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Weekly Briefing - Qatar

Top Headlines

[QIA invests USD 500 million in Ivanhoe mines](#)

Qatar Investment Authority (QIA), the sovereign wealth fund of the State of Qatar, intends to invest an estimated USD 500 million in the capital of Ivanhoe Mines. In accordance with the investment, Ivanhoe Mines will issue 57,516,666 common shares to QIA by way of a private placement at a price of 12.00 Canadian Dollar per share, yielding gross proceeds to Ivanhoe of approximately USD 500 million.

[QBA, Sweden discuss enhancing investment opportunities](#)

The Qatari Businessmen Association (QBA) hosted a dinner in honor of H E Benjamin Dousa, Minister for International Development Cooperation and Foreign Trade of the Kingdom of Sweden, and his accompanying delegation. The delegation included CEOs and representatives of various Swedish companies operating across multiple economic sectors.

[Qatar-Korea AI Forum bolsters development of innovative projects](#)

Ministry of Communications and Information Technology (MCIT), in collaboration with the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Doha and the Korea Trade-Investment Promotion Agency (KOTRA), yesterday organised the Qatar-Korea Artificial Intelligence Forum under the theme ‘Qatar-Korea Cooperation in Artificial Intelligence Innovations.’

Sector Developments and Updates

Agriculture

[Qatar: Green environment, clean energy among strategic objectives in MoT projects](#)

The green environment and clean energy are among the most important strategic objectives in the projects implemented by the Ministry of Transport (MoT). HE the Undersecretary Mohammed Abdullah al-Maadeed has said. During a recent Qatar TV interview, the official said the ministry has adopted an innovation strategy that supports technological and digital development in order to develop and strengthen projects moving forward.

[MECC Organizes Workshop on Themes of State of Environment in Qatar- 2nd Edition 2025](#)

The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MECC) organized an extensive workshop to review the themes of the “State of the Environment in the State of Qatar – Second Edition 2025” report, with the participation of experts and specialists from various national entities.

[Minister of Environment honours houbara breeding project owners](#)

Minister of Environment and Climate Change H E Dr. Abdullah bin Abdulaziz bin Turki Al Subaie yesterday visited the 9th edition of the Katara International Hunting and Falcons Exhibition “Shail 2025,” organized by the Cultural Village Foundation (Katara) and continuing until September 14.

Education

[EAA Foundation, HEC Paris in pact to advance educational opportunities and research](#)

Under the agreement, EAA and HEC Paris will collaborate across multiple areas to promote academic excellence and innovation. This includes facilitating the exchange of professors, scholars, students, and researchers between the institutions to foster cross-cultural academic engagement and knowledge sharing.

[Saudi Delegation Reviews Qatar's Achievements in Education Sector, Explores Opportunities for Joint Cooperation](#)

Several department directors from the Ministry of Education and Higher Education met with a delegation from the Saudi Export Authority, currently visiting the country, as part of strengthening bilateral cooperation between the two brotherly countries. The delegation reviewed Qatar's pioneering achievements in the education sector at various levels.

[QNB Group is committed to fostering CSR education initiatives](#)

QNB Group, the largest financial institution in the Middle East and Africa (MEA), continues to support corporate social responsibility (CSR) education initiatives that align with its mission and values. Across its international network, the Group conducts various programmes affirming its commitment to the UN Education 2030 Framework for Action and SDG 4 goal to ensure inclusive and quality education for all.

Health

[Al Wakra Hospital Achieves Top Age-Friendly Health System Recognition](#)

Hamad Medical Corporation's (HMC) Al Wakra Hospital has advanced to the highest level of recognition from the US-based Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI), receiving the prestigious Age-Friendly Health System Level 2 award, “Committed to Care Excellence for Older Adults”.

[Apex Health partners with InterSystems to advance digital health transformation, elevate patient care](#)

In a step towards advancing digital healthcare transformation and elevating patient care, Apex Health, a subsidiary of Estithmar Holding, announced the signing of a strategic agreement with InterSystems to implement TrakCare, a unified health information system platform. The agreement was signed by Joseph Hazel, Group Chief Executive Officer of Apex Health and Ali Abi Raad, Managing Director of Middle East, India & South Africa at InterSystems, during a signing ceremony at Apex Health's headquarters.

[HMC highlights specialist dementia care services during World Alzheimer's Month](#)

Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC), through its World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for Healthy Ageing and Dementia, continues to expand specialist services for the diagnosis, treatment and support of people living with Alzheimer's disease and dementia in Qatar.

