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## Weekly Briefing - Qatar

### Top Headlines

#### [Qatar Chamber Chairman highlights GCC partnership as key to sustainable economic growth](#)

Chairman of Qatar Chamber (QC), HE Sheikh Khalifa bin Jassim Al-Thani, has called for forging a unified vision to diversify the Gulf economic diversification, noting the significance of partnership among the GCC states in pursuit of achieving sustainable economic development.

#### [Qatar Oman Investment Profits Surge 314.23% in First Nine Months of 2025](#)

Qatar and Oman Investment Company net profits surged 314.23 percent in the first nine months of 2025 to reach QR 3.848 million, compared to QR 928.97 thousand in the same period of 2024. Data released by the company and published on the Qatar Stock Exchange (QSE) website on Wednesday showed an increase in earnings per share to reach QR 0.012 for the period ending Sep. 30, 2025, compared to earnings per share of QR 0.003 for the same period of 2024.

#### [QatarEnergy signs 17-year LNG supply agreement with India's GSPC](#)

QatarEnergy had signed a 17-year Sales and Purchase Agreement (SPA) with Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation (GSPC) for the supply of up to 1mm tons per year (MTPY) of liquefied natural gas (LNG) to India. Pursuant to the terms of the SPA, the contracted LNG volumes will be delivered ex-ship to terminals in India, starting in 2026.

### Sector Developments and Updates

#### Agriculture

##### [Municipality Ministry working on plans to improve condition of fishermen](#)

As part of the Ministry of Municipality's efforts to develop the fisheries sector and strengthen the nation's food security, Minister of Municipality H E Abdullah bin Hamad bin Abdullah Al Attiyah held a meeting yesterday with a number of fishermen to discuss the challenges facing the sector and explore ways to support and further develop it in order to increase local production and achieve self-sufficiency.

##### [Qatar participates in 26th Meeting of Arab Technical Committee for Environment in Mauritania](#)

The State of Qatar, represented by the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, participated in the work of the 26th meeting of the Technical Committee for Environment, affiliated with the Council of Arab Ministers in Charge of Environmental Affairs, held in the Mauritanian capital, Nouakchott.

##### [Environment ministry showcases Qatar's climate action, sustainability initiatives at Global Green Growth Week in Korea](#)

The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change participated in the events of the Global Green Growth Week 2025 through a dialogue session titled 'Transitioning from Climate Action Planning to Financing', organized by the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) in Seoul, South Korea.

#### Education

##### [Quality Assurance Guide for Educational Training Centers in Qatar, Advanced Steps Toward Efficiency, Institutional Excellence](#)

The launch of the Quality Assurance Guide for educational and training centers in Qatar by the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MOEHE) is part of its ongoing efforts to develop performance and improve efficiency and effectiveness in the non-school education and training sectors.

##### [Qatar Foundation's WISE 12 to Reimagine Education Through Human Values and Technology](#)

The 12th edition of WISE will convene this year on 24-25 November bringing together global education leaders, experts and changemakers at the Qatar National Convention Centre under the theme "Humanity.10: Human Values at the Heart of Education".

##### [Community College of Qatar celebrates graduation of 860 students](#)

Under the patronage of Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs H E Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani, the Community College of Qatar celebrated the graduation of 860 diploma and bachelor's degree students from its fourteenth cohort, the Class of 2025.

#### Health

##### [Doha's strong healthcare and positive outlook lay solid foundation for biotechnology growth: Invest Qatar](#)

Doha's healthcare expenditure is slated to touch \$13bn by 2030, showing a 14% compound annual growth rate (CAGR) and molecular diagnostics market is to reach \$19.2mn by 2030, at a 4.4% CAGR, as the country shows a "solid" growth potential for the biotechnology sector, according to Invest Qatar.

##### [10 from Qatar named among Forbes Middle East's Top Healthcare Leaders 2025 \(Executives & Founders\)](#)

Forbes Middle East has released its annual ranking of the Top Healthcare Leaders 2025, highlighting individuals driving transformation in the region's healthcare industry.

##### [WCM-Q conference addresses impact of AI on medical education](#)

Experts and futurists in medical education and artificial intelligence (AI) from around the world gathered in Doha for a conference organised by Well Cornell Medicine-Qatar (WCM-Q), which explored how technological breakthroughs are revolutionising healthcare and the way medicine is taught.

#### Travel, Culture, and Tourism

##### [Qatar Breaks Tourism Records With Millions Of International Visitors, Fueling Economic Growth](#)

The tourism sector in Qatar has witnessed a remarkable surge in international visitors, surpassing 3.5 million by September 2025. This growth reflects the country's ongoing efforts to enhance its global tourism appeal and align with its ambitious national development goals. As Qatar prepares for an action-packed final quarter, it's clear that tourism is playing a key role in diversifying its economy.

