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## GLOBAL MARKETS

Indices	Closing Level	Change		Performance	
		Value	(%)	MTD (%)	YTD (%)
<b>Global</b>					
S&P 500	4,515.8	8.1	0.2	NA	17.6
Dow Jones Ind. Average	34,837.7	115.8	0.3	NA	5.1
Nasdaq 100	15,490.9	(10.2)	(0.1)	NA	41.6
FTSE 100	7,464.5	25.4	0.3	NA	0.2
DAX 30	15,840.3	(106.7)	(0.7)	NA	13.8
CAC 40	7,296.8	(19.9)	(0.3)	NA	12.7
BIST 100	8,056.1	138.2	1.8	NA	46.2
Nikkei	32,727.5	122.5	0.4	NA	23.5
Hang Seng	18,382.1	NA	NA	NA	(7.1)
Shanghai Composite	3,133.2	13.4	0.4	NA	1.4
BSE Sensex	65,387.2	555.8	0.9	NA	7.5
<b>GCC</b>					
QE Index	10,194.7	(155.4)	(1.5)	NA	(4.6)
Saudi Arabia (TASI)	11,491.2	(83.6)	(0.7)	NA	9.0
UAE (ADX)	9,786.6	(23.6)	(0.2)	NA	(4.2)
UAE (DFM)	4,090.0	7.2	0.2	NA	22.6
Kuwait (KSE)	7,005.8	(14.0)	(0.2)	NA	(3.9)
Oman (MSM)	4,799.0	38.7	0.8	NA	(1.5)
Bahrain (BAX)	1,952.2	(0.3)	(0.0)	NA	3.0
MSCI GCC	687.8	0.1	0.0	NA	(0.8)
Dow Jones Islamic	5,756.7	9.7	0.2	NA	19.0
<b>Commodity</b>					
Brent (USD/bbl)	88.6	1.7	1.9	1.9	7.9
WTI (USD/bbl)	85.6	1.9	2.3	2.3	11.2
Natural Gas (USD/mmBTU)	2.8	(0.0)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(30.7)
Gold Spot (USD/t oz.)	1,939.8	1.6	0.1	0.1	5.4
Copper (USD/lb)	3.8	0.0	1.1	1.1	1.2

Source: Refinitiv Eikon

## QATAR MARKET OVERVIEW

GCC Fundamentals	P/E (x)	P/B (x)	Dividend Yield (%)	Value Traded (USD mn)
Qatar All Share	12.1	1.2	4.6	263.3
DSM 20	12.3	1.2	4.8	211.1
Saudi Arabia (TASI)	18.8	2.1	3.3	2,336.9
UAE (ADX)	15.5	2.5	2.2	248.5
UAE (DFM)	9.9	1.5	4.4	131.1
Kuwait (KSE)	15.7	1.5	3.2	322.4
Oman (MSM)	10.4	0.9	4.7	7.4
Bahrain (BAX)	9.4	0.8	6.0	6.2

Source: Refinitiv Eikon

Qatar Trading Activity	Close Price	1D Change		Performance		Vol. ('000)	P/E TTM
		Value	(%)	YTD (%)	YoY (%)		
<b>Top Gainers</b>							
QA ISLAMIC INS	9.0	0.2	1.8	3.2	0.8	26.8	11.4
DOHA BK LTD	1.7	0.0	1.4	(11.9)	(31.9)	3,118.4	10.8
AAMAL HOLDING	0.8	0.0	0.7	(13.5)	(26.7)	981.3	14.8
VODAFONE QATAR	1.9	0.0	0.5	16.7	12.3	5,975.3	14.3
ZAD HOLDING	13.8	0.1	0.5	(0.8)	(19.5)	2.1	21.1
<b>Top Losers</b>							
QA NAT CEMENT	3.5	(0.3)	(7.9)	(27.7)	(29.1)	7,367.8	10.5
OOREDOO QSC	10.8	(0.4)	(3.2)	17.4	20.0	4,107.0	12.9
EZDAN HOLDING	1.0	(0.0)	(3.1)	3.9	(20.0)	3,442.4	NA
QA ISLAMIC BK	19.3	(0.6)	(2.8)	4.1	(22.4)	3,850.3	11.5
LESHA BANK	1.4	(0.0)	(2.8)	23.1	5.4	849.4	21.6

Source: Refinitiv Eikon; Note: Prices are in local currency.

