Daily Market Report

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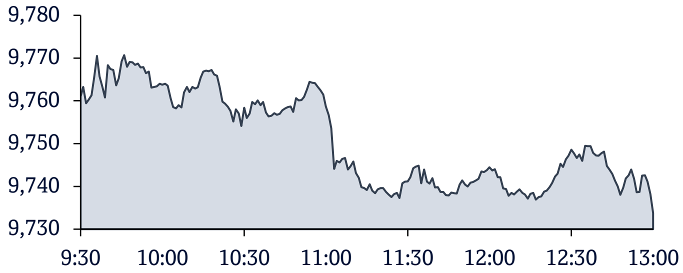
QSE Intra-Day Movement



Qatar Commentary

The QE Index declined 0.3% to close at 9,733.8. Losses were led by the Banks & Financial Services and Transportation indices, falling 0.5% and 0.4%, respectively. Top losers were Dukhan Bank and Gulf International Services, falling 2.1% and 1.8%, respectively. Among the top gainers, Qatari Investors Group gained 7.2%, while Qatar Oman Investment Company was up 3.7%.

GCC Commentary

Saudi Arabia: The TASI Index gained 0.3% to close at 11,068.7. Gains were led by the Media and Entertainment and Diversified Financials indices, rising 1.7% and 0.9%, respectively. Saudi Arabia Refineries Co. rose 7.4%, while Banan Real Estate Co. was up 4.2%.

Dubai: The market was closed on 06 September 2026.

Abu Dhabi: The market was closed on 06 September 2026.

Kuwait: The Kuwait All Share Index fell 0.1% to close at 8,840.0. The Technology index declined 11.7%, while the Utilities index fell 0.7%. Agility Public Warehousing Company declined 2.7%, while Gulf Cables & Electrical Industries Group Co. (K.S.C.P) was down 2.4%.

Oman: The MSM 30 Index gained marginally to close at 7,631.5. Gains were led by the Industrial and Services indices, rising 1.1% and 0.6% respectively. Construction Materials Industries & Contracting rose 8.5%, while Al Anwar Ceramic Tiles Co. was up 7.5%.

Bahrain: The BHB Index fell 0.1% to close at 1,937.3. The Financials index fell 0.2%, while other indices closed flat or green. Ithmaar Holding B.S.C. declined 10.0%, while Khaleeji Bank B.S.C was down 1.4%.

Market Indicators	06 Sept 26	03 Sept 26	%Chg.
Value Traded (QR mn)	291.3	310.7	(6.2)
Exch. Market Cap. (QR mn)	585,627.5	586,796.8	(0.2)
Volume (mn)	154.2	122.5	25.9
Number of Transactions	12,367	22,298	(44.5)
Companies Traded	52	53	(1.9)
Market Breadth	17:31	28:15	–

Market Indices	Close	1D%	WTD%	YTD%	TTM P/E
Total Return	24,053.33	(0.3)	(0.3)	(6.5)	11.8
All Share Index	3,824.48	(0.3)	(0.3)	(5.8)	11.4
Banks	4,926.39	(0.5)	(0.5)	(6.1)	9.6
Industrials	3,726.09	(0.1)	(0.1)	(10.0)	19.1
Transportation	5,332.36	(0.4)	(0.4)	(2.5)	13.1
Real Estate	1,389.79	(0.2)	(0.2)	(9.1)	25.0
Insurance	2,651.18	(0.3)	(0.3)	6.0	10.2
Telecoms	2,330.12	0.1	0.1	4.5	11.2
Consumer Goods and Services	7,503.79	0.4	0.4	(9.9)	15.1
Al Rayan Islamic Index	4,871.38	(0.3)	(0.3)	(4.8)	14.0

GCC Top Gainers##	Exchange	Close#	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Riyadh Cables Group Co	Saudi Arabia	107.00	2.6	249.3	(18.0)
Saudi Research & Media Group	Saudi Arabia	61.80	2.4	120.9	(50.4)
Saudi Tadawul Group Holding Co	Saudi Arabia	132.00	2.2	202.9	(5.9)
Arabian Internet & Communication	Saudi Arabia	221.70	2.2	160.3	(1.5)
Mouwasat Medical Services Co.	Saudi Arabia	66.60	1.7	234.9	(0.1)

GCC Top Losers##	Exchange	Close#	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Bank Dhofar	Oman	0.21	(2.3)	1,486.1	43.2
Kingdom Holding Co.	Saudi Arabia	14.00	(2.2)	678.3	79.0
Dukhan Bank	Qatar	3.18	(2.1)	2,083.3	(9.0)
Elm Co	Saudi Arabia	606.50	(1.1)	80.5	(18.9)
Rabigh Refining & Petro.	Saudi Arabia	18.15	(1.1)	5,120.9	165.4

Source: Bloomberg (# in Local Currency) (## GCC Top gainers/ losers derived from the S&P GCC Composite Large Mid Cap Index)

QSE Top Gainers	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Qatari Investors Group	1.661	7.2	26,332.4	13.0
Qatar Oman Investment Company	0.775	3.7	1,693.1	(16.6)
Dlala Brokerage & Inv. Holding Co.	1.531	3.4	2,172.9	56.4
Baladna	1.282	3.0	29,755.5	4.6
Qatar Islamic Insurance Company	7.854	1.1	25.2	(11.2)

