

May 22, 2024

GLOBAL MARKETS

Indices	Closing Level	Change		Performance	
		Value	%	MTD (%)	YTD (%)
Global					
S&P 500	5,321.4	13.3	0.3	5.7	11.6
Dow Jones Ind. Average	39,873.0	66.2	0.2	5.4	5.8
Nasdaq 100	18,713.8	39.6	0.2	7.3	11.2
FTSE 100	8,416.5	(7.7)	(0.1)	3.3	8.8
DAX 30	18,726.8	(42.2)	(0.2)	4.4	11.8
CAC 40	8,141.5	(54.5)	(0.7)	2.0	7.9
BIST 100	10,895.3	155.7	1.4	8.5	45.8
Nikkei	38,946.9	(122.8)	(0.3)	1.4	16.4
Hang Seng	19,220.6	(415.6)	(2.1)	8.2	12.7
Shanghai Composite	3,158.0	(13.2)	(0.4)	1.7	6.2
BSE Sensex	73,953.3	(52.6)	(0.1)	(0.7)	2.4
GCC					
QE Index	9,716.3	39.2	0.4	(0.1)	(10.3)
Saudi Arabia (TASI)	12,122.5	(2.9)	(0.0)	(2.2)	1.3
UAE (ADX)	9,008.6	(29.1)	(0.3)	(0.6)	(5.9)
UAE (DFM)	4,075.2	8.0	0.2	(1.9)	0.4
Kuwait (KSE)	7,138.6	(13.7)	(0.2)	1.2	4.7
Oman (MSM)	4,778.9	(3.9)	(0.1)	(0.1)	5.9
Bahrain (BAX)	2,014.1	(3.9)	(0.2)	(0.7)	2.2
MSCI GCC	1,029.1	2.7	0.3	(1.8)	(3.5)
Dow Jones Islamic	6,671.4	(1.5)	(0.0)	5.5	9.9
Commodity					
Brent	82.7	(0.8)	(0.9)	(4.2)	7.3
WTI	78.7	(0.6)	(0.8)	(4.0)	9.5
Natural Gas	2.8	(0.1)	(2.1)	42.6	22.0
Gold Spot	2,425.9	(12.6)	(0.5)	5.3	17.1
Copper	5.1	0.0	0.5	11.9	31.2

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	4.71%	11.3
DSM 20	11.0	1.4	4.95%	10.7
Saudi Arabia (TASI)	22.2	4.9	5.37%	15.5
UAE (ADX)	18.5	2.6	2.20%	16.0
UAE (DFM)	10.6	3.0	6.15%	8.8
Kuwait (KSE)	17.3	1.7	4.32%	22.2
Oman (MSM)	9.5	0.9	5.20%	4.1
Bahrain (BAX)	10.0	2.2	4.40%	12.8

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							
Mesaieed Petrochemical Holding Company	1.8	0.1	3.7%	-21.5%	-7.0%	20,494	22
Damaan Islamic Insurance Company "Beema"	3.8	0.1	2.2%	-4.4%	0.6%	46	8
Medicare Group	4.4	0.1	2.0%	-33.5%	4.5%	10,035	19
Widam Food Company	2.5	0.0	1.5%	-7.3%	-0.6%	1,726	NM
Barwa Real Estate Company	3.1	0.0	1.2%	9.2%	5.1%	3,914	10
Top Losers							
INMA Holding Company	4.3	(0.1)	-2.8%	-9.0%	-0.1%	1,182	19
QLM Life & Medical Insurance Company	2.0	(0.0)	-2.3%	-7.0%	3.0%	43	9
Ooredoo	9.5	(0.2)	-1.9%	-19.0%	1.9%	1,804	10
Zad Holding Company	12.6	(0.2)	-1.6%	24.4%	20.0%	9	18
Qatar Fuel Company Q.P.S.C. ("WOQOD")	14.4	(0.2)	-1.4%	1.4%	3.4%	530	14

Source: S&P Capital IQ

MARKET COMMENTARY

Global

The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 39,873.0, gaining 66.2 point, with the S&P 500 rising by 13.3 points to 5,321.4 and the Nasdaq 100 gaining 39.61 points to 18,713.8. European shares fell on Tuesday, reversing more positive sentiment seen at the start of the week. There is caution around interest rate reductions, with investors waiting for economic data due later in the week. Gold prices fell 0.5% to USD 2,425.9 per ounce, and oil prices fell, with US WTI crude settling at USD 78.7 a barrel and Brent crude at USD 82.7 per barrel, as industry data showed an unexpected build in US inventories, while persistent concerns over high US interest rates also kept sentiment subdued.

