



Qatar Monthly Monitor

January 2019

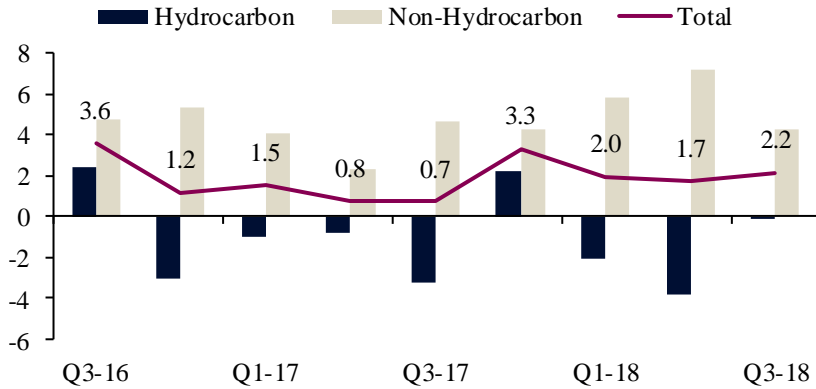
Highlights

- **Brent crude prices dropped to average USD 57.7/b in December; Qatar's crude oil production marginally ticked down in November to 599 kb/d from 609 kb/d in October**
- **The trade balance was up 6.6% y/y in December with the surplus reading USD 4.4 Bn**
- **The current account surplus has widened further in Q3 to USD 4.3 Bn or 8.7% of GDP**
- **QCB foreign exchange reserves rose 2.2% m/m to reach USD 48.4 Bn in November, equating to 8.7 months of import cover**

Economic Activity

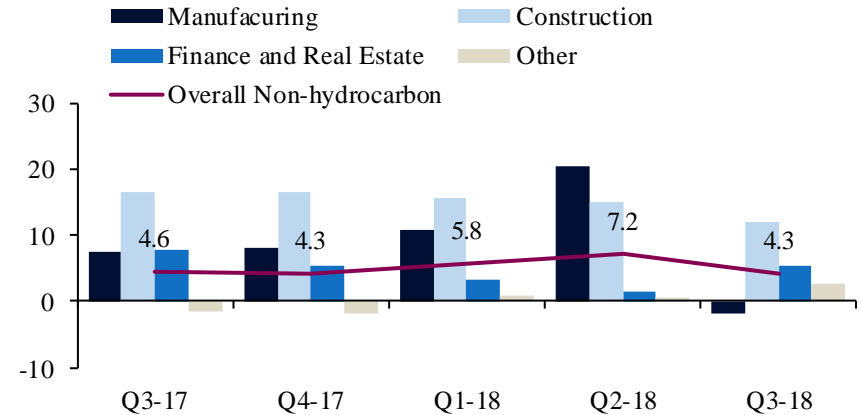
Real GDP growth has accelerated in Q3 on the back of a stabilization in hydrocarbon output

(% year on year)



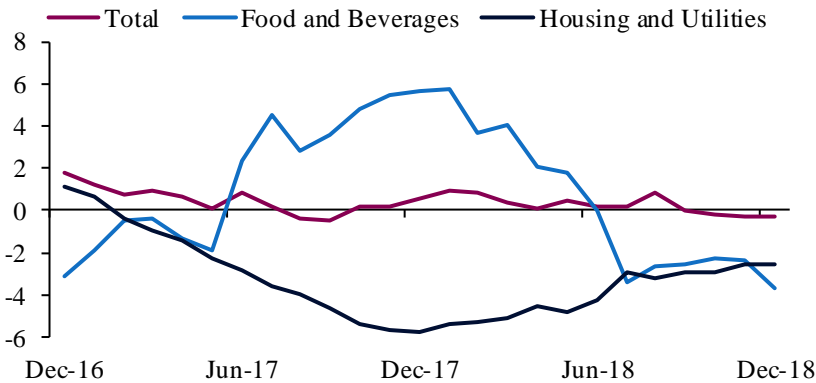
Construction and finance & real estate led the way for a 4.3% growth in non-hydrocarbon GDP over Q3 2018

(% year on year)



