

Market Review and Outlook

The Qatar Stock Exchange (QSE) Index edged up by 28.81 points or 0.3% during the week to close at 10,347.55. Market capitalization increased by 0.1% to QR600.6 billion (bn) compared with QR600.2bn at the end of the previous trading week. Of the 50 traded companies, 22 ended the week up, while 26 ended lower and two remained the same. Qatar National Cement (QNCD) was the best performing stock for the week, rising 8.8%. Whereas, Qatar German for Medical Devices (QGMD) was the best performing stock for the week, down 4.5%.

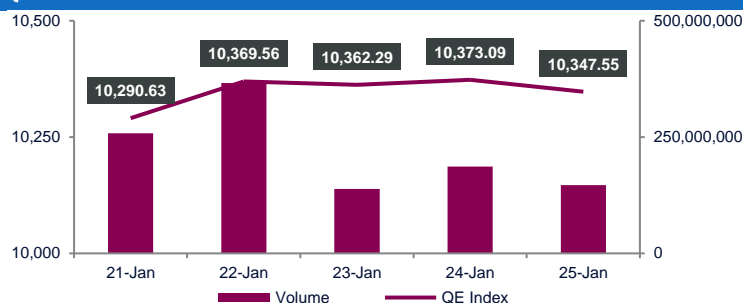
Industries Qatar (IQCD), Qatar Islamic Bank (QIBK) and Qatar International Islamic Bank (QIIK) were the main contributors to the weekly index gain. IQCD and QIBK added 22.34 and 16.39 points to the index, respectively. Further, QIIK contributed another 10.67 points.

Traded value during the week rose 9.0% to reach QR2,934.4mn from QR3,199.1mn in the prior trading week. Masraf Al Rayan (MARK) was the top value traded stock during the week with total traded value of QR351.9mn.

Traded volume shot up 23.8% to reach 1,096.8mn shares compared with 885.8mn shares in the prior trading week. The number of transactions increased 12.6% to 106,262 vs 94,378 in the prior week. Masraf Al Rayan (MARK) was the top volume traded stock during the week with total traded volume of 138.6mn shares.

Foreign institutions turned bullish, ending the week with net buying of QR42.0mn vs. net selling of QR125.4mn in the prior week. Qatari institutions remained bullish with net buying of QR10.7mn vs. net buying of QR84.8mn in the week before. Foreign retail investors ended the week with net selling of QR7.9mn vs. net buying of QR3.7mn in the prior week. Qatari retail investors recorded net selling of QR44.8mn vs. net buying of QR37.0mn the week before. YTD (as of Today's closing), global foreign institutions were net buyers by \$7.8mn, while GCC institutions were net sellers of Qatari stocks by \$45.3mn.

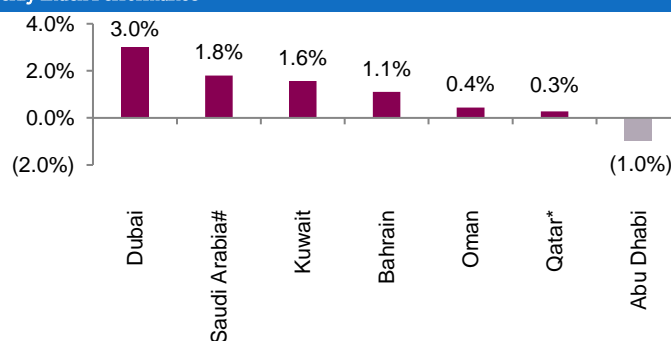
QSE Index and Volume



Market Indicators	Week ended. Jan 25, 2024	Week ended. Jan 18, 2024	Chg. %
Value Traded (QR mn)	3,199.1	2,934.4	9.0
Exch. Market Cap. (QR mn)	600,580.9	600,227.1	0.1
Volume (mn)	1,096.8	885.8	23.8
Number of Transactions	106,262	94,378	12.6
Companies Traded	50	51	(2.0)
Market Breadth	22:26	8:41	-

Market Indices	Close	WTD%	MTD%	YTD%
Total Return	22,207.30	0.3	(4.5)	(4.5)
ALL Share Index	3,476.43	0.1	(4.2)	(4.2)
Banks and Financial Services	4,363.05	0.0	(4.7)	(4.7)
Industrials	3,903.72	1.1	(5.2)	(5.2)
Transportation	4,491.61	(0.1)	4.8	4.8
Real Estate	1,476.94	(0.5)	(1.6)	(1.6)
Insurance	2,386.98	(2.4)	(9.3)	(9.3)
Telecoms	1,622.49	(0.4)	(4.9)	(4.9)
Consumer Goods & Services	7,277.59	(0.2)	(3.9)	(3.9)
Al Rayan Islamic Index	4,555.69	(0.1)	(4.4)	(4.4)

