Bank shed 2.3pc and the top petrochemical maker, Saud Basic Industries, fell 0.7pc.

But Bupa Arabia For Cooperative Insurance Company gained 2.7pc after it said it will provide health insurance services to National Commercial Bank's employees and their families for 2019. National Commercial Bank added 0.6pc.

Qatar's index fell 0.5pc with Qatar Navigation falling 2pc and Qatar Fuel losing 1.4pc.