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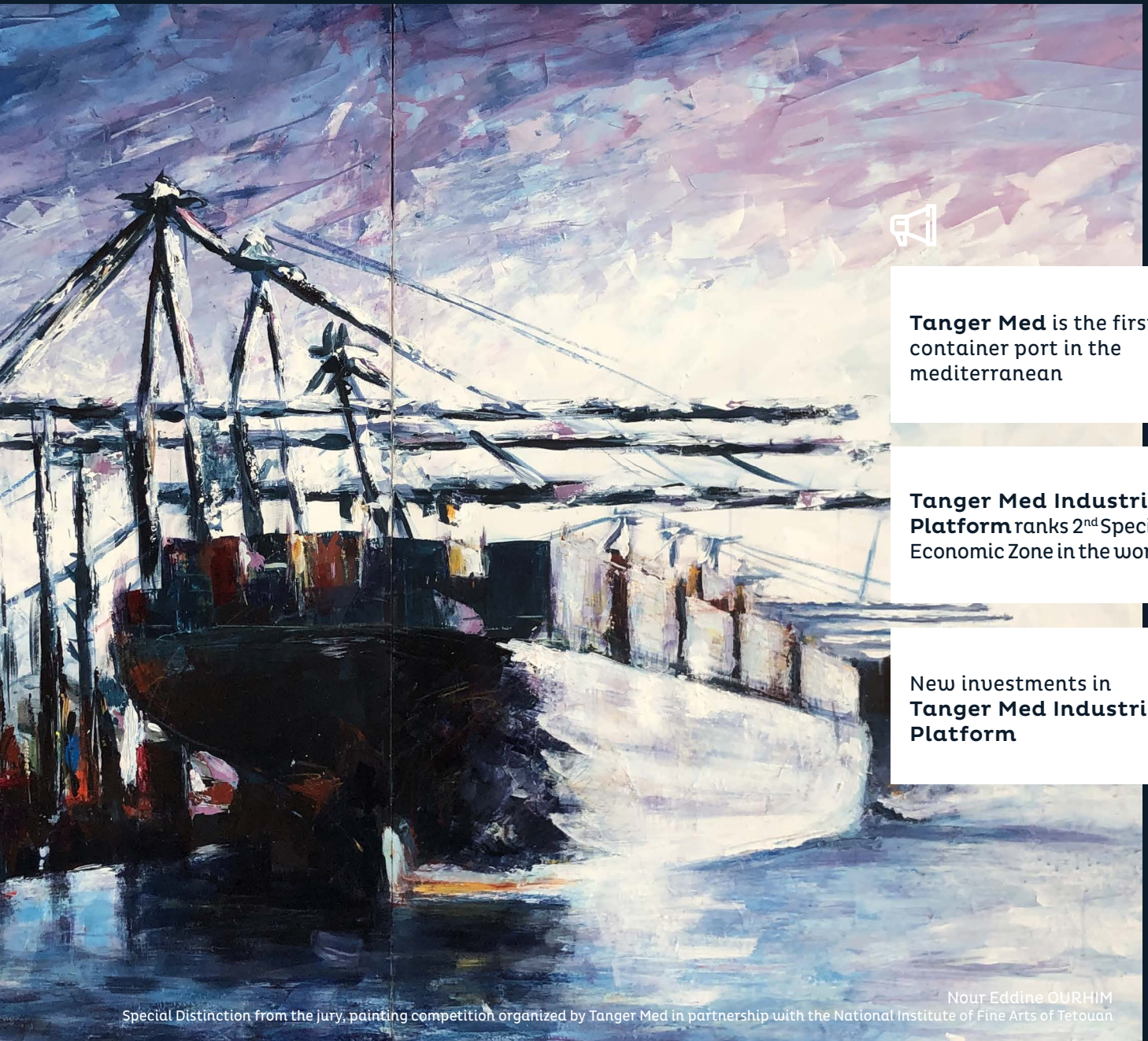
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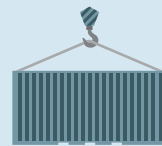
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# Tanger Med Group's News

