The Qatari Businessmen Association has announced that a high-level QBA delegation will visit Europe from today in an effort to boost investment cooperation and strengthen bilateral partnerships between Qatar businessmen and their European counterparts.

The delegation will also include QBA board members Sheikh Nawaf bin Nasser bin Khaled al-Thani, Sheikh Hamad bin Faisal al-Thani and Sherida al-Kaabi. Other members of the delegation include QBA board members Sheikh Khalid bin Thani al-Thani, who is also the chairman of Al Sawari Holding.

Sheikh Faisal said, “Qatar has a very important and good relationship with France, Germany and the UK at all levels and various fields in the recent years. This is clear from the high-level visits and cooperation and partnership agreements in all fields, in particular in economy and trade, culture, science, medicine, arts and sports.”

The visit includes working meetings with senior government officials in the three countries and representatives of the private sector with a view to further enhancing the strategic partnership that links Qatar with these major international economies in different fields.

Sheikh Faisal affirmed that the recent decision of His Highness the Emir in relation to free investment zones is very important for the country, which aims at enhancing and pushing forward the progress of the economic and investment development, achieving higher volume of benefits for both Qatari and foreign investors. “During this visit, we will explain this to our economic partners, aiming at attracting major investors in all fields, especially in value added manufacturing industry” he said. Investments in the free zones qualify for various incentives and benefits, in accordance with the Free Zones Investment Law. Importantly, all nationalities qualify for investment in the free zones.

QBA said the visit of the Qatari businessmen to major European capitals was aimed at seeking partnerships between entrepreneurs on both sides and attracting new companies to the local market.

The Qatari market has about 200 French companies, half of which are registered with 100% French capital. The number of British companies operating in the Qatari market is 74, and half are engaged in the oil and gas, infrastructure and information technology sectors.

About 210 German companies are actively engaged in Qatar in various fields.
Shale onslaught weighs on Opec resurgency through next decade

OPEC opened up thePermian Basin of West Texas and New Mexico as a stand-out performer. Investors pouring billions into the region include Exxon Mobil Corp, Chevron Corp and Occidental Petroleum Corp, all of whom have diversified indigenous resources and staff away from refining into exploration and production. In 2016, OPEC, still has roots on the horizon that the shale boom has redefined.

The on-ground matrix closely watched by petroleum explorers - otherwise means the production per lateral foot drilled - is trending against boom-time long-term growth in shale supplies, according to Morgan Stanley research. “That, along with a shortage of drilling rigs and experienced workers, is causing some explorers to move up against problems, particularly in the Permian Basin,” Morgan Stanley analyst Maritx Sato said in a note to clients.

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OPEC is poised to become an oil exporter to China and India, as the world’s second-largest and fourth-largest energy markets. The group’s decision to boost output is expected to boost global oil prices and help lift the economy of oil-exporting countries, including those in the Middle East and North Africa. The decision is expected to boost global oil prices as much as 10% over the next six months.

A view of Mexico’s national company Pemex’s refinery in Salamanca, in Guanajuato state, Mexico (file). As the price of oil rises, an international rush is on for Mexico’s untapped deep-water riches, Bloomberg reported. The who’s who of the oil world – led by Exxon, Total Australia’s BHP Billiton Ltd, Russia’s Lukoil and China’s Cnooc Ltd, among others. In total 25 registered to bid for 29 deep-water plots.

Venezuela oil production heads to 29-year low

Venezuela is set to pump the least crude oil in over a quarter-century, with its output forecast to average 1.5 million barrels a day in 2017, according to the latest report by the US Energy Information Administration. Output has dropped sharply as the country’s political situation has deteriorated, with opposition leaders calling for new elections to be held.

The US is the world’s largest oil producer, with output of around 10 million barrels a day, according to the International Energy Agency. The US is also the world’s largest consumer of oil, with around 7 million barrels a day consumed. The US is also the world’s largest exporter of natural gas, with around 13 billion cubic feet a day exported.
Australia, Peru sign free trade deal for sugar industry

APEC leaders set to fight ‘unfair trade’ practices

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China has barred Zhao Wei, her husband and their 12-year-old daughter from the stock market for five years, according to a government notice. Zhao, her husband Huang Youlong, and their daughter Zhao Jun have been punished for major violations of securities laws, state media cited the China Securities Regulatory Commission as saying.

Zhao, Huang and their daughter, Zhao Jun, have been prohibited from taking any investor-related positions. Zhao, Huang and their daughter have also been barred from acting as directors of listed companies or non-listed companies, and from acting as supervisors of listed companies.

In addition, the three have been required to report any changes in their stock holdings and any new holdings of stocks in listed companies. The three have also been required to disclose any beneficial ownership of stocks and any other equity interests in listed companies.

The regulators also required the three to sell any stocks they held and to report any new stock purchases. The three have also been required to pay any fines and penalties imposed on them.

Zhao, Huang and their daughter have also been required to participate in seminars and training sessions on securities laws and regulations.

