

Market Review and Outlook

The Qatar Stock Exchange (QSE) Index increased by 346.18 points, or 4.21% during the week, to close at 8,576.59. Market capitalization increased by 6.0% to reach QR489.1 billion (bn) as compared to QR461.3bn at the end of the previous week. Of the 47 listed companies, 25 companies ended the week higher, while 20 fell and 2 remained unchanged. QNB Group (QNBK) was the best performing stock for the week, with a gain of 14.1%. On the other hand, Qatar General Insurance & Reinsurance (QGRI) was the worst performing stock with a decline of 10.1%.

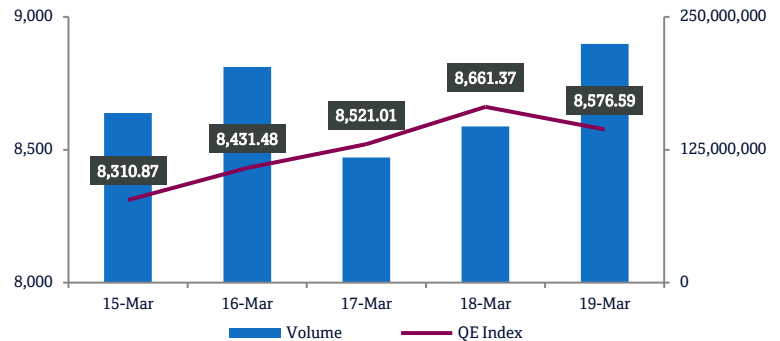
QNB Group (QNBK), Qatar Islamic Bank (QIBK) and Ooredoo (ORDS) were the primary contributors to the weekly index gain. QNBK was the biggest contributor to the index's weekly increase, adding 188.7 points to the index. QIBK was the second biggest contributor to the mentioned gain, tacking on 88.9 points to the index. Moreover, ORDS contributed 30.3 points to the index.

Trading value during the week increased by 13.9% to reach QR2,348mn vs. QR2,061mn in the prior week. The Banks & Financial Services sector led the trading value during the week, accounting for 52.1% of the total trading value. The Industrials sector was the second biggest contributor to the overall trading value, accounting for 14.4% of the total trading value. QNB Group (QNBK) was the top value traded stock during the week with total traded value of QR524.8mn.

Trading volume decreased by 5.2% to reach 852.1mn shares vs. 899.2mn shares in the prior week. The number of transactions rose by 15.4% to reach 54,623 transactions versus 47,335 transactions in the prior week. The Real Estate sector led the trading volume, accounting for 35.2%, followed by the Banks and Financial Services sector comprising 23.9% of the overall trading volume. Ezdan Holding Group (ERES) was the top volume traded stock during the week with total traded volume of 152.8mn shares.

Foreign institutions ended the week with net selling of QR119.1mn vs. net selling of QR300.0mn in the prior week. Qatari institutions remained positive with net buying of QR284.5mn vs. net buying of QR171.3mn in the week before. Foreign retail investors turned negative with net selling of QR50.2mn vs. with net buying of QR19.1mn in the prior week. Qatari retail investors turned bullish with net buying of QR109.5mn vs. net selling of QR132.0mn the week before.

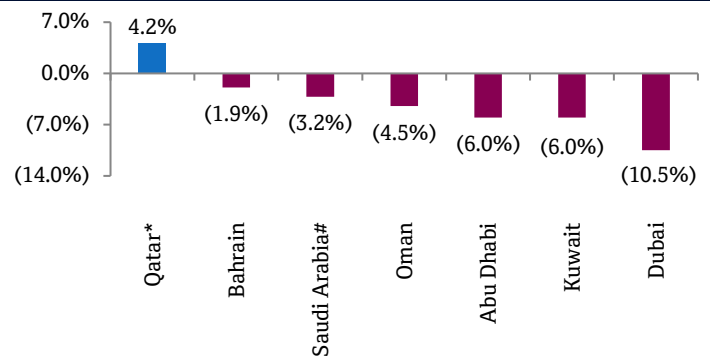
QSE Index and Volume



Market Indicators	Week ended Mar 19, 2020	Week ended Mar 12, 2020	Chg. %
Value Traded (QR mn)	2,347.7	2,061.0	13.9
Exch. Market Cap. (QR mn)	489,147.4	461,257.2	6.0
Volume (mn)	852.2	899.2	(5.2)
Number of Transactions	54,623	47,335	15.4
Companies Traded	47	47	0.0
Market Breadth	25:20	5:41	-

