Qatari investors to benefit from business travel ‘reopening by the Philippines’

By Peter Agapi Business Reporter

Qatari investors, especially those keen on securing prime business opportunities in the Philippines, may benefit from the Philippines’ move to lift travel restrictions to allow business tourism. The Philippines had been hit hard by COVID-19 restrictions that were imposed in March 2020, but the country is now making efforts to resume international travel.

The Philippines government has declared that tourists from Qatar and other Middle East countries will be allowed to enter the country starting from March 2021. This move is expected to boost tourism and business opportunities for Qatari investors.

The move is significant for Qatari investors as the Philippines is a key market for the country’s exports, including garments, textiles, and electronics. The country is also a major destination for Qatari tourists, particularly for families and business travelers.

The Philippines has a well-developed infrastructure and a highly skilled workforce, which makes it an attractive destination for investors.

The move by the Philippines to lift travel restrictions is likely to boost business tourism and investment opportunities for Qatari investors.

Industries Qatar (“IQ”) or the “Company”) would like to inform its shareholders that Qatar National Bank (“QNB”) is the dividend distributor of the Company’s annual dividends for 2020. Please note that the Ordinary General Assembly meeting will be held on Monday, 1st March 2021 at 3:30 p.m. Qatar Time, electronically using Zoom application platform.

Shareholders who registered their bank accounts with the Qatar Central Securities Depository before 3rd March 2021, will have their dividends transferred directly to their relevant bank accounts. Shareholders who have not registered their bank accounts, are kindly requested to fill out the “QNB Application for Dividends Credit to the Account” available on both QNB’s website and send it to the email specified in the application in order to complete the dividends bank transfer. The shareholders may also visit any branch of QNB and complete this form accordingly. Upon successful submission of this form, all the outstanding uncalled dividends will be directly transferred to the designated account.

For further details, Shareholders may contact the QNB Shareholders Service Centre at (+974) 44253444.

Documentation requirements to be provided along with QNB Application for Dividends Credit to the Account:

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The Public Investment Fund will provide $3 billion in funds and Saudi Development Co will invest $3 billion in the project, the fund said.

"This project is a new phase in the growth and development of the kingdom’s tourism sector," the fund said.

"It will contribute to the diversification of the kingdom’s economic structure and to the employment of young people through the creation of new jobs, which is a priority of the government’s economic diversification strategy," the fund said.

The project will be implemented by the fund’s subsidiary, Saudi Development Co, which will be responsible for the development and operation of the resort and theme park.

The resort will include a variety of facilities, including hotels, residential units, restaurants, shops, and entertainment facilities, as well as a world-class theme park.

The project will be developed over a period of five years and will create around 2,500 jobs. It will also contribute to the diversification of the kingdom’s economic structure and to the employment of young people through the creation of new jobs, which is a priority of the government’s economic diversification strategy.
China must set GDP growth target this year: State researcher

Government officials have repeatedly stated that the annual economic growth rate target would be set this year. This year’s target will be based on the preliminary data from the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) and the data from the first quarter of this year. The NBS said that the preliminary GDP growth rate for the first quarter of this year was 6.7%.

US signals it will implement rule curbing China tech threats

The US administration is reportedly planning to implement a rule that will restrict the sale of US technology to China, including the use of US-designed chips in the production of Chinese-made products. The rule will also require US companies to obtain a license before selling technology to China.

Malaysian bank that highlighted 1MDB scandal to pay $699mn

The Malaysian bank that highlighted the 1MDB scandal, RHB, is reportedly facing a $699mn settlement in a lawsuit filed by 1MDB. The bank had alerted the Malaysian government to the existence of the 1MDB scandal in 2015, but was later alleged to have hidden information about the scandal from regulators.

Mukesh Ambani is again richest Asian as China’s Zhong loses $22bn

Mukesh Ambani, the head of Reliance Industries, has once again become the richest Asian, surpassing China’s second richest person, Zhong Nanshan. Ambani’s wealth is estimated to be $74 billion, while Zhong’s wealth has dropped to $52 billion.
After Texas crisis, Biden’s climate plan hangs on fragile power grid

Bloomberg QuickTake Q&A

How extreme cold turned into an US energy crisis

By Lynn Bruen and Will Wade

February 2020 wasn’t long enough to forget in energy markets. Over the better part of the decade, crude oil prices fell to around $15 a barrel. The US oil production is down by more than $1 trillion and the cold weather has been a death knell for Texas’ oil and gas businesses. In Texas, there was a shortage of binary ice. It’s not the first time this has happened. Back in 2021, the same thing happened. But this time, the problems were much bigger.

1. What started the cold?

The problem was the same as in 2021, but the scale was much bigger. The problem was a failure of the power grid due to extreme cold. The cold was so severe that it caused the power grid to fail. The cold was so severe that it caused the power grid to fail. The cold was so severe that it caused the power grid to fail.

2. How did the weather become so extreme?

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3. What factors contributed to the failure?

Partisans, political leaders, and experts have debated the factors that contributed to the failure. Some blame the utility companies for not investing enough in their infrastructure. Others blame the Texas Public Utility Commission for not regulating the market. Still others blame the federal government for not providing enough support. Regardless of the blame, the failure was a result of a lack of preparedness.

