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Weekly Briefing - Qatar

Top Headlines

[Oman offers 78 investment opportunities to Qatari investors](#)

The Qatar Chamber met with Oman's Minister of Commerce and his delegation to boost bilateral cooperation in trade, investment, and private sector partnerships. Both sides agreed to enhance economic ties through joint projects, an annual trade exhibition, and activating the Qatari-Omani Business Council. Trade exchange between the two countries reached QR 6.2bn in 2024, with diverse opportunities identified across multiple sectors.

[Qatar Investment Authority Joins PsiQuantum's Series E fundraise of \\$1bn](#)

Qatar Investment Authority (QIA) joined a \$1bn funding round in PsiQuantum, changing the quantum computing firm at \$7bn. The funding will support building utility-scale quantum computing sites in Brisbane and Chicago, deploying large-scale prototypes, and advancing its photonic quantum chip technology. PsiQuantum, backed by major global investors, aims to deliver the world's first fault-tolerant, million-qubit quantum computers.

[Qatar based firms named among best workplaces in Asia](#)

Great Place to Work unveiled its 2025 Best Workplaces in Asia, based on survey responses from 7.5 million employees. Several Qatar-based companies, including Hilton, DHL Express, Marriott, Cisco, and Al Mana Restaurants, were recognised for fostering strong workplace cultures and employee well-being. The ranking highlights Qatar's growing and competitive business environment.

Sector Developments and Updates

Agriculture

[Baladna leads Qatar's food industry sector with 62.47% in-country value score](#)

Baladna Food Industries, a subsidiary of Baladna Q.P.S.C., has achieved a major milestone by securing an In-Country Value (ICV) certification score of 62.47% under Qatar's "Tawteen" program, a national initiative aimed at localizing supply chains and maximizing economic value within the country. This outstanding ICV score places Baladna at the forefront of Qatar's food industry in terms of local value creation, underscoring the alignment of its operational strategies with the objectives of the ICV program.

[Doha Hosts 19th Int'l Technical Committee Meeting on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture](#)

The tenth meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Committee on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ACSU-10) kicked off Monday in Doha. The event is organized by the Ministry of Municipality, represented by the Agricultural Research Department, and runs from Sept. 8-11, with the participation of official delegations, international and regional experts, and representatives of specialized organizations.

[Qatar's food security measures](#)

Qatar considers its agricultural sector a key driver of economic diversification and sustainable development. The agriculture sector in Qatar is progressing with a strong emphasis on technology, sustainability, and food security. The country has intensified its food security measures by broadening its strategic storage reserves, diversifying import sources, and expanding international investments. The National Food Security Strategy 2030 has introduced mechanisms to enhance the country's resilience. At the core of the strategy lies the expansion of the storage capacity through three distinct categories of reserves.

Education

[Education Ministry launches first edition of educational systems guide for private schools, kindergartens](#)

The guide aims to standardize administrative and educational procedures in private schools, ensure compliance with national standards, enhance transparency in accreditation and evaluation processes, and support educational diversity by offering multiple systems, such as the British and American curricula, the International Baccalaureate, and others, to meet the needs of the local and international community.

[Qatar's permanent representative to UN Office at Geneva participates in roundtable on 'Equity in Education'](#)

Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar to the United Nations Office in Geneva HE Dr Hind Abdulrahman Al Muflih, participated in a roundtable entitled "Equity in Education", held in collaboration between QatarDebate and the University of Geneva, on Monday at the University of Geneva.

[QCDC opens Career Counselors Hub 2025 With 200 counselors from public and private schools](#)

Qatar Career Development Center (QCDC), founded by Qatar Foundation (QF), has launched the 2025 edition of the Career Counselors Hub at Mullaqa, Education City, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MoEHE), the U.S. Embassy in Doha, and QF Higher Education.

Health

[HMC introduces innovative testing to detect disease-causing genetic mutations](#)

In a significant step to further strengthen Qatar's position in healthcare innovation, the Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology (DLMP) at Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC) has officially launched Whole Exome Sequencing (WES) testing. This groundbreaking initiative represents a major step forward in genetic diagnostics, enabling patients in Qatar to receive faster, more accurate diagnoses and highly personalized treatment plans tailored to each individual's genetic profile.