Market Indices	Close	WTD%	MTD%	YTD%
Total Return	16,321.39	5.1	(7.6)	(14.9)
ALL Share Index	2,679.09	6.1	(6.4)	(13.6)
Banks and Financial Services	3,943.45	8.8	(3.6)	(6.6)
Industrials	2,144.58	(0.0)	(13.0)	(26.9)
Transportation	2,310.80	7.4	(1.0)	(9.6)
Real Estate	1,207.32	1.2	(8.9)	(22.9)
Insurance	2,043.28	1.4	(16.6)	(25.3)
Telecoms	739.86	10.5	(8.4)	(17.3)
Consumer Goods & Services	6,875.74	2.0	(8.8)	(20.5)
Al Rayan Islamic Index	3,176.77	1.5	(9.7)	(19.6)

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*	8,576.59	4.2	(9.6)	(17.7)	640.20	133,439.4	12.6	1.2	4.5
Dubai	1,819.24	(10.5)	(29.8)	(34.2)	444.96	73,931.4	6.6	0.6	6.4
Abu Dhabi	3,685.56	(6.0)	(24.8)	(27.4)	346.04	102,548.4	10.9	1.0	6.7
Saudi Arabia#	6,154.85	(3.2)	(19.3)	(26.6)	7,092.52	1,925,310.0	17.0	1.4	4.3
Kuwait	4,608.07	(6.0)	(24.1)	(26.7)	862.84	81,637.3	11.8	1.1	4.7
Oman	3,567.40	(4.5)	(13.6)	(10.4)	149.22	15,623.1	7.1	0.7	8.3
Bahrain	1,408.58	(1.9)	(15.2)	(12.5)	28.94	21,325.4	10.1	0.8	5.1

Source: Bloomberg, country exchanges and Zawya (** Trailing Twelve Months; * Value traded (\$ mn) do not include special trades, if any; #Data as of March 18, 2020)

Economic News / Market & Corporate News

- QCB lowers interest rates** – The Qatar Central Bank (QCB) announced on Monday that it reduced its deposit rate (QCBDR) by 50 bps to 1.00%, lending rate (QCBLR) by 100bps to 2.50%, and the QCB repurchase rate (Repo) by 50 bps to 1.00%. In a press release issued on Monday, the QCB stated that the decision to reduce its deposit rate, lending rate and the repurchase rate is based on the evolving domestic and international macroeconomic developments. The QCB's decision comes in line with the US Federal Reserve's decision announced on Sunday to cut interest rate by a quarter-point for the second time in less than two weeks, in another emergency step to help support the US economy in addressing the repercussions of the coronavirus outbreak. The US Federal Reserve stated in a statement that it would cut its target interest rate to a range of 0 to 0.25%. The US Federal Reserve had already cut interest rates by half a percentage point after an emergency meeting on March 3. That had been the first rate cut outside of a regularly scheduled policy meeting since the financial crisis in 2008. Most countries with currencies pegged to the US dollar hike and lower interest rates with the Fed. The Qatari Riyal has been pegged to the US dollar since 1980. (Gulf-Times.Com)
- EIU: Latest rate cut reaffirms Qatar's commitment to maintain currency peg to dollar** – Latest rate cut reaffirms Qatar's commitment to maintain currency peg to the dollar, in which hydrocarbons export receipts are denominated, Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) has stated in a report. The currencies of five of the six GCC members are pegged to the US dollar, and although the Kuwaiti dinar is pegged to a basket of currencies, the dollar is the most dominant. The Qatari Riyal has been pegged to the US dollar since 1980. On March 4, Qatar Central Bank (QCB) cut the deposit rate (QCBDR), lending rate (QCBLR) and the repurchase rate (repo) by 50 (0.5%), 75 (0.75%) and 50 (0.5%) basis points respectively. Following the latest cut, the rates are 1.5%, 3.5% and 1.5% respectively. QCB cited domestic and international macroeconomic developments for the decision, which follows the emergency rate cut of 50 basis points by the US Federal Reserve. (Gulf-Times.com)
- The Amir orders incentives worth QR75bn for private sector to meet effects of COVID-19** – Intensifying its fight against the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), Qatar yesterday announced a slew of measures including stopping all incoming flights from March 18 for two weeks, suspending public transport services with immediate effect and a mega financial package of QR75bn to support the private sector. Presiding over the Supreme Committee for Crisis Management meeting that reviewed Qatar's preparedness to combat the spread of the new COVID-19, HH the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani ordered to initiate a set of decisions and measures to help people lead a normal life. HE Lolwah Rashid AlKhater, Assistant Foreign Minister and Spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, at a press conference yesterday said, "Qatar has decided to inject QR75bn into the private sector which no other countries have done so far. The government will also put in QR10bn into