QSE Top Losers	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Dukhan Bank	3.180	(2.1)	2,083.3	(9.0)
Gulf International Services	1.785	(1.8)	10,157.9	(30.1)
Widam Food Company	1.392	(1.6)	2,667.5	(6.8)
Qatar General Ins. & Reins. Co.	2.349	(1.5)	13.2	51.8
Al Faleh	0.555	(1.4)	4,521.3	(18.9)

QSE Top Volume Trades	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Baladna	1.282	3.0	29,755.5	4.6
Qatari Investors Group	1.661	7.2	26,332.4	13.0
Doha Bank	2.695	(0.1)	17,825.8	(6.1)
AlRayan Bank	1.956	0.1	10,571.1	(10.8)
Gulf International Services	1.785	(1.8)	10,157.9	(30.1)

QSE Top Value Trades	Close*	1D%	Val. '000	YTD%
Doha Bank	2.695	(0.1)	47,721.5	(6.1)
Qatari Investors Group	1.661	7.2	42,163.8	13.0
Baladna	1.282	3.0	37,611.2	4.6
AlRayan Bank	1.956	0.1	20,634.2	(10.8)
Gulf International Services	1.785	(1.8)	18,367.6	(30.1)

Regional Indices	Close	1D%	WTD%	MTD%	YTD%	Exch. Val. Traded ($ mn)	Exchange Mkt. Cap. ($ mn)	P/E**	P/B**	Dividend Yield
Qatar*	9,733.76	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.7)	(9.6)	79.9	160,461.9	11.8	1.2	4.2
Dubai^	5,884.63	0.7	(0.0)	0.8	(2.7)	135.4	264,404.4	9.0	1.6	5.4
Abu Dhabi^	9,977.36	0.5	(0.7)	(0.3)	(0.2)	264.8	681,099.1	17.2	2.2	2.5
Saudi Arabia	11,068.65	0.3	0.3	(0.5)	5.5	789.4	2,568,596.6	16.4	2.1	3.5
Kuwait	8,839.98	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.6)	(0.8)	410.8	171,310.4	18.8	1.8	3.8
Oman	7,631.51	0.0	0.0	0.4	30.1	114.4	57,727.0	13.9	1.6	4.0
Bahrain	1,937.28	(0.1)	(0.1)	0.1	(6.3)	0.4	19,887.7	15.4	1.3	4.3

*Source: Bloomberg, Qatar Stock Exchange, Tadawul, Muscat Securities Market and Dubai Financial Market (** TTM; * Value traded ($ mn) do not include special trades if any, ^ Data as of 4 September 2026)*

Qatar Market Commentary

- The QE Index declined 0.3% to close at 9,733.8. The Banks & Financial Services and Transportation indices led the losses. The index fell on the back of selling pressure from Arab and Foreign shareholders despite buying support from Qatari and GCC shareholders.
- Dukhan Bank and Gulf International Services were the top losers, falling 2.1% and 1.8%, respectively. Among the top gainers, Qatari Investors Group gained 7.2%, while Qatar Oman Investment Company was up 3.7%
- Volume of shares traded on Sunday rose by 25.9% to 154.2mn from 122.5mn on Thursday. Further, as compared to the 30-day moving average of 137.5mn, volume for the day was 12.2% higher. Baladna and Qatari Investors Group were the most active stocks, contributing 19.3% and 17.1% to the total volume, respectively

Overall Activity	Buy%*	Sell%*	Net (QR)
Qatari Individuals	39.69%	49.96%	(29,942,909.70)
Qatari Institutions	44.11%	32.92%	32,617,784.11
Qatari	**83.80%**	**82.88%**	**2,674,874.41**
GCC Individuals	0.26%	0.38%	(359,192.83)
GCC Institutions	1.50%	0.17%	3,870,508.96
GCC	**1.75%**	**0.55%**	**3,511,316.13**
Arab Individuals	9.75%	10.72%	(2,847,594.51)
Arab Institutions	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Arab	**9.75%**	**10.72%**	**(2,847,594.51)**
Foreigners Individuals	2.21%	2.51%	(870,880.07)
Foreigners Institutions	2.50%	3.34%	(2,467,715.97)
Foreigners	**4.70%**	**5.85%**	**(3,338,596.04)**