## MARKET COMMENTARY

### Global

The S&P 500 finished higher on Friday as an increase in unemployment confirmed predictions of a slowdown in interest rate hikes this month but shares of streaming companies fell owing to a fee dispute between Disney and Charter Communications. The DJIA was up 0.3%, the S&P 500 gained 0.2%, and Nasdaq 100 declined 0.1%.

European shares were flat as declines in luxury and autos outweighed advances in commodity-linked sectors, while Danish pharmaceutical Novo Nordisk dethroned LVMH as Europe's most valuable listed business.

Japan's Nikkei share average finished 0.4% up as investors looked for bargains and scooped up undervalued stocks, with Sony Group and financials leading the gains. China equities climbed, powered by real estate firms, as Beijing announced new steps to bolster the stuttering housing industry and manufacturing activity unexpectedly increased last month. Typhoon Saola forced the closure of the Hong Kong market.

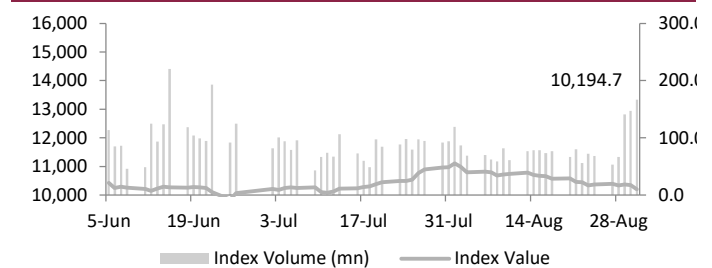
### GCC

Stock markets in the Gulf ended mixed after soft US economic data raised bets that the Federal Reserve would pause interest rate hikes next month. Saudi Arabia's benchmark index fell 0.7%, weighed down by a 1.9% drop in Dr Sulaiman Al-Habib Medical Services. Dubai's benchmark index settled 0.2% higher, helped by gains in financial and utilities stocks, while Abu Dhabi's benchmark index retreated 0.2%.

### Qatar

The Qatari Stock index fell 1.5%, hit by the Qatar National Cement (-7.9%) and the Ooredoo (-3.2%) were the top losers of the day. Out of the 47 traded stocks, 7 advanced, 37 declined and 3 remained unchanged. Total traded volume in the market was higher than the previous trading session. The Telecoms index went down by 2.3% and the Real Estate index declined by 2.1%.

### Qatar DSM Index



Source: Refinitiv Eikon

QE Sector Indices	Closing Level	1D Change (%)
Banks & Financial Services	4,226.0	(1.9)
Consumer Goods & Services	7,629.2	(0.8)
Industrials	3,955.3	(1.2)
Insurance	2,427.5	(0.5)
Real Estate	1,504.5	(2.1)
Telecoms	1,625.0	(2.3)
Transportation	4,387.3	(0.1)

Source: Refinitiv Eikon

Qatar Trading Summary	Buy (%)	Sell (%)
Qatari Individuals	23.1	16.9
Qatari Institutions	20.6	13.0
<b>Qatari – Total</b>	<b>43.7</b>	<b>29.8</b>
Foreign Individuals	9.3	6.4
Foreign Institutions	47.0	63.8
<b>Foreign – Total</b>	<b>56.3</b>	<b>70.2</b>

