



QNB Qatar Monthly Monitor

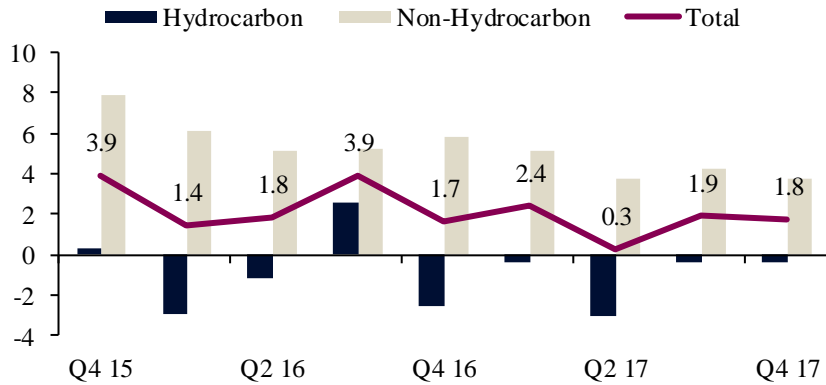
June 2018

Highlights

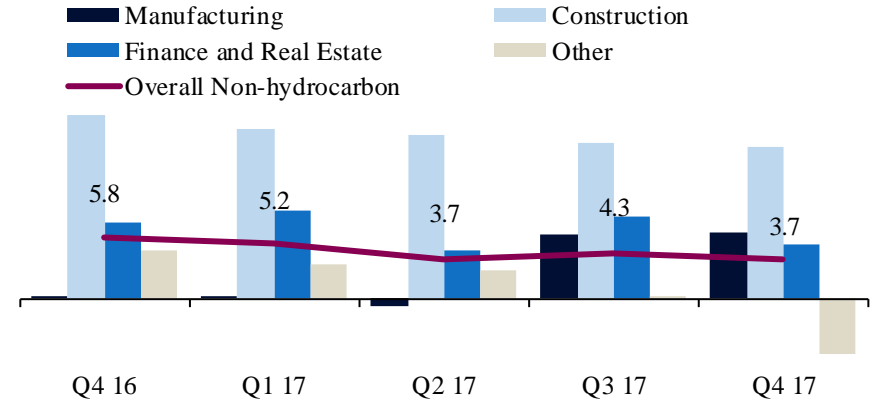
- **Exports grew 27.3% y/y in April helped by higher hydrocarbon prices while imports grew 3.1% y/y**
- **CPI inflation crept up to 0.5% y/y, but remains low due to deflation in housing and utilities**
- **QCB foreign exchange reserves rose 4.8% m/m to USD39.8bn in April, equating to 6.3 months of import cover**
- **Brent crude prices rose to an average of USD77/b in May; Qatar's oil production rose to 616k b/d in March from 539k b/d prior**

Economic Activity

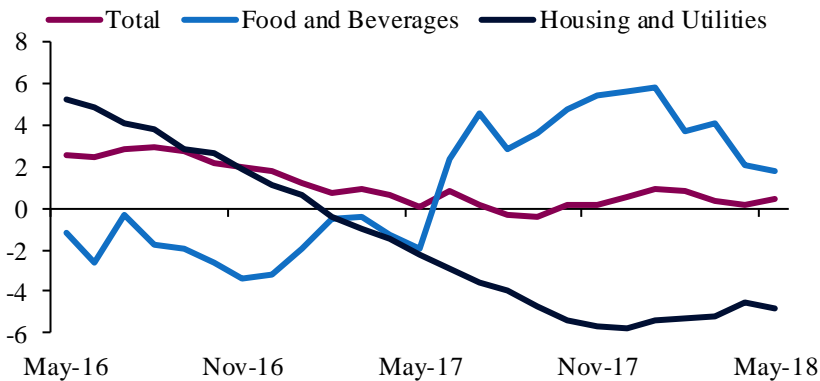
Real GDP growth slowed marginally in Q4 mainly due to temporary shutdowns for LNG maintenance
(% year on year)