The government notice did not specify what kind of violations the three were found to have committed, but it said that the violations were serious and that the punishments were appropriate.

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China barred Zhao and Huang in 2018 for alleged insider trading.

In addition to Zhao and Huang, their daughter Zhao Jun was also punished.

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A majority owner of Ali Group, and actor Nicole Kidman attend a show during the online giant's 11.11 Singles' Day global shopping festival in Shanghai yesterday. Jack Ma, chairman of Alibaba Group, said in an interview at his office in Shanghai that Alibaba’s “Singles’ Day” shopping festival had swept past last year’s dollar total just minutes after midnight hit, with US$25bn in sales.

President Donald Trump said China was taking advantage of American workers and American companies with unfair trade practices but he wouldn’t hit back because China has been a “good deal” for America, the world’s biggest maker of hard candies. The US president is in Beijing as part of the US-China bilateral summit, and his target is China’s state-owned giant, said yesterday its Singles’ Day sales would exceed the combined sales for Black Friday in the US, and Cyber Monday in the US, and overwhelm the entire sales of the US e-commerce industry in 2015, and as part of the agreement that it is “false information” that China is taking advantage of American workers.

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Xi’s economic aide poised for key role in China debt cleanup

Bloomberg QuickTake Q&A

Liu: To key aide to Chinese President Xi Jinping, 65-year-old Liu He is poised for a major role in bringing China’s financial sector into line with global standards and making the way for foreign firms to capitalize on a market that has long been the preserve of domestic banks.

The 65-year-old Cultural Revolution-era economist, who has long championed deeper liberalization of the world’s second-biggest economy, is locked in a power struggle for the captain’s chair of China’s financial railway. While some see him as a key player in Beijing’s efforts to boost the role of the Chinese economy in the world, others worry he could be the latest in a series of economic policymakers who have failed to deliver.

“The financial sector is the backbone of the economy, and Xi Jinping is determined to make it stronger,” said an official who asked not to be named. “Liu He is a key player in this.”

Liu, who was appointed as vice chairman of the National Development and Reform Commission under Xi, as Beijing seeks to boost China’s economic growth, has been identified as a key player in negotiations with the International Monetary Fund and other international organizations to secure a bailout package for the world’s second-largest economy.

The move to open up the financial sector to foreign firms is seen as a key step in China’s efforts to boost its economic performance and attract foreign investment. China has been criticized in the past for its closed-door policies and lack of transparency in the financial sector.

Liu’s appointment as vice chairman of the National Development and Reform Commission will give him a key role in shaping China’s economic policies and in negotiations with international organizations.

Liu He is a key aide to Chinese President Xi Jinping, with the potential to shape the economy and lead China into the world of open trade and investment.

**What is Xi Jinping’s role in the financial sector?**

As China’s leader, Xi Jinping has been vocal in his support for deepening financial reforms and opening up the country’s financial sector to foreign investors. He has been instrumental in推动ing policies that allow foreign firms to invest in China, including the允许ing of majority foreign ownership in securities firms.

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Humans becoming less important in world’s biggest market

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The $5.1tn-a-day currency market is losing its human touch. That’s the conclusion of trading and foreign-exchange heads surveyed by the organisers of the TradeTech FX conference in Miami. Of the 100 North America-based respondents, 94 said they aimed to automate more of their foreign-exchange trading operations in the next three years.

The market is embracing electronic and algorithmic trading, and Coalition Development Ltd estimates that from 2012 to 2016 banks cut front-office sales, trading and research headcount by a quarter in Group-of-10 foreign exchange. Automation has also gained favour after some of the world’s biggest banks were entangled in currency-rigging scandals that resulted in more than $10bn in penalties. Last month, a former HSBC Holdings executive was the first individual to be convicted for front-running after the revelations prompted investigations around the world.

“These scandals just accelerated that push for technology which enables investors to execute orders online and get better prices more rapidly,” said Paresh Upadhyaya, a portfolio manager at Amundi Pioneer Asset Management, and security For Engineers Group. “It gets people a little nervous and more accepting of regulations, so algorithmic traders have taken advantage of that.”

London will lose its status as the global FX capital after Brexit (77% of respondents agreed). Regulation has had an overall positive effect on capital markets in the last decade (64% of respondents agreed with this). The biggest priorities for currency trading desks, apart from best execution, are:

- Re-evaluating broker and counterparty relationships (54% of respondents).
- Finding alternative methods to source liquidity (49%).
- Reducing costs (47%).
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### Weekly Market Report

#### Top Five Decliners

- **Value Traded (QR mln)**: 692.9
- **Market Cap (QR mln)**: 436,361.1
- **Volume (mln)**: 397,950
- **Number of Transactions**: 14,279
- **Market Cap %**: 4.6

#### Most Active Shares by Value (QR Million)

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The banks and financial services sector led the trading volume during the week, accounting for 41.4% of the total trading volume.

