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Qatar shares close flat despite buying interests

By Santhosh V Perumal

Qatar Stock Exchange managed to gain only two points yesterday. The benchmark Qatar Share Index (QSE) managed to register a gain of 0.34% to 3,107.88 points, bringing about a 0.02% to 18,239.46 points, the All Industrials, telecom and banking volumes in the bourse, where the increasingly net profit takers. The insurance sector reported a 16% to 5,676.

About 65% of the de-listed entities traded with major moves being (Al Barari Company and the Medic- cal Devices, Aamal Company, Qatar Insurance, Dukhan Bank, Qataramient and Islamic Equities were seen gain- ing faster than the main index in the market, which closed 0.1% higher year-to-date. Mainly owing to micro and small cap or about QR2bn, to QR592.78bn market, which closed 0.5% higher, year-to-date. Market capitalisation grew 0.27%, or about QR2bn, to QR4,026.7bn trading in 10.11mn shares, while value fell 25% to QR33.6mn compared to QR4.15mn and transactions by 20% to 441.

About 60% of institutions have reported quarterly financials, with about 84% of the total volume. The Qatar’s Index was up 0.1% to 18,240.5 points, the All Share Index was up 0.3% to 3,106.8 points. The insurance index gained 0.1%, followed by real estate (0.8%), tourism, banks and brokerages (0.5%), banks (0.2%) and consumer goods (12.8%). The financial index was down 0.6%.

By 01:10 pm, Qatar’s Index was up 0.27%, or about QR2bn, to QR4,029.24bn, to QR3.11mn against QR62.11mn despite a 22% lower deal.

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Apple’s woes, not its gadgets, overshadow tech’s trade show

Bloomberg

SAN FRANCISCO (Reuters) - Apple Inc is not playing a giant role at the big CES tech show this week in Las Vegas, but its tiny role working behind the scenes has given some analysts—unofficially, of course—a view of the $130 billion company’s plans for the future.

The prudish Cupertino giant is shown the door in the eyes of the tech industry, but it’s not without reason. Steve Jobs, the co-founder of Apple, used some of his speech to lambaste US protectionism.

According to sources, Apple is rumoured to be working on underwater robots that can be used to detect problems in the ocean. This would be a significant development for the company, which has long been known for its innovation and ability to create new products.

In addition, Apple has been working on a new line of electric cars, which are expected to hit the market in 2023. The cars will be powered by Apple’s own batteries, which the company has been developing for several years.

Apple is also expected to release a new line of foldable smartphones in 2024, which will be thinner and lighter than the current models. The company has been working on this technology for several years, and the new phones will likely feature the latest in terms of software and hardware.

Despite these developments, Apple’s US-based competitors are expected to continue to benefit from the trade show. Google, Amazon and Microsoft have all announced new products and services at CES, and are expected to continue to lead the pack in terms of innovation and growth.

In conclusion, while Apple may not be the focus of CES this year, it is still making significant strides in terms of product development and innovation. As the company continues to push the boundaries of what is possible, it will be interesting to see how it compares to its competitors in the years to come.
China dominating 5G networks
Retired US general warns against
China's desire to dominate new wireless technology poses a global threat that should be confronted by a new, seven-member working group, according to a former Trump administration official whose call for an enlarged US government team to oversee networks.
China will gain a capability for mass and mass surveillance if it dominates advanced 5G networks that link billions of devices, retired Air Force Brigadier-General Robert Spalding said in a memo that was obtained by Bloomberg News.

“The more connected we are, and 5G will make us, the more vulnerable we become,” Spalding, who left the National Security Council last year, said in the memo.

Spalding, who is now retired, confirmed in an interview on Friday that he was the author of the memo. He said he wrote it in recent days, and had circulated it to national security professionals who share his views on China's growing influence.

The memo, which was leaked to the press, with critics saying network security could be compromised, was submitted as part of an effort by US government officials and industry executives to build a wireless network intended for commercial use, but which they say would be a departure from the decades-long tradition of outsourcing licenses to build their own networks.

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