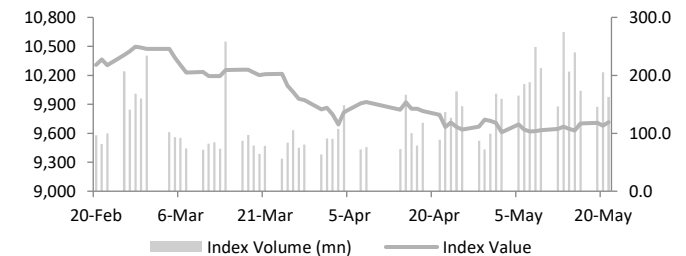
GCC

Most Gulf stock markets fell on Tuesday after US Federal Reserve officials expressed uncertainty about potential interest rate cuts this year, dampening market sentiment and The Gulf's subdued market performance highlights the sensitivity of local economies to US monetary policy. Saudi Arabia's benchmark index stayed flat, with key sectors like finance, healthcare, and energy feeling the pinch. Over in Abu Dhabi, the index also declined by 0.3%, with Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank losing 1.8% and Alpha Dhabi Holding dropping 1.9%. In contrast, Dubai's benchmark rose by 0.2%, boosted by finance, real estate, and industry sectors.

Qatar

The Qatari benchmark closed at 9,716.3 gaining 0.4%. The banks and financial services sector index gained 0.7%, consumer goods and services losing 0.9%, industrials gaining 0.6%, insurance gaining 0.2%, real estate gained by 0.6%, telecom shrank 1.4% and transportation gained 0.24%. The top performer includes Mesaieed Petrochemical Holding Company Q.P.S.C. and Damaan Islamic Insurance Company "Beema" (Q.P.S.C.) while INMA Holding Company Q.P.S.C. and QLM Life & Medical Insurance Company Q.P.S.C. were among the top losers. Trading saw volume of 162.6 mn shares exchanged in 17,732 transactions, totalling QAR 528.5 mn value with market cap at QAR 561.8 bn.

Qatar DSM Index



Source: Investing.com

QE Sector Indices	Closing Level	1D Change (%)
Banks & Financial Services	4,016.6	0.74%
Consumer Goods & Services	7,281.0	-0.87%
Industrials	4,022.3	0.55%
Insurance	2,325.0	0.23%
Real Estate	1,715.6	0.63%
Telecoms	1,518.5	-1.43%
Transportation	5,195.9	0.24%

Source: Qatar Stock Exchange

Qatar Trading Summary	Buy (%)	Sell (%)
Qatari Individuals	26.1	28.2
Qatari Institutions	41.5	29.0
Qatari - Total	67.5	57.2
Foreign Individuals	13.4	12.4
Foreign Institutions	18.6	30.4
Foreign - Total	32.0	42.8

Source: Qatar Stock Exchange

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KEY NEWS OF QATAR

▶ Qatar's real GDP to gradually pick up to 1.75 percent in 2024-2025: IMF

The IMF forecasts Qatar's real GDP to bottom out soon and rise by 1.75% in 2024-2025. In 2023, Qatar's GDP growth was 1.3% as the post-World Cup normalization continued. Non-hydrocarbon output is expected to grow due to strong public sector investments, tourism, and ongoing LNG expansion projects. The IMF also projects a 5.5% fiscal surplus for 2023, with non-oil GDP growth over 2% and a decline in central government debt to below 40% of GDP. Further spending cuts are anticipated in 2024. [Read More](#)

▶ Qatar Airways sees 'very high' load factor across network: Group CEO

Despite the ongoing Middle East conflict, Qatar Airways has experienced a "very high" load factor across its network, according to Group CEO Badr Mohamed al-Meer. Speaking at the Qatar Economic Forum, al-Meer highlighted a 27% increase in passenger traffic at Hamad International Airport from January to mid-May 2024, following a 30% rise last year. Qatar Airways boasts an average load factor of 95-96% on US flights and 85-88% across its network. Al-Meer noted that geopolitical issues have not significantly impacted the airline. [Read More](#)