Weekly Index Performance



Regional Indices	Close	WTD%	MTD%	YTD%	Weekly Exchange Traded Value (\$ mn)	Exchange Mkt. Cap. (\$ mn)	TTM P/E**	P/B**	Dividend Yield
Qatar*	10,347.55	0.3	(4.5)	(4.5)	878.27	164,739.3	12.4	1.4	4.7
Dubai	4,173.55	3.0	2.8	2.8	554.38	194,564.1	9.2	1.3	4.1
Abu Dhabi	9,626.65	(1.0)	0.5	0.5	1,119.27	739,775.8	27.4	3.0	1.6
Saudi Arabia#	12,174.18	1.8	1.7	1.7	10,979.92	2,943,540.8	20.6	2.4	3.0
Kuwait	7,342.98	1.6	7.7	7.7	1,015.44	152,481.0	15.7	1.6	3.8
Oman	4,607.42	0.4	2.1	2.1	51.94	23,488.3	10.1	0.7	4.8
Bahrain	2,013.73	1.1	2.1	2.1	26.08	57,342.5	8.1	0.7	8.3

Source: Bloomberg, country exchanges and Zawya (** Trailing Twelve Months; * Value traded (\$ mn) do not include special trades, if any; #Data as of January 24, 2023)

- QNB Group announces the successful issue of bonds amounting to US\$1bn under its medium term note programme** – QNB Group announced the successful completion of a bond issuance under its Euro Medium Term Note (EMTN) Programme in the international capital markets. Under this programme, a US\$1bn tranche was issued on 23 January 2024 that matures on 30 January 2029 with a coupon rate of 4.875% per annum. The Reg S issue attracted strong interest from investors around the world which reflected their confidence in QNB Group's financial strength and its position as the largest financial institution in the MEA region. This also reflected investors' trust in QNB Group's strategy over the coming years. The highly successful issue attracted strong interest by key global investors, leading to the issuance being heavily oversubscribed. The proceeds of this issue will be utilised for general banking purposes. The issue was arranged and offered through a syndicate of Joint Lead Managers that included Barclays, CACIB, HSBC, JP Morgan, QNB Capital, SMBC Nikko, and Standard Chartered Bank. (QSE)
- CBQK posts 5.7% YoY increase but 20.5% QoQ decline in net profit in 4Q2023, beating our estimate** - The Commercial Bank's (CBQK) net profit rose 5.7% YoY (but declined 20.5% on QoQ basis) to QR644.8mn in 4Q2023, beating our estimate of QR628.6mn (variation of +2.6%). Net interest income decreased 5.6% YoY in 4Q2023 to QR990.2mn. However, on QoQ basis net interest income gained 5.1%. The company's net operating income came in at QR1,267.2mn in 4Q2023, which represents a decrease of 5.8% YoY (-4.4% QoQ). The bank's total assets stood at QR164.4bn at the end of December 31, 2023, down 2.8% YoY. However, on QoQ basis the bank's total assets increased 2.8%. Loans and advances to customers were QR91.5bn, registering a fall by 6.7% YoY (falt QoQ) at the end of December 31, 2023. Customer deposits declined 8.0% YoY to reach QR76.5bn at the end of December 31, 2023. However, on QoQ basis Customer deposits rose 2.4%. EPS amounted to QR0.71 in FY2023 as compared to QR0.66 in FY2022. (QSE, QNBFS)
- MARK posts 1,523.9% YoY increase but 54.7% QoQ decline in net profit in 4Q2023, beating our estimate** - Masraf Al Rayan's (MARK) net profit rose 1,523.9% YoY (but declined 54.7% on QoQ basis) to QR214.1mn in 4Q2023, beating our estimate of QR65.2mn. Total net income from financing and investing activities increased 17.0% YoY in 4Q2023 to QR2,302.8mn. However, on QoQ basis total net income from financing and investing activities declined 2.0%. The company's total income came in at QR2,367.1mn in 4Q2023, which represents an increase of 19.1% YoY. However, on QoQ basis total income fell 8.2%. The bank's total assets stood at QR164.2bn at the end of December 31, 2023, down 2.0% YoY (-0.1% QoQ). Financing Assets were QR108.2bn, registering a fall of 8.2% YoY (-1.6% QoQ) at the end of December 31, 2023. Customer current accounts declined 9.3% YoY and 15.7% QoQ to reach QR7.9bn at the end of December 31, 2023. EPS amounted to QR0.151 in FY2023 as compared to QR0.140 in FY2022. (QSE, QNBFS)