### Definitions of key terms used in technical analysis

- **Candlestick chart**: A candlestick chart is a price chart that displays the high, low, open, and close for a security. The highs and lows are marked by the top and bottom of the candle, while the open and close are marked by the wick or shadow.
- **Doji candlestick pattern**: A Doji candlestick pattern is formed when a security’s open and close are nearly equal, indicating indecision or uncertainty in the market.
- **Intraday movements**: Intraday movements are the changes in a stock’s price during a trading day, which are often used in technical analysis.
- **Weekly RSI and the MACD line**: The relative strength index (RSI) and moving average convergence divergence (MACD) line are indicators that help traders understand the momentum and direction of a security.

### Weekly Index Performance

- **QSE Index**: 7,885.50
- **P/E**: 22.1
- **Dividend Yield**: 7.1

Source: Bloomberg

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Bondholders fret over alumni's thrift that turns Chicago's junk to gold

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Global monetary policy may remain ‘accommodative’ in 2018: QNB

Global monetary policy is likely to remain a cornerstone of macroeconomic policies, with low real growth low to medium-term economic forecasts. Therefore, there has been a flurry of central bank activity across the world, with several banks reducing their interest rates recently, while others have reintroduced quantitative easing programmes in their respective countries.

The Bank of England (BoE) and the European Central Bank (ECB) reduced their interest rates and restarted quantitative easing programmes, respectively, as a result of the market’s increased concern about a weakening in global trade and investment. These developments have contributed to a risk-on sentiment, which has led to an increase in riskier assets, such as stocks and commodities.

The US Federal Reserve (Fed) is expected to increase its benchmark interest rate by 0.25% in December, which will be the fourth rate hike in 2017. However, the Fed’s projections for 2018 have been revised down, indicating a more cautious approach to monetary policy.

In addition, the Bank of Japan (BoJ) has maintained its ultra-loose monetary policy, with the government and central bank working together to support the recovery of the Japanese economy. The Bank of Korea (BoK) has also kept its benchmark interest rate unchanged at 1.25%, despite economic data indicating a slowdown.

However, the guidance from the European Central Bank (ECB) and the Bank of England (BoE) suggests that the policy commitments made by central banks, including quantitative easing programmes, will likely continue well into 2018, providing a degree of support to the global economy.

QDB features Qatar’s 12 ‘most innovative’ tech SMEs at Web Summit in Portugal

Qatar Development Bank (QDB), in support of its export development and promotion strategy, has launched Qatar’s 12 most innovative tech SMEs of the Web summit, a leading technology event in Portugal.

Web Summit, formally known as Made in Qatar, is one of the world’s largest technology industry events, attracting more than 16,000 visitors, 2,000 exhibitors, and 2,500 speakers in addition to a host of experts and decision-makers from across the globe.

It is a platform where 120 different countries and 118,000 attendees will take part. In 2017, Web Summit was an opportunity for businesses held during the four-day period and saw a speaker list comprising a mix of heads of state, chief executive officers of multinational corporations, and founders of start-ups.

The summit, QDB, a national development bank, and QDB’s local partner, Tasdeer’s, participation in Portugal through its participation in the 12th edition of the Web summit is part of the country’s strategy to promote the participation of Qatari MSMEs in international trade. It is a three-day event that brings together heads of states, chief executive officers of multinational corporations, and founders of start-ups who will be showcasing their innovative products and services.

The participants will be showcasing their innovative products and services, which include digital solutions and software, as well as software and hardware technologies.

Tawar Mall sign MoU to promote local MSMEs

Qatar Development Bank (QDB) has signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Tawar Mall to encourage the growth of commercial opportunities available to micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) in the country. The agreement will be carried out through the MEC, a government body responsible for promoting the activities of MSMEs in Qatar.

“We are thrilled to support local businesses to strengthen their presence in the market and enhance their participation in international trade,” said Nasser bin Khalfan Al-Thani, CEO of QDB.

The agreement aims to support local businesses in expanding their reach and increasing their competitiveness in the global market. It will enable local businesses to access international trade fairs and exhibitions, as well as provide them with access to international markets.

The agreement also includes a provision for QDB to provide financing and advisory services to local businesses. It will also provide a platform for local businesses to showcase their products and services at international events.

Qatari businesses will be able to tap into international markets through the partnership, which will provide them with access to new business opportunities and customers. The agreement will also support the development of the MSME sector in Qatar, which is a key component of the country’s sustainable development strategy.

The Minister of Economy and Commerce, H.E. Ali bin Ahmed Al-Saleh, said: “This agreement between QDB and Tawar Mall is a significant step towards enhancing the participation of Qatari MSMEs in international markets.”

The agreement will also enable local businesses to access new markets and increase their revenue streams. It will also help to create more jobs and contribute to the country’s economic growth.

Under the new agreement, QDB and Tawar Mall will work together to support local businesses in accessing international markets, as well as providing them with the necessary support and guidance to increase their competitiveness in the global market.

For more information, visit the website of Qatar Development Bank (QDB) and Tawar Mall.