## PORT ACTIVITY FIGURES : TANGER MED IN 2020



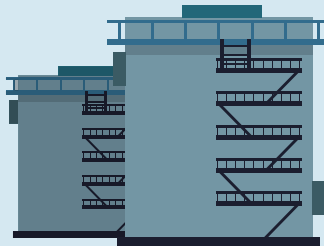
**81**  
MILLION TONS  
+23%  
COMPARED TO 2019



**5,77**  
MILLION TEU\*  
+20%  
COMPARED TO 2019

### OVERALL TONNAGE

**7,9** MILLION  
TONS  
+26%  
COMPARED TO 2019



### LIQUID BULK



**303 705**  
TONS  
+18%  
COMPARED TO 2019

### SOLID BULK



**357 331**

TRUCKS PROCESSED IN 2020  
TRAFFIC SIMILAR TO 2019

**358 175**

NEW VEHICLES



-28%  
COMPARED TO 2019



**701 599**

PASSENGERS

-75%  
COMPARED TO 2019

**9 702**

SHIPS CALLED

-32%  
COMPARED TO 2019



OF WHICH  
**4 306**

MERCHANT VESSELS

+10%  
COMPARED TO 2019

### MARITIME TRAFFIC

## FINAL FIGURES OF PORT ACTIVITY AT 31/12/2020:

### TANGER MED HAS BECOME THE FIRST CONTAINER PORT IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

#### OVERALL TONNAGE PROCESSED IN PROGRESSION OF **+23%**

The overall tonnage processed in 2020 amounted to **81** million tons of cargo, an increase of **+23%** compared to 2019. Hence, Tanger Med port alone handles nearly **47%** of the total port tonnage of the Kingdom of Morocco.

#### CONTAINER TRAFFIC UP BY **+20%**

A total of **5,771,221** TEU\* containers were handled in 2020, representing a significant increase of **+20%** compared to 2019. Therefore, this traffic confirms Tanger Med's position as a leading port and becomes the first container port in the Mediterranean.

#### LIQUID BULK TRAFFIC UP BY **+26%**

The liquid bulk traffic grew by **+26%** compared to 2019. The recorded traffic is **7,968,485** tons of processed hydrocarbons. This growth is mainly due to the bunkering activity to the benefit of ships transiting the Strait of Gibraltar, with a corresponding traffic of nearly 1.6 million tons.

#### SOLID BULK TRAFFIC UP **+18%**

Solid bulk traffic recorded **303,705** tons processed, a growth of **+18%** compared to last year, mainly driven by steel coils, wind turbine blades and grain traffics.

Despite the slowdown in the activity of several manufacturers, Tanger Med port closed the year with traffic similar to 2019, i.e. **357,331** trucks processed mainly driven by the agribusiness products.

#### VEHICLE TRAFFIC: **358,175** NEW VEHICLES HANDLED

**358,175** new vehicles were handled in the two vehicle terminals of Tanger Med port in 2020, down by **28%** compared to last year.

This variation is due to the drop in vehicle sales in Europe and the slowdown in automobile production by Renault and PSA caused by the COVID 19 crisis during the period March and May.

TEU: Twenty-foot Equivalent Unit

#### PASSENGER TRAFFIC IMPACTED BY THE HEALTH CONTEXT

Passenger activity was suspended in March 2020 due to the closure of borders as result of the health crisis. The activity resumed slightly in June 2020 in strict compliance with health measures.

**701,599** passengers passed through Tanger Med port in 2020, in decrease of **75%** compared to 2019.

#### MARITIME TRAFFIC DOWN BY **32%**

In 2020, **9,702** ships called at Tanger Med port, a drop of **32%** compared to 2019 due to the decrease in sea calls of passengers and Ro-Ro ships.

However, **4,306** merchant vessels called at Tanger Med in 2020, indicating a growth of **10%** compared to 2019. Similarly, **916** mega ships (**+290 m**) called at Tanger Med, up by **+14%** compared to 2019.