Source: Qatar Exchange

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## GLOBAL NEWS

- ▶ Job growth in the US increased in August, but the unemployment rate rose to 3.8% and pay gains slowed, indicating that labor market conditions were improving and solidifying predictions that the Federal Reserve will not hike interest rates this month. (Source: Reuters)
- ▶ Consumer spending in the US climbed for the first time in six months in July, as Americans purchased more goods and services, but sluggish monthly inflation rates reinforced predictions that the Federal Reserve will hold interest rates constant next month. (Source: Reuters)
- ▶ According to private polls, the eurozone industrial downturn eased last month, indicating that the worst may be over for the bloc's troubled manufacturers, while an unexpected comeback in China gave some optimism for export-reliant nations. (Source: Reuters)
- ▶ Home prices in Germany will fall by more than 5% this year and stagnate in 2024, according to property analysts polled by Reuters who said rents will become even less affordable as more potential buyers shun an expensive market. (Source: Reuters)
- ▶ Japan's economic output ran above full capacity in April-June for the first time in nearly four years, a government estimate showed, suggesting that conditions for ending its policy of ultra-low interest rates could be falling into place. (Source: Reuters)
- ▶ A Bank of Japan board member expressed doubt that the central bank's 2% inflation target can be met, implying that additional time may be required for the central bank to switch to a policy of monetary tightening. (Source: Mainichi)
- ▶ China's central bank announced that it will reduce the amount of foreign currency that financial institutions must maintain as reserves for the first time this year, reducing the rate of recent yuan losses. (Source: Reuters)
- ▶ China's factory activity surprisingly returned to expansion in August, a private-sector survey showed, with supply, domestic demand and employment improving, suggesting official efforts to revive growth might be having some effect. (Source: China Daily)
- ▶ According to Moody's newest outlook update report, the global credit ratings agency changed its projection for Turkey's economic growth in 2023 and 2024. According to the agency's Global Macro Outlook 2023-24 August report, Turkey's GDP is expected to expand 4.2% this year, up from 2.6% in May. (Source: Daily Sabah)

## GCC NEWS

- ▶ According to research by consultants EY, the UAE topped the region in M&As activity in the H1-23, as business-friendly government changes continue to attract investors. According to EY, government measures continue to draw investment into the nation. (Source: Zawya)
- ▶ According to UBS, a multinational Swiss bank, the Middle East's digital economy will increase from USD 180bn in 2022 to USD 780bn in 2030, representing a 20% annual growth rate, making it one of the world's fastest growing digital economies. (Source: Zawya)
- ▶ The UAE and New Zealand are in early talks to reach a trade deal. The two nations are presently in talks regarding a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement after non-oil trade between them reached USD 805mn in 2022, a 7% increase over 2021, according to the Ministry of Economy. (Source: Zawya)
- ▶ There is USD 178bn in untapped trade potential between China and the Middle East, North Africa, and Türkiye between now and 2027, and a business and investment corridor between the two is expected to accelerate. (Source: Trade Arabia)
- ▶ ADNEC Group, through its tourism business Tourism 365, has introduced new charter flight services in the UAE, expanding travel

choices for international travelers from a variety of countries and bolstering the UAE's hospitality offering and reputation as a leading global destination. (Source: Trade Arabia)

- ▶ Saudi-based Riyadh Cement Company has recorded solid growth for the first half with a 53% YoY surge in its net profit which hit SAR 126.6mn (USD 34mn) when compared to last year's figures of SAR 82.67mn. (Source: Arab News)
- ▶ According to its secretary-general, GCC members are beginning on a strategic mission to strengthen their international trade prospects and attract considerable investments by signing several free trade agreements. (Source: Arab News)
- ▶ According to newly disclosed official statistics, Saudi Arabia's trade balance, which represents the difference between the country's merchandise exports and imports, reached SAR 113bn (USD 30.12bn) in the Q2-23. (Source: Arab News)
- ▶ The gaming sector in Saudi Arabia is experiencing strong growth, fueled by the interest and enthusiasm of its population, said the top executive of one of the world's largest venture funds on esports. (Source: Arab News)
- ▶ According to the National Industrial and Mining Information Center, the Ministry of Industry and Mineral Resources awarded 102 new industrial licenses in July 2023, up from 73 in June, in an effort to encourage potential local enterprises. (Source: Arab News)
- ▶ According to a prominent tourism official, Oman is eager to boost the conference and events business both locally and regionally. Oman is trying to build infrastructure for high-level events while also strengthening ties with the ICCA. (Source: Gulf News)
- ▶ Net earnings for Bahrain-listed businesses declined 58% YoY in Q2-23, weighed down by decreases in the materials, banking, and diversified financial sectors. According to a study conducted by Kuwait-based Kamco Invest, the materials sector experienced the largest quarterly fall in earnings at Bahrain Bourse. (Source: Gulf News)
- ▶ According to a local bank, Kuwait is likely to increase capital investment on projects and other industries during its 2023-2024 state budget. According to a NBK analysis on Kuwait's budget, the OPEC producer will benefit from a projected increase in oil prices and reduced actual project spending in the previous year. (Source: Gulf News)