Travel, Culture, and Tourism

[Qatar Tourism showcases cruise sector growth at Seatrade Cruise Europe 2025](#)

The Visit Qatar pavilion at the exhibition served as a collaborative platform, bringing together key government entities such as the Ministry of Interior (Immigration Department and the Permanent Committee for Seaport Affairs), Mwanı Qatar, Old Doha Port, and the General Authority of Customs. It also featured leading private sector representatives, including Qatar Airways, Discover Qatar, Doha Bus, Qatar International Tours, Travel Designer, and Al Tawfeeq Travel.

[Qatar to strengthen tourism partnership with Jordan, delegation visits Amman Citadel](#)

Saad Al-Kharji, the chairperson of Qatar Tourism, visited the historical site of Amman Citadel, accompanied by the Jordanian minister of tourism and antiquities, Lina Annab, as officials from the two countries met to discuss enhanced cooperation in the tourism sector.

[VCUarts Qatar presents YA 3ASAL by Sarah Elawad, a solo exhibition on Arab and Sudanese cultures through sweets](#)

In ‘YA 3ASAL,’ Elawad draws on personal memories and shared cultural practices to explore the deep emotional and symbolic meanings of sweets in Arab and Sudanese traditions of hospitality. The title itself—‘YA 3ASAL’ (يا أسال), a common Arabic term of endearment meaning “Hey, honey!”—captures the exhibition's warm, affectionate tone and its celebration of connection through sensory experience.

Transport and Logistics

[Qatar launches \\$1.2bn transport strategy to boost global connectivity](#)

The Ministry of Transport Strategy 2025-2030 aims to strengthen economic growth, enhance sustainability, and cement the nation's position as a global hub for logistics and smart transport solutions. Qatar has launched a new national transport strategy aimed at transforming the country into a global hub for logistics and smart mobility, with investments exceeding QAR 1.2 billion (\$330 million).

[Qatar Airways becomes first-ever Presenting Partner of Ballon d'Or](#)

Qatar Airways makes history this year as the first-ever Presenting Partner of the world's most prestigious award ceremony in football, Ballon d'Or, reinforcing the airline's deep commitment to global sport and excellence. The landmark 69th edition of the Ballon d'Or will take place on September 22, 2025, at the Théâtre du Châtelet in Paris, France.

[Qatar Tourism's Vision to Revolutionize Middle Eastern Cruise Travel Shines at Seatrade Cruise Europe Amid Surging Global Partnerships](#)

Qatar's cruise tourism industry has been steadily expanding, with Doha emerging as a key hub for marine travel in the Middle East. This rapid growth was demonstrated at the Seatrade Cruise Europe 2025 exhibition, held in Hamburg, where Qatar Tourism showcased its efforts to broaden the country's tourism portfolio.

Information and Communications Technology

[MCIT, MOECC Announce the Launch of the Hazardous Materials Management Platform](#)

As part of the national efforts to strengthen environmental safety systems and harness emerging technologies in the service of society, the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology (MCIT), in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC), has announced the launch of the Hazardous Materials Management platform under TASMU Smart Qatar Program.

[Vodafone Qatar and Khwarizmi AI Center Sign MoU to Drive AI Innovation Across Qatar](#)

Vodafone Qatar has entered into a strategic partnership with the Khwarizmi Artificial Intelligence Center (KAIC) in Doha, marking a significant step toward accelerating artificial intelligence (AI) innovation across the country. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed by Mohamed Mohain Alyafei, Enterprise Business Unit Director at Vodafone Qatar, and Firas Sleiman, Founder of KAIC.

[Qatar, Represented by CRA, Reaffirms Its Commitment to Advancing the Global Postal Sector at the 28th Universal Postal Congress](#)

The State of Qatar, represented by the Communications Regulatory Authority (CRA), is participating in the 28th Universal Postal Congress, organized by the Universal Postal Union (UPU) in Dubai, the United Arab Emirates, from September 8 to 19, 2025. The Qatari delegation is led by Engineer Ahmad bin Abdulla AlMuslemani, President of CRA.

Emerging Technology

[GEN AI Summit Qatar 2025 to spotlight the future of AI innovation in Doha](#)

The GEN AI Summit Qatar 2025 will take place on 16 September at the Hilton Doha, convening distinguished speakers from leading Qatari institutions, innovative startups, and global technology providers for a landmark event focused on accelerating artificial intelligence adoption across industries.

[MCIT launches Technology Radar Initiative to enable government entities 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.