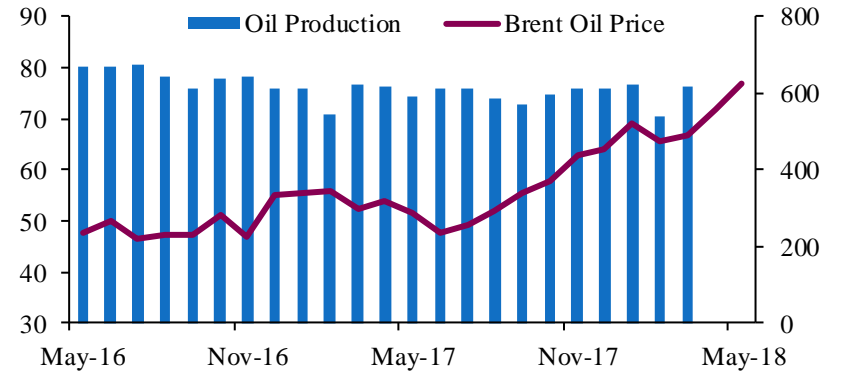
Non-hydrocarbon real GDP growth was 4.2% for the full year 2017
(% year on year)



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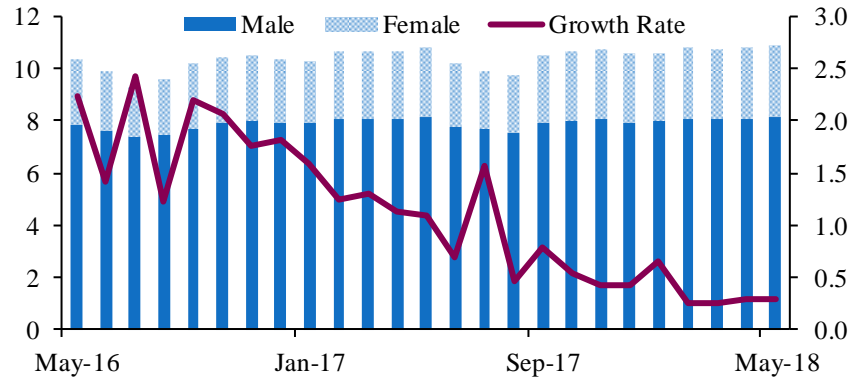
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(average prices (USD/b), left axis; Oil production (k b/d), right axis)



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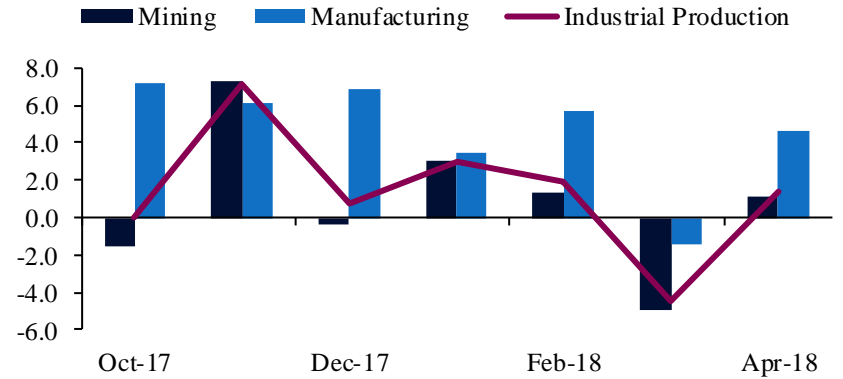
Qatar's population grew 1.2% y/y, reaching 2.73m in May; women made up close to 26% of the population

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



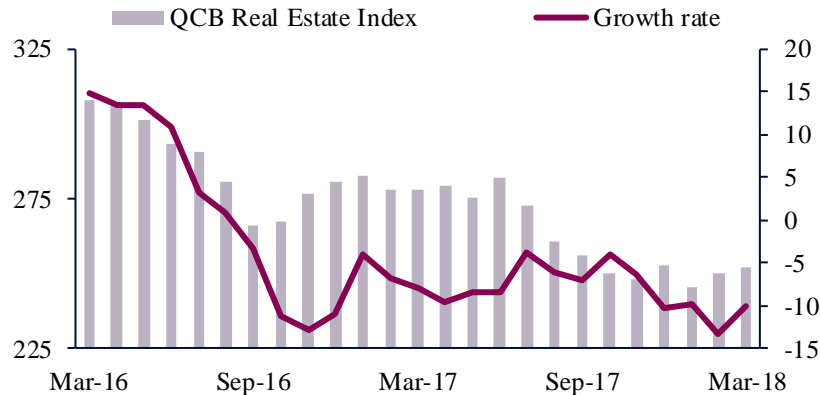
Industrial production rose to 1.4% y/y growth in April