## QATAR NEWS

- ▶ Qatar has already established a National AI Strategy which is focused on six pillars - education, data access, employment, business, research, and ethics that together will guide Qatar towards the transition to an AI future. This has been established under the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology. (Source: Gulf News)
- ▶ The Qatari economy achieved a real growth rate of 2.7% during the first quarter of the current year compared to the same period in 2022, according to the annual basis. (Source: The Peninsula)
- ▶ Qatar Central Bank issued treasury bills for August for maturity dates of a week, one month, three months, six months, and nine months' worth QAR 4bn, indicating that the total bids amounted to QAR 10.3bn. (Source: Gulf News)
- ▶ The Ministry of Finance announced that the budget of the State of Qatar for the second quarter of the year 2023 recorded a surplus of QR 10bn. (Source: Gulf News)
- ▶ The Planning and Statistics Authority has announced the revised Monthly PPI of the Industrial sector for July 2023, which is assessed at 108.62 points, a 0.22% decline from the previous month's June 2023. (Source: Gulf News)

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## FX RATES

Currencies	Value	Currencies	Value
EUR/USD	1.0803	USD/QAR	3.6426
USD/JPY	146.2300	EUR/QAR	3.9351
GBP/USD	1.2618	JPY/QAR	0.0249
USD/CHF	0.8856	GBP/QAR	4.5962
USD/CAD	1.3594	CHF/QAR	4.1131
AUD/USD	0.6450	CAD/QAR	2.6796
NZD/USD	0.5945	AUD/QAR	2.3495
USD/INR	82.1887	INR/QAR	0.0443
USD/TRY	26.6311	TRY/QAR	0.1368
USD/ZAR	18.8361	ZAR/QAR	0.1934
USD/BRL	4.9463	BRL/QAR	0.7364

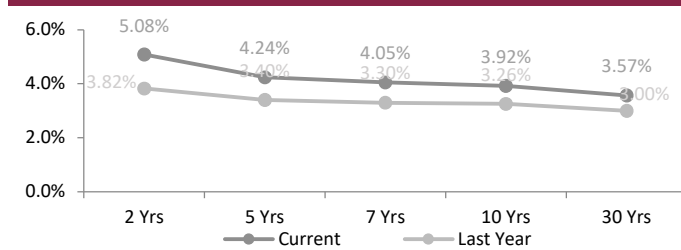
Source: Refinitiv Eikon

## INTERBANK OFFERING & US SWAP RATES

Duration	Overnight	1 Week	1 Month	3 Month	1 Year
LIBOR	5.06	0.08	5.44	5.66	6.04
EURIBOR	(0.65)	3.64	3.64	3.77	4.06
QAIBOR	5.70	5.73	5.83	6.00	6.25
SAIBOR	5.91	5.83	5.86	6.15	6.08
EIBOR	5.01	5.20	5.25	5.21	5.46
BMIBOR	6.05	6.31	6.76	6.71	6.80
KIBOR	2.38	3.75	4.00	4.25	4.69

Source: Refinitiv Eikon

## US Swap Rates



Source: Refinitiv Eikon

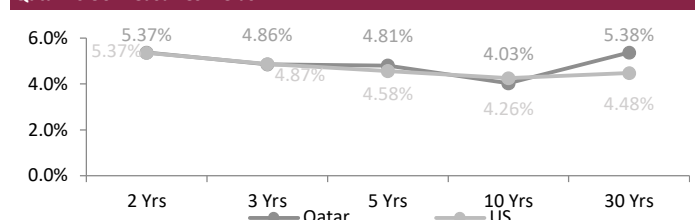
## FX Commentary

The USD rose against the EUR and the JPY after the August employment data revealed a still-strong labor market, despite some signs of slippage. The US Dollar index was up 0.6% at 103.13, overcoming price drops earlier in the week caused by softening economic data.

The EUR/USD traded down 0.6% at 1.0773 ahead of eurozone manufacturing PMI release. The GBP/USD went down 0.7% at 1.2588. The USD/JPY traded up 0.5% at 146.23. The USD/CNY traded up 0.03% at 7.2606 as China's manufacturing sector unexpectedly grew in August and the People's BoCutting the ratio of foreign exchange reserves required to be held by local banks. The USD/CAD went up 0.6% at 1.3594. The risk-sensitive AUD/USD traded down 0.5% at 0.6450 and the NZD/USD traded down 0.3% at 0.5945.

