

June 02, 2024

GLOBAL MARKETS

Indices	Closing Level	Change		Performance	
		Value	%	MTD (%)	YTD (%)
Global					
S&P 500	5,277.5	42.0	0.8	4.8	10.6
Dow Jones Ind. Average	38,686.3	574.8	1.5	2.3	2.6
Nasdaq 100	18,536.7	(2.0)	(0.0)	6.3	10.2
FTSE 100	8,275.4	44.3	0.5	1.6	7.0
DAX 30	18,497.9	1.1	0.0	3.2	10.4
CAC 40	7,992.9	14.4	0.2	0.1	6.0
BIST 100	10,400.5	(80.8)	(0.8)	3.5	39.2
Nikkei	38,487.9	433.8	1.1	0.2	15.0
Hang Seng	18,079.6	(150.6)	(0.8)	1.8	6.1
Shanghai Composite	3,086.8	(4.9)	(0.2)	(0.6)	3.8
BSE Sensex	73,961.3	75.7	0.1	(0.7)	2.4
GCC					
QE Index	9,319.1	40.1	0.4	(4.2)	(14.0)
Saudi Arabia (TASI)	11,503.5	(193.0)	(1.7)	(7.2)	(3.9)
UAE (ADX)	8,862.6	110.4	1.3	(2.3)	(7.5)
UAE (DFM)	3,977.9	6.9	0.2	(4.3)	(2.0)
Kuwait (KSE)	7,051.9	(15.4)	(0.2)	0.0	3.4
Oman (MSM)	4,845.7	20.1	0.4	1.3	7.3
Bahrain (BAX)	2,039.0	3.2	0.2	0.5	3.4
MSCI GCC	981.0	(9.2)	(0.9)	(6.4)	(8.0)
Dow Jones Islamic	6,592.1	22.0	0.3	4.2	8.6
Commodity					
Brent	81.1	(0.8)	(0.9)	(6.0)	5.3
WTI	77.0	(0.9)	(1.2)	(6.0)	7.2
Natural Gas	2.6	0.0	0.6	29.9	11.2
Gold Spot	2,345.8	(20.7)	(0.9)	1.9	13.2
Copper	4.6	(0.1)	(1.2)	0.8	18.3

Source: S&P Capital IQ

GCC MARKET OVERVIEW

GCC Fundamentals	P/E (x)	P/B (x)	Dividend Yield (%)	EV / EBITDA (x)
Qatar All Share	11.1	1.3	4.72%	11.4
DSM 20	11.0	1.4	4.95%	10.7
Saudi Arabia (TASI)	22.5	4.9	5.36%	15.6
UAE (ADX)	18.1	2.6	2.20%	15.4
UAE (DFM)	10.5	3.0	6.15%	8.7
Kuwait (KSE)	17.2	2.0	4.34%	22.2
Oman (MSM)	9.5	0.9	5.19%	4.2
Bahrain (BAX)	9.9	2.2	3.31%	12.7

Source: Refinitiv Eikon, Bloomberg

TOP GAINERS & LOSERS

GCC Trading Activity	Close Price	1D Change		Performance		Vol. ('000)	P/E TTM
		Value	%	1Y (%)	1M (%)		
Top Gainers							
Qatar General Insurance & Reinsurance Company	1.1	0.1	8.8%	-30.2%	26.9%	21	NM
Estithmar Holding	2.0	0.1	5.7%	-2.8%	3.4%	4,351	19
Qatar Insurance Company	2.1	0.1	5.1%	-11.7%	-4.4%	2,930	8
Qatar National Bank	13.5	0.5	4.2%	-38.9%	-2.7%	25,534	9
Gulf International Services	3.2	0.1	4.0%	-38.7%	-1.0%	9,297	12
Top Losers							
Qatar Fuel Company	13.5	(1.2)	-8.4%	7.3%	-2.3%	3,835	13
Ahli Bank	3.5	(0.2)	-6.1%	-13.1%	-6.7%	496	11
MEEZA QSTP LLC (Public)	3.6	(0.1)	-3.9%	-7.4%	-0.1%	2,604	38
Masraf Al Rayan	2.3	(0.1)	-2.8%	-3.6%	-5.9%	54,675	15
Medicare Group	4.0	(0.1)	-2.5%	-31.7%	2.8%	6,054	17