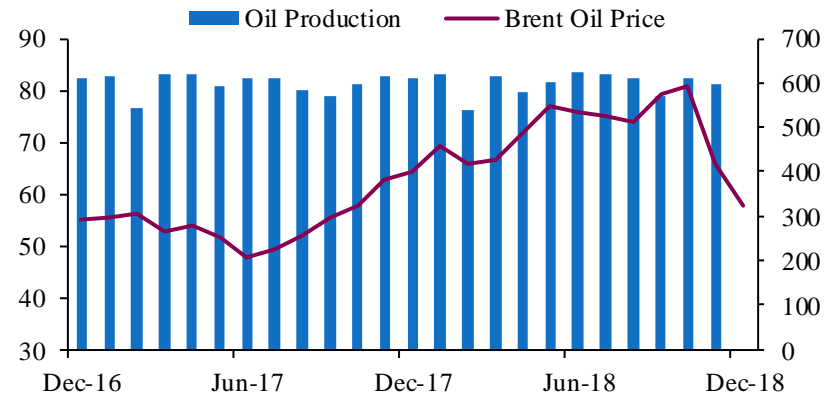
CPI inflation was broadly flat in December

(% year on year)



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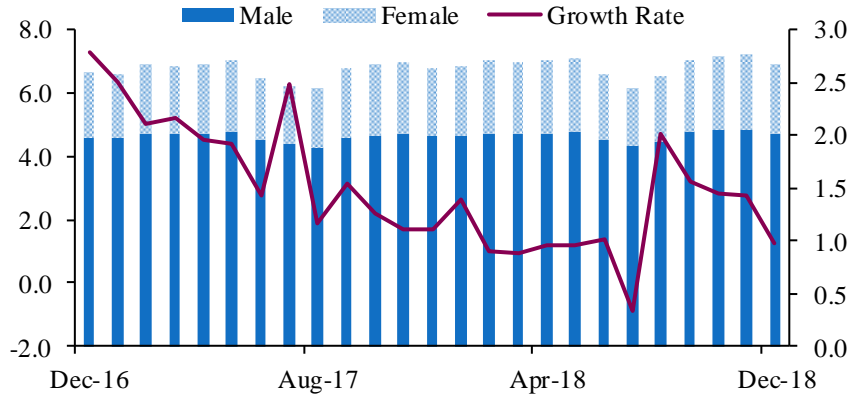
(average prices (USD/b), left axis; oil production (k b/d), right axis)



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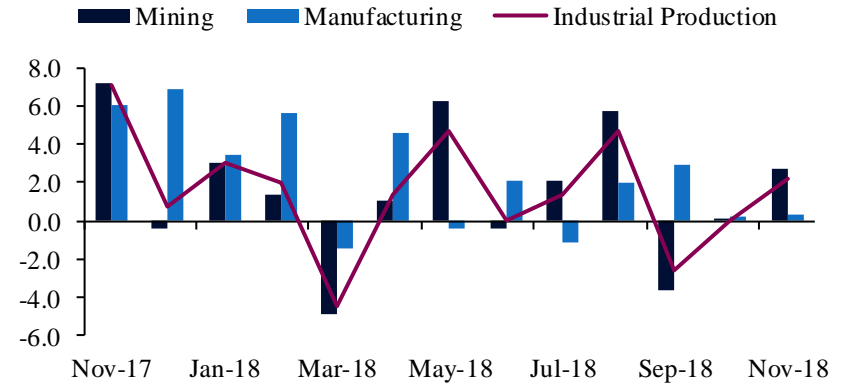
Qatar's population increased 1.2% y/y to stand at 2.67 Mn in December; women made up 24.6% of the population

(m, male and female right axis; % year on year, left axis)



Industrial production rose 2.2% y/y as the mining sector picked up by 2.7% y/y in November

(% year on year)



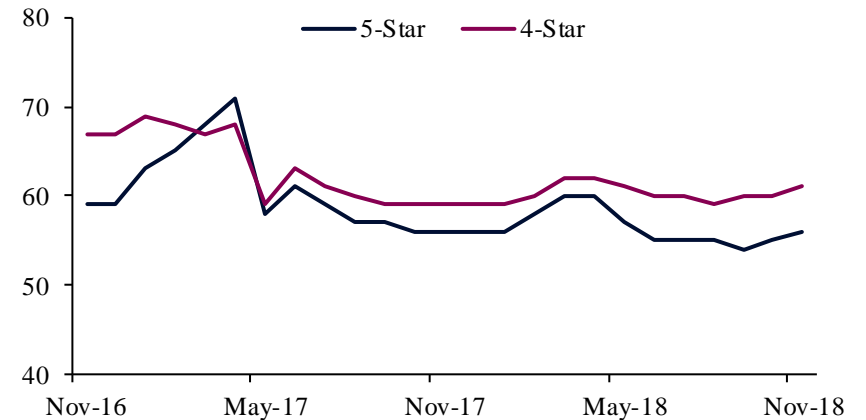
The real estate price index is signaling prices are stabilizing