▶ Qatar offers inclusive package of incentives to attract global investments, says Al Mesned

Qatar Chamber Board Member Eng. Ali bin Abdullatif Al Mesned highlighted the significant development in economic and commercial cooperation between Qatar and Oman during a panel discussion in Doha. He emphasized the potential for joint ventures in sectors like food industries, tourism, and petrochemicals, and the importance of continuous communication between businesspersons from both countries. Qatar offers numerous incentives to attract foreign investors, encouraging Omani businesses to explore these opportunities. Zahra bint Ali Al Siyabi from Oman's Ministry of Commerce presented key investment incentives for Qatari investors, stressing the role of the Qatari-Omani Business Council in fostering bilateral partnerships through business visits and joint exhibitions. [Read More](#)

▶ Qatar, France discusses economic and financial ties

Minister of Finance H E Ali bin Ahmed Al Kuwari met with Minister of the Economy, Finance, Industry and Digital Sovereignty of the French Republic H E Bruno Le Maire on the sidelines of his recent visit. During the meeting, the most prominent topics of importance to both countries were discussed, especially in the economic and financial fields, in addition to exploring the best ways and strategies to enhance cooperative endeavours between the two countries. [Read More](#)

KEY NEWS OF SAUDI ARABIA

▶ Saudi Arabia to drive offshore innovation, maritime investments with Ras al-Khair Special Economic Zone

The Ras al-Khair Special Economic Zone (SEZ) is set to enhance Saudi Arabia's economy by becoming a technology and innovation hub, focusing on shipbuilding and offshore rig fabrication. Aligning with Vision 2030, it leverages advanced technologies and strategic location advantages. Supported by major investments from Saudi Aramco and others, the SEZ offers incentives like 0% withholding tax and VAT exemptions. Projections for 2021-2030 indicate the SEZ will contribute SAR 119 bn in exports, SAR 82 bn to GDP, and create over 80,000 jobs. The SEZ aims to meet rising demand for offshore platforms, solidifying Saudi Arabia's global maritime hub status. [Read More](#)

▶ Saudi Arabia closes May sukuk issuance at USD 860 mn

Saudi Arabia completed its May sukuk issuance at SAR 3.23 bn (USD 860 mn), according to the National Debt Management Centre. This issuance is split into two tranches: SAR 71 mn maturing in 2029 and SAR 3.16 bn due in 2036. S&P Global forecasts global sukuk issuance to reach USD 160- USD 170 bn in 2024, with Saudi Arabia playing a significant role. The kingdom's strong issuance is driven by its ongoing economic transformation programs. [Read More](#)

KEY NEWS OF UAE

▶ France open to UAE investments in nuclear industry, says minister

France's Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire expressed openness to United Arab Emirates (UAE) investment in its nuclear energy sector during discussions in Abu Dhabi. The move comes as the UAE seeks partnerships with European nations for its state nuclear power company. Le Maire highlighted potential investment avenues, including involvement with companies like Orano. Additionally, French

assistance is on offer for the UAE's nuclear industry expansion plans, with talks planned with key UAE officials. The UAE, a US security partner, notably became the first Arab state to operate a nuclear power plant in 2021. [Read More](#)

▶ UAE: Private sector companies urged to meet H1 2024 Emiratisation targets before June 30

The Ministry of Human Resources and Emiratisation (MoHRE) has urged private sector companies with 50 or more employees to meet their half-yearly Emiratisation targets for 2024, requiring a 1% increase in Emiratis in skilled jobs by 30th June. From 1st July, compliance will be monitored. The Ministry commended companies that met targets and emphasized the importance of registering UAE citizens in pension funds and the Wage Protection System (WPS). Companies lagging in targets are encouraged to use the "Nafis" platform to find qualified Emirati candidates. MoHRE identified 1,379 companies circumventing targets, unlawfully hiring 2,170 UAE citizens since mid-2022, leading to fines, downgraded ratings, and referrals to the Public Prosecution. The Ministry called for reporting violations to ensure Emiratisation enhances Emirati participation in the job market and contributes to economic development. [Read More](#)

