Qatar and China sign the protocol to amend avoidance of double taxation

Qatar and China have signed the protocol to amend the avoidance of double taxation, and promoting economic development and cooperation between the two countries, approved by their respective governments. This protocol will remove double taxation on profits earned by companies in the two countries that carry out economic activities through a branch or permanent establishment. It further harmonizes the system of taxation, including the principles of taxation, the definition of permanent establishment, the principles of taxation, and the reduction and simplification of taxation.

Sheikh Alanoud bin Hamad Al Thani, managing director of Business Development at Qatar Airways, said: "This protocol is an important step in promoting economic growth and development in the region. It will help facilitate investment and collaboration between the two countries, and support the development of the aviation sector."

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The protocol also includes provisions for the prevention of tax evasion and avoidance, as well as provisions for the exchange of information between the two countries. It also includes provisions for the mutual assistance of the tax authorities in the collection of taxes. The protocol will enter into force after the completion of the necessary domestic legal procedures in the two countries.
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UiIta is grappling with Iran's oil cogs up ports and tanks for the first time in a year. The Indian government has imposed an embargo on the import of Iranian oil, citing security concerns. The move has led to a surge in oil prices, with Brent crude futures rising to a six-month high.

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Saudi Arabia has announced a cut in production by 1.5 million barrels per day (bpd) from April, in an attempt to boost crude oil prices. The decision comes amid concerns about the global economic outlook and the impact of rising inflation on demand.

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Erdogan unveils economic reform plan to attract foreign investors

Turkey’s President Recep Tayyip Erdogan unveils a new economic reform plan to attract foreign investors. The plan includes a number of measures, including tax incentives and regulations to improve the business environment. Erdogan has stated that the measures are aimed at boosting economic growth and attracting foreign investment.

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Qatar Fuel

The Tender Committee invites Tender Submission for the following Services:

- Water Supply
- Waste Management
- Environmental Protection

The Tender documents can be obtained from the Qatar Petroleum Company. The closing date for submission of tenders is 30th April 2023.

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Dubai plans to increase tourism capacity by 134% in 2040

Dubai tourism and hospitality sector is expected to witness a significant boost in the coming years. The Dubai Tourism and Sports Council has announced plans to increase the tourism capacity of the city by 134% by 2040. The plan includes the development of new hospitality facilities and the expansion of existing ones.

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US Treasury yields leap past key level to 1.64%, highest in a year

The US Treasury bond market on Friday, ending 10- and 15-year yields at their highest levels since early 2020, amid growing concern stimulus will be more expansive in 2021 than initially projected.

Sen. Richard Shelby, a Democrat from Alabama and chairman of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, said on Friday that $1.9 trillion in stimulus aid would help the US economy recover faster from the pandemic, but he cautioned the fiscal stimulus should not be too large.

"We potentially could give a 1.64% yield on the 10-year Treasury bond," he said. "I think we could give a 1.64% yield on the 10-year Treasury bond, but I think we have to have a lot of money."

"We have a lot of money to spend, and we're going to spend it," Shelby said. "I think we're going to spend it, but I think we're going to spend it in the right way."

The 10-year Treasury yield rose to 1.6438%, the highest since mid-March 2020, according to Refinitiv data. The yield on the 15-year Treasury bond hit 2.1609%.

"It's a matter of market expectations for real-world consumer prices," said Keith Roach, chief economist at PNC Financial Services Group in Pittsburgh. "I think the market is pricing in the likelihood of inflation."
The Qatar Stock Exchange (QSE) index closed higher for the week (shortened week) gaining 2.1% versus the previous week's close at the 10,224.92 level. Market capitalization increased by 2.5% to reach Q857.84bn compared to Q839.77bn at the end of the previous week. Of the 48 listed companies, 13 companies ended the week higher, while 13 fell and none remained unchanged. Investment Holding Group (IHG) was the best performing stock for the week, with a gain of 14.9% on the other hand, QNB Life & Medical Insurance (QNB) was the worst performing stock with a decline of 11.1%. QICQ, QNB Group (QNBK) and Qatar Islamic Bank (QIB) were the primary contributors to the weekly Index gains.

QICQ was the biggest contributor to the Index's weekly increase, adding 12.7 points to the Index. QNBK pushed the Index higher by another 5.4 points. Further, QIK closed on 10-point points to the Index.

Trading volume during the week decreased by 27% to reach Q82,371,777 versus Q82,371,331 in the prior trading week. IHG was the top volume traded stock during the week with total traded value of Q84,674. Trading volume increased by 27% to reach 1,045,714 shares versus 885,761m shares in the prior trading week. The number of transactions decreased by 16% to reach 55,258 transactions in the prior week. IHG was also the top volume traded stock during the week with total traded volume of 630,000

Foreign institutions ended the week with net selling of Q827.0m versus net selling of Q124.7m in the prior week. Qatar institutions remained positive with net buying of Q831m versus net buying of Q877m in the week before. Foreign retail investors remained positive with net buying of Q822m versus net buying of Q831m in the prior week. Qatar retail investors turned bullish with net buying of Q826m versus net selling of Q832m the week before. So far YTD (as of Wednesday closing), foreigners were net buyers of Q826m.

Source: Gulf Finance Weekly

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Fed likely to tweak its monetary policy: QB

The US central bank (Fed) is likely to make a key policy decision this week over the course of its landmark monetary policy, as it balances the need to support the economy amid record-high unemployment with the risk of inflation.

Inflation has been a persistent concern for the Fed, and with the unemployment rate currently at 3.5%, the central bank is likely to keep interest rates near zero and maintain its quantitative easing program.

This week’s meeting is particularly important as it marks the end of the Fed’s quantitative easing program, which has been in place since 2008 to stimulate the economy.

As a result, the Fed is expected to announce a reduction in its monthly bond purchases of $120 billion, but it remains unclear whether the central bank will also announce a change in its forward guidance.

The Fed has been gradually reducing its purchases of Treasury and mortgage-backed securities, and the market is waiting to see whether the central bank will signal a slight increase in its benchmark interest rate.

The Fed’s decision will have significant implications for the global economy, as it sets the tone for monetary policy for years to come.


The USQBC reports that Qatar’s energy sector is poised for significant growth, fueled by a surge in demand for natural gas and liquefied natural gas (LNG).

The report highlights the potential for new projects in the upstream and downstream sectors, including the development of new LNG facilities and the expansion of existing ones.

In addition, the report notes the potential for growth in the manufacturing and refining sectors, as Qatar looks to develop its petrochemical industry.

The report also identifies the challenges facing the sector, including the need for investment in infrastructure and the risk of oversupply.

Overall, the report suggests that Qatar’s energy sector is set for significant growth, providing opportunities for both domestic and international companies.

EOL sells near $70 barrel on hopes of recovering demand

Oil prices have rallied to their highest levels in more than two years, driven by hopes for a recovery in demand as vaccination rates rise and economies reopen.

Crude oil prices have been volatile over the past year, with the benchmark US crude futures hitting a low of $12.53 a barrel in March and peaking at $77.90 a barrel in February.

The rally has been fueled by expectations of a strong recovery in demand as economies reopen and travel restrictions are lifted.

In the short term, oil prices are expected to remain volatile, with the demand for fuel expected to continue to rise as the global economy recovers.