This performance demonstrates the sustained commitment and collaboration of all Tanger Med's partners, in particular concessionaires, ship-owners, as well as the administrations and the authorities, who despite an exceptional health context, remained fully mobilized to ensure the continuity of national and international supply chains under the best conditions.



## Mohammed VI Tanger Tech City project, signature of partnership agreements with CCCC/CRBC



As part of the Sino-Moroccan cooperation marking the effective start of Mohammed VI Tanger Tech City Project,

a Virtual Ceremony for the Signing of Partnership Agreements with CCCC / CRBC was organized on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020.

The event was held by videoconference linking together CCCC / CRBC, Tanger-Tetouan-Al Hoceima Region, Tanger Med group as well as BANK OF AFRICA.

Through these Agreements, CCCC / CRBC formalizes its official entry into the capital of the "Société d'Aménagement Tanger Tech" -SATT- up to 35%, along with BANK OF AFRICA owner of 25%, Tanger Med group owner of 20%, and Tanger-Tetouan-Al Hoceima region owner of 20%, thus consolidating the SATT shareholding.

The Investment Protocol and the Shareholders' Agreement were signed on one side by CCCC and CRBC represented respectively by their Vice-Presidents Mr. Liang Qingshan and Mr. Sun Yaoguo and on the other side by BANK OF AFRICA, represented by its Chairman and CEO Mr. Othman Benjelloun, Tanger Med group represented by its Chairman Mr. Fouad Brini and Tanger-Tétouan-Al Hoceima Region represented by its President Ms. Fatima El Hassani.

CCCC (China Communications Construction Company) is ranked in the Top 5 of Chinese public engineering and development companies, and its subsidiary CRBC (China Road and Bridge Corporation) specializes in large infrastructure projects in China and abroad.

Tanger Tech is an industrial and residential smart city launched in collaboration with China. The new 2 167 ha smart city was officially opened to industrial investors in 2019. Based near the Tanger Med Port and Zones, this new smart city will include an industrial park, R&D centers, mid-to high-end residential buildings, green areas and various ancillary facilities designed to provide a comfortable living environment for local residents and investors to create a technological, ecological and smart city.



## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of African Economic Zones Organized by the Africa Economic Zones Organization (AEZO)

The Africa Economic Zones

Organization held on December

3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020, in conjunction with the

"AfCFTA Business Forum",

its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting as a virtual event, under the theme: "The Role of Economic Zones in supporting the implementation of the AfCFTA and Regional Integration".

The event is organized in partnership with The African Union Commission and The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

The opening ceremony was chaired by Mr Fouad Brini, Chairman of Tanger Med and Honorary President of the Africa Economic Zones Organization as well as Mr Albert Muchanga, Commissioner of Trade and Industry within the African Union. The ceremony was followed by speeches by the President of the African Development Bank Mr. Akinwumi Adesina, the Senior Director in charge of investments and enterprise within UNCTAD Mr. James. Zhan, the President of AFREXIMBANK Dr. Benedict Oramah, and of the Deputy Director General within the World Trade Organization Dr Yonou Frederick Agah.

The event saw the participation of several high-level experts who came to discuss the implementation of the continental free trade agreement (AfCFTA), the contribution of economic zones as well as the challenges and opportunities to generate growth, encourage regional integration and support the development of intra-African trade.

Four models of economic zone development were also demonstrated during this meeting: Tanger Med Zones for Morocco, the Department of Trade and Industry for South Africa, Nigeria Export Processing Zones Authority for Nigeria and Djibouti Ports & Free Zones Authority for Djibouti.

During the closing ceremony, Mr Ahmed BENNIS, Secretary General of The Africa Economic Zones Organization stated : "African economic zones must offer better conditions to attract more investments, contribute to the development of value chains and support the creation of a single and united market within the framework of the African Continental Free Trade Agreement ".

Nearly 500 delegates were connected online for this important event representing 68 countries including 63 African economic zones, 30 partners and experts, as well as several representatives of government authorities, international institutions and public and private organizations.