*Source: Qatar Stock Exchange (*as a% of traded value)*

Qatar

- **Qatar's takaful insurers post QR335mn profit in 2025; finance companies' earnings climb 13% -** Qatar's takaful insurance companies earned a combined QR335mn in shareholder profits in 2025, up 2.7% from the previous year, according to the Qatar Islamic Finance Report issued by Bait Al Mashura Finance Consultations. Islamic Insurance Company recorded the sharpest profit growth in the sector, the report said, with earnings of about QR153mn, up 18.8% year-on-year (y-o-y), while Damaan Islamic Insurance Company (Beema) grew profits by 12.9%. Over the five years to 2025, the report noted, takaful profits grew at a compound annual rate of 11.1%, with Beema posting the strongest long-run performance at 13.5%, followed by Islamic Insurance Company and Al Khaleej Takaful Insurance at 12.9% and 12.1%, respectively, while Doha Islamic Insurance's compound annual profit growth over the period stood at just 1%. The report noted a 5.9% rise in the assets of takaful insurance companies in 2025, reaching QR4.7bn compared to QR4.4bn in 2024. Beema achieved the highest asset growth rate in 2025 at 20.3%, followed by Al Khaleej Takaful Insurance at 2.4%, then Islamic Insurance Company at 1%. Over the period (2021–2025), the compound annual growth rate for takaful companies' assets in Qatar stood at 1.1%, with the highest compound growth recorded for Beema at 3.3%, followed by Islamic Insurance Company at 1.8% and Doha Islamic Insurance at 0.2%. The report found that not every insurer's underwriting results kept pace with its profit line. Insurance surplus, what is left over after claims and reserves on policyholders' funds, varied sharply across the sector in 2025: Islamic Insurance Company posted the largest surplus at QR22.5mn, Beema followed with QR11.8mn, General Takaful Company recorded QR10.2mn, while Doha Islamic Insurance managed only QR78,000. The report noted that over the five years to 2025, takaful companies' underwriting results have swung between surpluses in some years and deficits in others. Total assets held on behalf of policyholders at Islamic takaful companies reached QR2.1bn in 2025, the report said, a 5% increase from 2024, with Beema recording the fastest growth in policyholder assets at 24.1%, while Doha Islamic Insurance's "Shamil" fund grew 10%. The report said takaful insurance contributions, the premiums policyholders pay in, rose 4.1% in 2025 to nearly QR2bn, led by Beema at 28.3%, Al Khaleej Takaful Insurance at 19.7%, and Doha Islamic Insurance at 11.8%. Over the same five-year period, contributions grew at a compound annual rate of 7.1%, though the ranking reverses here, with Doha Islamic Insurance leading at 17.3% long-run growth, followed by Al Khaleej Takaful Insurance at 11.7%, and Beema at 10.5%, while Islamic Insurance Company trailed at 2%, the report noted. The report also examined Islamic finance companies regulated by the Qatar Central Bank. Their combined assets reached QR2.6bn by the end of 2025, up 3.9% on the year, it said, though performance diverged: Al Jazeera Finance's assets grew 9.1% and Al Oula Finance's edged up 0.7%, while Qatar Finance House's assets fell 7.3%. The report said the 2025 uptick was strong enough to pull the sector's own five-year trend into positive territory, with combined assets compounding at 0.7% annually since 2021; Al Jazeera Finance's five-year rate stood at 1.4% and Al Oula Finance's at 0.7%. According to the report, financing extended by these companies jumped 10.3% in 2025 to more than QR2bn, driven largely by an 18.9% rise in lending from Al Jazeera Finance; Al Oula Finance's financing grew 3.9%, while Qatar Finance House's financing book contracted 11.1%. Over five years, the report said, total financing from Islamic finance companies compounded at 3.4% annually, with Al Jazeera Finance's book growing at 5.4% and Al Oula Finance's at 2%. The report found that revenues at Islamic finance companies rose 4.6% to QR290mn in 2025, with financing activities accounting for around 85% of the total. Al Jazeera Finance's revenue grew 7.2%, and Al Oula Finance's grew 3%, while Qatar Finance House's revenue dropped 27%. The five-year compound growth rate for the sector's revenue stood at 5.7%, the report said, with Al Jazeera Finance at 6.5% and Al Oula Finance at 5.5%. The report said Islamic finance companies' combined profits rose 13% to QR187.8mn in 2025. Al Jazeera Finance's net profit climbed 16.3% to QR78.7mn, while Al Oula Finance's profit grew a more modest 4.8% to QR116.2mn, still the larger of the two in absolute terms. (Gulf Times)
- **PM to begin China visit today -** Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs HE Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani will begin an official visit to the People's Republic of China on Monday, September 7. This was announced by Advisor to the Prime Minister and Official Spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Dr Majed bin Mohammed Al Ansari on Sunday. The visit, which runs from September 7 to 8, will include a series of meetings between the Prime Minister and senior Chinese officials, Dr Al Ansari told Qatar News Agency. The talks will focus on the strategic relations between Qatar and China and ways to further strengthen and develop bilateral cooperation across various fields. The two sides will also discuss opportunities to expand economic and investment cooperation in a manner that serves the shared interests of Qatar and China. Dr Al Ansari said the meetings would also address major regional developments and ongoing diplomatic efforts aimed at de-escalating tensions and enhancing security and stability in the region. Regional security and the safety of international maritime routes are expected to feature prominently in the discussions, with particular emphasis on ensuring the security and freedom of navigation through the Strait of Hormuz. The visit comes as Qatar continues diplomatic efforts to support de-escalation and promote regional stability, while strengthening strategic partnerships with key international partners. (Qatar Tribune)
- **Numerous global events on Qatar's 2026 calendar -** Qatar will be hosting a number of international events in the coming weeks and months, spanning sport, business, culture, heritage, cinema, technology, music, healthcare, and diplomacy, among others, drawing global attention to the country. With high-profile events such as premier sporting championships, luxury brand exhibitions, technology forums, as well as art and cultural shows and musical extravaganzas, the events are set to attract a large number of visitors to Qatar. Representing Qatar's long-term investment in economic diversification, cultural exchange, and international engagement, the events are set to make the country a beehive of activity, with the S'hail – Katara International Hunting & Falcons Exhibition taking place from tomorrow until September 12 at Katara Cultural Village. Falconry remains deeply embedded in Gulf heritage, and S'hail has evolved into one of the region's most significant gatherings for falcon breeders, hunters and enthusiasts. The highly