Source: S&P Capital IQ

MARKET COMMENTARY

Global

Worldwide stocks slightly increased following US inflation figures that indicated no significant new upward trend last month, meeting expectations. However, investors remained uncertain about the timing of potential interest rate cuts by the Federal Reserve. US stocks indexes gained with S&P 500 closing at 5,277.5, Dow Jones Industrial Average closed after gaining 574.8 points at 38,686.3, while Nasdaq closed flat. European and Asian indexes showed mixed sentiments. Oil prices dropped on Friday and recorded a weekly decline as investors awaited an upcoming OPEC+ meeting on Sunday, which will decide the fate of the producer group's production cuts, with US WTI crude settling at USD 77.0 a barrel and Brent crude at USD 81.1 per barrel. Gold lost 0.9% to close at 2,345.8.

GCC

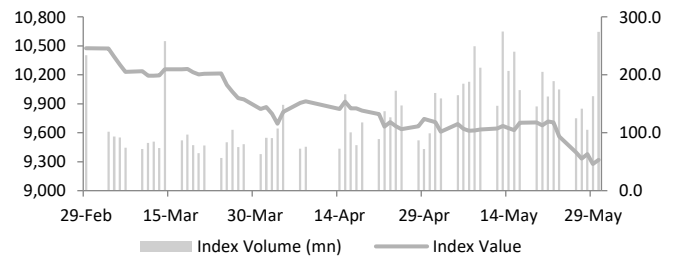
On Thursday, many stock markets in the Gulf recovered from initial declines to close higher, anticipating crucial U.S. inflation data later in the week, with the Saudi index reaching its lowest point in over five months, however Stock markets in the United Arab Emirates closed higher on Friday. Abu Dhabi's benchmark index advanced 1.3%, rebounding to a second session after hitting a 28-month low on May 29. Kuwait's index lost 0.2%, closed at 7,051.9, while Oman's index gained 0.4%, closing at 4,845.7 and Bahrain closed at 2,039.3 after gaining 0.2%.

Qatar

The Qatari benchmark index rose 0.4% after dropping to its lowest in nearly four years at yesterday's close. The index was lifted by a 4.2% increase in Qatar National Bank, the region's largest lender, and a 4% gain in Gulf International Services. The banks and financial services sector index gained 1.6%, consumer goods and services lost 4.2%, industrials gained 1.3%, insurance gained 3.3%, real estate closed losing 1.2%, telecom closed gaining 1.8% and transportation lost 1.0%.

The top performer includes Qatar General Insurance & Reinsurance Company and Estithmar Holding while Qatar Fuel Company and Ahli Bank were among the top losers. Trading saw a volume of 347.7 mn shares exchanged in 26,761 transactions, totalling QAR 1,430.0 mn in value with market cap of QAR 541.8 bn.

Qatar DSM Index



Source: Investing.com

QE Sector Indices	Closing Level	1D Change (%)
Banks & Financial Services	3,858.9	1.61%
Consumer Goods & Services	6,975.9	-4.24%
Industrials	3,906.0	1.25%
Insurance	2,285.3	3.92%
Real Estate	1,576.2	-1.24%
Telecoms	1,508.9	1.83%
Transportation	4,961.0	-0.97%

Source: Qatar Stock Exchange

Qatar Trading Summary	Buy (%)	Sell (%)
Qatari Individuals	14.6	10.5
Qatari Institutions	22.0	14.8
Qatari - Total	36.6	25.3
Foreign Individuals	5.6	5.1
Foreign Institutions	57.8	69.6
Foreign - Total	63.4	74.7

Source: Qatar Stock Exchange



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KEY NEWS OF QATAR

▶ US concerns drag QSE 243 points; M-cap erodes QAR 11.44bn

Uncertainty over the Federal Reserve's stance on interest rates and US inflation data led to a 243-point drop in the Qatar Stock Exchange (QSE) index and a market capitalisation loss of over QAR 11 bn. Foreign institutional investors' increased net selling contributed to a 2.54% decline in the 20-stock Qatar Index. The week saw significant selling pressure in the real estate and consumer goods sectors, while notable developments included Aamal Company's purchase of Masraf Al Rayan's stake in Ci San Trading for QAR 32 mn and the Qatar Central Bank launching the "Express Sandbox." The Islamic index fell faster than other indices, with banks and industrials making up more than 58% of total trade volumes. Despite these losses, domestic funds and local retail investors were net buyers, and sectors such as insurance saw slight gains. Total trade turnover and volumes rose in both the main and venture markets. Major losers included Qatari German Medical Devices and Masraf Al Rayan, while gainers included Doha Insurance and Al Meera. [Read More](#)