OTHER REGIONAL AND GLOBAL NEWS

▶ Gold prices hold steady on Fed rate outlook

Gold prices remained steady on Wednesday, hovering above the key USD 2,400 level due to safe-haven buying and anticipated interest rate cuts from the US Federal Reserve later this year. Spot gold was at USD 2,422.45 per ounce, close to Monday's record high of USD 2,449.89, while US gold futures held at USD 2,426.00. Despite recent data indicating a downward trend in US inflation, Fed policymakers remain cautious about cutting rates too soon. The Federal Reserve's meeting minutes, expected at 1800 GMT, may provide more insights into potential rate cuts. Meanwhile, the Shanghai Futures Exchange will increase trading limits and margin requirements for gold and silver futures from May 23. Spot silver rose 0.4% to USD 32.08 per ounce, platinum increased 0.4% to USD 1,050.50, and palladium remained flat at USD 1,025.75. [Read More](#)

▶ Oil slips for third session on likely 'higher for longer' US rates

Oil prices fell for a third consecutive session on Wednesday due to expectations that the Federal Reserve may maintain higher US interest rates for an extended period to combat inflation, potentially reducing fuel demand in the world's largest oil consumer. Brent crude futures decreased by 0.5% to USD 82.45 per barrel, and US West Texas Intermediate crude (WTI) futures dropped 0.6% to USD 78.16 per barrel. The Federal Reserve officials emphasized the need to wait several more months before considering rate cuts. Additionally, US crude oil and gasoline inventories rose last week, while distillate stocks fell. Retail gasoline prices declined for the fourth consecutive week ahead of the US summer driving season. Investors await the Federal Reserve's meeting minutes and weekly US oil inventory data from the EIA. Meanwhile, the euro zone is expected to cut rates on June 6, with European Central Bank President Christine Lagarde expressing confidence in controlling euro zone inflation. [Read More](#)

▶ IMF warns Italy on high public debt

The IMF has issued a stark warning to Italy, urging immediate action to tackle its soaring public debt, projected to reach 145% of GDP. Following consultations, the IMF emphasized the urgency of swift fiscal adjustments and structural reforms for economic stability. Italy's economy has shown resilience amid pandemic and energy price challenges, driven by tourism and policy support. Led by Rachel van Elkan, the IMF mission stressed the need for faster-than-planned fiscal adjustments to ensure long-term debt sustainability and bolster economic resilience. Despite recovery, Italy's GDP growth has slowed, with forecasts indicating modest expansion. Expansionary fiscal policies have maintained high deficits and public debt, hindering private sector investment. The IMF forecasts Italy's public debt to rise to approximately 140% of GDP in 2024, escalating further to 145% by the forecast period's end. Urgent action is crucial to secure Italy's economic future amidst mounting debt risks. [Read More](#)

▶ Wheat hits 10-month high on expectations of lower Russian supply

Chicago wheat futures hit their highest level since July on Wednesday, driven by adverse weather conditions that led to reduced harvest estimates in Russia and concerns about potential crop damage in Ukraine, causing a 17% price surge this month. Additionally, US crop condition ratings declined, with the USDA lowering the winter wheat crop rating to 49% good to excellent. Meanwhile, soybean and corn futures saw slight increases, with significant planting progress reported in the US. [Read More](#)

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FX RATES

Currencies	Value	Currencies	Value
EUR/USD	1.09	USD/QAR	3.64
USD/JPY	156.13	EUR/QAR	3.95
GBP/USD	1.27	JPY/QAR	0.02
USD/CHF	0.91	GBP/QAR	4.63
USD/CAD	1.36	CHF/QAR	4.00
AUD/USD	0.67	CAD/QAR	2.67
NZD/USD	0.61	AUD/QAR	2.43
USD/INR	83.29	INR/QAR	0.04
USD/TRY	32.19	TRY/QAR	0.11
USD/ZAR	18.08	ZAR/QAR	0.20
USD/BRL	5.11	BRL/QAR	0.71