(% year on year)



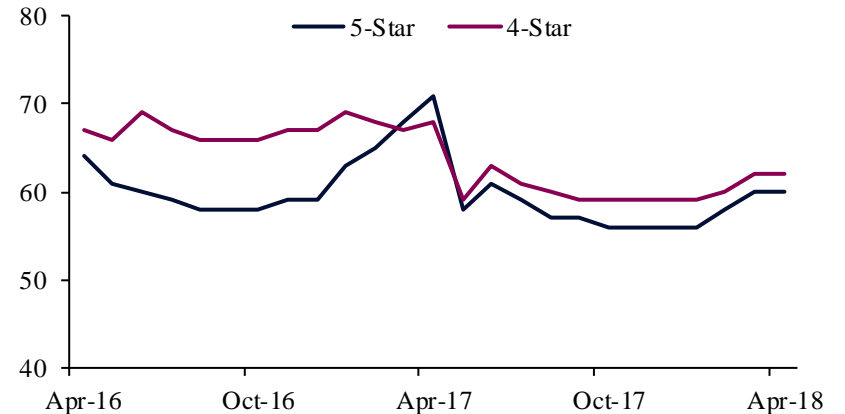
The real estate price index continued its recovery, rising 1.0% m/m in March

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



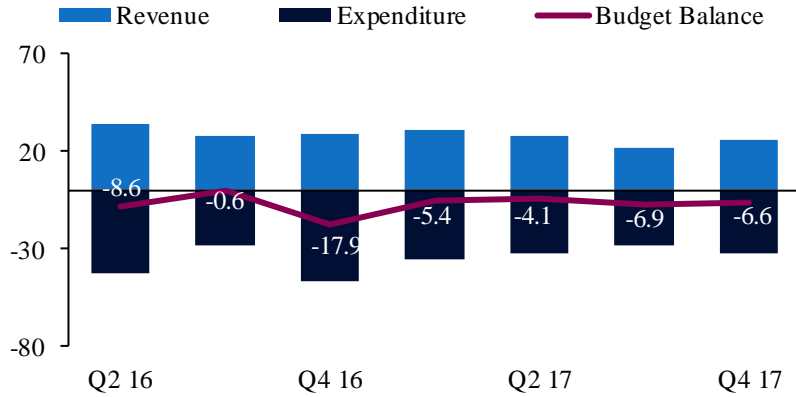
5-star and 4-star hotel occupancy rates remained flat at 60% and 62% respectively

(% occupancy rate)