the stock market. The Qatar Central Bank will provide additional liquidity to banks operating in the country and the banks will postpone loan installments and obligations of the private sector for a grace period of six months." The Qatar Development Bank (QDB) is to postpone the installments for all borrowers for a period of six months. The official also announced that food and medical goods will be exempt from customs duties for a period of six months, provided that this is reflected in the selling price to the consumer. She added, "A number of sectors will be exempt from electricity and water charges for a period of six months. They include hospitality and tourism sector; retail sector; small and medium industries sector; commercial complexes, in exchange for providing services and exemptions to tenants, as well as logistics areas." The official added that the logistical areas and small and medium industries will be exempted from rent for a period of six months. HE AlKhater urged everyone to avoid travel and cooperate with the directives given by the health ministry and other authorities to fight the spread of COVID-19 in the country. "As per the decisions, all inbound flights to Qatar will be stopped as of March 18 for two weeks, except transit flights, cargo flights and flights carrying Qatar nationals from other countries. We will review the situation at the end of two weeks and appropriate decisions will be taken depending on the prevailing situation then," she pointed out.

Highlights:

- All incoming flights suspended from Wednesday except for cargo and transit
- All public transport, including metro and Karwa buses stopped
- Staff above 55, pregnant women and those with chronic diseases can work from home
- QR75bn financial incentives announced for private sector
- Banks to defer loan repayment installments
- Government funds to increase investments in stock exchange by QR10bn
- Qatar Central Bank to provide additional liquidity to banks
- Food, medical goods exempted from customs duties for 6 months
- QDB to postpone borrower's installments for six months
- Select sectors exempted from paying electricity, water charges for 6 months
- All government school students to start home learning from Sunday (Gulf-Times.com, Peninsula Qatar)
- Banks, real estate majors offer relief to customers over COVID-19 stress** – Qatar's banks and real estate majors are offering relief to loan holders and tenants as coronavirus (COVID-19) threat wallop incomes. Offering a degree of leniency to its SME borrowers, QNB Group recently stated that all payments under their SMEs loan holders and Documentary Credits will be postponed for three months without any interest or fee starting March 2020. Qatar Islamic Bank announced through its social media account the postponement of all the payments owed by the SMEs for a period of three months without any extra charge.

The decision is to reduce pressure on Small and Medium Entrepreneurs in the wake of COVID-19 outbreak. Ahli Bank announced yesterday it has decided to postpone loans installment for individual customers who might experience financial difficulties in making repayments to their loans on time. For Retail Customers, the bank will postpone all retail loan installments effective March 23, 2020 without deferment fees for the months of March & April. Customers who wish to settle their payments must call the Contact Centre before March 22, 2020. According to Qatar Development Bank (QDB), the main credit facilitator to the country's SME sector, the total outstanding loans extended by QDB to SMEs stood at QR6.7bn in 2019. In January 2020, QDB announced that the short term financing to promote SMEs exports in 2019 stood at QR507m, while total financial support through insurance policies reached at QR562m. Over 550 local Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs), including startups, have benefited from the various funding schemes of QDB, with the combined value of aids reaching at QR850m. At least two major developers came out yesterday in this time of crisis offering relief to their respective customers. (Peninsula Qatar)