▶ Qatar's automobile sector records a robust double-digit y-o-y growth in March

Qatar's automobile sector saw robust double-digit year-on-year growth in March 2024, driven by faster sales of private vehicles and trailers, according to the National Planning Council. The country registered 7,835 new vehicles, up 10.5% year-on-year and 8.4% month-on-month. Private vehicle registrations surged 23.5% annually, making up 77.07% of total new registrations. Trailer registrations rose 27.6% year-on-year. Meanwhile, private transport vehicle registrations increased by 12.4% year-on-year. New motorcycle registrations fell 2.6% annually but rose 58.5% monthly. Heavy equipment registrations decreased significantly, while renewals and ownership transfers showed mixed trends. Overall, vehicle-related processes totaled 134,343, down 3.4% year-on-year but up 5% month-on-month. [Read More](#)

▶ QCB launches 'Express Sandbox' for quicker market entry for solutions or innovations in fintech

The Qatar Central Bank (QCB) has launched "Express Sandbox," the first of its kind in the Middle East, to facilitate quicker market entry for innovative fintech solutions. This initiative aligns with Qatar's Third Financial Sector Strategy and FinTech Strategy. The expedited program offers faster regulatory assessment while ensuring high standards of risk management, consumer protection, and system integrity. Eligible applicants include financial institutions, fintech companies, startups, and partnered technology companies. Key criteria include a strong track record in financial services and understanding of the local market. The QCB aims to create a connected fintech ecosystem, maintain global competitiveness, strengthen the financial system, and provide meaningful local solutions. The initiative is part of broader efforts to regulate and develop the fintech sector, which began with payment regulations in 2019. The third financial sector strategy seeks to position Qatar as a leading ecosystem for emerging technologies and digital transformation. [Read More](#)

KEY NEWS OF SAUDI ARABIA

▶ Saudi Arabia set to launch USD 10 bn Aramco offer

Saudi Arabia is set to launch a secondary offering of Aramco shares, potentially raising over USD 10 bn. The government plans to run a book-building process until next Thursday, with the offering likely priced at up to a 10% discount to trading prices. This follows Aramco's stock hitting a year-low and coincides with an Opec+ meeting on oil output policy. Banks including Citigroup, Goldman Sachs, and HSBC are involved, with Moelis & Co advising. The sale aims to fund Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's economic transformation initiatives. Saudi Arabia, holding an 82% stake in Aramco, faces budget challenges with oil prices below the needed level. The offering will test investor appetite amid climate change concerns and a competitive pricing environment compared to other oil giants. The Tadawul All Share Index has recently underperformed, partly due to investors holding cash for new share offerings. [Read More](#)

▶ Rapid rollout of clean technologies makes energy cheaper: IEA

A report by the International Energy Agency (IEA) highlights that rapid adoption of clean technologies can enhance energy affordability and accessibility, emphasizing the need for substantial investments to meet net-zero goals by 2050, which will significantly reduce global energy system operating costs. Clean energy technologies, such as solar and wind, are already more cost-competitive than conventional fuels, and electric vehicles offer long-term cost savings despite higher upfront costs. The report underscores the importance of upfront investments, particularly in developing economies where fossil fuel

subsidies hinder progress. Policy interventions, including energy efficiency programs and affordable green transport options, are crucial to support disadvantaged households and promote clean energy adoption. While clean technologies provide cost benefits and are less volatile than oil prices, the transition involves risks like price shocks, geopolitical tensions, and vulnerabilities in power systems to extreme weather and cyberattacks. Ensuring a reliable supply of energy transition minerals is also vital, with the market size expected to double by 2040 to USD 770 bn. [Read More](#)

KEY NEWS OF UAE

▶ FTA has 'set timeframe' for corporate tax registrations

The UAE Federal Tax Authority (FTA) has announced specific deadlines for submitting Corporate Tax registration applications, emphasizing the need for compliance within these timeframes. The deadlines, communicated through various media channels, aim to facilitate smooth tax compliance and strengthen partnerships with businesses. For example, entities with licenses issued in January and February must submit by May 31, 2024, while those with licenses issued in March and April have until June 30, 2024. During an awareness workshop in Dubai, FTA Director General Khalid Ali Al Bustani highlighted the importance of ongoing engagement with businesses to understand their needs and offer reliefs that do not disrupt activities. The FTA's awareness campaign, part of its broader plan to enhance tax knowledge, has included both in-person and virtual events, guides, and publications. Additionally, the FTA has issued a Corporate Tax Guide for Free Zone Persons, underscoring the significance of Free Zones in the UAE economy. The FTA also explained the Corporate Tax Law, registration process via the "EmaraTax" platform, and the availability of certified tax agents for assistance. [Read More](#)