- DHBK's bottom line declines 39.3% QoQ in 4Q2023, beating our estimate** - Doha Bank (DHBK) reported net profit of QR142.6mn in 4Q2023 as compared to net loss of QR167.5mn in 4Q2022 and net profit of QR234.8mn in 3Q2023, beating our estimate of QR36.9mn (variation of +286.5%). Net interest income increased 15.5% YoY in 4Q2023 to QR556.9mn. However, on QoQ basis net interest income declined 0.9%. The company's net operating income came in at QR682.2mn in 4Q2023, which represents an increase of 8.1% YoY. However, on QoQ basis net operating income fell 14.0%. The bank's total assets stood at QR101.3bn at the end of December 31, 2023, up 3.7% YoY (+5.1% QoQ). Loans and advances to customers were QR58.0bn, registering a fall by 0.1% YoY at the end of December 31, 2023. However, on QoQ basis loans and advances to customers increased 2.3%. Customer deposits rose 2.9% YoY and 13.8% QoQ to reach QR51.6bn at the end of December 31, 2023. EPS amounted to QR0.25 in FY2023 as compared to QR0.25 in FY2022. (QSE, QNBFS)
- GWCS's net profit declines 27.9% YoY and 11.1% QoQ in 4Q2023, misses our estimate** - Gulf Warehousing Company's (GWCS) net profit declined 27.9% YoY (-11.1% QoQ) to QR47.2mn in 4Q2023, missing our estimate of QR50.9mn (variation of -7.3%). The company's revenue came in at QR372.8mn in 4Q2023, which represents a decrease of 8.9% YoY. However, on QoQ basis Revenue rose 6.6%. EPS amounted to QR0.37 in FY2023 as compared to QR0.41 in FY2022. (QSE, QNBFS)
- VFQS reported in-line 4Q2023 results** – Vodafone Qatar's (VFQS) net profit increased 11.8% on a QoQ basis to QR147.9mn in 4Q2023, in line with our estimate of QR148.6mn (variation of -0.5%); on a YoY basis, excluding the impact of the World Cup, net profit rose 11.2%. The company's revenue came in at QR812.6mn in 4Q2023, which represents an increase of 6.8% YoY, excluding the impact of the World Cup. On a QoQ basis, revenue rose 8.7%. EPS amounted to QR0.13 in FY2023 as compared to QR0.12 in FY2022. Overall, VFQS continues to make progress in its growth & costs optimization initiatives – for 2023, the company posted revenue growth of 1.5% (6.1%, excl. the WC), an EBITDA increase of 4.2% and earnings growth of 7.5%. VFQS also declared a DPS of QR0.11 for 2023 that implies a decent yield of 5.7%. VFQS trades at EV/EBITDA multiples of 6.1x/5.7x for 2024/2025. (QSE, QNBFS)
- QNCD posts 5.1% YoY decrease but 6.2% QoQ increase in net profit in 4Q2023** – Qatar National Cement Company 's (QNCD) net profit declined 5.1% YoY (but rose 6.2% on QoQ basis) to QR53.5mn in 4Q2023. EPS amounted to QR0.31 in FY2023 as compared to QR0.35 in FY2022. (QSE)
- QFBQ's bottom line rises 131.7% YoY and 25.3% QoQ in 4Q2023** - Lasha Bank's (QFBQ) net profit rose 131.7% YoY (+25.3% QoQ) to QR27.6mn in 4Q2023. Total income increased 37.8% YoY and 71.3% QoQ in 4Q2023 to QR65.7mn. The company's net income from financing assets came in at QR20.6mn in 4Q2023, which represents an increase of 5.7% YoY. However, on QoQ basis net income from financing assets fell 17.6%. The bank's total assets stood at QR6.3bn at the end of December 31, 2023, up 20.2% YoY (+2.5% QoQ). Financing Assets were QR0.1bn, registering a fall by 56.8% YoY at the end of December 31, 2023. However, on QoQ basis Financing Assets increased 30.7%. Financing liabilities rose 151.0% YoY and 8.9% QoQ to reach QR1.9bn at the end of December 31, 2023. EPS amounted to QR0.084 in FY2023 as compared to QR0.078 in FY2022. (QSE)
- NLCS's bottom line rises 28.4% YoY and 10.8% QoQ in 4Q2023** - National Leasing's (NLCS) net profit rose 28.4% YoY (+10.8% QoQ) to QR3.6mn in 4Q2023. The company's total revenues and income came in at QR16.2mn in 4Q2023, which represents a decrease of 48.4% YoY. However, on QoQ basis total revenues and income rose 82.8%. EPS amounted to QR0.031 in FY2023 as compared to QR0.039 in FY2022. (QSE)