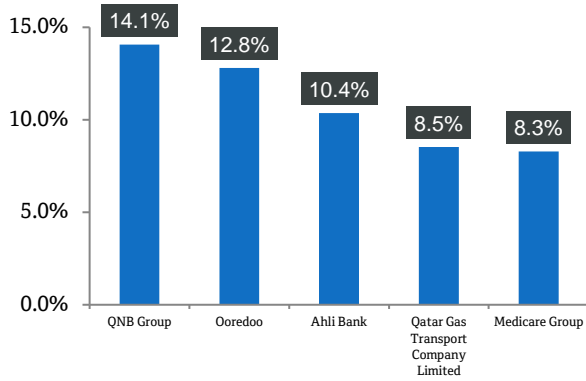
- **BRES postpones all due rents of commercial units for a period of three months** – As per the safety precautions being implemented around Qatar, due to the outbreak of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and its potential impact on some of the commercial activities, Barwa Real Estate Company (BRES) announced postponing all due rents of its commercial units, showrooms, warehouses, workshops, and offices, for a period of three months starting from April 2020. HE Salah bin Ghanim Al Ali, Chairman of the board of directors, said, “Barwa has always been part of its surrounding conditions, hence, this initiative comes to reflect the group’s on-going commitment towards the national economy and investors. Moreover, Barwa constantly strives to be proactive in supporting initiatives aimed at the private sector, being a significant pillar of the development of Qatar as per the National Vision 2030 supported by HH Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, The Emir of the State of Qatar.” HE Al Ali added, “Barwa Real Estate values its long-term partnership with tenants, stakeholders, as well as its partnership with the government of Qatar. The group will therefore continue to extend the support needed and activate national initiatives to support the private sector.” (QSE)
- **Dining in restaurants, cafes banned in Qatar** – Dining in restaurants and cafes in Qatar have been banned until further notice as part of the efforts to contain the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), the Ministry of Commerce and Industries stated in tweet on Sunday. The public can home-delivery of takeout food from the outlets, the tweet clarified. “Within the framework of preventive measures to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus, it is forbidden to submit orders in all restaurants and cafes in the country and prevents the presence and sitting of customers and the establishment of gatherings inside and outside the aforementioned halls,” the tweet read. Qatar on Sunday confirmed 64 more cases of COVID-19, bringing the total number of people infected by the virus in the country to 401, according to the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH). So far, 7,950 people have been tested for COVID-19 in Qatar. According to the latest statement from the MoPH, a majority of them haven't shown any symptoms of the virus. Qatar hasn't reported any

fatality linked to the virus or termed any case as being ‘critical’ so far. (Qatar Tribune)

- **Exit permits to be abolished for government, semi government staff from March 19** – The exit permit (travel notification) for government and semi-government sectors that are not subject to the Labor Law with the exception of 5% of the workers determined by the employer, will be abolished with effect from March 19, 2020. (Gulf-Times.com)
- **Doha Bank planning to raise capital up to \$1bn** – Doha Bank is planning to raise capital up to \$1bn as part of further strengthening its capital base and to meet its expansion strategy, which includes process reengineering, digitization and automation, in addition to developing the business intelligence. The proposed capital enhancement, for which a definite timeframe has not been set, will be either directly undertaken by the bank or through a special purpose vehicle and it could be through Tier-I or Tier-II. A proposal regarding this on Monday got shareholders nod at the Annual Extraordinary General Assembly meeting, which was presided over by Doha Bank’s Chairman, Sheikh Fahad bin Mohamed bin Jabor Al Thani. The issuance, which would qualify as capital instruments, can be through public route or a private placement, in local and/or international markets. It can be in local or major foreign currencies. The Tier-II (debt) would not exceed \$500mn or equivalent, Sheikh Fahd said, adding the maturity of the additional Tier-I instruments would be perpetual and that of Tier-II would be limited to 10 years. “The bank has taken approval (from shareholders) for us to go for additional Tier-I or Tier-II of up to \$1bn but it would depend upon the market conditions,” Doha Bank Group’s Chief Executive, R Seetharaman said. Stressing that bank needed to strengthen its capital adequacy further, he said at present it stood at 17.6%, which is a good one and that core equity also has moved to 11.5% against the minimum threshold of 9%. (Gulf-Times.Com)