The Africa Economic Zones Organization (AEZO) was founded in November 2015 by Tanger Med Group with the participation of representatives from several other African economic zones. It brings together the main African economic zones and institutions in charge of the development, management and promotion of economic zones in Africa and also offers a platform of exchange and knowledge sharing for the benefit of the economic zones ecosystem in Africa. AEZO is comprised today of 80 members representing 42 African countries.

# Port Complex

## Partnership agreement between leading Hamburg Port Authority and Tanger Med Port Authority



In an online ceremony on October 27<sup>th</sup>, Hamburg Port Authority and Tanger Med Port Authority signed a Letter of intent to form a partnership.

Both Hamburg Port Authority and Tanger Med Port Authority hold strong leadership positions in their respective regions and pursue common goals within the framework of port cooperation – including port management, logistics, and the digitalization of trade.

"I am very pleased that with today's signature of the Letter of Intent we have initiated a partnership between the Tanger Med Port Authority and the Hamburg Port Authority," says Jens Meier, CEO of Hamburg Port Authority (HPA). "Both ports occupy outstanding positions in their regions. In this way both sides will benefit strongly from an active partnership, especially when it comes to exchanges on questions about digitization or port cyber security. We as HPA are looking forward to bring this partnership to life."

"We are delighted to start this cooperation scheme bringing together Hamburg Port Authority and Tanger Med Port Authority on important subjects related to port competitiveness, digitization and innovation, says Mehdi TAZI RIFFI, Managing Director of Tanger Med Port (TMPA). Both ports, in their respective leading positions, share common views and objectives in this respect. Tanger Med Port is fully committed to this new partnership".

Through this agreement, both port authorities jointly aim to work on exchanging experiences and good practices in several fields including: Efficiency of port and vessels operations, Digitalization and Port Community System, Traffic management, Port (Cyber) Security, IT data exchange and Innovation. Tanger Med is the leading African and Mediterranean industrial port complex and a global logistics gateway located on the Strait of Gibraltar. The port is connected to more than 180 ports worldwide and offers handling capacities of 9 million containers, exports of 1 million new vehicles, transit of 7 million passengers and 700,000 trucks on an annual basis. In 2019, the universal port of Hamburg handled 1.3 million tonnes of cargo in seaborne trade with Morocco, which constitutes an increase of 62.2 percent compared with the previous year. Totalling at 92.000 TEU, container handling figures reached a record high with an increase of 14.2 percent. This development is primarily due to increased throughput volumes with Tanger Med.

Morocco is Hamburg's leading trading partner in direct trade with Africa. A total of nine liner services connect the port of Hamburg with Morocco.

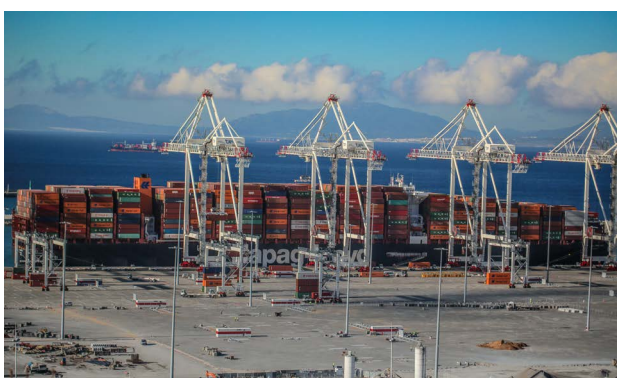




## Container Traffic: record productivity throughout 2020

In 2020, the productivity level of container traffic in Tanger Med port broke records. The 500,000+ mark for containers handled per month was exceeded 5 times respectively in April, August, October, November and December 2020 with a new record set in November of 553,164 TEU containers.

This performance demonstrates the coordination and the synergy developed by the different actors involved: pilotage department and harbour master's office of Tanger Med Port Authority, ship owners, port operators APM Terminals and Eurogate and other stakeholders.