- **Al Rayan Qatar ETF discloses its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023** - Al Rayan Qatar ETF disclosed its financial statements as at and for the year ended 31 December 2023. The statement shows that the net asset value as at 31 December 2023 amounted to QR489.0mn representing QR2.3488 per unit. In addition, Al Rayan Qatar ETF is expected to pay dividends during the second quarter of 2024. (QSE)
- **Al Faleh Educational Holding: Company transfer of Listing to the Main Market** - Al Faleh Educational Holding announces the completion of the necessary procedures with the Qatar Stock Exchange and the Qatar Central Securities Depository, and other relevant authorities, aimed at transferring the listing of Al Faleh Educational Holding to the main market of the Qatar Stock Exchange. It is noted that the first trading day for Al Faleh Educational Holding's shares on the main market will be on Sunday, January 28, 2024. (QSE)
- **Al Faleh Educational enters QSE main market with first Qatari female CEO** - Al Faleh Educational Holding, under the leadership of its CEO, Sheikhha Anwar bint Nawaf al-Thani, has announced its move to the main market of the Qatar Stock Exchange (QSE) set for 28 January 2024. This achievement underscores Al Faleh Educational Holding's unwavering commitment to excellence in education and represents a significant accomplishment under the visionary guidance of Sheikhha Anwar. This milestone not only reflects our commitment to education but also marks a historic moment as the first Qatari educational institution with a female CEO listed on the stock market," said, Sheikhha Anwar. It is the first woman-led Qatari public shareholding company and the first Qatari educational institution to list on the stock market. This accomplishment is a testament to the collective dedication and efforts of our team, students, and partners," Sheikhha Anwar said. Al Faleh Educational Holding remains steadfast in advancing education and contributing to the development of Qatar's future leaders, aligning seamlessly with the visionary goals set by its founder, Sheikhha Dr Aisha bint Faleh al-Thani. (Gulf Times)
- **QIIK's \$500mn sustainable sukuk listed on London Stock Exchange** - QIIK announced the listing of its Sustainable Sukuk worth \$500mn on the London Stock Exchange (LSE) at a high-profile ceremony attended by several Qatari and UK dignitaries. This is the third time the bank has listed its sukuk on the LSE. The sukuk received overwhelming response from investors from various countries, including more than 120 investors from the GCC, the Middle East, Europe, Asia and America. Significantly, more than 55% of the investors were from outside the GCC and Middle East region. The order book exceeded \$4bn, which means the issue was oversubscribed more than eight times. The issue was priced at a spread of 120 basis points above the five-year US Treasury rate with a final yield of 5.247% annually. A bell ringing ceremony on the occasion of listing the Sustainable Sukuk on the LSE was organized in the presence of Sheikh Dr Khalid bin Thani al-Thani, vice-chairman of the Qatari Businessmen Association; Lord Dominic Johnson, Minister of State for Investment and Regulatory Reform, UK; Jassim Moftah al-Moftah , deputy head of Mission, Qatar embassy in the UK; Abdulla Ghain al-Ghanim, commercial attaché at the Qatar embassy in the UK; and Dr Abdulbasit Ahmad al-Shaibei, CEO, QIIK. The ceremony was also attended by QIIK's seniors executives, Sheikh Mohamed bin Ali al-Thani, chief of Treasury and Investment; Hossam Khattab, chief financial officer; and Mahmoud Ahmed al-Ahmad, head of Treasury and Investment. On the occasion of the listing, Dr al-Shaibei said: "We are happy to be on the London Stock Exchange again today after the exceptional success achieved by the Sustainable Sukuk issued by QIIK for the first time out of Qatar. This success is due to the great confidence in the Qatari economy and the solid financial position of QIIK. This is the third time we have listed international sukuk on the London Stock Exchange. This time, Sustainable Sukuk worth \$500mn is being listed." (Gulf Times)
- **Estithmar Holding announces the establishment of a QR3.4bn Trust Certificate Issuance Program** - Estithmar Holding announces the establishment of a QR3.4bn Trust Certificate Issuance Program for trust certificates to be issued by Estithmar Sukuk Limited LLC. The Program is expected to be admitted to the London Stock Exchange's International Securities Market (ISM). The Program has been rated qaBBB with a stable outlook at the national scale rating by Capital Intelligence Ratings Ltd (CI). Estithmar had earlier announced its intentions to raise both debt/sukuk and equity to finance several projects in the pipeline, chiefly a new resort in Maldives as well as to expand its healthcare interests. We opined, [when the capital raising plans were first announced](#), that the initial effect is equity and/or earnings dilution. In the medium-term, however, we expect these new projects to translate into above-average earnings growth. We have not modelled the impact of this capital raise yet but we remain bullish on IGRD's medium-term prospects. (QSE; QNBFS)
- **Qatar Stock Exchange welcomes active asset management initiative between QIA and Ashmore Group** - Qatar Stock Exchange (QSE) welcomes the partnership announced between Qatar Investment Authority and Ashmore Group plc (Ashmore) launching an Active Asset Management Initiative in collaboration with local and regional asset manager. This strategic initiative, which aligns with QIA's goals and aspirations, will play a significant role in supporting the development of the local financial markets. Abdulaziz Nasser Al-Emadi, Acting CEO of Qatar Stock Exchange, stated that this initiative, aimed at establishing the "Ashmore Qatar Equity Fund" valued at approximately \$200mn, with QIA as an anchor investor and Ashmore Group as the first partner, will play a pivotal role in enhancing investor relations, quality of disclosure, research coverage, and improve liquidity on the QSE. Al-Emadi further highlighted that QIA's Active Asset Management Initiative to seed funds by re-allocating shares in QSE listed companies to these external managers will add to the available free float in the market and create confidence among investors and encourage both local and international investment institutions to participate. Al-Emadi also expressed his gratitude for QIA's role in supporting QSE's initiatives aimed at enhancing liquidity in the market, including the Market Making Program which was launched in April 2023. (QSE)
- **CI affirms Qatar ratings with 'stable' outlook** - Capital Intelligence (CI), an international credit rating agency, has affirmed the long-term foreign currency rating (LT FCR) and long-term local currency rating (LT LCR) of Qatar at 'AA'. The sovereign's short-term (ST) FCR and ST LCR have been affirmed at 'A1+' with their outlook remaining "stable". The ratings not only reflect Doha's "very strong" external balances and budgetary performance, supported by favorable liquefied natural gas (LNG) prices, it is also underpinned by sizeable hydrocarbon reserves (around 12.9% of global gas reserves) and associated export capacity, which in turn provide the government with substantial financial means. Given the large hydrocarbon exports and rather small population, GDP (gross domestic product) per capita is expected to have neared \$82,000 in 2023 (higher than similarly rated peers). However, the ratings continue to be constrained by the reliance on hydrocarbons (44% of GDP in 2022), limited fiscal transparency and other institutional shortcomings, as well as by limited monetary policy flexibility. The

