Qatar, Russia look to boost economic and trade co-operation

Qatar and Russia are exploring further potential for co-operation, especially in the fields of trade, banking and finance, technology, oil and gas.

This was highlighted by a high-level delegation from Qatar’s Financial Centre (QFC) during its recent visit to the Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF) in Russia.

“Qatar and Russia have enjoyed a long history of strong bilateral trade relations and this has been reaffirmed through recent visits at all levels and in various fields, and to enhance joint co-operation, especially in economics and trade fields,” Yousef Mohamed al-Jaida, QFC chief executive, QFC Authority said.

He said the financial industry has undergone a significant transformation over the past five to 10 years – from increasing benefits and consolidation – to the staffing of banks from a peripheral concern to a central one.

The QFC attended the forum as part of a delegation of a Qatar delegation, which included high-level executives from the QFC, as well as senior officials from the Ministry of Finance, the Qatar National Tourism Council, and the QFC-registered companies, Qatar Airways, Qatar Chamber, Qatar Financial Centre Zone Authority and others.

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The QFC chief executive participated in a panel discussion ‘How Can Financial Centres Innovate in the Era of Fintech?’ alongside other global leaders. He also took part in two other panel discussions ‘Creating Business in the New Digital Era’, where the potential for the operation between Qatar and Russia, and the recent competitive advantage of the Qatar market for businesses and international investors were discussed.

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Such moves are not necessarily a sign of a pickup in inflation, but rather a reflection of expectations for a further easing in monetary policy by central banks around the world, in response to the ongoing trade conflict and a slowdown in global growth.

The rise in inflation expectations has been driven by the ECB’s decision to cut its key interest rate to -0.1% and open the door to further easing if necessary. The ECB’s move comes as the US Federal Reserve has paused its rate cuts, and the Bank of Japan has also kept its interest rate at zero.

In response to the ECB’s move, investors have bid up prices of inflation-protected bonds, or “real rates,” which are designed to hedge against unexpected inflation.

Despite the rise in inflation expectations, however, some analysts remain skeptical that central banks’ efforts to boost inflation will be successful.

The ECB, for example, has struggled to lift inflation in the eurozone, and its efforts to boost the economy have been met with some criticism. The European Central Bank has been accused of being too slow to react to the current economic slowdown, and its measures have not been enough to offset the effects of the trade war.

In the US, the Federal Reserve has also been criticized for its response to the economic downturn, with some analysts arguing that the central bank has been too slow to act.

Some analysts have suggested that central banks may need to go further in their efforts to boost inflation, perhaps by implementing more aggressive monetary policy measures.

However, others argue that central banks’ efforts to boost inflation may not be effective, given the current global economic environment.

The US-China trade war, for example, has led to a significant slowdown in global trade, and this has had a negative impact on inflation expectations.

In addition, the uncertainty surrounding the trade war and the possibility of a US recession have led to a rise in risk-averse sentiment, which has been reflected in higher yields on inflation-protected bonds.

As a result, while central bank efforts to boost inflation may be a positive step, it is likely that they will not be enough to lift inflation expectations significantly and drive the global economy back to full employment.

Gold prices are up roughly 2% this year, outpacing the S&P 500 index, which is up 1%. This has led to a rise in demand for gold as a hedge against inflation and uncertainty.

Inflation has been a concern for investors for some time, and the rise in inflation expectations has led to a rise in demand for gold.

However, while gold has been a good hedge against inflation and uncertainty, it is not a perfect one, and investors should consider a diversified portfolio that includes other assets such as stocks and bonds.

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Asian markets rally as Trump drops Mexican tariffs

Asian markets rallied as US President Donald Trump announced on Monday that he will delay imposing tariffs on Mexico until the end of the year, averting a potential trade war.

The news came as Trump expressed concern over immigration from Central America and inflammation from the US-China trade war.

In early trade, London rose 0.5% and Wellington was slightly down and Tokyo ended 2.2% higher, Singapore saw a 1.2% gain and New York closed flat.

Meanwhile, in Europe, the ECB is expected to announce further stimulus measures later this week, which could provide additional support for Asian markets.

However, the rally in Asian markets was tempered by concerns over the trade war and the ongoing uncertainty surrounding the US-China relationship.

President Trump has repeatedly threatened to impose tariffs on Chinese goods, and the US has already imposed duties on $50 billion worth of Chinese imports.

While the tariffs have had a significant impact on the US-China trade balance, they have also led to a rise in inflation expectations and a fall in risk appetite.