anticipated Doha Jewelry & Watches Exhibition, a major luxury exhibition beyond Qatar and the region, will take place from September 28 to October 3. The event is expected to feature major internationally renowned jewelry houses, watchmakers, designers and collectors, among others. Moving to music, American singer and songwriter John Legend will perform at Qatar National Convention Centre (QNCC) on September 10. On November 6, film composer Hans Zimmer will be performing at Stadium 974, presenting a concert featuring iconic scores from movies such as Interstellar, Dune, The Lion King, and Gladiator. Superstar Shakira will give a live performance at Stadium 974 on November 18 as part of her latest international tour. On October 29, "CNN Global Perspectives: In Doha" will make its Middle East debut, featuring political leaders, business executives, academics, and cultural figures who will deliberate on global issues, including geopolitics, artificial intelligence (AI), technological transformation, media, and international co-operation. A major tech event, the Mobile World Congress Doha 2026, will take place on November 8-10 at the Doha Exhibition and Convention Centre (DECC), gathering experts and leaders from telecommunications, AI, digital infrastructure and smart city development. The Design Doha Biennial 2026 November 5-7, will be another major event bringing together designers, architects and artists from the Menasa (Middle East, North Africa and South Asia) region. With the exhibitions on view until January 31, 2027, the focus is on contemporary design while promoting regional creative industries and encouraging collaboration between emerging and established talents. The Doha Film Festival, organized by the Doha Film Institute (DFI), will be held on November 19-27, showcasing films from Qatar, the Arab world and the international filmmaking community. The festival will also have a number of workshops, panel discussions, networking events and industry collaborations. Qatar will host the MotoGP Qatar Airways Grand Prix of Qatar, taking place at Lusail International Circuit on November 6-8, as well as the Formula 1 Qatar Airways Qatar Grand Prix on November 27-29. Moving on, Qatar is all set to host the FIFA U-17 World Cup running from November 19 to December 13. Featuring 48 national teams, the tournament will be one of the largest youth football competitions and will continue the partnership between FIFA and Qatar to host the championship annually from 2025 through 2029. Qatar Foundation's global healthcare initiative, the World Innovation Summit for Health (WISH), will host the 8th edition of its summit on November 29-30 at the QNCC under the theme The New Health Span. Another major international event will be the Doha Forum 2026, taking place on December 5-6 under the theme Redefining Global Trust. In addition, there are several other events spread across the year that showcase the country's focus on sports, culture, and entertainment. (Gulf Times)

- **Qatar to host AIIB Annual Meeting -** The State of Qatar will host the Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) on Sep 28-29, with the participation of delegations from member countries, policymakers, business leaders, clients, partners and a number of stakeholders from around the world. With the theme "Tomorrow's Infrastructure: Impact and Innovation," the Annual Meeting marks AIIB's transition into its second decade and highlights its continued focus on scaling up investment in sustainable infrastructure investment across AIIB members. The annual meeting is the bank's key event in the field of governance and stakeholder engagement, where participants discuss the bank's strategic directions, operational priorities, and its agenda and plans for the coming years, with a focus on enhancing the impact of investments and innovation in the infrastructure sector. The meeting being held in Doha confirms the important role that the State of Qatar plays in supporting sustainable development efforts and promoting international co-operation in the areas of infrastructure and investment. (Gulf Times)
- **Ministry of Interior enables extension of on-arrival visas through website -** The Ministry of Interior (MoI) has announced that holders of instant (on-arrival) visas can now extend their visas electronically through the ministry's website, eliminating the need to visit the General Directorate of Passports or any service center. The Instant Visa Extension Service, which does not require a sponsor, allows users to complete the extension process online through the MoI website at www.moi.gov.qa. To access the service, users should visit the MoI website, select "Inquiries," then choose "Visa Services" followed by "Visa Extension." They should then select "Inquiry and Extension" and enter the required visa details. The system allows users to make an inquiry using the identification number of the sponsor, representative or authorized person, or by using the date on which the application was submitted. Applicants must also verify that they have met the required health insurance conditions. The online system provides a link to a list of approved health insurance companies, enabling users to check the relevant requirements. Once the requirements have been verified, applicants can select their preferred visa extension period, proceed with payment of the applicable fees and complete the process electronically. The Ministry said the service is part of its efforts to facilitate procedures for visitors and provide convenient digital government services, allowing visa-related transactions to be completed remotely without the need for in-person visits. (Peninsula Qatar)
- **Ministry of Municipality launches 38 new services on OUN app -** The Ministry of Municipality, represented by its Information Systems Department, has launched 38 new services on its OUN application, covering import permits, veterinary quarantine and health certificates, company registration, and agricultural services. The new services are part of the Ministry's Digital Transformation project for public services, which aims to develop services, streamline procedures and make them accessible electronically. The new import services include import permits for animal products and by-products; ornamental fish and marine animals; wild birds and animals; table eggs and egg products; animal feed, feed additives and supplements; cats and dogs; horses; live animals; and racing camels. The application also provides veterinary health certificates for the export of animal products and by-products, live animals, cats and dogs, camels, birds and rabbits, wild animals and birds, falcons, horses, racing camels, and animal feed, feed additives and supplements. Additional import services include re-entry permits for cats and dogs; import permits for camels for breeding and slaughter; veterinary biological products; controlled veterinary medicines and restricted substances; laboratory materials and equipment; veterinary cosmetic and health products; falcons; and veterinary medicines. The veterinary quarantine services include inspection of veterinary quarantine import permits at border ports, inspection of veterinary quarantine export certificates at border ports, renewal of veterinary quarantine permits, amendment of veterinary quarantine import permits, cancellation of import permits and veterinary health export certificates, and amendment of veterinary health certificates. The new company registration and agricultural services include requests to register companies and entities for veterinary quarantine services, update company and entity information for veterinary quarantine services, register tags and numbers for companies for camel slaughter certificates, request the export or re-export of agricultural consignments, and request inspections of agricultural consignments for export or re-export. The Ministry said the new services are now available through the application. To access the services, users must download the OUN app and log in using their QID number and mobile number. Login details are verified through an OTP sent to the registered mobile number. Users can then select the required service, enter the necessary information and attach supporting documents, where applicable. Requests can be submitted electronically, and their status can be tracked through the application. (Peninsula Qatar)
- **MoECC processes over 57,000 e-submissions for chemical, hazardous waste management -** The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MoECC) said it had processed 57,699 electronic submissions since launch of its digital system for chemical management and hazardous waste management in 2024. In a statement on Sunday, MoECC added that it had provided 23 electronic services through an integrated system that consolidated chemical management and hazardous waste management services within a highly efficient and transparent regulatory framework. The ministry had processed transactions for more than 1,850 registered companies, with 0% paper-based submissions, while recording a customer satisfaction rate of 93.4%, the statement reads. The statement highlighted that process reengineering resulted in a significant reduction in processing time of up to 70%, with the average processing time for hazardous materials transactions falling to 2.4 business days and for hazardous waste transactions to 1.5 business days, in addition to a 33% reduction in processing time for import and export services after

