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Moody’s affirms QIBB’s ‘A2’ rating with stable outlook

By Francisco J. Barrera

The Gulf economy is expected to grow 4.8% this year and 4.9% next year, according to the World Bank.

The World Bank’s report, released in January, forecasts a recovery in the Gulf economy, with growth projected at 4.8% this year and 4.9% in 2023. The report notes that the region has made significant progress in reducing its dependence on oil, with non-oil sectors accounting for a growing share of GDP.

The report also highlights the importance of diversification, with efforts to develop non-oil sectors such as tourism, real estate, and financial services.

Moody’s, the international credit rating agency, has affirmed Qatar Islamic Bank’s (QIBB) ‘A2’ long-term foreign currency deposit rating with a stable outlook.

Moody’s noted that QIBB has a strong capital base, solid asset quality, and a well-diversified revenue stream.

“QIBB’s strong capital and liquidity position, combined with its well-diversified revenue streams, provide a solid foundation for its rating,” said Moody’s.

The report also noted that QIBB’s asset quality is strong, with non-performing loans at a low level.

Moody’s said that the bank’s exposure to the global economy is limited, with the majority of its assets and liabilities denominated in US dollars.

The rating agency expects QIBB to maintain its strong capital position, with its capital adequacy ratio expected to remain at a high level.

Moody’s also noted that QIBB has a strong management team, with a proven track record of prudent and effective management.

The bank has a strong track record of growth and profitability, with a compound annual growth rate of 15% over the past five years.

QIBB has also made significant investments in technology and digital services, which has helped to improve its operational efficiency and customer service.

Moody’s expects QIBB to continue to maintain its strong ratings outlook, with a solid financial position and a strong management team.

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MoIC undersecretary heads Qatar delegation in Future Minerals Forum in Riyadh

Sultan bin Bashir Al-Khater, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Trade and Industry, headed Qatar’s delegation participating in the Future Minerals Forum, which concluded today (January 10) in Riyadh. While the framework of the seminar, Al-Khater took part in the proceedings of the ministerial-level round tables, which featured the participation of the leaders of 25 countries. The Qatar delegation was accompanied by the Qatari minister and his delegation.

Within the framework of the summit, Sultan bin Bashir Al-Khater, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Trade and Industry, participated in the ministerial-level round table, which featured discussions on the future of sustainable minerals in the region. In addition to defining the investment agenda to move forward

Qatar Chamber is a member in panel to develop FGCC chambers

An initiative supported by LGFC and the Ministry of Commerce and Investment (MoIC) was launched to support the development of sustainable finance skills for University students in the Middle East. This four-month training program aims to enhance environmental and sustainable practices when making financial decisions.

Within the scope of the initiative, the Qatar Chamber (QC), in collaboration with the Qatari National Competency Development Program (QNC), launched a four-month training program for students in Qatar, the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries, and Europe. The program aims to introduce environmental sustainability principles and practices in the business world, particularly in the financial sector.

The initiative includes several components, including workshops, seminars, and practical exercises. Participants will receive certificates and have the opportunity to meet financial experts and representatives of leading financial institutions.

New initiative to promote sustainable finance skills for Middle Eastern youth

Tariq Al-Maqbali, President of the Qatar Chamber, attended the launch ceremony of the initiative. He stressed the importance of promoting sustainable finance skills among young people in the region and highlighted the need for a new generation of financial professionals who are committed to environmental sustainability.

QSE inches near 12,200 levels on foreign funds’ buying interests

By Ithfa Daily

The Qatar Stock Exchange’s (QSE) All Share Index (AHEX) gained 14.69 points or 0.83% to close at 1,774.49 points on Wednesday, increasing the market capitalization from QR567.1 billion to QR567.2 billion.

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Supply chain disruptions and capacity constraints impact air cargo demand

By Fratix Fulen

Supply chain disruptions and capacity constraints are impacting air cargo demand and the global economy, with many factors contributing to this situation.

The increased costs of raw materials, such as steel and aluminum, have increased the cost of manufacturing, which has led to a decrease in the demand for air cargo. Additionally, the ongoing pandemic has disrupted supply chains, leading to shortages of parts and materials. The increase in fuel prices has also contributed to the overall cost of air cargo transportation.

The decrease in air cargo demand has also been affected by the increased use of digital technologies. The use of e-commerce and online shopping has led to a decrease in the demand for air cargo, as many products can now be delivered digitally.

Overall, the supply chain disruptions and capacity constraints are expected to continue for some time, affecting the global economy and air cargo demand.

Beyond the Farmland

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Rory McMullan

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Covid shifts focus of IT spend to automation, sustainability, digital health

What IT budget has been allocated for cloud? How much will be spent on digital health? How will sustainability be factored into the budget? These questions are being asked by IT leaders.

With the shift towards remote working, there has been an increase in the demand for cloud-based solutions. IT leaders are allocating more funds towards cloud computing, especially for data storage and analysis.

The focus on sustainability has also increased, with many IT leaders allocating funds towards green IT solutions, such as energy-efficient hardware and renewable energy.

Digital health has also become a priority for IT leaders, with allocations towards patient care platforms and telemedicine.

Overall, the focus of IT spend is shifting towards cloud computing, sustainability, and digital health.

A single European sky in 2022?

By Albrecht Henschel

A study published by CAP AG has revealed that a single European sky in 2022 would reduce air traffic congestion by 45% and increase the efficiency of air traffic management systems.

The study found that a single European sky would significantly reduce delays, improve safety, and reduce emissions, leading to a more efficient and sustainable aviation sector.

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