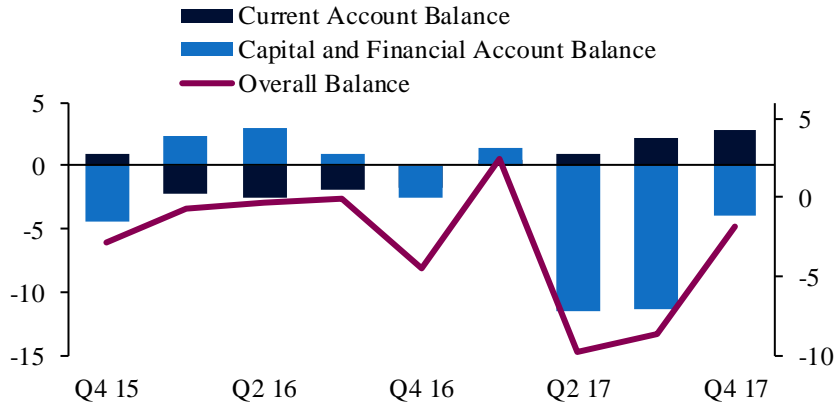


Fiscal and External Balances

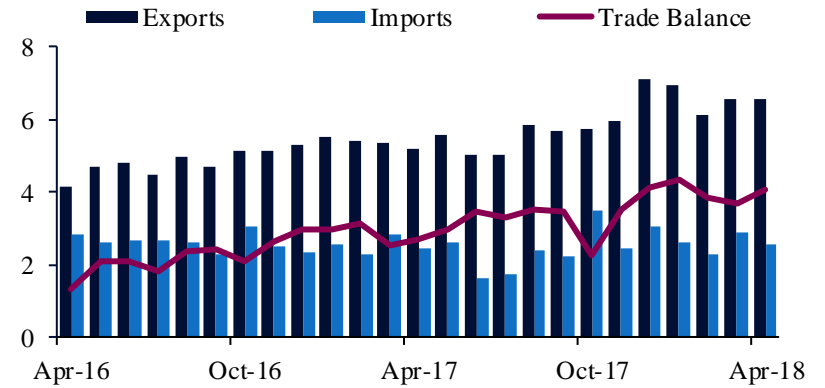
The fiscal account remained in deficit in Q4 but should recover subsequently as revenue rises in line with higher oil prices
(% of GDP)



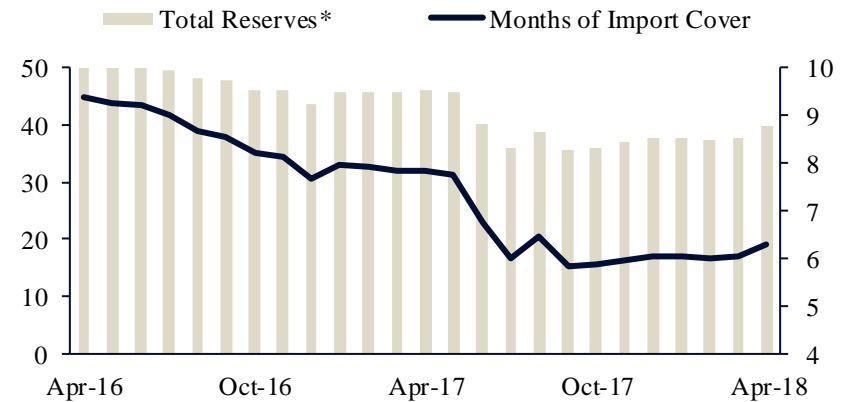
The current account surplus widened to 6.4% of GDP in Q4 in line with higher oil prices while the financial account deficit narrowed
(% of GDP; Balances, left axis; bn USD, change in Overall Balance, right axis)



Exports grew 27.3% y/y in April as a result of higher oil prices while imports grew 3.1% y/y
(bn USD)



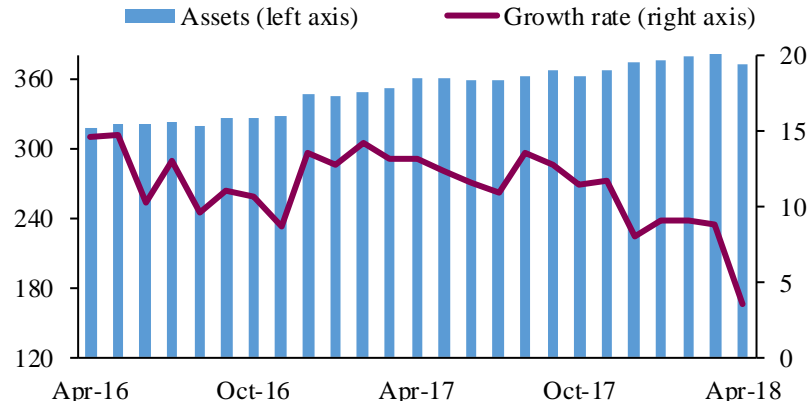
QCB foreign exchange reserves rose 4.8% m/m to USD39.8bn in April, equating to 6.3 months of import cover
(bn USD; Reserves, left axis; Months of Import Cover, right axis)