processing 40,391 shipment clearances at ports of entry in lockstep with customs authorities. Regarding environmental compliance monitoring and the circular economy, MECC handled 131,971 tonnes of hazardous waste in accordance with approved requirements, received 8,065 used electronic devices, and issued permits for the disposal of 288 tonnes of electronic waste. Compliance-monitoring activities included inspections of 4,097 facilities, raising the compliance rate among warehouses and facilities to about 90%, supported by the provision of 19 modern field devices for rapid chemical identification, the statement continued. As part of its partnership-building efforts, MECC organized 49 awareness workshops and training courses attended by 1,990 private-sector representatives, while also developing and updating 25 guidance documents and monitoring implementation of the requirements of five international agreements. It also prepared to expand digital integration and develop advanced analytical tools in the next phase under the TASMU smart program, with the objective of gradually transitioning to a proactive regulatory approach that serves the objectives of Qatar National Vision 2030. (Qatar Tribune)

- **Centre for Legal and Judicial Studies reports strong growth in H1 2026 -** The Centre for Legal and Judicial Studies (CLJS) at the Ministry of Justice expanded its activities during the first half (H1) of 2026, recording significant growth in training, research and digital outreach as part of its efforts to modernize legal education and broaden legal awareness across society. According to figures released by the ministry, the center trained 1,100 participants in the first half of 2026, up 16.4% from 945 in the same period in 2025. The increase came alongside a substantial expansion in its training activities, with 62 programs and courses delivered in the first half of this year, compared with 46 during the corresponding period last year – a rise of 34.8%. The figures indicate not only growth in participation but also a broader, more diverse range of training opportunities offered by the center. The center also strengthened its research output, publishing seven papers in its *Legal and Judicial Journal during the first half of 2026, representing an increase of more than 40% over the same period last year. The long-running journal features analytical and comparative legal studies, commentary on Qatari legislation, and rulings and legal opinions issued by the Court of Cassation. It serves as a reference for legal practitioners, academics and researchers seeking analysis of developments in Qatar's legal and judicial landscape. Digital legal awareness has also become an increasingly important part of the center's activities. Its "Bekhtisar" ("In Brief") legal-awareness program generated 12mn views and interactions online during the first quarter of 2026 alone. During the first half of the year, the center produced 28 digital awareness materials, comprising 15 videos, six posters and seven specialized publications. The initiative also expanded its outreach to nine distinct community segments, ranging from school students and families to public-sector employees. Centre for Legal and Judicial Studies director Dr Abdullah Hamad al-Khaldi said that the center had succeeded in using digital transformation to broaden the reach of its programs and strengthen their social impact, while continuing to fulfil its core responsibilities of training, professional qualification, and promoting legal culture. The ministry described the development as a shift "from attendance to digital reach", noting that as remote engagement has become increasingly prevalent, the center has redirected part of its awareness activities towards digital platforms, youth clubs and venues such as the Doha International Book Fair. The approach, it said, has enabled the center to expand the reach of its legal-awareness messages rather than allowing engagement to decline as traditional forms of participation change. Established under Law No. 8 of 2001, as amended by Law No. 29 of 2005, the center operates under the Ministry of Justice and has a broad legal mandate that includes judicial and legal training. Its responsibilities include training judges, members of the Public Prosecution, judicial assistants, legal professionals, judicial officers, and judicial control officers. The center also provides training for lawyers and prepares qualified candidates for judicial and prosecutorial appointments that the Supreme Judiciary Council (SJC) or the attorney-general nominates. Its activities extend beyond regular training programs to include legal research, professional development and co-operation with corresponding institutions in Qatar and abroad. In late December 2025, the center issued a new edition of its *Legal and Judicial Journal, highlighting a series of legal opinions from the Ministry of Justice's Fatwa and Studies Department concerning disputes between administrative bodies and employees. In February 2026, a delegation from the center participated in a Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC)-wide program of mutual visits among judicial and legal training institutes in Muscat. The program focused on exchanging expertise and sharing best practices in legal education and professional training across the Gulf. The center's training activities have covered a wide range of specialized legal subjects. Earlier programs, including a February 2025 training cycle, addressed topics such as the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties, Qatar's Civil Human Resources Law, real estate registration, data privacy protection, postal services regulation and public-private partnership contracts. The expansion recorded during the first half of 2026 reflects the center's efforts to combine its traditional role in professional legal training with newer methods of disseminating research and engaging the public. By increasing the number and range of training programs, strengthening its research publications and expanding its digital legal-awareness initiatives, the center is seeking to reach a wider audience while maintaining its role in developing legal and judicial expertise in Qatar. (Gulf Times)