(Index, left axis; % year on year, right axis)



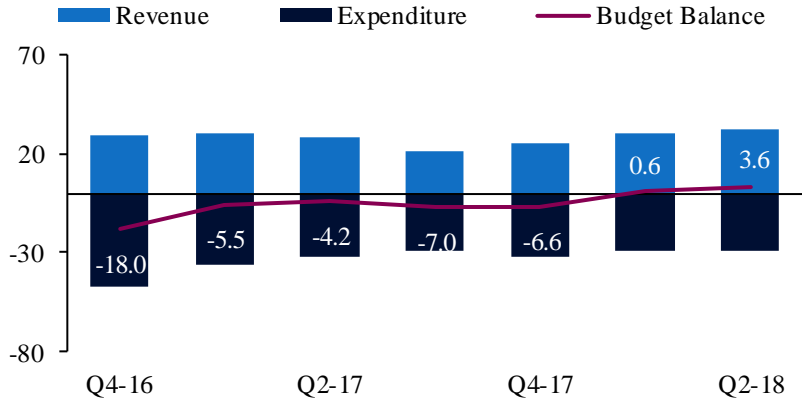
5-star and 4-star hotel occupancy rates remained stable in November at 56% and 61% respectively

(%, occupancy rate)

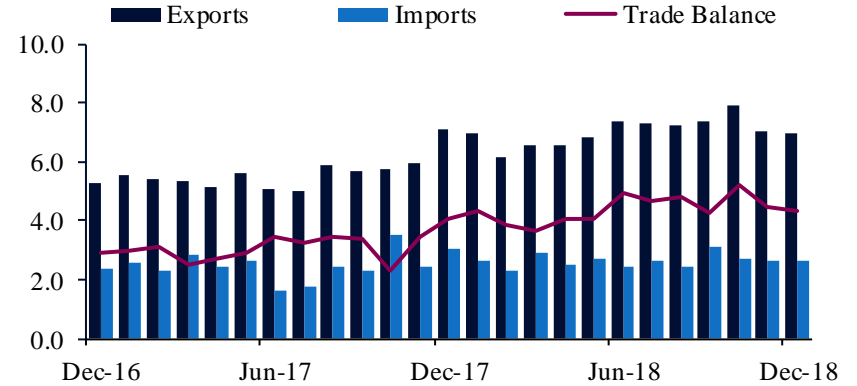


Fiscal and External Balances

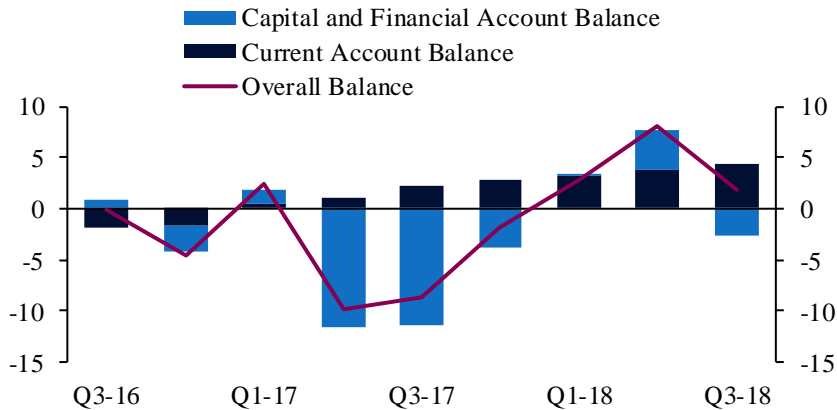
The fiscal account surplus widened to 3.5% of GDP in Q2 due to higher oil prices
(% of GDP)



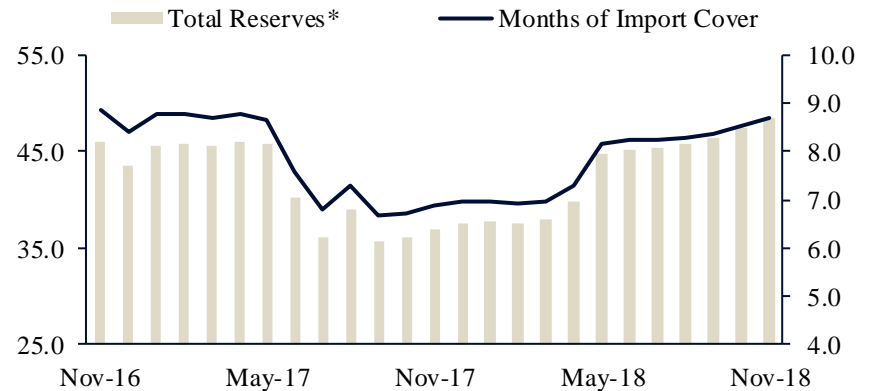
The trade balance was up 6.6% y/y in December
(USD Bn)