Money and Banking

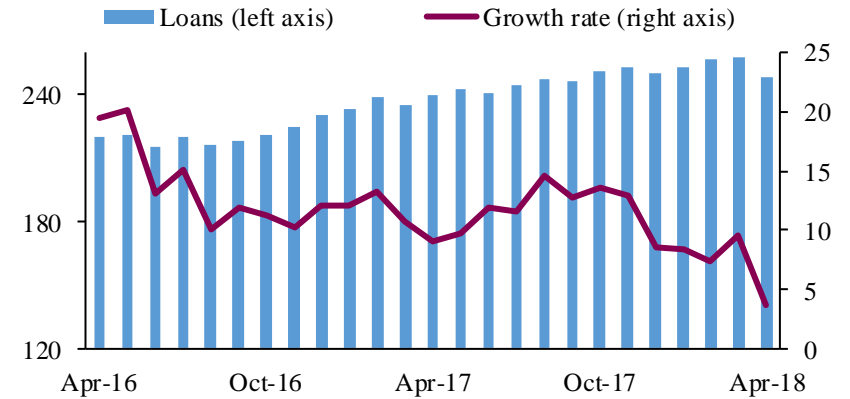
Bank assets growth was 3.5% y/y in April

(bn USD and % year on year)



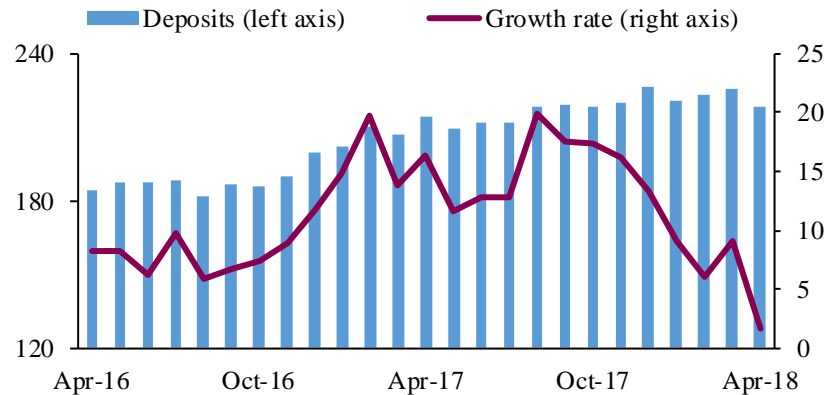
Credit growth was 3.7% in April

(bn USD and % year on year)



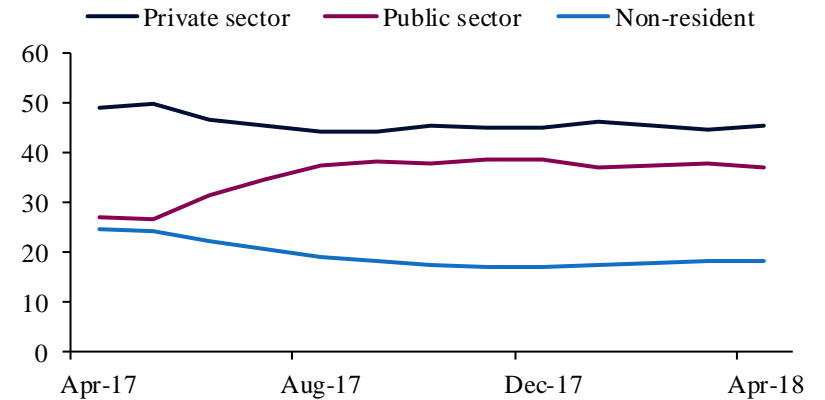
Bank deposit growth was 1.7% y/y in April

(bn USD and % year on year)



Deposits from the non-resident and private sector remained stable in April

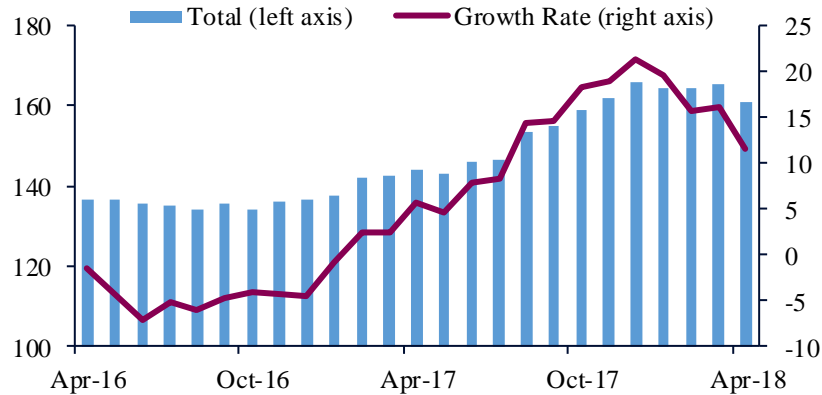
(% of total)



