Qatar Chamber underscores establishing strong trade ties with Dominican Republic

A senior official at the Qatar Chamber has stressed the importance of fostering strong trade and business relationships between the State of Qatar and the Dominican Republic, saying that a fruitful relationship would benefit both the countries’ economies.

Qatar Chamber first vice-chairman Mohammed bin Saud Al Attiyah, in a meeting with the Dominican Republic’s ambassador to Qatar, Carlos Gabriel Garcia, said companies from the two countries are looking to forge partnerships with Qatar companies in numerous sectors.

Al Attiyah also said the meeting, which was held yesterday in Doha, focused on supporting the strides of bilateral co-operation trade and the potential for business expansion from both countries.

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TCS, which has been investing in Pakistan for the past two years, plans to create 10,000 jobs and generate $1 billion in revenue over the next five years. The company will also establish a research and development center in Pakistan, which will focus on artificial intelligence and machine learning.

In addition to the investment, the joint venture will also provide training and education programs for Pakistani engineers and technicians. This will help to build local capacity and ensure that Pakistan is able to compete in the global market.

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Mining stocks could rebind with help from Trump, China

Bloomberg

The talking for miners is ready to brighten in the second half of this year. That’s a concurrence of events that have rekindled an interest in gold and China to light a fire under their stocks.

Metal prices and mining equities have been at the mercy of trade headlines all year, and business fundamentals have a clearer path ahead. To name a few, world gold prices have helped some metals, espe-
cially copper and silver, but a worst-case scenario of the trade tension between US and China—or at least some steps to bring down the temperature—could provide an ultimate catalyst for the metals and their shares.

The S&P 500 Metals & Mining Index has been up 24% for the year, topping the S&P 500 return of 10%. But that performance is mostly from gold—gold stocks, while base metals under-
performed. The All Global Base Metals Combined Index is down 1.5% this year, whereas the S&P 500 Index is up 8.2%.

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The base metal rally has also appeared likely to be the dominant and most concerning theme for the metals, especially if the “peak-dollar” theme that’s gaining ground with a decade-long bull market in gold could fade. A flattening yield curve also has wide implications for gold, especially if the US dollar begins to move lower as the US economic data becomes weaker and US-China trade issues remain unresolved.

Bloomberg noted in a note this month that “the US dollar remains a key driver of gold in the near term, with the US-China trade war, recent US economic data and Fed policy decisions likely to be the dominant and most concerning theme for the metals.”

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**The pound falls further against the dollar ahead of a TV debate**

The pound fell further against the dollar ahead of a TV debate between the candidates to lead Britain’s Conservative party and rocketed the pound to record lows.

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Rosenblatt's opening took place in late 2019 in Branson'sVirgin Galactic-themed lobby, but its trips have not yet carried customers into space has suffered delays and setbacks. For example, the company's first orbital flight for space tourists was delayed due to technical issues. Branson said in a statement that the July 11, 2021, flight had experienced a "technical event," but he did not provide further details. He also said the company would resume flights after an "extensive review" of the incident.

Branson's opening was met with mixed reactions. Some lawmakers and industry experts praised the opening, saying it was a significant milestone for space tourism. However, others expressed concerns about the safety and sustainability of space tourism. They noted that space tourism is a relatively new industry and that there are still many technical and regulatory challenges to overcome before it becomes a mainstream travel option.

Overall, Branson's opening was seen as a major step forward for space tourism, but it also highlighted the challenges that lie ahead. As the industry continues to grow, it will be important for companies like Virgin Galactic to prioritize safety and sustainability to ensure the long-term viability of space tourism.

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