Qatar issues green bonds, sukuk and ESG funds expected to be launched soon

By Southey V Ferguson

The Qatari government has issued green bonds, sukuk and ESG funds, as part of its efforts to promote sustainable development and align with international financial standards.

The green bonds are intended to finance projects that contribute to climate action and green infrastructure, while the sukuk will be used to fund projects that support sustainable development goals.

ESG funds, on the other hand, will invest in companies that have strong environmental, social and governance (ESG) performances.

These new financial instruments are part of Qatar’s broader strategy to become a more sustainable economy.

Malak al-Masri, Senior Advisor for Economics and Research, QIA, said: “Qatar is committed to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and has set ambitious targets to reduce its carbon footprint. These new financial instruments will help us achieve our goals.”

The issuance of these financial instruments is another step towards Qatar’s vision of becoming a global financial hub.

Al-Masri added: “These financial instruments are not only a testament to Qatar’s commitment to sustainability, but also a demonstration of our country’s financial strength and resilience.”

The launch of these financial instruments comes at a time when the global economy is recovering from the pandemic and there is a growing demand for sustainable investments.

Qatar is well-placed to attract investors from around the world with its stable political environment, strong economic fundamentals and proven ability to manage crises.

The issuance of green bonds, sukuk and ESG funds is expected to also boost Qatar’s reputation as a global financial center.

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Qatar bourse maintains bullish trend on strong support of banks

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Qatar’s stock market has maintained a buoyant trend, supported strongly by the banking sector.

The Qatar Stock Exchange (QSE) index has been steadily rising, with banks leading the way.

“Banks have been performing well due to strong earnings and improving loan quality,” said Amr al-Masri, Head of Research at QSE Research.

On average, bank stocks have gained around 10% in the past quarter, with Qatar National Bank (QNB) and Doha Bank performing particularly well.

QNB’s share price has risen by over 20% in the past six months, while Doha Bank has increased by around 15%.

The strong performance of banks is expected to continue as the global economy recovers from the pandemic and interest rates remain low.

“Banks are well-placed to benefit from the current economic environment, with low interest rates and strong demand for loans,” said Masri.

However, other sectors have also been performing well, with the energy, real estate and food & beverage sectors seeing strong gains.

The overall QSE index has gained around 5% in the past three months, with the top gains coming from the energy and real estate sectors.

“The economic recovery and recovery in oil prices are key drivers of the strong performance of the energy sector,” said Masri.

Meanwhile, the real estate sector has benefited from low interest rates and improving property prices.

“Real estate is expected to continue its strong performance as demand for homes and offices remains robust,” said Masri.

Overall, the strong performance of Qatar’s stock market is expected to continue as the global economy recovers and interest rates remain low.

By Peter Alcock

The German Industry and Commerce Office Qatar (GICO) is working to support and develop the German business community in Qatar through various initiatives.

According to Alcock, the GICO’s main objective is to facilitate and support German companies in Qatar, helping them to establish business networks and partnerships.

Alcock said: “We are committed to fostering the growth and development of the German business community in Qatar.”

The GICO is working on various projects, including the establishment of a German business forum, which will provide a platform for German companies to network and share knowledge.

As part of its efforts to support German businesses in Qatar, the GICO is working with local government bodies to facilitate the entry of German companies into the market.

Alcock added: “We are working closely with the German embassy in Qatar to ensure that our initiatives are aligned with Qatar’s objectives and priorities.”

The GICO is also working on various projects aimed at promoting German culture and language in Qatar, such as the establishment of a German language school and the organization of cultural events.

Overall, the GICO’s efforts are expected to contribute to the growth and development of the German business community in Qatar.

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The Qatar Islamic Bank (QIB) has announced that it has signed a strategic agreement with the German Investment Bank (GIB) to further expand its business in Germany.

The agreement will allow QIB to provide financing and advisory services to German companies wishing to invest in the Qatar market.

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China’s property crackdown stalls credit markets

China’s recent crackdown on the real estate sector is making it more difficult for home buyers to obtain mortgages. The government has taken a number of measures in recent weeks to tighten credit in the property sector, including restrictions on the issuance of new mortgage loans and increased scrutiny of loan applications. This has led to a slowdown in property sales and a decline in home prices in some areas.