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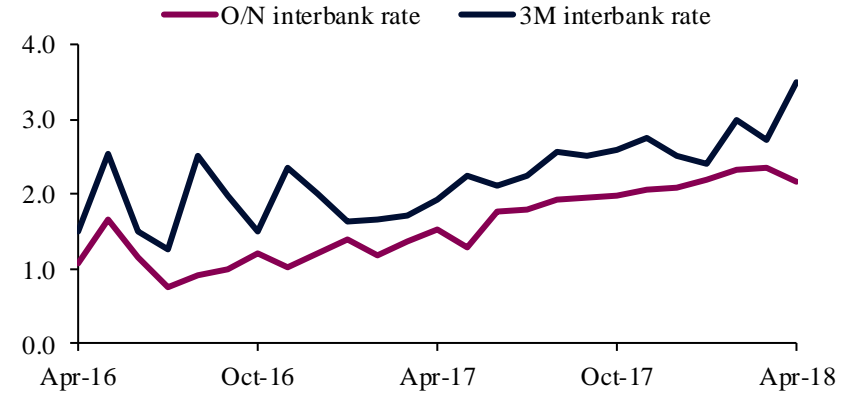
Broad money supply (M2) grew by 11.6% y/y in April compared to 16.1% y/y in March

(bn USD and % year on year)



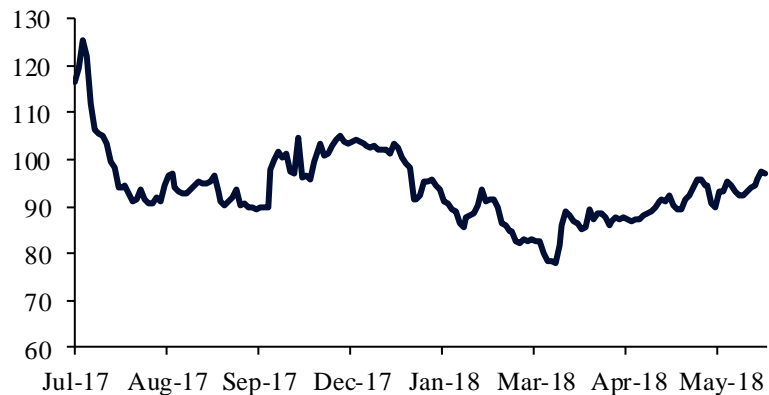
Interbank rates continue to rise in line with increases in US short-term rates

(%)



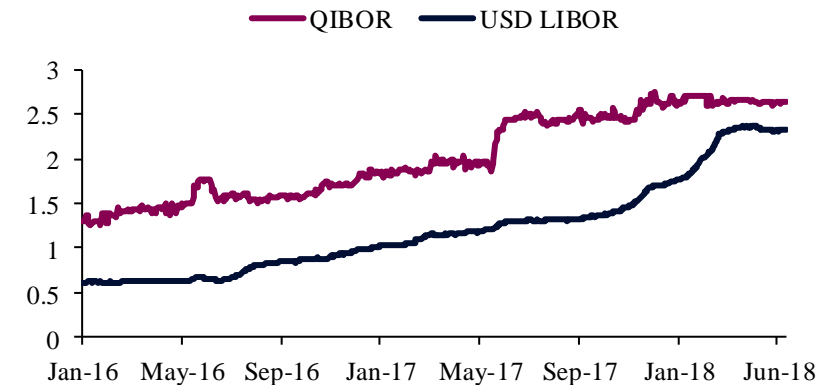
Qatar Sovereign 5-year CDS Spreads

(Basis points, latest data 14th June)



QIBOR and LIBOR 3-month interest rates

(%, latest data 14th June)



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