## SOVEREIGN YIELD CURVES & CDS SPREAD

### Qatar vs US Treasuries Yields



Source: Refinitiv Eikon, Investing.com

5 Years CDS	Spread	6M Change	5 Years CDS	Spread	6M Change
US	20.3	(14.8)	Turkey	376.2	(173.2)
UK	28.8	6.1	Brazil	167.7	(57.2)
Germany	16.0	1.0	Egypt	1,552.8	385.6
France	25.0	2.5	Abu Dhabi	36.3	(4.4)
Italy	86.2	(6.4)	Bahrain	216.3	(14.2)
Greece	69.2	(26.6)	Dubai	64.3	(5.9)
Russia	13,775.2	0.0	Qatar	36.8	(6.4)
Japan	22.2	(3.0)	Saudi Arabia	48.0	(11.2)

Source: Refinitiv Eikon, worldgovernmentbonds.com

## GCC COMPANY RESULTS

Company Name	Revenues (mn)	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)	Net Profit (mn)	YoY (%)	QoQ (%)
Orascom Construction	758.6	-18.9	-5.8	62.6	201.0	73.4
Apex Investment Co	154.1	-44.5	4.3	-8.6	NA	NA
Shamal Az-Zour Al-Oula Power	13.9	7.3	13.1	3.9	5.7	57.7
KAMCO Investment Co	4.6	-4.1	61.4	1.7	60.0	NA
Wethaq Takaful Insurance Co	0.0	-207.4	-236.5	0.1	366.3	NA
Kuwait Cement Co	15.7	8.7	-8.8	1.5	788.2	NA
Kuwait Projects Co	280.1	65.7	-8.7	5.2	133.1	2.3
Tamdeen Real Estate Co	6.6	6.1	-15.3	7.0	4.9	122.3
Kuwait Real Estate Co	7.6	11.7	3.2	2.9	9.0	-36.8
Noor Financial Investment Co	10.3	29.5	-6.2	6.6	103.1	-46.0
Mubarrad Holding Co	0.5	5.2	4.4	0.3	-14.0	-12.1
Al Khaleej Training and Educat	212.6	3.5	1.7	2.4	NA	-61.5
Kuwait Financial Centre	3.5	-2.9	1.9	1.9	NA	NA

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**QSE MAIN FINANCIAL INDICATORS (as on 31st August 2023)**

