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Weekly Briefing - Qatar

Top Headlines

[Qatar, Austria explore new investment opportunities](#)

The Qatar Chamber held a meeting on Sunday with an Austrian business delegation headed by Anni Lichtenegger, Director of the Travel Trade and Marketing Department at the Austrian National Tourism Authority. The Qatari side was led by Nasser bin Sulaiman Al Haider, QC Board Member.

[Qatar-Brazilian Business Meeting Discusses Strengthening Investment Partnerships](#)

The Qatar Chamber (QC) hosted a business delegation from the Federal Republic of Brazil on Tuesday to enhance economic and trade relations between Qatar and Brazil, review the investment climate and opportunities, and highlight key incentives and facilities offered by both sides to promote foreign investment.

[Qatar's wealth fund teams up with Blue Owl for \\$3 billion data centre push](#)

Qatar Investment Authority (QIA) and alternative asset manager Blue Owl Capital (OWL.N), opens new tab have signed a partnership aimed at launching a \$3 billion global digital infrastructure platform focused on data centres, they said on Thursday. The platform is intended to "accelerate global compute available to leading hyperscalers amid surging cloud and AI transformation," the two firms said in a joint statement.

Sector Developments and Updates

Agriculture

[Smart Farming in Qatar: Using Tech to Boost Food Production in Arid Conditions](#)

Qatar's predominantly flat landscape and arid desert climate presents significant challenges for food production. Over the years, the situation has steadily improved with the implementation of sophisticated technology-backed agricultural methods, ensuring Qatar's drive towards food security.

[Qatar-based environmentalist named in global climate leaders' list](#)

Qatar-based environmentalist and co-founder of the Arab Youth Climate Movement (AYCM), Neeshad Shafi, has been recognised once again in The Independent Climate 100 List 2025 for his commitment to advancing climate solutions. "I'm incredibly humbled to be named again in the Climate 100 List.

[Ministry of Municipality launches flexible voucher support programme for farmers](#)

The Ministry of Municipality (MoM) has launched a new initiative to distribute vouchers for seeds, fertilizers, and pesticides to owners of productive agricultural farms, offering them greater flexibility in directing government support toward their specific agricultural needs. The initiative, announced by the Agricultural Development Department, marks a shift from the ministry's earlier practice of directly supplying pre-selected seeds and inputs to farmers.

Education

[Education Ministry launches school leadership programme 'Oiyadat'](#)

The Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MoEHE), through its Training and Development Center, officially launched the second edition of the "Oiyadat" (Leaderships) programme yesterday, in strategic collaboration with the Qatar Leadership Centre (QLC) and the prestigious Harvard University in the United States.

[CMU-Q launches AI program to transform higher education in Qatar](#)

Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar (CMU-Q), a Qatar Foundation partner university, has marked a new milestone in higher education in the country with the official launch of its Bachelor of Science in Artificial Intelligence (BSAI) programme. The announcement was made during a media briefing and panel discussion at Education City, which brought together senior officials, faculty members, government representatives, and media professionals to reflect on the significance of the occasion.

[Private schools, kindergartens winning 'My White Flag' Award honoured](#)

The Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MoEHE) celebrated the honouring of private schools and kindergartens that won the 'My White Flag' Award for zero violations, in its second edition for the 2024–2025 academic year. The ceremony was attended by MoEHE Undersecretary H E Dr. Ibrahim bin Saleh Al-Nuaimi, along with several private school and kindergarten directors and education stakeholders.

Health

[The Sixth Global Ministerial Mental Health Summit Concludes in Doha](#)

The Sixth Global Ministerial Mental Health Summit concluded today in Doha, following two days of sessions held under the patronage of His Excellency Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani, Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs. The summit witnessed high-level participation from Ministers, representatives of states, and international and regional organisations concerned with mental health, in addition to experts and specialists from across the globe.