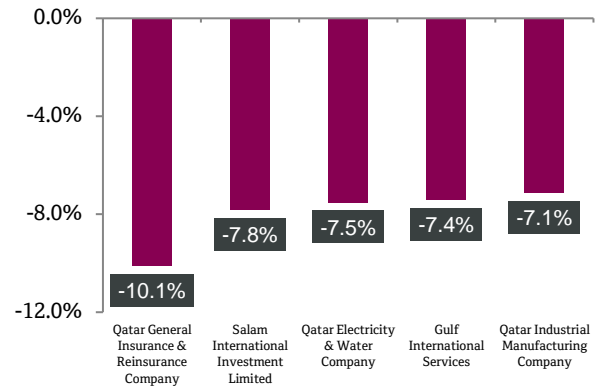
Qatar Stock Exchange

Top Gainers



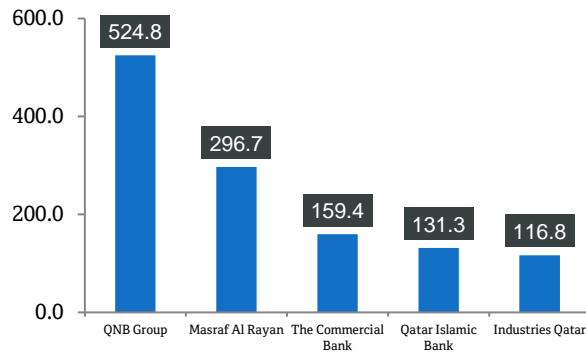
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Top Decliners



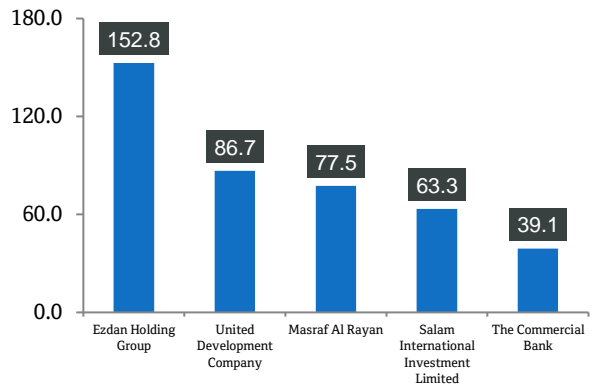
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Most Active Shares by Value (QR Million)



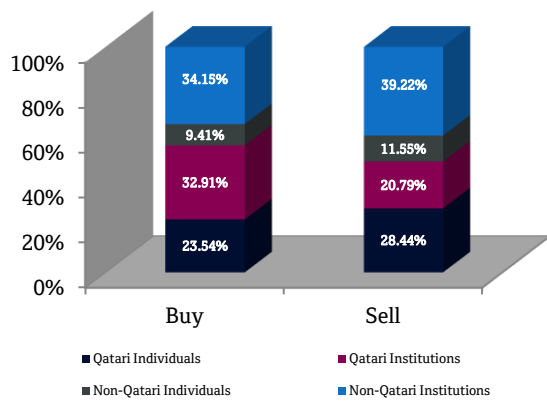
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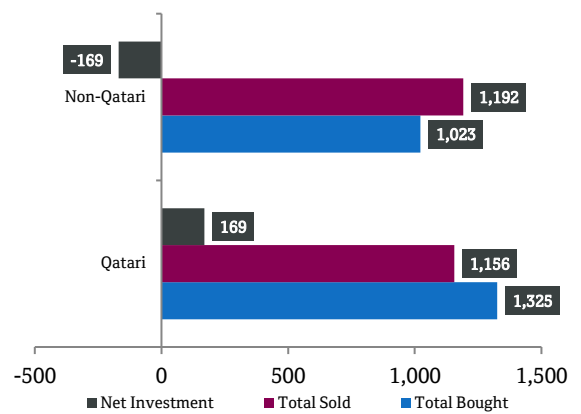
Source: Qatar Stock Exchange (QSE)

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 QSE Index closed higher by 4.21% from the week before, and closed at the 8,576.59 level. The Index remains below our major resistance level but the recent candlestick shows possible recovery rally in the short term. The trend has been down but we may see a bounce from the current levels as the RSI started to reach the oversold area.