[Qatar: CRA's new in-building telecom infra guidelines to enhance connectivity](#)

The Communications Regulatory Authority (CRA) has announced the launch of the updated In-Building Telecommunications Infrastructure Standards, a set of mandatory guidelines designed to strengthen Qatar's digital foundations and ensure future-ready connectivity across all building types.

Energy and Industrial

[Diversification drive and LNG expansion to boost financial sector](#)

Qatari banks are set to benefit from the country's accelerating diversification agenda and the expansion of liquefied natural gas (LNG) production, with credit demand expected to grow across tourism, sporting events, and business exhibitions, according to Moody's Ratings. The outlook comes as non-hydrocarbon GDP growth is projected to rise to 3.5 percent annually in 2025 and 2026, providing fresh momentum for the banking sector despite mounting pressures on profitability.

[Middle East trio fuels region's LNG export capacity growth](#)

Global demand for LNG is forecast to rise by around 60% by 2040 — reaching between 630 million and 718 million tonnes per annum — according to supermajor Shell's latest outlook, largely driven by economic growth in Asia, efforts to reduce emissions in heavy industry and transport, as well as power demand linked to increased mobilisation of artificial intelligence.

[Qatar, US relay key role in stabilising European energy crisis: IGU](#)

Qatar and the United States have played a key role in stabilising the European energy crisis due to the reduction of Russian piped gas supply, according to International Gas Union (IGU). “The 2022-2024 European energy crisis following the reduction of Russian piped gas supply was stabilised using LNG imports from the US and Qatar,” IGU said in its just released Global Gas Report 2025.

Sports

[Qatar Gears Up to Host 47th World Military Parachuting Championship with Global Participation](#)

Qatar is set to host the 47th CISM World Military Parachuting Championship this coming November, with final preparations now complete, according to the Qatar Air Sports Committee (QASC). The prestigious event will welcome 364 athletes from 32 countries, showcasing elite talent in military parachuting.

[QSSL partners Shafallah Center to support Individual Sports Skills Championships](#)

As part of its commitment to fulfilling its social responsibility role and continuing to engage with all sections of the society and school students, Qatar Stars League (QSL) supported Individual Sports Skills Championship held at Shafallah Center for Persons with Disabilities, an organization under the umbrella of Qatar Foundation for Social Work.

[World Rapid and Blitz Chess Championship Qatar 2025 logo unveiled](#)

FIFA, in a statement, said, “The official logo for the World Rapid and Blitz Chess Championship Qatar 2025 represents a distinctive visual signature, combining the beauty of the Arabic calligraphy of the word ‘Qatar’ with a sophisticated horse-like composition. This harmony creates an authentic national identity that embodies a blend of Qatari heritage and the global standing of chess.

Updates in Regulations

[Qatar passes major 2025 reforms to Legal Profession Law to strengthen justice and boost private sector](#)

Qatar's Ministry of Justice has announced that amendments under Law No. (19) of 2025 represent a major step in strengthening the legal profession, protecting rights and preserving freedoms.

[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.

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[Qatar Strategically Investing In Quantum Computing](#)

Qatar is establishing itself as a global quantum computing hub in the race to accelerate adoption of the disruptive technology. In order to achieve this goal, it is leveraging billion dollar partnerships, government backed initiatives and university driven research programmes.

[Saudi's Events Industry To Generate SAR 66 billion](#)

Saudi Arabia's events industry will contribute total economic impact worth SAR 66 billion (USD 17.6 billion) between 2023 and 2025. This huge figure demonstrates the spectacular emergence of the Kingdom as a global hub for events, business and investment.

[Oman Offers Four Mining Blocks For Bidding](#)

Oman's Ministry of Energy and Minerals recently launched a new bidding round for four mining concession blocks across the Sultanate. Accordingly, both local and international companies are invited to explore the unprecedented opportunities in Oman's minerals sector. This initiative aims to attract investment, boost the sector's contribution to the national economy and support the Oman Vision 2040.

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Frequently Asked Questions

[What government support is available for business setup in Qatar?](#)

Qatar provides incentives like tax exemptions, access to free zones, and support from organizations like the Investment Promotion Agency Qatar (Invest Qatar), Qatar Development Bank (QDB) and many others.

[Can I set up a business in Qatar remotely?](#)

While some steps can be initiated remotely, others, such as obtaining a resident permit or opening a bank account, may require in-person presence or a legal representative in Qatar.

[Which sectors offer the best opportunities for market entry in Qatar?](#)

Some of the key sectors include energy, healthcare, education, technology, logistics, and tourism. These sectors align with Qatar's Vision 2030 and provide a wide range of business opportunities for foreign investors.

[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

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