- **Qatar is bringing empty LNG ships home in possible export pivot** - Several Qatari liquefied natural gas tankers are heading back toward the Persian Gulf, a sign the supplier may be positioning vessels for a resumption of exports through the Strait of Hormuz. Six empty gas carriers linked to Qatar are in the Gulf of Oman or on their way there, according to ship-tracking data compiled by Bloomberg. Another empty ship recently crossed the Hormuz, and is currently in the Persian Gulf heading toward Qatar, Kpler data shows. Qatar, which used to account for a fifth of the world's LNG, has all-but halted shipments since one of its tankers was attacked in late July. That's in contrast with oil exports that have picked up markedly over the last month or so. The ship movements suggest Qatar might be taking a more aggressive approach, even as fighting between the US and Iran has flared up again and Tehran declared a restricted zone outside Hormuz. QatarEnergy didn't respond to a request for comment outside of normal business hours. The producer has continued loading LNG onto available empty tankers inside the gulf, and also kept exporting fuel to Kuwait, helping it manage storage and keep parts of its massive export complex running at minimum levels. Maintaining some output allows QatarEnergy to keep equipment operational and gives it the flexibility ramp up more quickly if tensions in the waterway ease. (Bloomberg)

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- **OPEC+ keeps oil output policy unchanged for October -** OPEC+ kept its oil output policy unchanged for October at a meeting on Sunday, it said in a statement, as the producer group needs to agree new quotas before deciding its next output steps. The meeting of seven core OPEC+ members — Saudi Arabia, Russia, Iraq, Kuwait, Algeria, Kazakhstan and Oman — comes as the Iran war continues to disrupt oil exports through the Strait of Hormuz, limiting OPEC+'s influence over prices and market share. In August, OPEC+ agreed its production boost for September, completing a phased rollback of a 1.65mn-barrel-per-day supply cut first agreed in 2023. Despite the agreed production increases, the group made up of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and its allies, including Russia, still produces far below its targets because of the war. Opec's power limited by iran conflict "OPEC+ currently has very limited power over the physical oil market," said Jorge Leon of Rystad Energy. "The group can change production targets on paper, but it cannot guarantee that those barrels will be produced or actually reach the market." "The focus now shifts away from monthly production adjustments and towards the much more consequential debate over 2027." OPEC+ still has another layer of production cuts in place, covering most members of the 21-country group until the end of 2026. Before the group decides how to unwind the cuts and return production to the market, it needs to review members' oil production capacity to set 2027 output baselines, which form the basis for quotas. This debate will likely happen later in 2026 and hence OPEC+ is likely to pause its output increases for the fourth quarter, sources earlier told Reuters. The statement on Sunday made no mention of policy beyond October. Only the seven OPEC+ members who met on Sunday, plus the United Arab

Emirates until it left OPEC in May, have been involved in monthly output decisions in recent years. The seven countries will hold their next meeting on October 4. (Reuters)

- **Japan's August foreign reserves post largest-ever drop after record intervention -** Japan's foreign reserves posted their biggest-ever drop in August, government data showed on Monday, after Tokyo launched another round of record dollar-selling, yen-buying intervention to stem persistent weakness in its currency. The reserves stood at $1.208tn at the end of August, down by a record $79.6bn, or 6.18%, from $1.287tn a month earlier, according to the Ministry of Finance (MOF) data. The decline was led by a drop in foreign securities, held mostly in U.S. Treasuries bought during dollar-buying intervention conducted around two decades ago, which account for about 70% of Japan's reserves. Japan spent 15.4tn yen ($98.66bn) on intervention between July 30 and August 26, marking the largest intervention operation on record in a single month, separate MOF data showed last month. The intervention helped lift the yen from 40-year lows near 164 per dollar to as high as 155.20 by August 3. The Japanese currency subsequently weakened toward 160 before recovering to around 155 to 156 in early September. Part of the yen-buying operation was conducted jointly with the United States, the first coordinated intervention by the two countries since 2011, surprising markets that had seen little prospect of such action. To soothe market concern about the limits of Japan's capacity for large-scale intervention, Tokyo and Washington have said Japan could utilize a COVID-19 era Federal Reserve backstop for major central banks. The Fed facility, introduced in 2020 to steady markets during the pandemic, allows Japan to raise dollar liquidity without outright sales of U.S. Treasuries, potentially easing funding pressure on Tokyo for intervention. (Reuters)
- **UK recruiters see first rise in permanent role hiring since 2022 -** Britain's jobs market showed signs of recovery in August as permanent staff placements rose for the first time since September 2022, according to a survey published on Monday. The monthly gauge of permanent job placements from the Recruitment and Employment Confederation trade body and accountants KPMG rose to 50.5 from the no change level of 50.0 in July. (Reuters)