## The Container Terminal, TC3, receives its first test ship in real condition

Tanger Alliance, the concession holder of the TC3 Container Terminal of Tanger Med 2 port welcomed Wednesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 its first test vessel AL JMELIYAH Hapag-Lloyd coming from Singapore and heading to Southampton, England, in preparation for its commercial commissioning scheduled for 01/01/2021.

## New shipping lines for truck and passenger traffic

The passengers and Ro-Ro port has reinforced its maritime connectivity during the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2020 thanks to the opening of two new maritime services:

### \* Tanger Med – Barcelona



The shipping company SUARDIAZ launched on November 7, 2020, a new RO-RO maritime line between Tanger Med and Barcelona.

This new service offers two departures per week and is for all types of goods: retail, distribution, textiles, fruit and vegetables, car parts and heavy machinery. The average transit time of this service is 36 hours. This service is adapted to unaccompanied rolling stock, both industrial and temperature-controlled.

### \* Tanger Med – Marseille



On December, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 the shipping company La Méridionale launched a regular line between Marseille and Tanger Med.

During the health crisis, the line will have two weekly rotations and then will be increased to three rotations per week.

This line will be operated by two vessels: the Girolata, with a capacity of 606 passengers and 230 passenger vehicles, and the Pelagos, with a capacity of 269 passengers and 75 vehicles.

"The opening of this regular line, combining rolling freight and passenger transport, is a tremendous opportunity for the economic development of the territories concerned and offers strong growth potential for our company" says Benoît Dehaye, Managing Director of La Méridionale.



## Export of 378 wind turbine blades in 2020

In 2020, 378 wind turbine blades produced at the Siemens Gamesa plant in Tanger Automotive City were exported via the bulk and general cargo terminal of the Tanger Med port and spread over 22 ship calls.

As a result, 7 wind farm projects have been served in the following countries: Netherlands, Poland, Spain, France, Russia, Norway and the United States.



## Commissioning of the 1<sup>st</sup> phase a multi-storey car park

Within the framework of the reinforcement of the storage capacity of the car carrier terminal, Tanger Med Port Authority has launched a project for the construction of a multi-storey car park over several phases. Therefore, supporting the growth in exports of vehicles produced in Morocco (Renault Melloussa plant, Somaca plant, and PSA Kenitra plant) and consolidate Tanger Med's role as a transshipment hub for new vehicles.

The first M1 module with a capacity of 800 parking spaces was put into service in December 2020. Two other modules (M2, M3) with a capacity of 800 parking spaces each are under construction for a delivery scheduled for the end of 2021.

The completion of the three phases will guarantee a total additional capacity of +2400 places.

As a reminder, the Car Carrier Terminal has a 240 ml quay that can accommodate the world's largest car carriers, is connected to 35 ports in 22 countries, and offers 12 regular services on a weekly basis.



## Tanger Med takes part in the "BNEW LOGISTICS PANEL"

Barcelona New Economy Week (BNEW) is a physical and digital B2B event bringing together panels from the logistics, real estate, digital industry, e-commerce and economic zones sectors. They all share a common ground: "new economy".

Mr. Rachid Houari, Central Director of Tanger Med Port 1 and 2 and General Manager of the Logistics Free Zone, participated in the BNEW Logistics panel held on October 7th, 2020 under the theme "Outlook for the Mediterranean and Europe transport and logistics market amid the COVID-19 crisis". The objective of the panel was to explore the current and future environment of the economy, all aspects of logistics and international supply chains, and to present Tanger Med's strategy as well as its role in maintaining international trade activities.

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# Industrial Platform

Tanger Med industrial platform ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> Special Economic Zone in the world



Financial Times' FDI Intelligence published the "FDI Global Free Zones of the Year 2020"

ranking the most attractive economic zones in the world. This report compares nearly 100 economic zones based on international benchmarks and measures the adequacy of their value proposition with investors' expectations.

