

Meta's new Quest Pro headset makes debut
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Meta Platforms (META.O) unveiled its Quest Pro virtual and mixed reality headset on Tuesday, marking a milestone for Chief Executive Mark Zuckerberg's break into the higher-end market for extended reality computing devices.

The headset will hit shelves on Oct. 25 at a price of \$1,500.

The Quest Pro features several upgrades over Meta's existing Quest 2 headset, which overwhelmingly dominates the consumer virtual reality market.

Most strikingly, it has outward-facing cameras that capture a sort of 3D live-stream of the physical environment around a wearer, enabling mixed reality novelties like the ability to hang a virtual painting on a real-world wall or have a virtual ball bounce off a real table.

The Quest 2, by contrast, offers a more rudimentary grayscale version of this technology, called passthrough.

The Quest Pro feels lighter and slimmer than its predecessors, with thin pancake lenses and a relocated battery that sits at the back of the headset, distributing its weight more evenly while reducing overall bulk.

For fully immersive virtual reality, Meta has added tracking sensors to the Quest Pro that can replicate users' eye movements and facial expressions, creating a sense that avatars are making eye contact.



OPEC cuts 2022, 2023 oil demand growth view as economy slows

● Cuts 2022 demand growth to 2.64 million bpd from 3.1 mln bpd

● Still sees demand topping pre-pandemic level in 2023

● OPEC September output rises 146,000 bpd, led by Saudi

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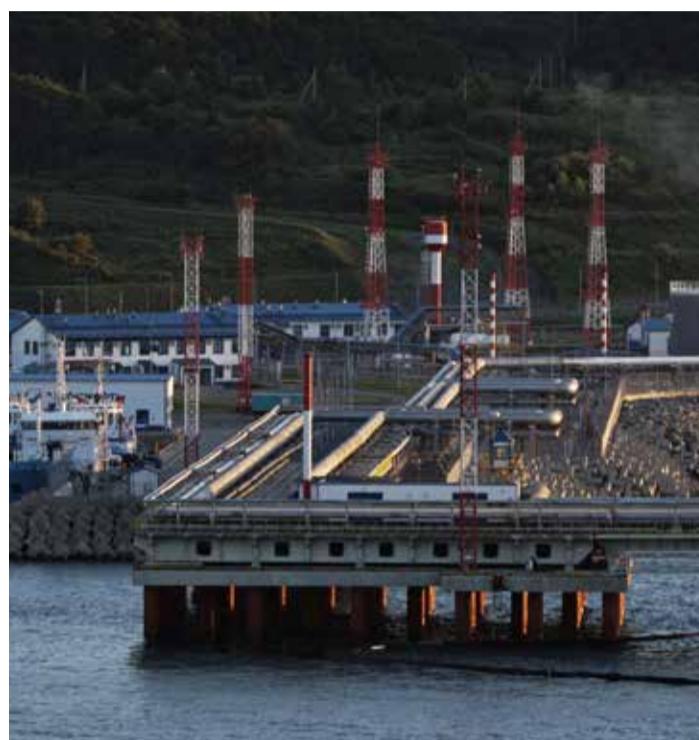
OPEC yesterday cut its 2022 forecast for growth in world oil demand for a fourth time since April and also trimmed next year's figure, citing slowing economies, the resurgence of China's COVID-19 containment measures and high inflation.

Oil demand will increase by 2.64 million barrels per day (bpd) or 2.7% in 2022, the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) said in a monthly report, down 460,000 bpd from the previous forecast.

The world economy has entered into a time of heightened uncertainty and rising challenges, amid ongoing high inflation levels, monetary tightening by major central banks, high sovereign debt levels in many regions as well as ongoing supply issues," OPEC said in the report.

The lower demand outlook gives additional context for last week's move by OPEC and its allies, known as OPEC+, to make their largest cut in output since 2020 to support the market. The United States criticized the decision.

Even after the downgrade, OPEC still expects demand growth to be stronger this year



A view shows the crude oil terminal Kozmino on the shore of Nakhodka Bay near the port city of Nakhodka, Russia and next to the International Energy Agency, which issues its latest forecasts on Thursday.

Next year, OPEC sees oil demand rising by 2.34 million bpd, 360,000 bpd less than previous forecast, to 102.02 million bpd. OPEC still expects demand in 2023 to exceed the pre-pandemic rate of 2019.

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Oil prices, which have been weakening in response to fears about the economy, turned lower after the report was released, trading below \$94 a barrel.

SUPPLY RISE

OPEC+ has for most of this year been ramping up oil output to unwind record cuts put in place in 2020 after the pandemic slashed demand.

The group's decision for September 2022 called for a 100,000 bpd increase in its output target, of which about 64,000 bpd was meant to come from the 10 participating OPEC countries.