[HMC's QMI wins global award for obesity management](#)

Hamad Medical Corporation's Qatar Metabolic Institute (QMI) has received the prestigious 2025 World Health Organisation (WHO) — UN Inter-Agency Task Force on Noncommunicable Diseases Award for its global leadership in obesity prevention and management. The award was presented during the 80th UN General Assembly in New York on Sept 25.

[Health minister meets several counterparts, delegation heads at global summit](#)

HE the Minister of Public Health Mansoor bin Ebrahim al-Mahnoud has held separate meetings with Dr Khaled Abdel Ghaflar, Deputy Prime Minister for Human Development and Minister of Health and Population of Egypt; Dr Jaleela bint al-Sayed Jawad Hasan, Minister of Health of Bahrain; Dr Rakan Nasreddine, Minister of Public Health of Lebanon; Erkin Checheybaev, Minister of Health of Kyrgyzstan; Michael Darnies, Minister of Health of Cyprus; and Dr Malik Mukhtar Ahmad Bharath, Minister of State for National Health Services, Regulations and Co-ordination of Pakistan.

Travel, Culture, and Tourism

[Local hotel room occupancy reaches 71% in H1, says Qatar Chamber official](#)

Qatar Chamber officials discussing tourism-related matters with a delegation from the Travel Trade and Marketing Department at the Austrian National Tourism Authority during a meeting held in Doha Sunday. The number of hotel rooms in Qatar stood at 41,240 in the first half of the year, with an average occupancy of 71% during H1-2025, indicating that the demand for rooms totalled 5.23mn occupied nights over the same period, marking a 7% year-on-year increase.

[Qatar a key strategic GCC market, says HKTB](#)

Regional Director, Europe and New Markets, Hong Kong Tourism Board (HKTB) of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, a territory of the People's Republic of China, Beverly Au Yong, stated that the Qatari market is one of the key strategic markets in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), noting the growing interest of Qatari travelers in luxury, family, and cultural tourism experiences in the city.

[Visit Qatar launches 'Qatar Through Your Lens' contest for culture content creators](#)

Visit Qatar has announced the launch of Qatar Through Your Lens, an exclusive content creation competition designed to showcase the nation's culture, lifestyle, and experiences through the creativity of local content creators. Open to locals and residents, the competition runs from October 1st until December 15th, 2025, with winners set to be revealed in first week of January 2026.

Transport and Logistics

[MOT celebrates World Maritime Day 2025](#)

The Ministry of Transport today celebrated the World Maritime Day, which is observed on September 25 annually. The MOT organized a kayaking and paddleboarding competition for employees of maritime industry in Qatar, aiming at highlighting the importance of that vital industry and role in sustainable development and marine environment protection.

[Railway project linking GCC to be completed by December 2030](#)

The Gulf Railway Authority has announced that the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries are continuing their efforts to complete the Gulf Railway Project according to the specified timetable, with December 2030 as the final date for completion. Director General of the Gulf Railway Authority Eng. Mohammed bin Fahad Al Shabrani said in remarks Tuesday, on the sidelines of the second edition of the Global Rail 2025 Exhibition and Congress, which began Tuesday in Abu Dhabi, that the railway project is one of the strategic projects that will connect the six GCC countries across a network extending approximately 2,117 kilometers.

[Qatar Airways awarded the ACT Middle East Treasury Award for landmark QR 4.5 billion capital raising](#)

Qatar Airways has been awarded the ACT Middle East Treasury Award for capital raising for its landmark QR 4.5 billion QNB-led dual-tranche syndicated facility and supported by a consortium of local banks. The milestone transaction marks one of the largest aviation finance deals of its kind in the region, reinforcing the airline's financial strength and resilience.

Information and Communications Technology

[MCIT and Visit Qatar Host Awareness Workshop on Digital Transformation and AI for Hotels under the SMEs Go Digital Program](#)

As part of their efforts to promote digital innovation in the tourism sector, the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology (MCIT), in collaboration with Qatar Tourism, held an awareness workshop yesterday under the SMEs Go Digital Program, the national initiative aimed at supporting SMEs in adopting digital solutions.