Company	Dividend Yield (%)	P/B Ratio (x)	P/E Ratio (x)	EPS (QR)	BV/Share (QR)	Stock Price (QR)	Company
QNB	3.85	1.40	10.45	1.44	11.38	15.60	QNB
Qatar Islamic Bank	3.23	1.66	11.54	1.62	11.54	19.32	المصرف الإسلامي
Comm. Bank of Qatar	4.40	0.94	8.68	0.62	6.31	5.68	البنك التجاري
Doha Bank	4.36	0.38	10.83	0.25	4.54	1.72	بنك الدوحة
Ahli Bank	5.26	1.24	12.80	0.29	3.13	3.80	الاهلي
Intl. Islamic Bank	4.04	1.66	14.81	0.64	6.00	9.89	الدولي
Rayan	4.50	0.86	19.91	0.14	2.59	2.22	الريان
Qatar First Bank (QFC)	0.00	1.34	21.61	0.07	1.17	1.41	QFC الأول
National Leasing	3.70	0.63	19.01	0.04	1.32	0.81	الاجارة
Dlala	0.00	1.68	0.00	-0.14	0.70	1.62	دلالة
Qatar Oman	0.00	1.11	0.00	0.01	0.82	0.86	قطروعمان
Inma	1.08	1.75	44.51	0.17	2.67	4.64	إنماء
<b>Banks &amp; Financial Services</b>	<b>3.82</b>	<b>1.21</b>	<b>11.25</b>	<b>0.77</b>	<b>5.20</b>		<b>البنوك والخدمات المالية</b>
Zad Holding Company	4.28	3.31	21.08	0.68	4.47	13.80	زاد
Qatar German Co. Med	0.00	7.56	209.78	0.01	0.30	2.36	الطبية
Salam International	0.00	0.57	24.14	0.05	1.24	0.71	السلام
Medicare	4.38	1.69	21.09	0.28	3.70	6.00	الرعاية
Cinema	1.87	1.56	48.85	0.04	2.12	3.20	السينما
Qatar Fuel	5.63	1.83	15.77	1.08	9.25	16.00	قطر للوقود
Widam	0.00	2.74	0.00	-0.34	1.08	2.34	ودام
Mannai Corp.	1.99	2.35	0.00	-0.60	2.16	5.02	مجمع المناعي
Al Meera	3.17	1.83	14.53	0.95	7.59	13.80	الميرة
Baladna	0.00	1.17	35.69	0.04	1.18	1.41	بلدنا
<b>Consumer Goods &amp; Services</b>	<b>4.38</b>	<b>1.69</b>	<b>17.88</b>	<b>0.25</b>	<b>3.22</b>		<b>الخدمات والسلع الاستهلاكية</b>
Ind. Manf. Co.	4.35	0.79	8.40	0.32	3.71	2.99	التحويلية
National Cement Co.	8.57	0.77	10.53	0.35	4.71	3.50	الاسمنت
Industries Qatar	8.90	2.00	14.32	1.46	6.94	12.36	صناعات قطر
The Investors	0.00	1.63	22.05	0.11	1.41	2.24	المستثمرين
Electricity & Water	5.30	1.35	11.07	1.55	13.75	17.91	كهرباء وماء
Aamal	5.93	0.69	14.83	0.06	1.25	0.84	أعمال
Gulf International	3.80	1.33	12.18	0.16	1.96	2.63	الخليج الدولية
Mesaieed	5.98	1.39	17.59	0.14	1.39	1.84	مسعيد
Investment Holding	0.00	1.63	22.05	0.11	1.41	2.24	استثمار القابضة
QAMCO	6.74	1.14	13.60	0.16	1.22	1.34	قامكو
<b>Industrials</b>	<b>7.19</b>	<b>1.40</b>	<b>13.26</b>	<b>0.38</b>	<b>2.69</b>		<b>الصناعات</b>
Qatar Insurance	0.00	0.93	24.97	0.02	2.40	2.35	قطر
Doha Insurance	7.11	0.94	9.76	0.20	2.30	2.11	الدوحة
General Insurance	0.00	0.24	0.00	-0.61	5.19	1.24	العامه
Alkhaleej Takaful	3.56	1.28	11.98	0.20	2.16	2.81	الخليج التكافلي
Islamic Insurance	5.01	2.99	11.40	0.73	3.04	8.98	الإسلامية
QLM	4.43	1.72	11.57	0.24	1.62	2.82	كيو إل إم
<b>Insurance</b>	<b>1.50</b>	<b>0.83</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>2.33</b>		<b>التأمين</b>
United Dev. Company	4.91	0.36	9.72	0.11	3.14	1.12	المتحدة للتنمية
Barwa	6.68	0.48	8.83	0.29	5.47	2.62	بروة
Ezdan Holding	0.00	0.82	0.00	0.00	1.26	1.04	إزدان القابضة
Mazaya	0.00	0.84	24.68	0.04	0.88	0.76	مزايا
<b>Real Estate</b>	<b>4.77</b>	<b>0.46</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>1.90</b>		<b>العقارات</b>
Ooredoo	3.98	1.37	12.91	0.74	7.59	10.80	Ooredoo
Vodafone Qatar	5.41	1.68	14.32	0.12	1.14	1.85	فودافون قطر
<b>Telecoms</b>	<b>4.33</b>	<b>1.47</b>	<b>13.23</b>	<b>0.44</b>	<b>3.92</b>		<b>الاتصالات</b>
Qatar Navigation	3.66	0.67	10.67	0.89	14.12	9.58	الملاحة
Gulf warehousing Co	3.09	0.83	7.92	0.41	3.81	3.24	مخازن
Nakilat	3.51	1.81	13.84	0.26	2.03	3.71	ناقلات
<b>Transportation</b>	<b>3.55</b>	<b>1.04</b>	<b>12.00</b>	<b>0.37</b>	<b>4.07</b>		<b>النقل</b>
<b>Market</b>	<b>2.73</b>	<b>2.17</b>	<b>18.77</b>	<b>0.31</b>	<b>2.71</b>		

Source: Refinitiv Eikon; Note: The above-mentioned indicators were calculated according to the latest reliable financial data.

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