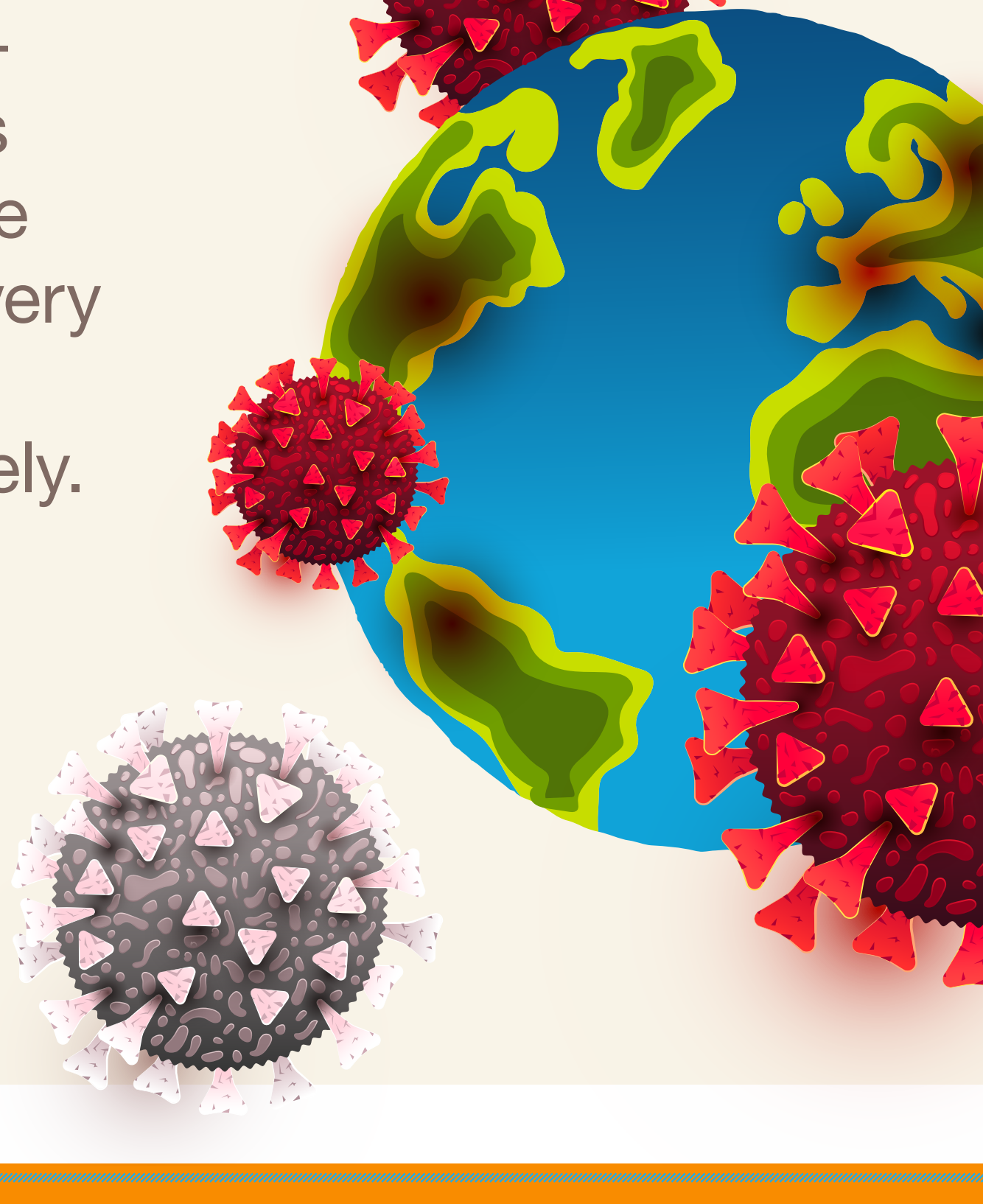




What's up?

Following the Cabinet's directive to rein the spread of COVID-19, Markaz closed its offices in Kuwait on March 12. Since then, Markaz has exerted every effort to increase efficiency and facilitate working remotely. This special issue of Diwan shares the latest business news from the quarantine.



Working Efficiently and Remotely

Activating Markaz contingency plan, a limited number of key employees took all the precautionary procedures and worked at the office with limited hours.

In addition, Markaz teams were able to work remotely, thanks to our support teams.

Bassam, Milad, Mohammed K and Amr H from MENA RE and Legal teams were on a business trip in UAE and haven't been able to fly back to their families as intended, as all travel stopped. However, they continue to work positively from their new temporary base. All our appreciation to 'The Fantastic Four'.