[CRA Strengthens Staff Capacity for Global Telecommunication Governance Using ITU Methodologies](#)

The Communications Regulatory Authority (CRA), in collaboration with the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), held a specialized workshop on "Instruction and Knowledge Building towards the Work of ITU" for its staff from September 28 - 30, 2025. The workshop aimed to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of ITU's operating mechanisms and foster a practical knowledge of international governance in the information and communications technology (ICT) sector.

[Qoredoo Launches Doha IX, Qatar's First Commercial Internet Exchange Point in Partnership with DE-CIX](#)

Qoredoo, Qatar's leading telecommunications provider, in strategic partnership with DE-CIX, has officially launched Doha IX, Qatar's first commercial Internet Exchange Point (IXP). This landmark development introduces a routing architecture hosted in Qoredoo's state-of-the-art data centre, set to transform the nation's digital landscape.

Emerging Technology

[Ashghal using AI to increase efficiency of project management](#)

The Public Works Authority (Ashghal) is making use of AI to improve the efficiency of project implementation and maintenance, a senior official told Qatar TV. Technical Office director engineer Khaled Abdullah al-Najjar said Ashghal is currently using AI to analyse data to find out if there are any defects or cracks in the road.

[QIA, Blue Owl Capital enter agreement to establish digital Infrastructure partnership](#)

Qatar Investment Authority (QIA) and Blue Owl Capital Inc. (Blue Owl) have entered into a strategic partnership agreement with the objective of creating a digital infrastructure platform intended to accelerate global compute available to leading hyperscalers amid surging cloud and AI transformation.

[Investors look beyond banking sector as consumer, tech stocks rise](#)

The Qatar Stock Exchange (QSE) closed the week on an optimistic note, as investors found momentum in consumer and technology stocks. Gains in numerous firms highlighted a shift toward defensive and growth-oriented sectors, underscoring the market's robustness. While the broader market slipped by around 1.2 percent amid global uncertainty and regional rate cuts, resilience in growth-linked industries helped offset some of the pressure, signaling that the Qatari market remains stable.

Energy and Industrial

[Exxon, Qatar Energy Say Found Major Gas Field Off Cyprus](#)

Exxon, exploring for energy off Cyprus with Qatar Energy, estimated the size of a gas discovery at between 8 and 9 trillion cubic feet, local media has reported, citing a meeting between the companies and President Nikos Christodoulides. Supermajor and the president of the island nation.

[Qatar among most attractive countries for investment in electricity, energy sector](#)

Qatar has been listed among one of the most attractive countries for investment and business in the electricity and energy sector. Electricity consumption in Arab countries is forecast to edge up by 3.5% to 1,296 terawatt-hours by the end of 2025 and the generated electricity is projected to exceed 1,754 terawatt-hours by 2030.

[JSL delivers major equipment for new biofuel plant with Qatar](#)

A Qatari company has successfully transported hundreds of tons of specialized equipment to a new biodiesel facility within the country, reports Heavylift. JSL Global moved the large shipment from Hamad Port to the plant. The cargo included essential items for the biofuel production process, such as distillation towers, condensers, re-boilers, and heavy steel structures.

Sports

[PSG to play 2025 Intercontinental Cup final in Qatar](#)

European Champions League winners Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) will play their first-ever Intercontinental Cup final in Doha, Qatar, on December 17, FIFA has said. The announcement came on Sunday, even as PSG's opponents will be determined four days earlier in the final playoff, called the Challenger Cup.

[Sports Minister Hails Sponsors' Role in Delivering Spectacular FIFA Tournaments in 2026](#)

HE Minister of Sports and Youth and Chairman of the Local Organizing Committee for the FIFA Arab Cup Qatar 2025 and FIFA U-17 World Cup Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa bin Ahmed Al-Thani affirmed that the committee's partners and sponsors will play a pivotal role in delivering an exceptional hosting experience for the upcoming tournaments in Qatar.