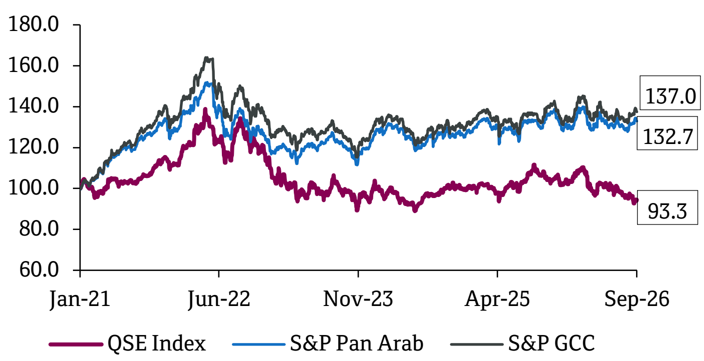
Regional

- **Hormuz traffic dips to lowest since May after US, Iranian strikes on ships -** An average of 10 commodity ships transited the Strait of Hormuz per day over the past 10 days, the lowest since May, according to shipping data on Monday, after U.S. and Iranian strikes on tankers. The 10-day moving average was 10 on Sunday, down from more than 15 on Friday and nearly 13 on Saturday, data from analytics firm Kpler found. Only two vessels passed through the strait on Saturday while six went through on Sunday, mostly using the Iranian route. U.S. forces struck three Iranian oil tankers on Saturday, U.S. Central Command said, including one off Kharg Island, Iran's key oil export hub, following attacks by Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps on U.S. warships in the region. In retaliation, the IRGC navy said on Saturday it targeted three oil tankers travelling unauthorized routes in the strait as well as three additional U.S. vessels in other areas. The three Iranian tankers were Downy, Stark I and Kylo, also known as Noxen, maritime intelligence firm Marisks said in a note. The Saturday attacks represented a "major escalation in the maritime conflict", Marisks said. "Commercial tankers are now being deliberately used as instruments of reciprocal economic pressure, substantially weakening the previous distinction between military confrontation and commercial shipping," it added. "Risk is therefore assessed as extreme for Iranian/Iran-linked tonnage and materially elevated for U.S.-linked or U.S.-escorted shipping throughout the Strait of Hormuz and Gulf of Oman." There have been 27 projectile strike incidents since July 6, resulting in damage to vessels operating in and around the Strait of Hormuz, the United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO) said in its weekly report. On Sunday, one very large crude carrier and three bulk carriers laden with metals, grains or oilseeds entered the strait, Kpler data showed. A tanker carrying refined products loaded from a Saudi port attempted to exit but was turned back, data from LSEG showed. There has been no VLCC exiting the strait since Wednesday, according to Kpler data. (Reuters)
- **Middle East power demand set to more than double by 2050 as AI, data centers grow -** The rapid growth of artificial intelligence (AI) and data centers is reshaping energy demand and increasing the focus on flexible generation, energy storage, critical power and smart energy management, according to Mark Ring, Group Director of Middle East Energy. Speaking to the Emirates News Agency (WAM) during the 50th edition of Middle East Energy, Ring said the UAE continues to play a key role in shaping the global energy sector, supported by its focus on innovation, sustainability and energy security. He said the exhibition has evolved into a global platform connecting industry leaders, policymakers, investors and decision-makers, helping turn ideas and partnerships into projects. The event attracted more than 30,000 energy professionals over three days. Ring also announced that Middle East Energy will move to Dubai Exhibition Centre at Expo City Dubai in 2027, a shift he said would strengthen the event’s role as the energy sector evolves. This year’s exhibition highlighted growing demand for renewable energy, energy efficiency, storage, electricity transmission, reliable backup power and smart energy management. Products including switchgear, transformers and transmission equipment attracted strong interest as electricity consumption rises. Ring pointed to PVFarm’s Innovation Award for its pre-construction intelligence software for solar-plus-storage projects as an example of the growing importance of long-term planning in energy investment. AI and data centers are emerging as major new sources of electricity demand. Citing forecasts from Rystad, Middle East Energy’s Intelligence Partner, Ring said electricity demand across the Middle East and North Africa is expected to rise from 1,671 terawatt-hours in 2025 to 3,670 terawatt-hours by 2050. Data centers, hydrogen, industry and transport are expected to contribute to the growth. The exhibition reflected this shift through its Powering AI track and increased focus on flexible generation, storage and critical power. Ring said the region’s energy transition is moving from ambition to implementation, citing a Global Energy & Efficiency roundtable involving 30 global companies and plans for a memorandum of understanding to advance implementation. He identified energy storage, grid modernization and digitalization as major trends, highlighting the UAE’s plans for large-scale solar projects paired with battery storage to expand renewables while maintaining grid stability. (Zawya)
- **Etihad, ROX sign MoU to explore collaboration across travel and mobility -** Etihad Airways and ROX, an AI technology company, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to explore potential collaboration, initially focusing on ROX’s Africa Grand Tour S2. Under the MoU, the Etihad brand will be featured on the Africa Grand Tour S2 vehicle, with the two brands also collaborating on mutually agreed co-branded content, storytelling and marketing activities around the initiative. The initiative also provides a potential platform to connect air travel with mobility and destination experiences across Africa. ROX’s Africa Grand Tour S2 is a long-distance overland journey across Africa featuring the ROX ADAMAS, designed to showcase the vehicle across diverse destinations and driving environments while creating stories around mobility, exploration and travel. The initiative provides a natural starting point for Etihad and ROX to consider how air travel, ground mobility and destination experiences could be brought together through content and storytelling. The MoU was signed during the opening of ROX’s Advanced AI Manufacturing Centre in Abu Dhabi. Beyond the Africa Grand Tour, it also provides a framework for the companies to consider areas of mutual interest around mobility, future travel experiences, lifestyle innovation, technology and destination-based mobility. Antonoaldo Neves, Chief Executive Officer of Etihad Airways, said, “The Africa Grand Tour is an interesting starting point, bringing together travel, mobility, destinations and storytelling in a way that could create opportunities for both brands. "From Abu Dhabi, Etihad connects people to a growing global network, and we are always interested in new ideas that can enhance how people experience the places they travel to. This MoU gives us the opportunity to assess where there may be a natural fit with ROX and what a future collaboration could look like.” Yan Feng, Chief Executive Officer of ROX, said, “ROX was founded with a vision of developing intelligent mobility solutions that connect people, technology and destinations in new ways. The Africa Grand Tour is an exciting starting point, and we look forward to exploring the wider possibilities that this collaboration could unlock across intelligent mobility, travel and lifestyle. "The meaning of