[MoPH launches National Oral and Dental Health Campaign](#)

The Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) in collaboration with its partners is implementing the seventh National Oral and Dental Health Campaign during September. The campaign aims to promote oral and dental health among community members. The initiative is part of the outcome of the National Oral and Dental Health Programmes. It includes disseminating accurate concepts about oral and dental health through the Ministry's media channels and social media platforms as well as the social media of healthcare partners.

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Travel, Culture, and Tourism

[Fables in Fashion Art Exhibition 2025 opens at M7](#)

Qatar Reads, an initiative of the Qatar National Library, in collaboration with M7, yesterday inaugurated the Fables in Fashion Art Exhibition 2025 which showcases Maqamat Al-Hariri through various artistic expressions. The Maqāmat al-Hariri is a collection of fifty tales or maqāmat written at the end of the 11th or the beginning of the 12th century by al-Hariri of Basra (1054–1122), a poet and government official of the Seljuk Empire.

[Qatar Airways Holidays launches World Cup 2026 travel packages](#)

Qatar Airways Holidays has launched all-inclusive travel packages for the FIFA World Cup 2026, offering agents and travellers early access to flights, accommodation and official match tickets for the tournament taking place across Canada, Mexico and the US next year. As an Official Partner of FIFA, the airline positions these packages as a one-stop solution with flexible booking and refund options to simplify travel arrangements.

[Qatar to be guest of honour at 26th Baghdad International Book Fair](#)

Qatar's participation in the fair underscores the country's commitment to supporting the Arab cultural movement and highlighting Qatari intellectual production in the fields of literature, poetry, thought, and the arts. It also reflects Qatar's prominent cultural standing and underscores the depth of fraternal ties between Qatar and Iraq.

Transport and Logistics

[Hamad International Airport serves 'record' 5mn plus passengers in August](#)

Hamad International Airport has crossed a "record-breaking milestone" this August, serving over 5mn passengers in a single month for the "first time" in its history. Hamad International Airport's performance in August represents a 6.4% increase in passenger traffic compared to August 2024.

[Qatar Airways to welcome The Red Sea to its global network](#)

The airline will begin three weekly flights to The Red Sea from October 21, 2025 Doha, Qatar. Qatar Airways today announced the upcoming launch of operations at The Red Sea, Saudi Arabia with three weekly flights from October 21, 2025, making it the 12th destination in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to be served by the airline.

[Minister of Transport stresses 2025-2030 strategy key lever for supporting economic growth, attracting quality investments](#)

HE Minister of Transport Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdullah bin Mohammed Al-Thani stressed that the Ministry's strategy for 2025-2030 stems from Qatar National Vision 2030, and is in line with the Ministry's efforts to achieve the results of the Third National Development Strategy (2024-2030), by developing a world-class infrastructure that places the country in an advanced global position in logistics.

Information and Communications Technology

[Ministry of Communications and Information Technology hosts AI and XR Sandbox Open Demo Day](#)

The Ministry of Communications and Information Technology (MCIT) hosted AI and XR Sandbox Open Demo Day. Minister of Communications and Information Technology HE Mohammed bin Ali Al Mannai attended the event, organized by the MCIT, through the TASMU Innovation Lab. The event brought together government entities, startups, and partners from across the communication and information technology sector to showcase four proof-of-concept solutions. These solutions were designed to address real-world challenges in healthcare, compliance, procurement, and smart-city mobility.

[Vodafone Qatar Launches Region's First Wi-Fi 7 5G Mobile Hotspot](#)

Vodafone Qatar has announced the launch of the region's first ZTE U60 Pro Wi-Fi 7 5G mobile hotspot device. The cutting-edge device is exclusively available through Vodafone Qatar, offering customers incredible speed, connectivity, and portability. Paired with Vodafone Qatar's 5G plans, this next generation device utilises the power of Wi-Fi 7 technology, enabling it to connect up to 64 devices.