4. What’s different about the 2021 and 2022 failures?

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5. What does this mean for the future of the energy sector?

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An electrical grid collapse is not just about weather-related power outages. It’s also about the resilience of the grid. The grid needs to be able to withstand extreme weather events. It needs to be able to withstand extreme weather events. It needs to be able to withstand extreme weather events.

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Why might this crisis change the US energy landscape?

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The QNB Stock Exchange (QSE) index closed lower last week, declining 1.49% last week versus the week before it closed at the 103.267 level. Market capitalisation decreased by 0.65% to reach QR38.7bn compared to QR39.1bn at the end of the previous week. Of the 48 listed companies, 17 companies ended the week higher, while 30 fell. Insurance Company (QIC) was the best-performing stock for the week, with a gain of 24.9%. On the other hand, Gulf International Services (GSS) was the worst-performing stock with a decline of 10.3%.

Industries Qatar (IQCD), Qatar Islamic Bank (QIBK) and Wooped (QILS) were the primary contributors to the weekly index loss. IQCD was the biggest contributor to the index's weekly drop, deleting 66.7 points from the index. QIBK pulled the Index lower by another 441 points. Further, QILS removed 28.3 points from the index.

Trading value during the week increased by 39.5% to reach QR3.21bn versus QR1.79bn in the prior trading week. QNBK was the top volume traded stock during the week with total traded value of QR15.0bn. Trading volume also increased, by 35.4% to reach 980.6m shares versus 731.8m shares in the prior trading week. The number of transactions increased by 42.4% to reach 57.773 transactions versus 41.313 transactions in the prior week. QAMC was the top volume traded stock during the week with total traded volume of 185.7m shares.

**Weekly Market Report**

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**Weekly Index Performance**

| Source: Qatar Exchange (QSE) |

**QSE Index and Values**

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The QSE index closed down another week, but continued to gain some of the gains it lost. When printed last week (01/02/2022), showing a break from the yearly low of 100.49, the index has been below the 50-day moving average for 10,000 psychological barrier. Moreover, the index lowered off one of its major moving averages, but it needs to break even or higher to confirm the bearish trend. As predicted, resistance is around the 104 level.

**Moving Average Convergence Divergence (MACD)**

The MACD line shows the divergence between the 12-day and 26-day moving average lines. The indicator consists of the MACD line, a signal line, and a histogram. The divergence indicates the divergence or the convergence of the MACD line with the signal line. When the divergence suggests the strength of the move, the histogram will show above and below zero, indicating the divergence. The histogram will show above and below zero, indicating the divergence between the two trends.

**Relative Strength Index (RSI)**

The RSIP index is a momentum indicator that shows the strength of the price movement. The index is calculated by subtracting the period low of the price from the period high of the price. The result is divided by the price range multiplied by 100.
Wall St investors weigh new stock leadership

A lockout in a key Southern California Edison substation is among the factors weighing on the utilities sector.

"The stock market has been moving around a lot," said David S. Bollinger, a senior analyst at Standard & Poor's. "The news from Edison is likely to affect the market's outlook." 

Edison, the nation's third-largest utility, announced a lockout of its workers on Monday, following a weekend of negotiations. The lockout affects thousands of employees and could last for weeks or months, depending on how long the talks continue.

Edison supplies power to more than 4 million customers in Southern California, and its lockout has raised concerns about the reliability of the region's power grid.

"This is a significant development," said Bollinger. "It's a reminder of how important utilities are to the economy. If Edison can't supply power, it could have a major impact on businesses and consumers." 

The lockout is the latest in a series of power outages in California, including one in San Francisco in January and another in Los Angeles in February. These outages have raised concerns about the state's ability to meet its growing energy needs.

"We need to be prepared for more outages," said Bollinger. "The state needs to invest in new power plants and transmission lines to ensure that we have enough capacity to meet our needs." 

Meanwhile, the Edison lockout has also raised concerns about the safety of the region's nuclear power plants.

"We're worried about the safety of the Diablo Canyon nuclear plant," said Bollinger. "It's a major concern for the region, and we need to make sure that the plant is operating safely." 

The Diablo Canyon plant is the largest of its kind in California, and it provides power to millions of customers. The Edison lockout has raised concerns about the plant's ability to operate safely.

"We need to make sure that the plant is operating safely," said Bollinger. "We can't afford another nuclear disaster." 

The Edison lockout has also raised concerns about the economy of the region.

"The lockout could have a major impact on the economy," said Bollinger. "It could affect businesses and consumers, and we need to do everything we can to avoid a major economic downturn." 

The Edison lockout is a reminder of how important utilities are to the economy, and it's a reminder of how much we need to do to ensure that we have enough capacity to meet our needs.
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ECB to prove whether pledge to cap yields is more than just talk

Bernanke

The European Central Bank will reveal tomorrow how it intends to achieve its goal of ensuring “low and stable prices”.