ratings also factored in the country's capacity to absorb external or financial shocks, given the large portfolio of foreign assets held by the Qatar Investment Authority (QIA) and consequent comfortable net external creditor position when including these assets. The ratings also continue to be supported by the country's substantial hydrocarbon reserves, increasing LNG production and export capacity, very high GDP per capita, and adequate official foreign reserves. Stressing that real GDP is expected to have risen by 2.4% in 2023 against 4.9% in 2022, it said the "short- to medium-term growth outlook remains relatively favorable", with real GDP to grow by an average of 2.9% in 2024-25, supported by infrastructure investment and higher expected production from Qatar's largest gas field as well as robust performance in the service sector. Qatar's economic strength is "moderate", it said, adding the economic activity remains "positive", supported by the resilience of the hydrocarbon and non-hydrocarbon sectors. Highlighting that the sovereign's financial buffers remain large, benefitting from favorable hydrocarbon prices, CI said very large budget and current account surpluses have contributed to a very high net asset position, with the QIA's total assets estimated to reach around 192.8% of projected GDP and 179.5% of gross external debt this year. Finding that the public finances remain strong, the rating agency said the central government budget position is slated to have posted a very high surplus of 6.9% of GDP in 2023 (10.4% in 2022), and is forecast to average 5.5% in 2024-25, supported by an expected increase in LNG production capacity and, consequently, a lower fiscal breakeven hydrocarbon price. "While the reliance on hydrocarbon revenues remains a rating constraint, the government has ample leeway to respond to severe fluctuations in hydrocarbon prices given the size of fiscal buffers and the degree of expenditure flexibility," it said. The central government deposits stood at 11% of GDP in November 2023, while total government and government institutions' deposits in the domestic banking system alone were around 38.4% of GDP. According to CI's estimates, gross central government debt (including short-term treasury bills and bank overdrafts) is expected to have declined further to 45.9% of GDP in 2023, from 49.6% in 2022 and a peak of 87% in 2020, reflecting nominal GDP growth and a large primary budget surplus. It expects debt dynamics to remain favorable in the medium term, resulting in a further fall in the central government debt-GDP ratio to 40.6% by 2025. Highlighting that the external finances are "very strong"; it said the current account is expected to have posted a still very large surplus of 17.6% of GDP in 2023, compared to 26.7% in 2022. CI expects the current account to remain in very high surplus, averaging 14.3% of GDP in 2024-25. Gross external debt is expected to have declined to 179.5% of current account receipts (CARs) in 2023, against a peak of 341.7% in 2020. Official foreign exchange reserves increased to \$67.6bn in November 2023, from \$63.2bn in December 2022. (Gulf Times)