[QFA announces ticket sales for Qatar's World Cup Qualifiers in Doha](#)

The Qatar Football Association (QFA) has announced ticket sales for the fourth round of Group A matches in the 2026 FIFA World Cup qualifiers to be held in Doha from October 8 to 14, 2025. Group A brings together Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Oman, with all fixtures to be held Jassim Bin Hamad Stadium.

Updates in Regulations

[MoCI Issues updated guide on industrial sectors and activity restrictions](#)

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) has announced the release of an updated version of its Guide on Industrial Sectors and Restrictions on Industrial Activities in the State of Qatar. The updated guide serves as a comprehensive reference for investors and stakeholders in the private sector, offering clear insights into industrial classifications and regulations governing various activities.

[QICDRC Deliberates on Key Amendments to QFC Law, Updated Procedural Rules](#)

The Qatar International Court (QICDRC), in collaboration with LexisNexis Middle East, convened a panel discussion on QICDRC's new regulations, procedural rules, and case updates. The panel examined the salient amendments made to Qatar Financial Centre (QFC) Law No. 7 of 2005, enacted in December 2024, while also addressing the court's updated regulations and procedural rules, which came into force in June 2025.

[CRA Begins Receiving Consumer Complaints on Postal Services](#)

The Communications Regulatory Authority (CRA) has announced the launch of a service dedicated to receiving and resolving consumer complaints in Qatar's postal services sector. This service is based on the provisions of Law No. (15) of 2023 on regulating postal services, the consumer protection policy for the postal sector, and the postal consumer protection regulation.

News by Soutien Group

[Qatar Realty Sector Contributing 7.4% To GDP](#)

Qatar's real estate sector is strengthening its role in the national economy confirming the success of the economic diversification strategy. The Real Estate Regulatory Authority (Aqarat) recently reported transaction values and revealed the sectors ever increasing provision towards GDP. Accordingly, real estate contributed 7.4% to GDP worth QAR 13.44 billion (USD 3.68 billion) in the first quarter (Q1). As a result, it registered growth of 7% compared to the same quarter of last year.

[Saudi And Estonia Sign Key Cooperation Accord](#)

Saudi Arabia and Estonia have concluded a General Agreement for Cooperation, marking a new chapter in relations between the countries. The agreement was signed in Riyadh and paves the way for collaboration in digital government, trade, green energy and innovation.

[Oman To Launch Central Asia Investment Platform](#)

Oman is preparing to launch a new investment platform to further cross-border investments, according to a sovereign wealth fund official. Notably, the new fund will target Central Asia and will feature significant Chinese involvement including funding.

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Frequently Asked Questions

[Can foreign investors establish a company in Qatar while based abroad?](#)

Oyes, foreign investors can initiate the process remotely through Qatar's Single Window platform. This includes company registration, document submission, contract signing, and fee payments online. These streamlined processes make setting up a company in Qatar more accessible to international entrepreneurs.

[How can I verify details of my company's commercial registration in Qatar?](#)

The Single Window platform provides easy access to your company's profile. You can log in, check your commercial registration details, view partners' names, and even download or print certificates directly.

[Can I register multiple business activities under one company in Qatar?](#)

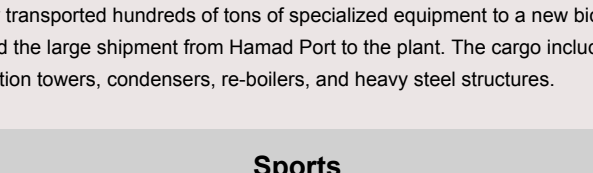
Yes, you can register several compatible business activities under one license. However, incompatible activities must be registered separately to comply with Qatar's regulations.

[Is it possible to sell a branch of my company in Qatar?](#)

Oyes, branches can be sold under an attested sales contract. However, the branch remains legally tied to the parent company and subject to its registration.

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