Tanger Med Zones, located in the North of Morocco, is ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> world economic zone after "Dubai Multi Commodities Center" in the United Arab Emirates, while it was ranked 5<sup>th</sup> last year. The 3<sup>rd</sup> place goes to "Katowice Special Economic Zone" in Poland and 4<sup>th</sup> place to "Waigaoqiao Free Trade Zone" in China.

The FT FDI reports for Tanger Med industrial platform that «This is the first time an African zone ranks that high in the ranking, which is testament to the tremendous rise of the network of zones developed by operator Tanger Med around the Tanger Med port on the Gibraltar Strait, one of Africa's busiest. »

Other bespoke distinctions additionally awarded to Tanger Med Zones include:

- **#1 World Free Zone** for "Large Tenants" which collects data on industrial investors employing more than 250 employees globally, a turnover of more than \$55.8M and/or taking more than 5000sq ft of space in the zone;
- **"Specialism Award in Automotive"** thanks to the dynamism of an established automotive ecosystem of tier 1, 2 and 3 suppliers serving a large base of OEM including Ford, VW Group, Renault and PSA;
- The platform also won the **1<sup>st</sup> African prize for SME's** due to the quality infrastructure and the commercial opportunities offered.

Tanger Med Zones is developed over an area of 20 Million m<sup>2</sup> and encompasses 6 activity zones. It is home to more than 1 000 companies active in the sectors of automotive, aeronautics, logistics, textile and trade. Large multinationals such as Siemens Gamesa, Magnetti Marelli, Valeo, TI Automotive, APTIV, Sumitomo Electric have established manufacturing and export hubs.



The recorded annual export turnover in 2019 is in excess of 8.8 B USD and allowed creation of more than 80,000 jobs to date. The platform has attracted more than 6.2 B USD of industrial FDI from Europe (Germany, France, Italy, Spain,...), USA, Asia, etc.

This regional competitiveness platform, backed by the leading port complex in the Mediterranean and Africa, has significant assets. It guarantees a strong value proposition in line with the high expectations of global players. It stood out for the quality of its integrated services, its qualitative infrastructure as well as its unique geographical location offering investors a 14 km sea bridge to Europe, and maritime connectivity to more than 180 ports and 70 countries.

This recognition further strengthens the competitive positioning of the Tanger Med industrial platform in the reconfiguration of global supply chains, in particular in the Euro-Mediterranean area in the post COVID 19 era.



## New investments in Tanger Med Industrial Platform

### BUILDING LOGISTICS

BUILDING LOGISTICS is a company created in 2011 and currently operating in the provision of logistics services, and import and distribution of consumer products.

The company is now settling in the Tanger Med industrial platform within Tetouan Park, an area dedicated to industry and national logistics, over a surface area of 3,330m<sup>2</sup>.

### CHICO FOOD

CHICO FOOD is a Moroccan import - export in the Food and beverage industry. The company is now established in 3,373m area.

### PJL-P

PJL-P is a Moroccan company based in the Tanger Med industrial platform since nearly 20 years.

The company is now starting to expand its activities to a 6,744m<sup>2</sup> area.

It produces various types of decorative tiles marketed internationally in B2C, under the brand MOSAIC FACTORY.



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### **Tanger Med Zones participates in the apebi webdialogue "Regionalized offshoring: better response to post-covid opportunities".**

"Regionalized offshoring: better response to post-Covid opportunities" is the theme of a webinar organised on 18 December 2020 by the Federation of Information Technology, Telecommunications and Offshoring (APEBI).

Initiated in partnership with the CRI of Fez-Meknes, the seminar brought together experts who drew up an overview of the offshoring sector and possible avenues for its development.

The presentations focused on the offer and prospects of Offshoring at the global level, the new post-Covid 19 challenges and the future stakes for offshore support systems.

Tanger Med Zones took part in this event to present the assets of the Tangier-Tetouan-Al-Hoceima Region in the offshoring sector as well as the future projects around Tetouan Shore, a dedicated zone to offshoring activities.