- Qatar set to sign cheaper long-term LNG deal with India** - Qatar Energy within weeks could sign a long-term deal to provide liquefied natural gas (LNG) to Indian buyers on cheaper and more flexible terms than existing contracts, trade sources said, as India seeks to meet a goal to increase the fuel's use. The Indian companies and Qatar Energy have agreed on terms and a contract could be signed by the end of this month or early in February, one of the sources said, adding the contract offering destination-flexible cargoes and lower pricing, would run until at least 2050, possibly longer. It would extend contracts set to expire in 2028 for the supply of 8.5mn metric tons per year (tpy) LNG to Indian buyers and play a part in meeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi's aim to raise the share of natural gas in the country's energy mix to 15% by 2030 from 6.3% now. The Indian companies and Qatar Energy did not respond to requests for

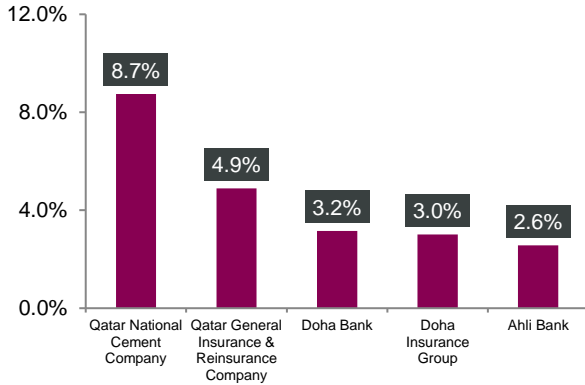
comment. Qatar, which aims to expand its liquefaction capacity to 126mn tpy by 2027 from 77mn, is keen to play a larger role in Asia and Europe as competition from US supply increases. Last year, Qatar signed long-term deals with European majors Shell (SHELL), opens new tab, TotalEnergies (TEEF.PA), opens new tab and ENI (ENI.MI), opens new tab. Qatari LNG is often priced in relation to oil, using a formula based on a slope, or percentage of crude. One of the sources said the deal is likely to be finalized at a price of around a 12% slope of Brent per million metric British thermal unit (mmBtu). A second source gave a range of 12-12.5% for supplies on a free-on-board basis for India. The second source said a deal could be signed during an energy conference in India from Feb. 6-9. None of the sources could be named because they were not authorized to speak publicly. Under an existing deal, India's top gas importer Petronet LNG imports 7.5mn tpy of LNG from Qatar on a delivered basis with slope of 12.67% and a fixed charge of 52 cents. Additionally, companies including state-run Indian Oil Corp (IOC.NS), opens new tab, Bharat Petroleum (BPCL.NS), opens new tab and GAIL (India) (GAIL.NS), opens new tab - which hold stakes in Petronet - buy a combined 1mn tpy of LNG at the same price. The new deal will allow the Indian buyers to decide which terminal in India will receive cargoes, a third source said. Under existing deals, Qatar delivers LNG to western Gujarat state. The source added the freedom to decide on the arrival terminal could save Indian buyers pipeline transportation costs within the Indian grid Petronet Chief Executive A. K. Singh last year said his company could get a price lower than the 12-13% slope of Brent offered by Qatar to China and Bangladesh. (Bloomberg)

- Moody's: Qatar may post fiscal surplus this year on 'supportive' fiscal environment** - Qatar will post fiscal surpluses this year as it has since 2021, Moody's said and noted that for hydrocarbon exporters, its assumption that oil prices will average \$83 per barrel in 2024, unchanged from 2023, implies a supportive fiscal environment, despite restrained oil production. In the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) region and Iraq, continued robust growth in real non-hydrocarbon GDP of around 4% on average will offset subdued hydrocarbon output because of restrained oil production. The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and other partners (together Opec+) had agreed to production cuts from November 2022, and some countries such as Kuwait, Oman, Saudi Arabia and the UAE announced further voluntary cuts (from May 2023) with Saudi Arabia implementing even deeper cuts from July 2023. "In general, we think the unwinding of cuts will be gradual," Moody's noted. There is a risk that oil production could be cut further from 2023 levels, given the Opec+ announcement at the end of November 2023 that voluntary cuts would continue through the first quarter of this year. For the GCC, the implementation of large government-led economic diversification projects remains on track given the commitment to reduce long-term reliance on hydrocarbons. Construction related to fixed investment will spur activity in supporting sectors, while domestic spending will increase as projects are launched or become commercial in phases, particularly those targeted at leisure and entertainment, including tourism. Over the longer term and provided they are effectively executed, the diversification projects will reduce the hydrocarbon exporting economies' exposure to fluctuations in oil-price cycles and increase resilience to global carbon transition – the key environmental risk exposure and long term vulnerability for GCC countries and Iraq. Additionally, the projects can generate job opportunities and alleviate the potential strain on governments to provide employment for their citizens as part of social contracts, which drives the social risk assessment for these countries. Moody's noted its outlook for sovereign creditworthiness in the Middle East and

North Africa (Mena) is stable. Investment, including the implementation of long-term projects, and supportive commodity prices will keep output solid across most economies. But still high interest rates and in some cases elevated inflation will constrain debt affordability and government liquidity for lower-rated sovereigns. “Regional geopolitical tensions represent the key tail risk,” it said. (Gulf Times)

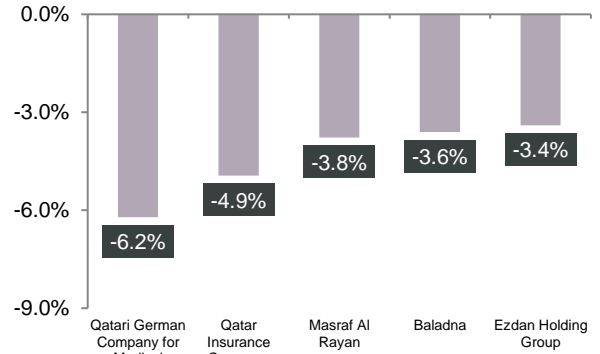
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Top Gainers



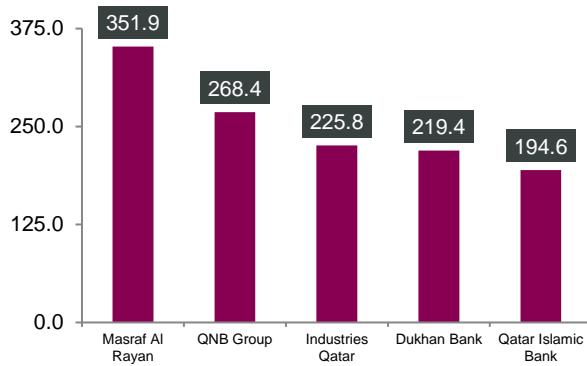
Source: Qatar Stock Exchange (QSE)