The current account surplus has widened further in Q3
(USD Bn, balances, left axis; USD Bn, change in overall balance, right axis)



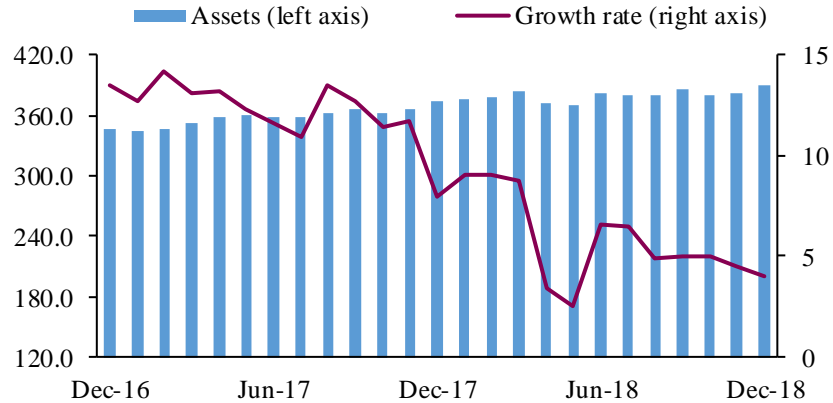
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(USD Bn; reserves, left axis; months of import cover, right axis)



Money and Banking

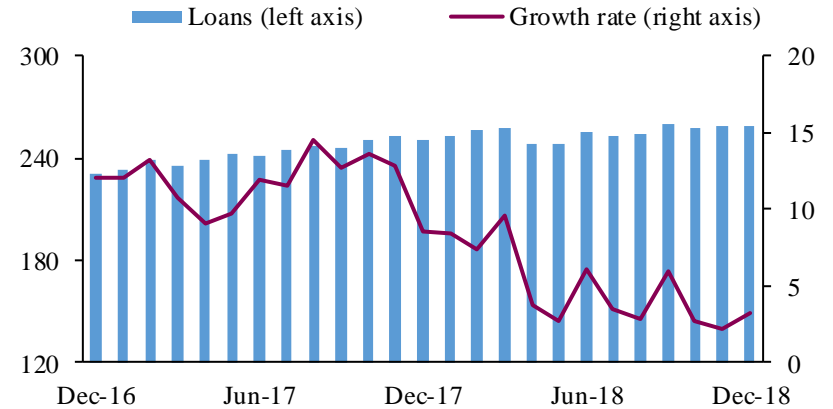
Bank asset growth was 4.0% y/y in December

(USD Bn and % year on year)



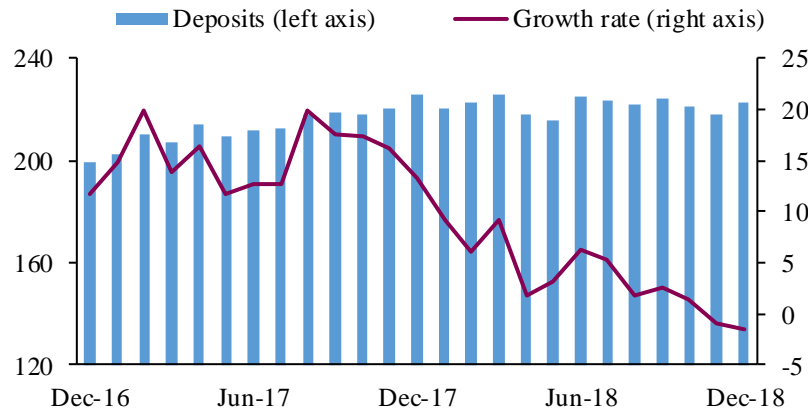
Credit growth was 3.2% y/y in December

(USD Bn and % year on year)