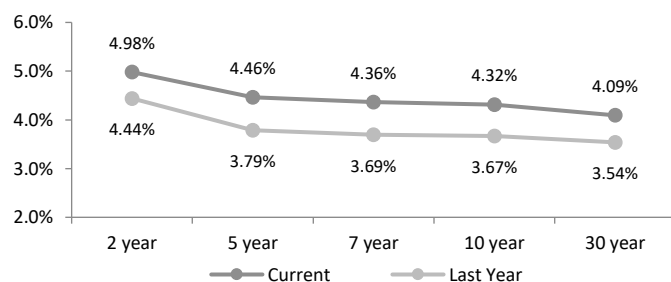
Source: S & P Capital IQ

INTERBANK OFFERING & US SWAP RATES

Duration	Overnight	1 Week	1 Month	3 Month	1 Year
LIBOR	5.06	0.08	5.43	5.59	6.04
EURIBOR	3.91	3.89	3.84	3.82	3.64
QAIBOR	5.80	5.85	5.90	6.00	6.25
SAIBOR	5.90	5.81	5.90	6.22	5.94
EIBOR	4.94	5.31	5.41	5.31	5.51
BMIBOR	6.05	6.30	6.60	6.33	6.37
KIBOR	2.31	3.75	4.06	4.25	4.69

Source: Refinitiv Eikon, Qatar Stock Exchange

US Swap Rates



Source: Investing.com

GCC COMPANY RESULTS

Company Name	Ticker	Revenues (Mn)	YoY (%)	Net Profit (Mn)	YoY (%)
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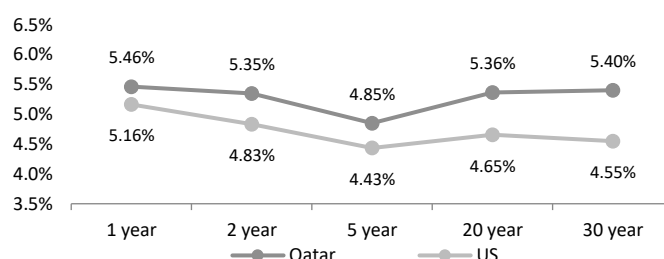
Note: No Results were published on 21st May.

FX Commentary

The US dollar edged up against the euro on Tuesday, as Federal Reserve policymakers said it is prudent for the US central bank to wait several more months to ensure that inflation really is back on a path to the 2% target before commencing interest rate cuts. Against other currencies, the greenback was mostly flat ahead of the US Memorial Day holiday next week. The euro was 0.05% lower at USD 1.09. Investors will be watching Thursday's data from the European Central Bank negotiated wage tracker and the euro zone Purchasing Managers' Index which could provide further clues about the monetary cycle in the euro area. The dollar index is down 0.005% to 104.6. Sterling remained steady at USD 1.27, and the dollar gained 0.09% on the yen to 156.13.

SOVEREIGN YIELD CURVES

Qatar vs US Treasuries Yields



Source: Investing.com

5 Years CDS	Spreads	3M Change	5 Year CDS	Spreads	3M Change
US	41.1	1.5	Turkey	260.1	(30.3)
UK	24.2	(5.8)	Egypt	532.8	(481.3)
Germany	8.2	(3.8)	Abu Dhabi	36.2	(2.0)
France	23.4	(0.6)	Bahrain	169.0	(34.4)
Italy	61.4	(10.5)	Dubai	61.3	(1.0)
Greece	62.4	0.5	Qatar	36.3	(4.2)
Japan	21.3	0.3	Saudi Arabia	49.3	(4.7)