The report showed OPEC output rose by 146,000 bpd to 29.77 million bpd in September, led by Saudi Arabia and Nigeria.

Still, OPEC is pumping far less than called for by the OPEC+ agreement due to under-investment in oilfields by some members.

OPEC expects world demand for its crude to average 29.4 million bpd next year, down 300,000 bpd from last month and implying a surplus of 370,000 bpd should output continue at September's rate and other things remain equal.

Still, the OPEC+ output cut agreed last week runs for all of 2023 and is much larger, at 2 million bpd.

Apple, Samsung to upgrade phone software for Indian 5G rollout by Dec

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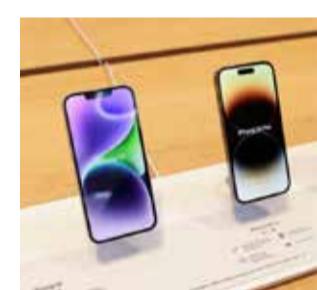
Apple Inc (AAPL.O) and Samsung Electronics (005930.KS) are among companies who will upgrade software for their 5G-enabled phones in India by December as authorities press mobile phone manufacturers to adopt the high-speed network.

Apple said it would push software upgrades to recent models, including the iPhone 14, 13, 12 and iPhone SE, which, industry sources say, do not yet support the network.

"We are working with our carrier partners in India to bring the best 5G experience to iPhone users as soon as network validation and testing for quality and performance is completed," Apple said in a statement yesterday.

"5G will be enabled via a software update and will start rolling out to iPhone users in December."

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched 5G services on Oct. 1 amid much fanfare, with leading telecom operator Reliance Jio saying it would make the service available in four cities, while rival Bharti Airtel (BRTI.NS) targeted eight cities. A Samsung India spokesperson said the company would roll out updates across all its 5G devices by mid-November.



Oasis Mall Juffair celebrates 4th anniversary

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Oasis Mall Juffair 'Your favourite neighbourhood mall' celebrated its 4th Anniversary with an event organised under the patronage of Sheikh Rashid bin Abdul Rahman Al Khalifa - Governor of Capital Governorate.

The event was also graced by Sheikha Hind bint Salman Al Khalifa - Director, Al Rashid Group, Ambassadors and dignitaries of the Thailand, Philippines and Indonesian Embassies as well as Samir Misra - Territory Head Al Rashid Group along with senior officials of Al Rashid Group.

Sheikh Rashid praised the efforts of Al Rashid Group in supporting and activating the commercial movement in the Kingdom, through continued growth and expansion of its work.

The Governor praised the efforts of Al Rashid Group in supporting the "Manama Healthy City" program, which was launched by the Capital Governorate in partnership with the World Health Organization. He stated that the mall fulfilled all the conditions to qualify for the title of a "Healthy Mall".



In pictures, the 4th anniversary celebration of Oasis Mall Juffair



Samir Misra stated, "The 4-year journey for Oasis Mall Juffair has been phenomenal. Our success is because of our tenants, the in-mall facilities we offer, the amazing location we are based in, our employees & above all the love that our cus-

tomers have shown towards us. Our customers visit us for enjoying a great experience."

To celebrate this anniversary the mall launched The Biggest Activation in town - "4th Anniversary Promotions". The exciting offers will be from 12th

to 16th October 2022. They will cover all categories from Fashion, Furniture, Food, Entertainment, Watches, Jewellery and much more. It's the perfect time for our customers to experience some shopping therapy.

The large array of offers on

Fashion include Flat 50% OFF at Centrepoint, Flat 30% OFF at Max, Up to 75% OFF at Koton, Up to 50% Off at Red Tag, Up to 50% OFF at Olympia Sports & Flat 50% off at Giordano.

Enjoy the latest movies in Arabic & English at Cineco along

with a 50% discount on all Food & Beverages. It's the perfect time to redecorate your home with Flat 40% OFF at Home Box. The offers do not end here, there is more that meets the eye with Up to 50% OFF at Ehsan Optics & Eyezone. Get the perfect fragrance from Kolmaz with a Buy 1 Get 1. Get the Jewellery or Watch you always wanted with amazing offers such as Upto 60% off at Hour Choice, Upto 50% off at Jawahra & Upto 60% at Ala Moda and much more.

Spend some quality time with your friends at Giorgio Café and enjoy their Buy 1 Get 1 Free offer on selected beverages. The foodies can have their favorite Italian dishes at Joey's Pizza with a FREE Drink on purchase of any meal and if you are craving for some lip-smacking Indian food, head over to Mysore Café and get a Free Drink on purchase of any main course item.

After all this if you are tired then head over for a Spa Day to Lavish Spa and get a 10% discount on all services.

Along with "4th Anniversary Promotion" there will also be a host of fun activities. The mall has parking spaces for more than 700 cars in this part of town.