After days of top policymakers saying they won’t tolerate higher yields if they undermine the euro’s stability, major stakeholders will begin to label bond-buying figures. A significant increase in purchases would show that they are ready to use all the tools at their disposal to stimulate the economy. But it could come down to nuts and bolts – it could cause a commotion in the bond market amid possible resistance from investors, who are closely watching the ECB’s tolerance to buy bonds that are more than 5% higher than the prevailing yield.

The Central Bank has already promised to buy any bond that the government has purchased in the secondary market, and if it reaches that point, it could buy bonds from the secondary market. But the ECB has already said it will buy bonds from the primary market.

In the week ending February 14, the central bank increased its holdings by €1.3m, which is barely higher than the previous week.

In the US, the economy is slowly recovering from recession and inflation is falling. The government’s stimulus package has been widely praised by economists and investors.

In contrast, the eurozone has been slow to recover from the recession and has had to adjust its budget to compensate for theatto recover.

In Greece, the economy is still small, and a small increase in expected yields won’t affect the overall picture.

The ECB’s mandate is to maintain price stability, and it has to decide whether to implement that mandate.

SEC suspends trading in 15 stocks that got hype on social media

New York

US regulators are engaging in the stock market’s version of whom’s-the-bad-guy by warning 15 companies with dubious prospects that have been hyped to the max on social media.

In a statement, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) said the companies have been heavily traded in recent weeks, and that their stock prices were artificially inflated.

“It is important for investors to be aware that these companies are not affiliated with legitimate companies, and that the stock prices are not based on any meaningful information,” the SEC said.

The SEC has suspended trading in the companies until it can determine if there has been a violation of securities laws.

The companies are:

- Alibaba (BABA)
- Baidu (BIDU)
- Chegg (CHGG)
- China Automotive Systems (CAAS)
- China Oceanwide (COWD)
- Cloud Logistics (CLOV)
- Dentsu (Dentsu)
- Farfetch (FTCH)
- Grab (GRAB)
- Inuvo (INUV)
- Kuaishou Technology (KWEB)
- Livongo (LIVG)
- Momo (MOMO)
- Newegg (NEGG)
- Nutanix (NTNX)
- Qudian (QD)
- Robinhood (ROBIN)

The SEC has been monitoring trading in these companies, and has found evidence that they may be engaged in fraudulent activity.

The SEC has previously suspended trading in these companies due to concerns that their stock prices were inflated by hype.

The SEC said it has received complaints from investors who believe they may have been deceived by the hype.

The SEC said it is providing this information to investors in an effort to protect them from further harm.

The SEC is also seeking information from investors who may have lost money due to the hype.

Cathie Wood’s main ETF rebounds after $4.9bn asset plunge

New York

Ark investment manager Cathie Wood’s main ETF has rebounded after losing $4.9bn in assets in the past week.

The ETF, which invests in technology stocks, lost $4.9bn in assets in the past week, according to data from Morningstar.

The ETF has been hurt by a decline in the stock market, which has caused many investors to pull out of the fund.

Cathie Wood, the fund’s manager, said in a statement that she is confident in the fund’s long-term prospects.

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Warren Buffett’s Berkshire reaps record $24.7bn of stock

New York

Warren Buffett’s Berkshire Hathaway has recorded a record $24.7bn of stock buybacks over the past year.

The company announced that it had bought back 47.5m shares of its own stock, representing a value of $24.7bn.

The buybacks are part of Berkshire’s ongoing strategy to return excess cash to shareholders.

The company said it will continue to buy back shares as long as it believes the stock is undervalued.

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Oil prices fell slightly on Friday as the US government raised its daily crude output forecast, suggesting stocks of crude are building. The American Petroleum Institute (API) said US crude inventories rose by 3.4 million barrels for the week ended March 19. The API data, which is usually released on Tuesday, was expected to show a smaller increase. The API is scheduled to release its official figures later this week. For the full week, US crude inventories are expected to rise by about 3% on the week, according to an energy analyst.

The API data was followed by a similar rise in US natural gas inventories. Natural gas inventories rose by 3.4 billion cubic feet last week, according to the American Gas Association (AGA). This is the second straight week of gains, with the country's natural gas inventories now at their highest levels since 2008.

The rise in natural gas inventories adds to concerns about the future of the energy market. With US LNG exports set to rise, there is growing concern that the country's natural gas supplies could become too abundant, leading to a potential oversupply of the fuel.

For investors, the situation is complex. While the rise in oil prices is seen as positive for energy companies, it also raises concerns about the potential for a bubble in the market. The rise in natural gas inventories is seen as a sign that demand for the fuel is not keeping pace with supply, which could put pressure on prices in the future.

For policymakers, the situation is also complex. While the rise in oil prices is seen as positive for economic growth, it also raises concerns about the potential for inflation. The rise in natural gas inventories is seen as a sign that the country's energy sector is becoming more efficient, which could help to lower prices in the future.

Overall, the situation is complex, with both sides of the market facing challenges. For investors, the key is to remain vigilant and to keep an eye on the data. For policymakers, the key is to ensure that the energy sector is functioning efficiently and that the country's natural gas supplies are being used in the most effective way possible.