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### **Tanger Med Zones joins "BNEW BEWOMAN PANEL"**

Barcelona New Economy Week - BNEW is a physical and digital B2B event that brings together panels from the logistics, real estate, digital industry, e-commerce and economic zones sectors that share a common ground: "new economy".

This year's event was held on 6 October 2020 and hosted 300 speakers over 4 days for a total of 30 debates, 25 interviews, 12 inspiring lectures, 10 key notes and 25 sector panels.

Tanger Med Zones participated in the BWOMAN panel to exchange on women's leadership and their role in economic zones.

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# CSR



## School Transport - Fahs Anjra

Tanger Med Foundation, in partnership with the Tanger-Tetouan Regional Academy of Education and Training and the Parents' Associations, has renewed the partnership agreements relating to the school transport programme intended for students in the Fahs Anjra Province.

In view of the Covid-19 pandemic and following the closure of "Dar Taleb" and "Dar Al Fatate" community centres, the number of pupils transported has been revised upwards in order to guarantee the continuity of education and to avoid dropping out or failure at school.

In compliance with the requirements of the health protocol in force, the Foundation has set up a plan to reorganize the program with the following adjustment modalities:

- Reduction of vehicle capacity to 50%;
- Increasing the number of return trips and maintaining the connection with all the douars usually served;
- Implementation of the health protocol inside the vehicles (barrier measures, wearing of masks, temperature measurement, disinfection of vehicles, etc.);
- Exchanges and involvement of all those involved.



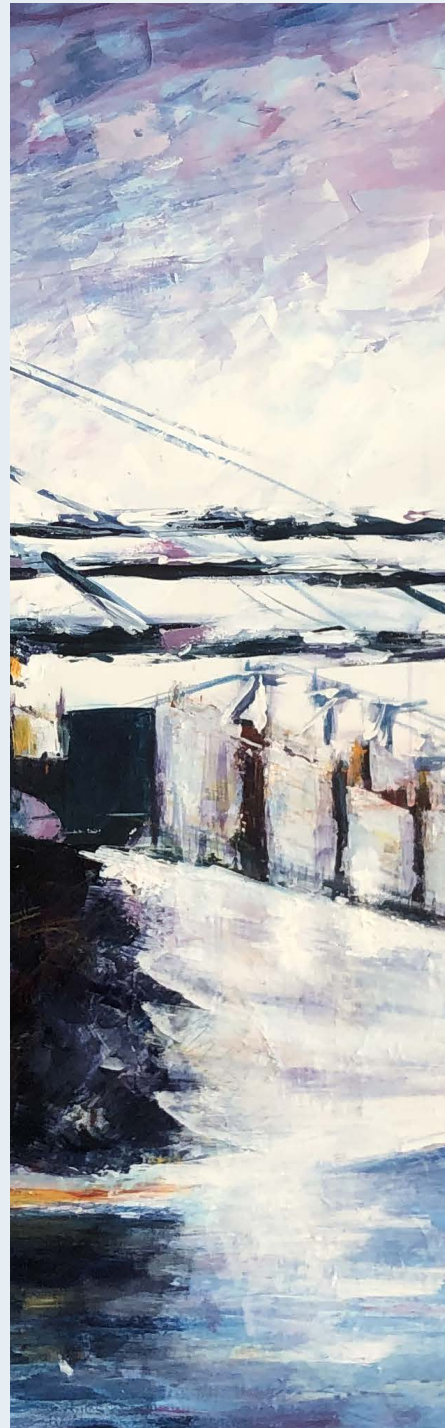
## Library of Yaacoub Al Mansour Secondary & High-School- Fnideq

In line with its actions aimed at the development of young people and the exposure to culture, the Tanger Med Foundation supported the Association of former students of the Fqih Daoud High School in its project to create a library within the Yaâcoub Al Mansour secondary and High School in Fnideq.

In view of the absence of a dedicated cultural space, the project will help consolidate the students' cognitive skills and encourage openness and living together.

The library offers a space that can house more than 4,000 books; more than 1,250 works are currently made available to the beneficiaries in various fields (scientific, literary, etc.).

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