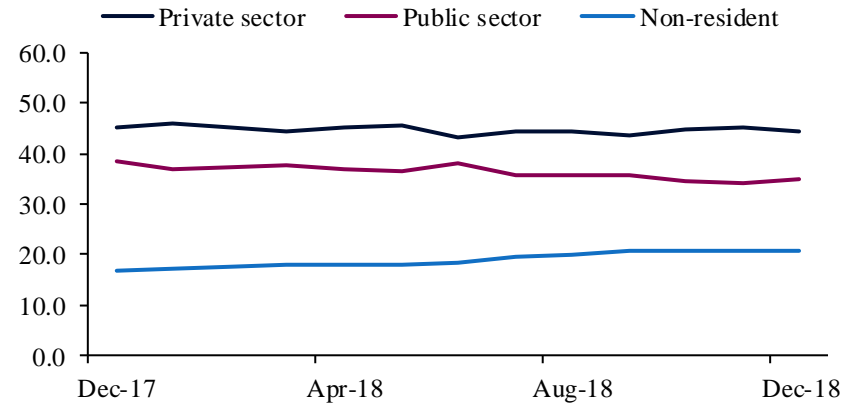
Bank deposit growth was -1.5% y/y in December

(USD Bn and % year on year)



Private sector, public sector and non-resident deposits grew respectively 0.5%, 3.5% and 2.9% m/m in December

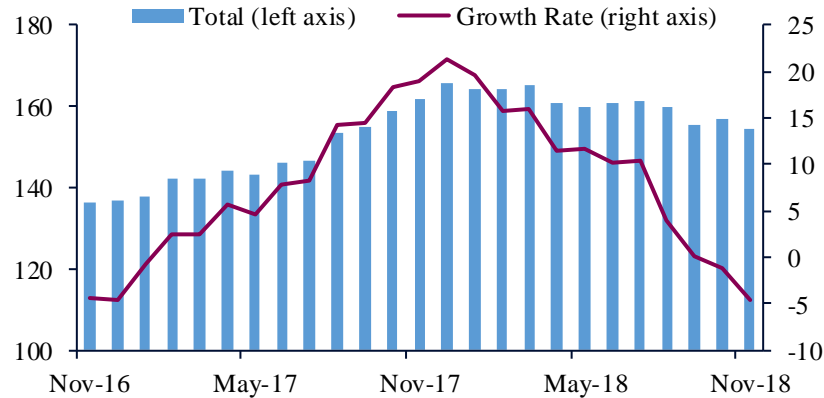
(% of total)



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Broad money supply (M2) declined 4.6% y/y in November

(USD Bn and % year on year)



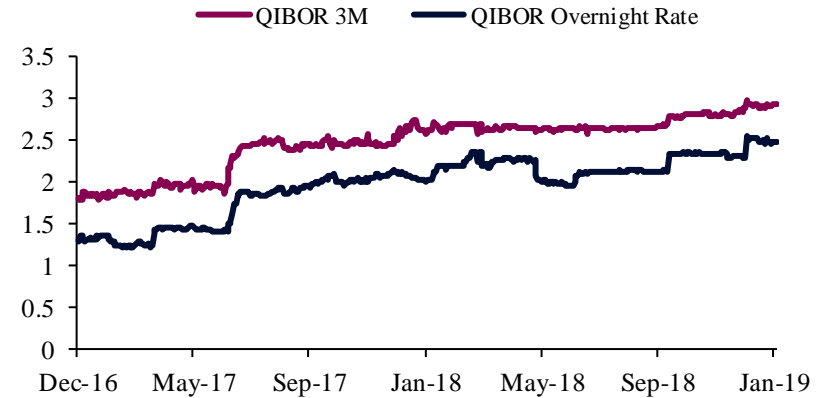
Qatar Sovereign 5-year CDS Spreads remained stable at around 75 bps

(Basis points, data as at 25th January)



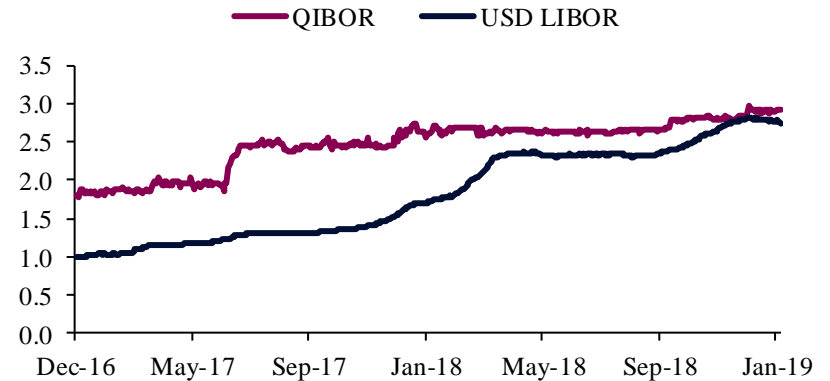
Interbank rates ticked up following global monetary tightening

(%, data as at 25th January)



QIBOR and LIBOR 3-month interest rates stabilized after converging

(%, data as at 25th January)



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