##### [Qatar Tourism nominated for Qatar Government Excellence Award](#)

Qatar Tourism has been nominated for Qatar Government Excellence Award (GEA), an initiative led by the Civil Service and Government Development Bureau (CGB) to recognise and reward outstanding public-sector performance. The award supports government entities in enhancing their service quality, operational efficiency, and innovation across all levels of government.

##### [Qatar Travel Mart to bring together tourism industry leaders, innovators and visionaries](#)

Destined to become an established platform for the tourism industry, Qatar Travel Mart being held from 24th to 26th November in Doha will bring together industry leaders, innovators and visionaries to share the latest trends in Sports, MICE, Business, Cultural, Leisure, Luxury, Medical, and Halal Tourism.

#### Transport and Logistics

##### [Ministry of Transport concludes workshop on "Strategy for Mitigating Land Transport Impact on Health and Environment" project](#)

The Ministry of Transport has concluded a workshop on its project "Strategy for Mitigating Land Transport Impact on Health and Environment". The workshop titled 'Stakeholder Engagement for Policy, Scheme, and Target Development' was attended by representatives from government and private entities, experts and specialists from the transportation, environment, and public health industries.

##### [Ashghal completes fourth phase of Corniche Street rehabilitation](#)

The Public Works Authority, 'Ashghal', announced the completion of the fourth phase of rehabilitation and improvement works on Corniche Street. This repair work extended from Qatar National Theatre Interchange to Al Markhiya Interchange. The asphalt layer has been repaired and road markings and lines have been refurbished, providing safer driving experience, stated Ashghal in a social media post.

##### [QFZ opens advanced logistics hub to support transport industries](#)

Qatar Free Zones Authority (QFZ) opened a world-class automotive and spare parts logistics hub at Umm Alhais Free Zone. The strategic launch marks a significant step in reinforcing Qatar's regional leadership in mobility and expanding the capabilities of its growing mobility industries cluster within the free zones.

#### Information and Communications Technology

##### [Ministry of Communications and Information Technology Announces Winners of the 9th Edition of the Qatar Digital Business Award 2025](#)

The Ministry of Communications and Information Technology (MCIT) has announced the winners of the 9th edition of the Qatar Digital Business Award 2025 during a ceremony held on Wednesday, October 22. The event was attended by H.E. Mr. Mohammed bin Ali Al Mannai, Minister of Communications and Information Technology, along with several Their Excellencies, officials, and pioneers from the technology sector.

##### [Vodafone Qatar empowers SMEs, says TMF Group](#)

Qatar's burgeoning small and medium sized enterprise (SME) ecosystem presents strong demand for telecommunications services that facilitate operational efficiency and ensure high productivity.

##### [Qatar stresses importance of strengthening cybersecurity, expanding cooperation between developed and developing countries](#)

The State of Qatar has emphasized the importance of the international community continuing to intensify its efforts to enhance cybersecurity and expand avenues of cooperation, particularly between developed and developing countries, in order to ensure the utilization and preservation of digital gains.

#### Emerging Technology

##### [Katara Tech Forum discusses challenges of AI in education](#)

Katara Cultural Village, in co-operation with the Business Forum, held the 25th edition of the Katara Tech Forum under the theme "Artificial Intelligence and Education: Opportunities and Challenges." The forum brought together a distinguished group of experts and specialists, including Dr Anas Bouhal, Regional Programme Specialist for Higher Education and Technical and Vocational Training; Khaloud al-Mannai, Director of E-Learning and Digital Solutions at the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MoEHE); Dr Shaker Ahmed al-Ashwai, Executive Director of the Global Institute for Studies in partnership with Arkansas State University (USA); and Abdulla bin Ibrahim al-Ishaq, CEO of Al Qatar.

##### [Qatar Charity wins 'Best Digital Experience' award](#)

Qatar Charity (QC) has been awarded first place jointly with Qatar Airways in the category of "Best Digital Experience – Organisations & Corporates" at the 9th Qatar Digital Business Awards 2025, organised by the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology (MCIT).

##### [PM launches AI-powered building permit issuance system](#)

HE the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani witnessed Sunday the inauguration of the Ministry of Municipality's AI-powered building permit issuance system, in a move that embodies the nation's pivot towards accelerating digital transformation and fostering the quality and efficiency of public services.