[MCIT launches technology radar initiative enabling govt entities to adopt emerging technologies](#)

The Ministry of Communications and Information Technology (MCIT), through its TASMU Innovation Lab, launched the Technology Radar Initiative as part of a series of workshops aimed at identifying, assessing, prioritising, and adopting the latest emerging technologies in key sectors, in alignment with the Digital Agenda 2030 and the goals of Qatar National Vision 2030.

Emerging Technology

[Testing AI, remotely controlled drones for environmental surveys](#)

The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MoECC) is conducting practical trials to employ modern technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI) and drones for carrying out surveys and monitoring of various environmental sites across the country. The ministry is scheduled to begin the implementation of this technology in 2026.

[QFC Digital Asset Lab launches blockchain-based POC](#)

Qatar Financial Centre (QFC), a leading onshore financial and business hub in the region, has launched a pioneering proof of concept (POC) under its Digital Asset Lab, marking a significant step forward in the application of blockchain technology to Islamic finance. The POC will demonstrate a blockchain-based Digital Receipt System (DRS) that can enhance transparency, efficiency, and regulatory compliance in Shariah-compliant asset-backed finance.

[QNB, MCIT Partner to support digital innovation](#)

A QNB, MCIT delegation, led by Chairman Sheikh Khalifa bin Jassim Al-Thani, took part in the First Arab Forum on Artificial Intelligence in Egypt. Sheikh Khalifa highlighted the Arab AI Initiative, endorsed in May 2025, as a key step to unify Arab efforts in leveraging technology to boost economies and global competitiveness.

Energy and Industrial

[Oil prices climb as OPEC+ agrees to slower output increase from October](#)

Oil prices climbed in early trade on Monday, trimming some of last week's losses, after OPEC+ agreed to slow the pace of output increases from October amid expectations of weaker global demand. Brent crude gained 34 cents, or 0.5%, to \$65.84 a barrel, while US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude rose 30 cents, or 0.5%, to \$62.17 a barrel.

[Key OPEC+ members boost oil production](#)

Eight key members of the OPEC+ alliance said on Sunday they have agreed to again boost oil production, in a strategy analysts saw as a bid to gain a bigger market share of crude sales. Oil ministers in the V8 grouping – comprising Saudi Arabia, Russia, Iraq, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Kazakhstan, Algeria and Oman – decided to increase production by 137,000 barrels a day (bpd) from next month, they said in a statement.

[Natural Gas Price - NG=F Drops From \\$3.21 as Storage Builds and LNG Exports Surge](#)

The natural gas market is entering a highly volatile phase, with NG=F futures testing the \$3.21 per MMBtu resistance level before sliding back toward \$3.10. Spot and hub prices across the U.S. are fractured, with Henry Hub trading around \$0.065 above base, while Northeast prices are collapsing to –\$1.24, and PNGTS flows hit –\$7.50, underscoring severe basis spreads.

Sports

[French defender Kimpembe joins Qatar Sports Club from PSG](#)

French defender Presnel Kimpembe has joined Qatar Sports Club on a permanent deal from Paris St. Germain, the Ligue 1 side said on Sunday, bringing an end to his 20-year spell with the champions. The 30-year-old center back, who joined PSG's academy in 2005, made 241 appearances, scored three goals and was captain 31 times. He helped PSG win eight Ligue 1 titles, seven French Cups, six French Super Cups and the 2025 Champions League.

[Qatar Women's Sports Committee Hosts Workshop on Fatima bint Mubarak Women's Sports Award](#)

The Qatar Women's Sports Committee held an introductory workshop on the ninth edition of the Fatima bint Mubarak Women's Sports Award, scheduled for 2025. The event took place at the headquarters of the Qatar Olympic Committee and was attended by a delegation from the award's organizing committee in the United Arab Emirates, alongside a group of athletes, administrators, and representatives from Qatar's sports federations.

[Social and Sport Contribution Fund \(DAAM\) Signs Funding Agreement with Ministry of Sports and Youth to Support "Samia Race 2025"](#)

The Social and Sport Contribution Fund (DAAM) has signed a funding agreement with the Ministry of Sports and Youth to support the seventh edition of the "Samia Race 2025," taking place from 27 to 29 November 2025. Under the agreement, DAAM will provide financial backing for the event and allocate prizes worth over QAR 3 million to participants.