Top Decliners



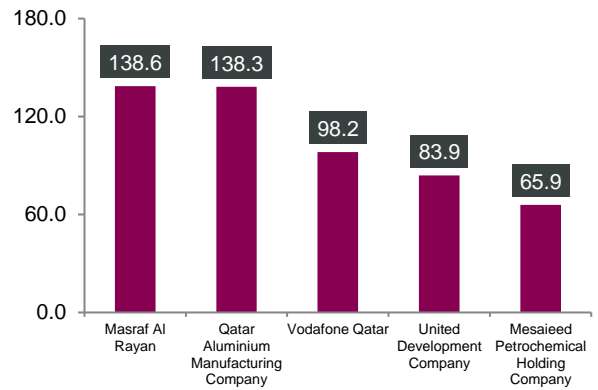
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Most Active Shares by Value (QR Million)



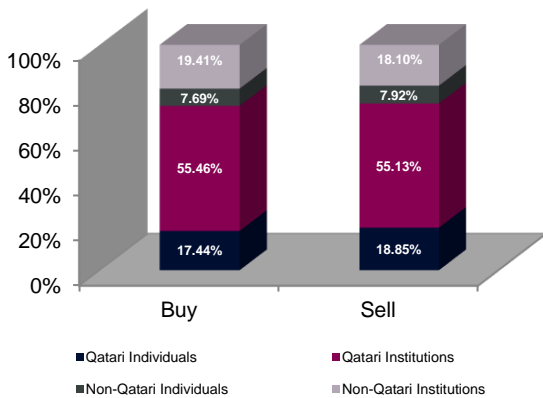
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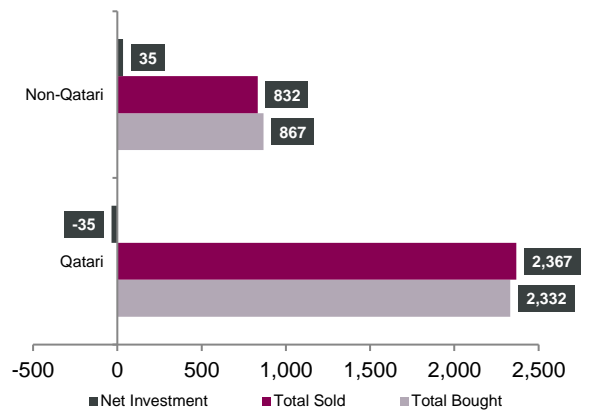
Source: Qatar Stock Exchange (QSE)

Investor Trading Percentage to Total Value Traded



Source: Qatar Stock Exchange (QSE)

Net Traded Value by Nationality (QR Million)



Source: Qatar Stock Exchange (QSE)

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS OF THE QSE INDEX



Source: Bloomberg

The QE index closed slightly up (+0.3%) from the week before. It closed at 10,347.6 points. Nothing has significantly change to review our previously mentioned opinion on the general market. Thus, we reiterate the idea that QE Index remains inside flat range, we see mixed signals, correction could continue in the short term, and we await a strong breakout above the 10,800 level on higher volumes for the uptrend to ensue. The 9,200 level remains to be our support levels on the weekly chart and the resistance level at 11,000 points on the Index.

DEFINITIONS OF KEY TERMS USED IN TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

RSI (Relative Strength Index) indicator – RSI is a momentum oscillator that measures the speed and change of price movements. The RSI oscillates between 0 to 100. The index is deemed to be overbought once the RSI approaches the 70 level, indicating that a correction is likely. On the other hand, if the RSI approaches 30, it is an indication that the index may be getting oversold and therefore likely to bounce back.

MACD (Moving Average Convergence Divergence) indicator – The indicator consists of the MACD line and a signal line. The divergence or the convergence of the MACD line with the signal line indicates the strength in the momentum during the uptrend or downtrend, as the case may be. When the MACD crosses the signal line from below and trades above it, it gives a positive indication. The reverse is the situation for a bearish trend.

Candlestick chart – A candlestick chart is a price chart that displays the high, low, open, and close for a security. The 'body' of the chart is portion between the open and close price, while the high and low intraday movements form the 'shadow'. The candlestick may represent any time frame. We use a one-day candlestick chart (every candlestick represents one trading day) in our analysis.

Doji candlestick pattern – A Doji candlestick is formed when a security's open and close are practically equal. The pattern indicates indecisiveness, and based on preceding price actions and future confirmation, may indicate a bullish or bearish trend reversal.

Shooting Star/Inverted Hammer candlestick patterns – These candlestick patterns have a small real body (open price and close price are near to each other), and a long upper shadow (large intraday movement on the upside). The Shooting Star is a bearish reversal pattern that forms after a rally. The Inverted Hammer looks exactly like a Shooting Star, but forms after a downtrend. Inverted Hammers represent a potential bullish trend reversal.