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 March 19	% Change WTD	% Change YTD	Market Cap. QR Million	TTM P/E	P/B	Div. Yield
Qatar National Bank	18.81	14.07	(8.64)	173,737	13.8	2.4	3.2
Qatar Islamic Bank	14.79	7.96	(3.52)	34,948	12.3	2.0	3.5
Commercial Bank of Qatar	4.14	4.39	(11.91)	16,756	9.5	0.9	3.6
Doha Bank	2.06	(3.74)	(18.62)	6,384	11.6	0.7	N/A
Al Ahli Bank	3.59	10.37	7.61	8,715	12.9	1.5	4.1
Qatar International Islamic Bank	7.00	0.01	(27.69)	10,596	12.1	1.7	6.1
Masraf Al Rayan	3.66	(3.53)	(7.55)	27,458	12.6	2.0	6.1
Al Khaliji Bank	1.17	(2.50)	(10.69)	4,212	7.1	0.7	6.4
Qatar First Bank	0.90	(0.44)	10.27	631	N/A	0.9	N/A
National Leasing	0.72	2.27	2.41	357	14.8	0.5	6.9
Diala Holding	0.44	(4.39)	(28.64)	124	N/A	0.6	N/A
Qatar & Oman Investment	0.42	(0.24)	(37.22)	132	15.4	0.4	7.1
Islamic Holding Group	1.34	1.82	(29.47)	76	164.8	0.6	N/A
Banking and Financial Services				284,126			
Zad Holding	14.35	(2.05)	3.84	3,401	16.1	2.2	5.9
Qatar German Co. for Medical Devices	0.44	0.00	(24.23)	51	N/A	1.6	N/A
Salam International Investment	0.25	(7.84)	(52.22)	282	N/A	0.3	N/A
Baladna	0.94	(1.05)	(6.00)	1,787	N/A	N/A	N/A
Medicare Group	6.20	8.28	(26.67)	1,744	24.3	1.7	29.1
Qatar Cinema & Film Distribution	2.22	(3.44)	0.91	139	21.8	1.0	4.5
Qatar Fuel	17.17	1.90	(25.02)	17,071	14.1	2.0	4.7
Qatar Meat and Livestock	5.35	8.06	(20.87)	963	9.8	2.8	8.4
Mannai Corp.	2.83	0.60	(8.02)	1,292	6.4	0.5	7.1
Al Meera Consumer Goods	14.98	(3.97)	(2.09)	2,996	16.1	2.1	5.7
Consumer Goods and Services				29,727			
Qatar Industrial Manufacturing	2.60	(7.14)	(27.17)	1,236	11.9	0.8	5.8
Qatar National Cement	3.48	(6.42)	(38.39)	2,275	14.5	0.7	8.6
Industries Qatar	7.06	2.17	(31.32)	42,713	16.6	1.2	5.7
Qatari Investors Group	1.23	(0.73)	(31.23)	1,530	11.6	0.5	4.5
Qatar Electricity and Water	14.15	(7.52)	(12.06)	15,565	11.0	1.6	5.5
Aamal	0.63	3.78	(22.39)	3,975	12.4	0.5	9.5
Gulf International Services	1.00	(7.41)	(41.86)	1,858	41.8	0.5	N/A
Mesaieed Petrochemical Holding	1.53	1.32	(39.04)	19,222	16.2	1.3	4.6
Investment Holding Group	0.43	1.64	(23.23)	359	5.9	0.5	5.8
Qatar Aluminum Manufacturing	0.51	(3.94)	(34.44)	2,857	N/A	0.5	2.0
Industrials				91,591			
Qatar Insurance	2.12	4.33	(32.91)	6,924	12.5	0.8	7.1
Doha Insurance	1.14	0.80	(5.08)	570	11.6	0.5	7.0
Qatar General Insurance & Reinsurance	1.99	(10.12)	(19.11)	1,741	N/A	0.3	5.0
Al Khaleej Takaful Insurance	1.48	1.72	(26.25)	377	12.7	0.7	3.4
Qatar Islamic Insurance	6.18	1.31	(7.49)	927	12.7	2.5	5.7
Insurance				10,539			
United Development	0.86	(4.87)	(43.42)	3,045	8.4	0.3	5.8
Barwa Real Estate	3.13	4.17	(11.72)	12,160	8.5	0.6	8.0
Ezdan Real Estate	0.56	(0.71)	(8.78)	14,881	43.9	0.5	N/A
Mazaya Qatar Real Estate Development	0.54	5.69	(25.03)	624	62.9	0.5	9.3
Real Estate				30,710			
Ooredoo	5.75	12.81	(18.79)	18,418	10.7	0.8	4.3
Vodafone Qatar	0.85	2.66	(26.90)	3,584	25.2	0.8	5.9
Telecoms				22,003			
Qatar Navigation (Milaha)	5.50	7.63	(9.84)	6,299	12.2	0.4	5.5
Gulf Warehousing	4.30	0.00	(21.55)	252	10.1	1.4	4.7
Qatar Gas Transport (Nakilat)	2.10	8.53	(12.13)	11,635	11.6	1.7	4.8
Transportation				18,185			
Qatar Exchange				489,147			

Source: Bloomberg

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