Source: S&P Capital IQ

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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	4.69	1.44	8.25	1.68	9.65	13.85	QNB
Qatar Islamic Bank	4.07	1.66	9.77	1.82	10.75	17.80	المصرف التجاري
Comm. Bank of Qatar	6.02	0.69	5.58	0.74	6.03	4.15	بنك الدوحة
Doha Bank	5.24	0.43	5.77	0.25	3.37	1.43	الاهلي الدولي
Ahli Bank	6.75	1.32	11.29	0.33	2.80	3.70	الريان
Intl. Islamic Bank	4.29	2.14	13.62	0.77	4.90	10.48	QFC بنك لشا
Rayan	4.04	0.98	15.87	0.16	2.53	2.48	بنك دخان
Lesha Bank (QFC)	0.00	1.21	15.81	0.08	1.10	1.33	الاجارة
Dukhan Bank	4.24	1.53	15.18	0.25	2.46	3.78	دلالة
National Leasing	4.24	0.55	22.75	0.03	1.29	0.71	قطر وعمان
Dlala	0.00	1.30	H	0.01	0.98	1.28	إنماء
Qatar Oman	0.00	1.14	nm	nm	0.73	0.83	البنوك والخدمات المالية
Inma	1.18	1.53	23.40	0.18	2.79	4.26	زاد
Banks & Financial Services	4.61	1.29	9.20	0.72	5.13		
Zad Holding Company	5.18	2.69	18.47	0.68	4.67	12.55	الطبية
Qatar German Co. Med	0.00	6.22	H	0.01	0.31	1.94	بلدنا
Baladna	5.29	1.06	22.80	0.06	1.24	1.32	السلام
Salam International	4.46	0.45	18.53	0.04	1.51	0.67	الرعاية
Medicare	4.97	1.23	18.98	0.23	3.60	4.43	السينما
Cinema	2.41	1.38	41.72	0.07	2.10	2.91	قطر للوقود
Qatar Fuel	6.24	1.54	14.57	0.99	9.36	14.42	ودام
Widam	0.00	3.01	nm	nm	0.85	2.55	مجتمع المناعي
Mannai Corp.	6.13	1.87	10.96	0.37	2.18	4.08	الميرة
Al Meera	6.61	1.62	14.64	0.88	7.97	12.87	مقدام
Mekdam	0.00	2.60	13.66	0.27	1.42	3.69	ميزة
MEEZA QSTP	2.23	3.24	38.67	0.09	1.11	3.59	الفالح
Faleh	0.00	na	na	0.00	0.00	0.69	الخدمات والسلع الاستهلاكية
Consumer Goods & Services	5.37	1.57	16.98	0.27	2.95		
QAMCO	4.87	1.19	17.99	0.08	1.21	1.44	قامكو
Ind. Manf. Co.	5.00	0.67	7.58	0.34	3.91	2.60	التحويلية
National Cement Co.	8.48	0.75	11.27	0.31	4.73	3.54	الاسمنت
Industries Qatar	6.52	1.81	15.33	0.78	6.61	11.96	صناعات قطر
The Investors	9.64	0.63	10.37	0.15	2.48	1.56	المستثمرين
Electricity & Water	5.73	1.11	10.64	1.41	13.53	15.01	كهرباء وماء
Aamal	0.00	0.63	13.41	0.06	1.25	0.78	أعمال
Gulf International	4.81	1.51	14.80	0.21	2.07	3.12	الخليج الدولية
Mesaieed	4.78	1.32	20.89	0.09	1.36	1.80	مسعييد
Estithmar Holding	0.00	1.41	19.50	0.10	1.41	1.99	استثمار القابضة
Industrials	5.52	1.38	15.06	0.24	2.63		الصناعات
Qatar Insurance	4.63	1.16	11.72	0.18	1.87	2.16	قطر
Doha Insurance Group	7.32	0.99	7.93	0.30	2.43	2.39	مجموعة الدوحة للتأمين
QLM	6.40	1.09	8.96	0.22	1.79	1.95	كيو إل إم
General Insurance	0.00	0.27	nm	nm	3.81	1.03	العامة
Alkhaleej Takaful	4.79	1.07	9.90	0.25	2.34	2.50	الخليج التكافلي
Islamic Insurance	6.07	2.33	8.66	0.95	3.53	8.24	الاسلامية
Beema	4.75	1.50	10.79	0.35	2.53	3.79	بيمه
Insurance	4.81	0.97	nm	nm	2.31		التأمين
United Dev. Company	4.26	0.41	11.38	0.11	3.19	1.29	المتحدة للتنمية
Barwa	5.90	0.54	9.66	0.32	5.61	3.05	بروة
Ezdan Holding	0.00	0.64	H	0.00	1.26	0.81	إزدان القابضة
Mazaya	3.78	0.63	22.27	0.03	1.05	0.66	مزايا
Real Estate	2.38	0.57	21.93	0.05	1.94		العقارات
Ooredoo	5.78	1.15	10.11	0.94	8.26	9.52	Ooredoo
Vodafone Qatar	6.59	1.43	13.06	0.13	1.17	1.67	فودافون قطر
Telecoms	5.93	1.20	10.56	0.48	4.23		الاتصالات
Qatar Navigation	3.37	0.76	12.29	0.91	14.68	11.14	الملاحة
Gulf warehousing Co	3.32	0.82	9.03	0.37	4.07	3.32	مخازن
Nakilat	3.32	1.90	15.02	0.28	2.22	4.22	ناقلات
Transportation	3.33	1.21	13.55	0.39	4.32		النقل
Exchange	4.73	1.20	11.83	0.34	3.33		

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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