Company Name	Price January 25	% Change Weekly	% Change YTD	Market Cap. QR Million	TTM P/E	P/B	Div. Yield
Qatar National Bank	16.05	(0.31)	(2.90)	148,245	10.3	1.7	3.7
Qatar Islamic Bank	19.95	1.06	(7.21)	47,140	11.6	1.9	3.1
Commercial Bank of Qatar	5.57	0.72	(10.16)	22,543	8.3	1.2	4.5
Doha Bank	1.73	3.16	(5.36)	5,370	9.1	0.5	4.3
Al Ahli Bank	4.00	2.56	10.44	10,205	12.8	1.4	5.0
Qatar International Islamic Bank	10.90	1.96	1.96	16,499	15.8	2.3	3.7
Masraf Al Rayan	2.45	(3.77)	(7.76)	22,776	16.2	1.0	4.1
Lesha Bank	1.32	(2.15)	(0.15)	1,480	14.7	1.2	N/A
National Leasing	0.80	2.04	9.74	396	25.9	0.6	3.7
Dlala Holding	1.25	(3.18)	(5.45)	238	N/A	1.3	N/A
Qatar & Oman Investment	0.90	0.00	(4.94)	285	N/A	1.2	N/A
Islamic Holding Group	3.86	(1.03)	(6.92)	219	33.7	1.4	1.3
Dukhan Bank	3.99	0.48	0.43	20,895	1.8	0.2	4.0
Banking and Financial Services				296,289			
Zad Holding	13.65	0.22	1.11	3,923	21.3	3.1	4.3
Qatar German Co. for Medical Devices	1.27	(6.21)	(12.61)	146	N/A	4.2	N/A
Salam International Investment	0.66	(3.10)	(3.81)	751	18.5	0.5	N/A
Baladna	1.12	(3.61)	(8.33)	2,133	23.4	0.9	N/A
Medicare Group	5.02	(2.68)	(8.60)	1,412	19.2	1.4	5.2
Qatar Cinema & Film Distribution	3.05	0.00	5.17	192	42.8	1.5	2.0
Qatar Fuel	15.95	0.63	(3.80)	15,858	16.2	1.7	5.6
Widam Food	2.23	(2.45)	(5.55)	401	N/A	3.2	N/A
Mannai Corp.	3.99	(0.23)	(5.14)	1,818	N/A	1.9	2.5
Al Meera Consumer Goods	13.22	(0.30)	(4.13)	2,723	14.3	1.7	3.3
Mekdam Holding Group	4.98	1.74	(3.59)	522	11.7	2.9	5.3
Meeza QSTP	2.69	(1.28)	(6.24)	1,746	N/A	N/A	N/A
Consumer Goods and Services				31,626			
Qatar Industrial Manufacturing	2.97	(0.10)	(0.90)	1,413	8.6	0.8	4.4
Qatar National Cement	4.35	8.75	10.21	2,843	13.8	0.9	6.9
Industries Qatar	12.20	1.67	(6.73)	73,810	15.9	1.9	9.0
Qatari Investors Group	1.65	(0.90)	0.18	2,046	12.9	0.7	9.1
Qatar Electricity and Water	17.55	0.63	(6.65)	19,305	12.4	1.3	5.4
Aamal	0.87	(0.91)	3.08	5,487	15.3	0.7	5.7
Gulf International Services	2.83	(0.70)	2.57	5,259	12.0	1.4	3.5
Mesaieed Petrochemical Holding	1.71	0.59	(4.36)	21,483	18.8	1.3	6.4
Estithmar Holding	2.00	(0.45)	(4.49)	6,811	19.9	1.4	N/A
Qatar Aluminum Manufacturing	1.29	(1.53)	(8.07)	7,182	15.2	1.1	7.0
Industrials				145,640			
Qatar Insurance	2.27	(4.94)	(12.28)	7,421	31.6	1.3	N/A
QLM Life & Medical Insurance	2.30	0.00	(7.96)	805	9.3	1.4	5.4
Doha Insurance	2.60	3.02	8.58	1,298	8.8	1.1	5.8
Qatar General Insurance & Reinsurance	1.16	4.89	(21.16)	1,014	N/A	0.2	N/A
Al Khaleej Takaful Insurance	2.89	1.58	(2.56)	739	12.9	1.3	3.5
Qatar Islamic Insurance	8.85	0.05	(0.51)	1,328	10.3	2.7	5.1
Damaan Islamic Insurance Company	3.98	(0.55)	(0.33)	795	N/A	1.6	4.0
Insurance				13,399			
United Development	1.03	(1.91)	(3.47)	3,640	8.9	0.3	5.4
Barwa Real Estate	2.90	1.05	0.21	11,285	9.6	0.5	6.0
Ezdan Real Estate	0.83	(3.40)	(3.85)	21,883	N/A	0.7	N/A
Mazaya Qatar Real Estate Development	0.70	(0.71)	(3.87)	695	21.9	0.7	N/A
Real Estate				37,503			
Ooredoo	10.70	(0.56)	(6.14)	34,274	11.5	1.3	4.0
Vodafone Qatar	1.89	0.11	(0.84)	7,993	14.7	1.6	5.3
Telecoms				42,267			
Qatar Navigation (Milaha)	10.28	(2.10)	5.98	11,680	11.3	0.7	3.4
Gulf Warehousing	3.27	2.00	4.41	192	9.0	0.8	3.1
Qatar Gas Transport (Nakilat)	3.66	1.56	3.89	20,261	13.6	1.7	3.6
Transportation				32,132			
Qatar Exchange				600,581			

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