As a result, while the Asian rally on Monday was a positive development, it is likely that the markets will remain vulnerable to further developments in the trade war and other global economic risks.
Russian banks mulling more gold on new broader policy

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Russia’s banks are considering increasing their exposure to gold, the central bank said if it would only buy one ounce, a move that could potentially pressure global bullion prices. The risk is that the Swiss could make the change to its pricing policy this year, saying it would buy three dollars of a key bullion market index in order to aim for a 10% increase in its gold reserves, which have grown by 10% since the end of 2018. It's part of a broader policy push to reduce the amount of gold in the market for gold as a financial instrument, namely bars and coins, rather than exchange-traded products or assets priced in U.S. dollars.

However, gold is an investment opportunity that remains highly valued in Russia, and the central bank is not planning to reduce its holdings, given the rising demand for gold as a hedge against inflation and geopolitical uncertainty. The central bank has been increasing its gold purchases in recent years, following a decline in demand for gold in Russia in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic.

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Stocks buoyed by US trade, rate cut hopes

**AFP**

Stocks markets rose yesterday, building on strong pre-weekend buying, after US President Donald Trump dropped threatened tariffs against China and weak US jobs data fanned suggestions the Federal Reserve will cut interest rates next week.

In London, the FTSE 100 closed up 0.8% at 7,724.73 and Hong Kong’s Hang Seng Index rallied more than 2% against the US dollar.

Separately, the pound was knocked down further against the US dollar as investors cut US interest rates amid signs of weakening demand growth would keep prices under pressure.


to track the broader risk environment from this weekend G-20 meeting, risk assets should open with a bounce in their step and oil would trade favourably as WTI and Brent will continue to track the broader risk sentiment.

The news comes after Fed policymakers last week sent signals about being open to cutting US interest rates amid signs of weakening demand growth would keep prices under pressure.

On the corporate front, shares in established Thomas Cook surged after the British tour operator said it had reached a takeover approach from one of China’s largest travel groups.

After surging 20% in early London business, they settled at a gain of around 15% on the day closing trade.

US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures were at $64.45 per barrel, 4.4% or 3.6%, above their last settlement.

A FTSE 100 board showing gains from stocks listed on the London Stock Exchange Group Plc. The FTSE 100 closed 0.8% up at 7,724.73 points yesterday.

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United Technologies, Raytheon to combine into defence giant

By Southend V Personal

The blockbuster deal caps a year of major mergers under Raytheon, who took a 14% stake in Inmarsat in March, and United Technologies, which this year acquired the Ots and Carnebus businesses. Raytheon has previously said it would like to expand to Madrid and Granada. Coophalal aims to be an alternative partner for the country’s small and medium-sized business sector. The main purpose of Coophalal is to expand to Madrid and Granada. The co-operative was founded into the potentially lucrative market not for the minority but for individuals seeking ethical

The banks and financial services sector’s trade volume grew 3.7% to QR0.43mn the previous day. The industrials sector’s trade volume grew 2.5% to QR0.43mn the previous day. The insurance sector reported 4.5% increase in 2019: Q4 gains 208 points to cross 10,500 levels on across-the-board buying

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Qatar Aviation Services participate in 32nd ITA Ground Handling Conference in Madrid

By Qatar Aviation Services (QAS) participated in a silver sponsor of the 32nd ITA Ground Handling Conference that took place in Madrid from June 10-11. For the second consecutive year, the event showcased an international economic prestige event on the ground handling services sector. ITA Ground Handling Conference in Madrid, Qatar has welcomed hundreds of participants where the company continues to expand its footprint in the European market. The ITA Ground Handling Conference is an annual trade show held in a different city each year, featuring around 400 companies from around the world. The conference featured speakers from the aviation and ground handling sectors, as well as government officials and industry experts. The event is a key opportunity for companies to network and showcase their latest products and services. QAS will be one of the main sponsors of the conference, which is particularly important for the aviation industry, where collaboration and knowledge-sharing are critical for success. The conference will provide a platform for QAS to showcase its expertise and capabilities in the field of ground handling, as well as to learn about the latest trends and developments in the industry. QAS has already participated in previous ITA Ground Handling Conferences, which have helped the company establish itself as a leading provider of ground handling services in the region. QAS is committed to delivering high-quality services to its clients, and the company is looking forward to taking part in the conference once again. The company will be presenting its latest innovations and solutions to the conference attendees, who are expected to include leaders in the aviation and ground handling industry. QAS has a strong presence in the European market, where it has already established a reputation for delivering reliable and efficient ground handling services. The company is constantly striving to improve its services and stay ahead of the curve in the industry. The ITA Ground Handling Conference is a key event in the aviation industry calendar, with companies from around the world gathering to discuss the latest developments and network with peers. QAS is excited to participate in this year’s conference and is confident that it will be able to make valuable connections and showcase its expertise to a wide range of industry professionals.