▶ UAE President meets with Libya's Prime Minister of Government of National Unity during visit to China

President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan met with Libyan Prime Minister Abdul Hamid Dbeibeh during a state visit to China. They discussed enhancing bilateral relations and cooperation, focusing on supporting Libya's sovereignty and development to achieve prosperity for its people. The meeting also covered the outcomes of the Ministerial Meeting of the China-Arab States Cooperation Forum in Beijing, which aims to strengthen Arab-Chinese relations. [Read More](#)

OTHER REGIONAL AND GLOBAL NEWS

▶ Oil settles down ahead of OPEC+ meeting, posts weekly loss

Oil prices fell on Friday, with Brent futures for July down 0.3% and August down 0.8%, while US West Texas Intermediate crude dropped 1.2%. For the week, Brent fell 0.6% and WTI 1%. Investors are awaiting Sunday's OPEC+ meeting, expected to discuss extending production cuts into 2025. Saudi Arabia has invited ministers for an in-person meeting in Riyadh. US crude production hit its highest level this year in March, while demand fell slightly. Recent pressure on the oil market is due to concerns about prolonged high US borrowing costs. Despite strong summer travel in the US, fuel use appears muted. Inflation data in the US and Eurozone showed mixed signals, impacting central bank policies. The US oil and gas rig count remained steady, but the total rig count fell for the third consecutive month in May. Money managers increased their net long US crude positions recently. [Read More](#)

▶ Gold prices tread water ahead of US inflation data

Gold prices remained flat on Friday as investors awaited the US inflation report, which could impact interest rate outlooks. Spot gold was stable at USD 2,342.68 per ounce, set for its fourth consecutive monthly gain, with a 0.4% increase this week and 2.5% for the month. US gold futures were also flat. The focus is on the upcoming Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE) price index, forecasted to rise by 0.3% month-on-month and 2.8% year-on-year. Despite gold's traditional role as an inflation hedge, higher interest rates could affect its attractiveness. Retail demand for physical gold in Asia weakened due to high prices, with Indian dealers offering discounts. Spot silver rose 0.3% to USD 31.28 per ounce, heading for its biggest monthly gain since July 2020. Platinum increased by 1.2% to USD 1,036.85, while palladium fell 0.2% to USD 946.36. Nor Nickel predicts a global palladium deficit of 0.9 mn ounces for 2024. [Read More](#)

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FX RATES

Currencies	Value	Currencies	Value
EUR/USD	1.08	USD/QAR	3.64
USD/JPY	157.22	EUR/QAR	3.95
GBP/USD	1.27	JPY/QAR	0.02
USD/CHF	0.90	GBP/QAR	4.63
USD/CAD	1.36	CHF/QAR	4.03
AUD/USD	0.66	CAD/QAR	2.67
NZD/USD	0.61	AUD/QAR	2.42
USD/INR	83.46	INR/QAR	0.04
USD/TRY	32.21	TRY/QAR	0.11
USD/ZAR	18.82	ZAR/QAR	0.19
USD/BRL	5.24	BRL/QAR	0.69

Source: S & P Capital IQ

GCC COMPANY RESULTS

FX Commentary

The dollar is on track for its first monthly decline this year amid expectations of potential rate cuts by the Federal Reserve, following a downward revision to first-quarter US economic growth. The euro edged up after euro zone inflation data surpassed expectations, complicating the outlook for the European Central Bank. Investors are awaiting the Fed's preferred inflation measure, the PCE price index, for further guidance on rate movements. Markets currently project a 45% chance of a rate cut in September. The dollar index is set for a 1.6% monthly loss, while the euro rose slightly to USD 1.08. Expectations of an ECB rate cut in June remain strong. The yen weakened, with the dollar up at 157.16 yen, amid uncertainty over Japan's inflation and the timing of the Bank of Japan's rate hike. The offshore Chinese yuan was steady after China's manufacturing activity unexpectedly declined in May.