Updates in Regulations

[Minister hails approval of Qatar's proposal to establish Arab Committee for International Humanitarian Law](#)

HE the Minister of Justice and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Ibrahim bin Ali Al Mohannadi has lauded the Arab League Council of Ministers' unanimous approval of the State of Qatar's proposal to establish the Permanent Arab Committee for International Humanitarian Law. This move represents an Arab milestone and a significant advancement in boosting cooperation to promote the values of humanitarian law and compliance with the tenets of international humanitarian law in the Arab region amid the challenges besetting the region, HE Al Mohannadi underlined.

[Awqaf Launches Live Fatwas AI Service on Islamweb](#)

The Ministry of Endowments (Awqaf) and Islamic Affairs launched yesterday the [Live Fatwas AI service](#) on the Islamic network "Islamweb," affiliated with the Department of Call and Religious Guidance. The launch was attended by HE Mr. Ghanem bin Shaheen Al Ghanem, Minister of Awqaf (Endowments) and Islamic Affairs, and HE Dr. Sheikh Khalid bin Mohammed bin Ghanem Al Thani, Undersecretary of the Ministry. The launch of the service comes as part of the Ministry's alignment with Qatar National Vision 2030 and the Third National Development Strategy.

[HE Prime Minister Launches Ministry of Transport Strategy 2025-2030](#)

HE the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani issued Amir Decision No. 27 of 2025 establishing the Qatar Award for Localization in the Private Sector. The award will recognize companies meeting nationalization targets and honor outstanding Qatari talents, with a Board of Trustees under the Ministry of Labor overseeing its management and criteria.

News by Soutien Group

[Qatar's Hospitality Sector Poised For Steady Gains](#)

Qatar's hospitality sector is set for steady growth, driven by rising visitor arrivals (2.6M in H1 2025), strong occupancy rates, and infrastructure expansion. Key boosts include the upcoming GCC Unified Tourist Visa and enhanced global connectivity.

[Saudi And Oman Launch Initiatives To Boost Trade](#)

Saudi Arabia and Oman have signed multiple MoUs to boost trade, industrial integration, and private sector collaboration across key sectors such as construction, food, packaging, and healthcare. The partnership also includes the upcoming Omani-Saudi Franchise Exhibition in Muscat this September.

[Oman Launches Golden Visa To Attract Investors](#)

Oman has launched its Golden Residency programme, offering renewable 5- and 10-year visas to investors through real estate, commercial investments, or company formation. With investment thresholds starting at OMR 250,000, the scheme aims to boost foreign investment and strengthen Oman's position as a global business hub.

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Frequently Asked Questions

[What is the purpose of AOA for the company in Qatar?](#)

The Articles of Association (AOA) serve as the legal document that defines the purpose, governance, and operational rules of a company. It outlines the roles and responsibilities of shareholders, directors, and other stakeholders while ensuring compliance with Qatari laws.

[What steps are involved in obtaining a Qatar ID \(QID\)?](#)

After entering Qatar on an employment visa: Register your employment contract with the Labor Department. Complete a medical examination, fingerprinting, and an eye scan. Receive the Qatar ID, granting residency status.

[Are there Qatarization requirements for businesses in Qatar?](#)

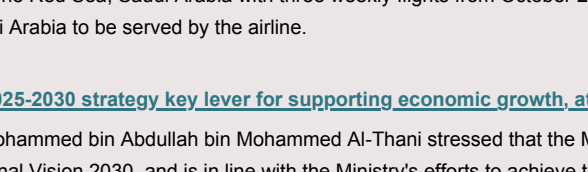
Yes, certain sectors require compliance with Qatarization policies, mandating the employment of a specific percentage of Qatari nationals.

[What types of businesses can operate in the Qatar Financial Centre \(QFC\)?](#)

QFC supports a variety of financial and non-financial businesses, such as professional services, asset management, legal consultancy, and shipping. It also provides tax benefits like a flat 10% corporate tax on local profits and exemptions from personal income taxes.

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