#### Energy and Industrial

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##### [Qatar's manufacturing sector adds \\$7.25bn to GDP in H1](#)

Qatar's manufacturing sector contributed 26.84 billion Qatari riyals (\$7.25 billion) to the nation's gross domestic product in the first half of 2025, reflecting strong industrial growth, trade expansion, and digital business reforms.

##### [Qatar participates in GCC Trade, Industrial, Standardization Ministerial Meetings, Alongside Joint Meeting with UK](#)

The State of Qatar participated Wednesday in the ministerial meetings of the 69th Committee for Trade Cooperation, the 55th Committee for Industrial Cooperation, and the 10th Ministerial Committee for Standardization Affairs of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), held in the State of Kuwait.

#### Sports

##### [QCA Unveils Details of 3-2-1 Qatar Olympic and Sports Museum Rapid Chess Championship for U-12 Players](#)

The Qatar Chess Association (QCA) announced Tuesday the organization of the 3-2-1 Qatar Olympic and Sports Museum Rapid Chess Championship for U-12 players, scheduled for Thursday. The event is part of a series of promotional tournaments ahead of the FIDE World Chess Championship, which Qatar will host this December.

##### [Qatar Stars League strengthens community engagement through a sports event for Dreama children](#)

As part of its commitment to social responsibility and ongoing engagement with all segments of society, the Qatar Stars League (QSL) organized a sports event at Dreama Orphan Care Center, one of the centers operating under the umbrella of Qatar Social Work Foundation.

##### [Lusail International Circuit to host inaugural "The Global Race Track Summit & Awards" in February 2026](#)

Lusail International Circuit (LIC) has been confirmed as the official host circuit for the inaugural edition of CIRCUIT – The Global Race Track Summit & Awards, set to take place from 16 to 18 February 2026 in Doha, Qatar. As one of the world's most advanced and architecturally striking motorsport venues, Lusail International Circuit (LIC) provides the ideal stage for an event dedicated to the future of global motorsport infrastructure.

### Updates in Regulations

#### [Qatar: Kahrmasa affirms commitment to implementing new water law to ensure sustainable future](#)

The Qatar General Electricity and Water Corporation (Kahrmasa) reaffirmed its full commitment to implementing the provisions of Law No. (23) of 2025 on water through the development of infrastructure, adoption of the latest technologies, enhancement of operational efficiency, and the application of best practices in water resource management.

#### [Ministry of Municipality, SJC sign MoU to manage, regulate online auctions](#)

The Ministry of Municipality and the Supreme Judicial Council (SJC) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to manage, regulate, and implement electronic auctions. The agreement comes as part of ongoing institutional cooperation aimed at enhancing transparency in the sale and management of seized items, including vehicles, machinery, and equipment, while keeping pace with the country's digital transformation.

#### [New legislation enhances attractiveness of Qatar's real estate sector: QC Chairman](#)

Sheikh Khalifa bin Jassim bin Mohamed Al Thani (pictured), Chairman of Qatar Chamber, praised the Cityscape Qatar exhibition, highlighting the significant development it has witnessed year after year, and the advanced level achieved by Qatari companies operating in the real estate sector.

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#### [Qatar offers attractive electricity investment options in the electricity and energy sector according to Fitch Ratings. Based on their assessment of 14 Arab countries, Qatar, the UAE, Saudi, Kuwait and Oman topped the rankings. They were followed by Morocco, Egypt and Algeria respectively.](#)

#### [Saudi Startups Raise SAR 3.23 Trillion](#)

Saudi Arabia issued 80,000 SME commercial records in Q2 2025 according to a SME report published by the Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) while reform reached 93%. The figures underline the growing leadership role of women in entrepreneurship and directly reflects the SME's resilience.

#### [Oman launches first wind turbine manufacturing project at Duqm](#)

Oman has launched its first wind turbine manufacturing project at the special economic zone (SEZ) of Duqm. The client is a subsidiary of the Oman Electricity and Water Authority (OEWA) and the project is expected to create 1,000 jobs. The plant will produce 100 megawatts of electricity and will be used to power the Duqm industrial zone.

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#### [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

##### [What is the validity period for a trade name reservation?](#)

The validity period for a trade name reservation is generally 12 months. After this period, the reservation will expire and the trade name will become available for use by others.

##### [What is an industrial permit in Qatar and why is it required?](#)

An industrial permit is required for any industrial activity in Qatar. It ensures compliance with local regulations, promotes safety, and aligns with Qatar's industrial development strategies.

##### [How can I apply for a commercial permit?](#)

To apply for a commercial permit, you need to fill out the online application via the Single Window platform, submit required documents, and pay the necessary fees. The application will be reviewed by relevant government agencies before approval.

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