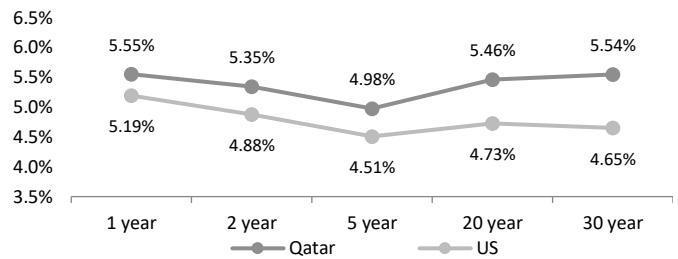
INTERBANK OFFERING & US SWAP RATES

Duration	Overnight	1 Week	1 Month	3 Month	1 Year
LIBOR	5.06	0.08	5.44	5.61	6.04
EURIBOR	3.91	3.88	3.76	3.79	3.72
QIBOR	5.80	5.85	5.90	6.00	6.25
SAIBOR	5.74	5.82	5.83	6.24	5.89
EIBOR	5.13	5.21	5.27	5.36	5.44
BMIBOR	6.05	6.30	6.61	6.34	6.39
KIBOR	2.38	3.75	4.06	4.25	4.69

Source: Refinitiv Eikon, Qatar Stock Exchange

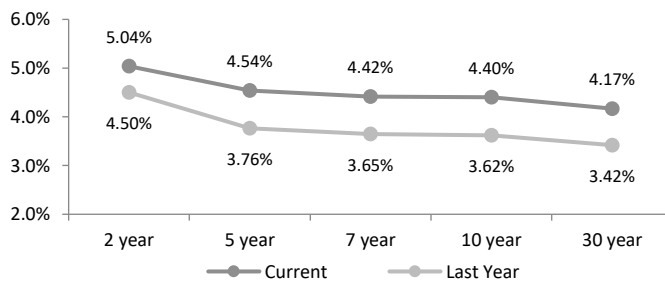
SOVEREIGN YIELD CURVES

Qatar vs US Treasuries Yields



Source: Investing.com

US Swap Rates



Source: Investing.com

5 Years CDS	Spreads	3M Change	5 Year CDS	Spreads	3M Change
US	41.2	2.8	Turkey	257.6	(30.4)
UK	23.7	(6.0)	Egypt	560.2	(30.4)
Germany	8.1	(3.5)	Abu Dhabi	38.0	1.5
France	24.1	0.3	Bahrain	175.1	(25.4)
Italy	63.0	(6.5)	Dubai	61.1	1.0
Greece	63.7	3.6	Qatar	38.6	(0.1)
Japan	21.8	1.3	Saudi Arabia	50.5	(1.6)

Source: S&P Capital IQ

Company Name	Ticker	Revenues (Mn)	YoY (%)	Net Profit (Mn)	YoY (%)
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Note: No Results were published on 30th May 2024.

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QSE MAIN FINANCIAL INDICATORS