Success stories

As a thought leader in the financial sector, Markaz has been playing a key role in proposing economic measures to the Cabinet of Ministers towards mitigating the impact of COVID-19.

- Markaz has taken part in key meetings in the Cabinet of Ministers, Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and with the Minister of Commerce.
- Fruit of quality brainstorming sessions, two high level papers submitted to the government with recommendations on how to overcome this crisis.
- Markaz research arm, Marmore, launched Corona virus dashboard and GCC investment dashboard highlighting latest updates of the virus and its impact on markets globally and locally.



Markaz Culture during Quarantine

What really matters in such challenging circumstances is to stay connected as we've always been.

Therefore, Markaz has taken all possible procedures to maintain our robust culture and to communicate with each other and our clients using technology and digital media.

Meeting apps and social media platforms have been used for easier and faster communication.

All Markaz staff are on a direct group for company messages and updates to their mobile phones. Updates emails are shared with clients regularly.

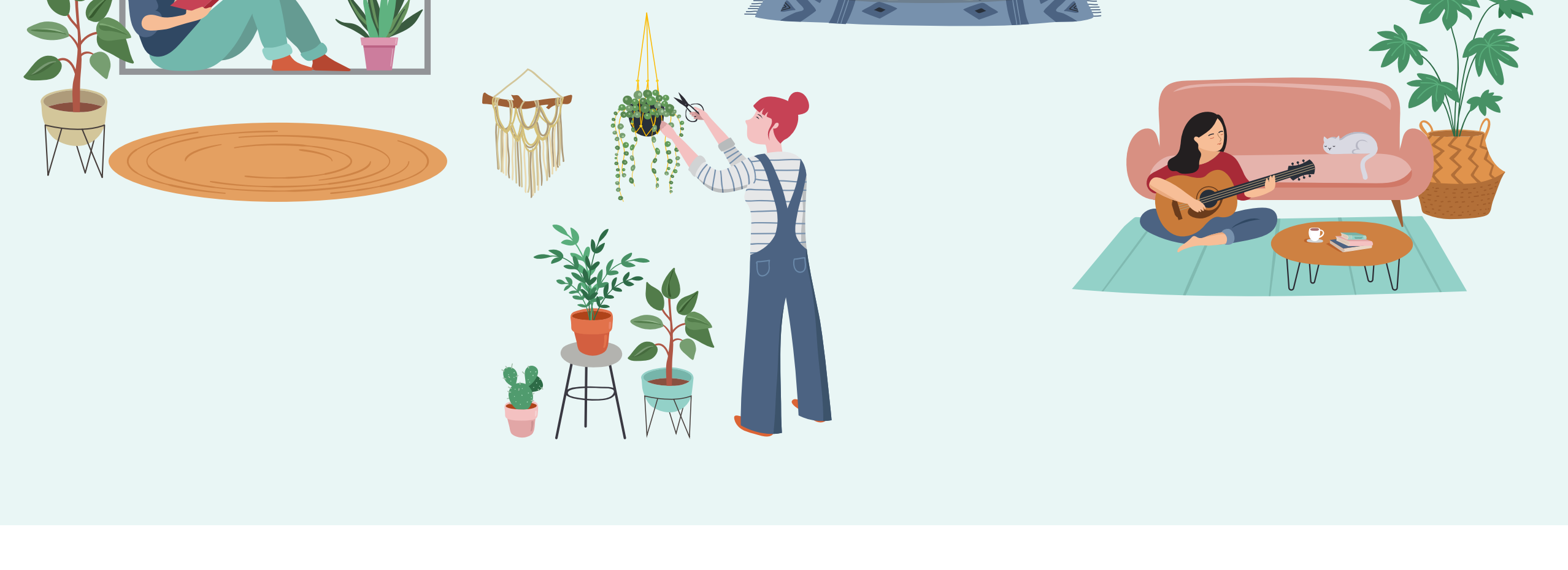
Stay connected!



Wellness tips

1. Stick to routines or start new ones that fit at home.
2. Stay connected with your family, friends and colleagues.
3. Engage in hobbies and things you enjoy.
4. Write down your worries – once they are out of your mind, it's easier to gain perspective and keep calm!
5. Engage in well-being practices – count your blessings!

Stay safe. Stay home.



April happenings 2020

09 Graish
Keeping social distance, let's have Graish from home this year. Share pictures of your best dishes with us.

24 Ramadan
Ramadan Kareem

28 AGM & EGM
At Al Nada Tower