adventure lies in going beyond. Etihad Airways connects the sky, while ROX explores the land. Both brands believe that the journey itself is a way of life. We look forward to this collaboration opening the door to a wider world for more people." Both headquartered in Abu Dhabi, Etihad and ROX see potential for their respective capabilities and brands to complement one another, beginning with the Africa Grand Tour S2. (Zawya)

- **Dubai data shows August property deals down 37%; market now more selective -** Dubai Land Department (DLD) figures for August show transaction volumes were down 37% and sale values down 44% year-on-year in the month. Taken alone, the headline numbers describe a market in decline. Set against the detail of the same DLD dataset, broken down by better homes across off-plan and secondary activity, price segments and individual communities, a more specific picture emerges: buyers who remain active are committing earlier, paying more per transaction, and concentrating around new, branded and landmark product rather than the speculative resale trade that characterized the past two years. (Zawya)

Rebased Performance



Source: Bloomberg

Daily Index Performance

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Asset/Currency Performance	Close ($)	1D%	WTD%	YTD%
Gold/Ounce	4,429.98	(1.0)	(0.6)	2.6
Silver/Ounce	66.21	(1.2)	(0.3)	(7.6)
Crude Oil (Brent)/Barrel (FM Future)	96.28	0.8	7.8	58.2
Crude Oil (WTI)/Barrel (FM Future)	91.48	0.2	9.7	59.3
Natural Gas (Henry Hub)/MMBtu	2.92	(1.1)	2.8	(19.8)
LPG Propane (Arab Gulf)/Ton	80.00	(0.9)	8.3	25.6
LPG Butane (Arab Gulf)/Ton	117.80	0.7	10.5	52.8
Euro	1.16	(0.1)	0.3	(1.1)
Yen	156.26	0.3	(2.4)	(0.3)
GBP	1.35	(0.0)	(0.1)	0.3
CHF	1.23	(0.3)	(0.1)	(2.1)
AUD	0.72	0.0	0.5	7.9
USD Index	99.18	0.3	(0.5)	0.9
RUB	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
BRL	0.20	(0.4)	1.3	7.1

Source: Bloomberg

Global Indices Performance	Close	1D%*	WTD%*	YTD%*
MSCI World Index	4,986.93	(0.3)	0.0	12.6
DJ Industrial	53,414.25	(0.5)	(0.3)	11.1
S&P 500	7,718.60	(0.4)	0.1	12.8
NASDAQ 100	26,506.99	(0.3)	0.4	14.0
STOXX 600	649.88	(0.0)	(0.5)	8.7
DAX	26,046.40	0.0	(1.7)	5.1
FTSE 100	10,831.09	(0.2)	(0.1)	9.6
CAC 40	8,278.77	(0.2)	(1.2)	0.6
Nikkei	65,020.94	0.8	0.5	29.4
MSCI EM	1,726.32	1.3	0.2	22.9
SHANGHAI SE Composite	3,930.12	(0.2)	(0.3)	3.2
HANG SENG	25,650.87	1.7	0.2	(0.7)
BSE SENSEX	76,515.43	0.6	0.3	(14.5)
Bovespa	185,147.15	(0.3)	7.3	23.0
RTS	4,788.22	0.0	0.0	8.1

Source: Bloomberg (*$ adjusted returns if any)

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