Company	Dividend Yield (%)	P/B.V Ratio (x)	P/E Ratio (x)	EPS (QR)	Book Value/Share (QR)	Stock Price (QR)	Company
QNB	4.82	1.48	7.91	1.71	9.15	13.50	QNB
Qatar Islamic Bank	4.22	1.65	9.33	1.84	10.43	17.20	المصرف التجاري
Comm. Bank of Qatar	6.44	0.62	5.22	0.74	6.25	3.88	بنك الدوحة
Doha Bank	5.47	0.41	5.36	0.26	3.38	1.37	الاهلي الدولي
Ahli Bank	7.19	1.32	10.43	0.33	2.63	3.48	الريان
Intl. Islamic Bank	4.49	2.15	12.82	0.78	4.67	10.03	QFC بنك لشا
Rayan	4.34	0.93	14.54	0.16	2.48	2.30	بنك دخان
Lesha Bank (QFC)	0.00	1.16	14.39	0.09	1.12	1.30	الإجارة
Dukhan Bank	4.52	1.49	14.14	0.25	2.38	3.54	دلالة
National Leasing	4.23	0.56	21.83	0.03	1.26	0.71	قطر وعمان
Dlala	0.00	1.27	nm	nm	0.96	1.21	إنماء
Qatar Oman	0.00	1.16	nm	nm	0.70	0.81	البنوك والخدمات المالية
Inma	1.16	1.53	19.27	0.22	2.81	4.30	زاد
Banks & Financial Services	4.79	1.28	8.72	0.73	4.98		
Zad Holding Company	5.19	2.55	18.20	0.69	4.91	12.52	الطبية
Qatar German Co. Med	0.00	5.53	H	0.01	0.31	1.74	بلدنا
Baladna	5.33	1.09	18.00	0.07	1.20	1.31	السلام
Salam International	4.65	0.50	15.40	0.04	1.28	0.65	الرعاية
Medicare	5.54	1.09	16.78	0.24	3.66	3.97	السينما
Cinema	2.41	1.46	38.60	0.08	2.00	2.91	قطر للوقود
Qatar Fuel	6.69	1.57	13.32	1.01	8.58	13.45	ودام
Widam	0.00	2.89	nm	nm	0.89	2.57	مجتمع المناعي
Mannai Corp.	6.35	1.76	9.67	0.41	2.23	3.94	الميرة
Al Meera	6.49	1.62	14.30	0.92	8.11	13.10	مقدام
Mekdam	0.00	24.03	13.39	0.27	0.15	3.60	ميزة
MEEZA QSTP	2.25	3.21	38.30	0.09	1.11	3.55	الفالج
Faleh	0.00	na	na	0.00	0.00	0.70	الخدمات والسلع الاستهلاكية
Consumer Goods & Services	5.59	1.60	15.38	0.29	2.77		
QAMCO	5.19	1.17	17.16	0.08	1.16	1.35	قامكو
Ind. Manf. Co.	5.18	0.65	7.89	0.32	3.85	2.51	التحويلية
National Cement Co.	8.54	0.79	11.94	0.29	4.47	3.52	الاسمنت
Industries Qatar	6.75	1.91	14.45	0.80	6.04	11.55	صناعات قطر
The Investors	9.79	0.65	10.85	0.14	2.37	1.53	المستثمرين
Electricity & Water	5.76	1.14	11.18	1.34	13.06	14.93	كهرباء وماء
Aamal	0.00	0.60	12.77	0.06	1.27	0.76	أعمال
Gulf International	4.76	1.57	12.65	0.25	2.00	3.15	الخليج الدولية
Mesaieed	5.00	1.33	21.44	0.08	1.29	1.72	مسعييد
Estithmar Holding	0.00	1.35	18.53	0.11	1.45	1.95	استثمار القابضة
Industrials	5.69	1.41	14.59	0.24	2.50		
Qatar Insurance	4.76	1.15	nm	nm	1.83	2.10	قطر
Doha Insurance Group	7.16	1.05	11.33	0.22	2.33	2.45	مجموعة الدوحة للتأمين
QLM	6.41	1.13	8.46	0.23	1.73	1.95	كيو إل إم
General Insurance	0.00	0.28	nm	nm	3.75	1.06	العامية
Alkhaleej Takaful	5.09	1.02	11.91	0.20	2.31	2.36	الخليج التكافلي
Islamic Insurance	6.19	2.43	10.55	0.77	3.32	8.08	الإسلامية
Beema	4.85	1.53	12.57	0.30	2.44	3.72	بيمه
Insurance	4.89	0.97	nm	nm	2.25		
United Dev. Company	4.78	0.36	10.93	0.11	3.16	1.15	المتحدة للتنمية
Barwa	6.38	0.51	9.62	0.29	5.49	2.82	بروة
Ezdan Holding	0.00	0.62	H	0.00	1.27	0.79	إزدان القابضة
Mazaya	3.88	0.62	17.03	0.04	1.03	0.65	مزايا
Real Estate	2.52	0.54	22.25	0.05	1.92		
Ooredoo	5.84	1.19	13.05	0.72	7.93	9.43	Ooredoo
Vodafone Qatar	6.56	1.54	13.66	0.12	1.09	1.68	فودافون قطر
Telecoms	5.97	1.24	13.16	0.38	4.04		
Qatar Navigation	3.47	0.75	12.11	0.89	14.44	10.80	الملاحة
Gulf warehousing Co	3.22	0.84	8.73	0.39	4.04	3.41	مخازن
Nakilat	3.53	1.84	15.00	0.26	2.15	3.96	ناقلات
Transportation	3.50	1.18	13.39	0.37	4.23		
Exchange	4.91	1.20	11.61	0.33	3.22		

Source: Qatar Stock Exchange; "nm" stands for Minus ratio due to company losses according to the latest financial data and "H" stands for The P/E ratio is one hundred times and more.

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