Public, private sector support to drive ‘amazing shift’ in Qatar’s entrepreneurship landscape: Injaz Qatar CEO

By Peter Alake
Business Reporter

O n the back of public and private sector support, Qatar’s entreprene
erial and small and medium-sized enterprise (SME) landscape has seen a striking evolution in the past five years, a top official of Injaz Qatar reported.

Small and local, Injaz Qatar CEO, told Gulf Times, “That many initiatives have been implemented by different govern
ment agencies and ministries in Qatar, will majorly push stakeholders that continue to support the country’s en
terprise.”

As Injaz Qatar, we are also part of the ecosystem, we have had a happy help to help us in this process. As you know, we have been a catalyst, which is getting more essential for start-ups and for that. These efforts are all for start-ups, which have been produc
ing exciting solutions with driving all around, whether it is from the Government Investment Office (GIO), startup community (SAC), startup accelerator (SAC), or all of these stake
holders, we are also continuing to find solutions that both the government and the pri
cate sector are looking to,” Alakeh

Injaz Qatar CEO, Fadi Alkman

The net result has been a 10-fold increase in the number of incubators in the country, with more than 100 incubators now operating. This has driven the growth of the ecosystem, which has seen a significant increase in the number of entrepreneurs.

As a result, Injaz Qatar has also stepped up its efforts to support start-ups, with the launch of the Injaz Qatar Accelerator Program, which provides funding, mentorship, and other resources to help start-ups grow and succeed.

Since its inception, the program has supported more than 200 start-ups, with many of these businesses going on to secure significant funding and achieve notable success.

Injaz Qatar has also established the Injaz Qatar Innovation Fund, which provides seed funding to early-stage start-ups.

This fund has supported over 50 start-ups, with many of these businesses going on to secure significant funding and achieve notable success.

“We see a trend in Qatar where start-ups are growing, and we foresee a bright future for the country’s entrepreneurship ecosystem,” Alakeh said.

The Injaz Qatar Accelerator Program is just one example of Qatar’s commitment to supporting the growth of its start-up ecosystem.

The government has implemented a number of initiatives to support the start-up ecosystem, including the launch of the Qatar Foundation’s “Q-Fund” and the establishment of the Qatar Accelerator Program.

These initiatives have helped to create a dynamic and supportive environment for start-ups to thrive.

As the private sector continues to support the growth of the ecosystem, Qatar is poised to become a leader in the region for start-up innovation and growth. This is a testament to Qatar’s commitment to fostering a dynamic and supportive environment for start-ups to thrive.

To learn more about Injaz Qatar and its initiatives, visit the Injaz Qatar website or contact the organization directly.

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**Global fears cast shadow on QSE; key index sheds 188 points**

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The global market continued to exhibit signs of volatility with the S&P 500 index falling below 4,000 and the Dow Jones Industrial Average sliding to its lowest level since February. The Nasdaq Composite also declined, bringing the total losses for the past week to 8.6%.

Investors remain concerned about the possibility of further interest rate hikes, which could dampen economic growth and lead to a recession. The-U.S. Federal Reserve is expected to raise interest rates by another 25 basis points at its upcoming meeting, fueling concerns about the potential impact on global markets.

In Qatar, the QE Index fell 1.6%, while the QE All share index shed 1.9%. Both indices had been trading at multi-month lows before rebounding slightly on Monday. However, the gains were short-lived, as gains were reversed on Tuesday.

The QE All share index fell 1.9% to close at 1,168.46, while the QE Index dropped 1.6% to end at 382.75.

Analysts attributed the fall to concerns about the global economic outlook and the potential impact of further interest rate hikes. They noted that the weakness in global markets is likely to continue, as investors remain cautious about the potential for a recession.

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**US monetary policy should focus more on inflation risks: IMF**

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has called on policymakers to focus more on inflation risks, as global markets continue to grapple with rising interest rates.

The fund warned that the risks of a recession are rising, and emphasized the need for policymakers to pay more attention to inflation risks.

The IMF said that inflation pressures remain elevated, and that policymakers should be prepared to act if needed.

In a blog post on Tuesday, IMF chief economist Gita Gopinath and Tobias Adrian, head of the strategy, policy, and review department, noted that inflation risks have increased, and that policymakers should be prepared to act if needed.

They called on policymakers to act now to prevent a more serious situation, and to be prepared to act if needed.

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Toyota's new China-only EV sedan to hit market in 2022

Toyota Motor Corp. will launch an all-electric compact car, its first dedicated model for China, to meet a government pledge to phase out sales of gasoline vehicles by 2035. The move will boost the Japanese automaker's efforts to secure a major foothold in the world's largest EV market, where foreign brands are facing increasing competition from domestic companies. The new model will join Toyota's lineup in China, where the company has about 10 million owners. The new car will be based on the compact C-platform used in China by the Toyota Corolla sedan.

Toyota, which has sold more than 12 million Corollas in China, said the new car will be launched in 2022, with sales starting the following year. It will be the brand's first dedicated EV in China, where the government is pushing for a shift away from gasoline vehicles. The new model will be available in the United States and other markets, but it will be sold only in China.

China is the world's largest EV market, with over 50 million registered vehicles, and the government is aiming to reach 60 million by 2030. Toyota has set a goal of selling a million EVs in China by 2025, and the new car is part of its broader strategy to expand its footprint in the country. The company has previously said it will invest $10 billion in China over the next five years to develop and produce EVs, including a new plant in the city of Qingdao.

The new model will be powered by a lithium-ion battery, with a range of about 400 kilometers on a single charge. It will be available in two versions: a standard model and a long-range model with a battery capacity of 85 kWh. The new car will also feature Toyota's latest safety and connectivity technologies, including adaptive cruise control, blind-spot monitoring, and a digital instrument display.

Toyota's move into the EV market in China comes as the company faces increasing pressure from competitors to shift to more sustainable mobility solutions. The Japanese automaker has been slow to embrace EVs compared to its rivals, but it is now stepping up its efforts to catch up in the global race to electrify vehicles.

The new car will be produced at Toyota's existing plant in Qingdao, where the company already produces the popular Corolla sedan and the popular RAV4 crossover. The new model will share the same production platform as the Corolla, allowing for efficient manufacturing and lower costs. The new car will be exported to other regions, including the United States, where Toyota's sales of EVs have been weak.

China is a crucial market for Toyota, which has sold over 12 million Corollas in the country. The new car is part of the company's broader strategy to expand its footprint in the country and meet the growing demand for sustainable transportation solutions. The new model will be a key addition to Toyota's lineup in China, where the company has about 10 million owners. The new car will be launched in 2022, with sales starting the following year. It will be the brand's first dedicated EV in China, where the government is pushing for a shift away from gasoline vehicles. The new model will join the compact C-platform used in China by the Toyota Corolla sedan, with a range of about 400 kilometers on a single charge. It will be available in two versions: a standard model and a long-range model with a battery capacity of 85 kWh. The new car will also feature Toyota's latest safety and connectivity technologies, including adaptive cruise control, blind-spot monitoring, and a digital instrument display.
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Global corporate tax deal leaves billion-dollar loopholes

US job growth slows; unemployment rate plunges to 4.3%

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Price Hits

SoftBank's best alternative may well be an initial public offering to list in the US, although the company's founder, Masayoshi Son, has said he would consider listing the firm in London. The company, which owns 64% of the shares in Arm, has not commented on the possibility of a US listing. SoftBank is said to have approached banks about a potential IPO in the US, and other sources say the company is considering listing its shares in London.

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