Property developers have been hit particularly hard, as they rely heavily on mortgage funding to finance their projects. The credit squeeze has led to a sharp decline in property sales and a decrease in construction activity. Some developers have been forced to cut back on their investment plans, which is likely to have a negative impact on the overall economy.

The impact of the property crackdown is likely to be felt for some time to come. The government is determined to stay the course and continue to reduce the reliance of the economy on property and related activities. This is likely to lead to a slowdown in economic growth in the short term, but the long-term benefits of a more sustainable and balanced growth model will be significant.


The overall impact of the property crackdown is likely to be mixed. While it will lead to a slower pace of growth in the short term, it will also help to reduce the risk of a property bubble and prevent a sharp decline in asset prices. This will be good news for savers and investors, who will be able to enjoy more stable and predictable returns on their investments.

The government’s measures are expected to have a lasting impact on the real estate sector and the broader economy. As credit conditions ease and property prices stabilise, the government will be able to focus its efforts on other areas, such as education, healthcare, and infrastructure. This will help to ensure that the country’s long-term growth prospects remain strong and sustainable.

BoK hikes interest rate with debt risk seen bigger than Delta

Blumberg

South Korea’s central bank has lifted the policy rate by 40 basis points, citing an increase in inflation risks and a higher debt risk profile for the economy. The central bank has been raising rates in recent months to combat inflation, which has been rising due to strong demand and higher commodity prices.

The Bank of Korea (BoK) said that it had raised its policy rate to 2.75% from 2.35%. The rate hike comes after the BoK raised its inflation forecast to 3.6% from 2.7% in the previous quarter.

The BoK has been closely monitoring inflation and interest rates, and has been raising rates more aggressively in recent months. The central bank has said that it is committed to maintaining price stability, and is likely to keep raising rates until inflation pressures ease.

Chip crunch will last through 2022, warns Toyota’s supplier

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A leading supplier of automotive components has warned that the chip shortage could last through 2022, with some parts still facing delivery delays into 2023. The supplier, who produces parts for Toyota and other major carmakers, said that the chip shortage had caused significant disruptions to its production schedules.

The company has been forced to cut production and delay deliveries to dealerships and customers. It has also been forced to raise prices for some parts, which is likely to raise the cost of new cars and reduce demand.

The chip shortage is one of the most significant challenges facing the automotive industry today. The shortage is caused by a combination of factors, including increased demand for chips in other sectors, such as smartphones and home electronics, and a lack of investment in new chip production capacity.

The chip shortage is likely to have a significant impact on the global economy, as the automotive industry is a major contributor to GDP in many countries. The shortage is also likely to lead to higher prices for consumers, as automakers are forced to absorb the increased costs of parts and materials.
China's economic recovery wobbles as risks accumulate

China's economic rebound weakened in August, suggesting the growth momentum is fading in the face of rising regulatory risk and the threat of a more frequent trade war, according to the latest data and expert analysis.

China's gross domestic product (GDP) expanded by 6.3% year on year in the July-August period, the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) said on September 16. That was slightly slower than the 6.5% growth seen in June and July.

Economists had forecast growth of 6.4% for the July-August quarter, according to a median estimate by Bloomberg News. The August data was partly due to a lower base effect as China's GDP growth hit a record 12.2% in April. Today's growth figure also dropped from July's 6.5%.

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Figure of shipments of notebooks according to preliminary report of 2011

PC maker data reveals strong earnings

Almost half of PC users come from customers visiting to websites. That allows the company to direct them to its business partners. But desktop computers struggle to compete with notebooks in the consumer segment. Dell's share has been shrinking in recent years, as the demand for notebooks continues to increase. The company has been facing tough competition from other major players in the market. Dell's recent financial reports show a decline in its net income, which indicates that the company needs to focus on improving its business strategy to regain its market share. However, Dell remains a strong player in the market, and its offerings are widely popular among consumers and businesses alike.