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Qatari-owned businesses contribute £1.3tn to UK economy: CEBR

By Santhosh V PerumalBusiness Reporter

atari-owned businesses in the UK supported a cumulative aggregate revenue impact of £1.3tn across the entire UK economy during 2008-22, creating thousands of jobs, according to CEBR or Centre for Economics and Business Research report.

Assessing the economic footprint of Qatar's longstanding partnership with the UK; the report found Qatari-owned businesses in the UK supported an aggregate 611,171 full-time-equivalent (FTE) jobs as of 2022, representing one in every 44 FTE roles within the UK, highlighting the broad employment impact across multiple sectors.

In 2022 alone, these businesses supported £26.8bn in aggregate wages, salaries, and benefits for employees; cumulatively, this figure stands at £281.8bn since 2008, said the analysis, which is limited to foreign direct investment (FDI) in companies where Qatari entities own at least 10% of the equity share capital.

"Qatar and the UK share an exceptionally strong and unique relationship which stems from historic ties of friendship, which we are committed to advancing for the betterment of our peoples and the cause of global peace, stability and prosperity," said Sheikh Abdulla bin Mohammed bin Saud al-Thani, Qatar's envoy to the UK, the Ireland and the Iceland.

In 2022 alone, the cumulative turnover of these Qatari-owned businesses stood at £127.2bn, reflecting a broad and diversified range of investments.

These investments contributed a cumulative aggregate footprint of £524.3bn in gross value added (GVA).

In 2022, this stood at £50.6bn, constituting about 0.6% of the UK's total GVA in 2022.

This GVA contribution exceeds the entire GVA of the UK's food and beverage services sector at £46bn in 2022, highlighting the considerable economic impact of Qatari investments and demonstrating a contribution on par with one of the UK's substantial service industries.

In 2022, over half (53%) of the turnover and a third (34%) of the GVA of Qatari investments in the UK was generated outside London.

Employment impacts are evenly distributed, with one out of every two jobs created by Qatari-owned businesses located outside London, supporting job creation nationwide, CEBR said, adding the employment multiplier effect is also slightly higher outside London (3.79 against 3.61 in London), highlighting the strong ripple effects of Qatari investments in regional economies.

Qatar is one of the UK's key trading partners, ranking as the 23rd largest export destination in 2023. The UK exported goods and services valued at £3.9bn, with the largest export category being power-generating machinery, it said; adding direct exports of £3.6bn supported an aggregate turnover of £7.4bn in the UK economy in 2022. In terms of contribution to GDP, these exports supported an aggregate GVA of £2.3bn.

The leading region for UK exports to Qatar is the North West, which contributed nearly one fifth (18.8%) of the total £3.9bn of exports in 2023. Exports to Qatar from the UK directly generated 20,185 FTE jobs directly.

Furthermore, the UK imports from Qatar reached a historical peak in 2022, at £7.8bn, partly driven by the critical supply of liquefied natural gas (LNG) in the face of geopolitical tensions due to the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

In 2022, the UK imports of Qatari gas facilitated a downstream turnover of £8.2bn. The use of this import supported £2.5bn in downstream GVA, and supported approximately 27,700 (FTE jobs across various sectors using Oatari gas.

In December 2024, Qatar committed £1bn to a UK-Qatar clean energy partnership, supporting climate technology initiatives, including advancements by Rolls-Royce.

Earlier, Qatar committed up to £10bn over five years (starting in 2022) to invest in key UK sectors including fintech, zero-emission vehicles, life sciences, and cybersecurity.

These initiatives are expected to drive economic growth, create highquality jobs, and further strengthen the bilateral relationship between the two countries.

Qatar's positive impact on the UK economy stretches to include substantial tax payments to the UK exchequer. In 2022, Qatari-owned businesses contributed £3.4bn in taxes, with income tax on employee salaries representing £1.1bn. Qatari-owned retail trade businesses contributed £2.2bn in taxes, more than companies in all other sectors combined.

From 2014 to 2022, construction projects financed by Qatari-owned businesses generated cumulative direct business revenue of £5.1bn, with £644mn in 2022 alone.

The cumulative impact of these projects rises to £12.3bn since 2014, underscoring the extensive economic ripple effects within the UK economy.

In total, these construction projects have contributed an aggregate GVA of £5.3bn, supported 70,673 FTE job years, and provided £2.6bn in employee compensation since 2014.

Al-Kaabi meets Colombia's minister of mines and energy



HE the Minister of State for Energy Affairs, Saad bin Sherida al-Kaabi met Edwin Palma Egea, Minister of Mines and Energy of the Republic of Colombia, in Doha, yesterday. Discussions during the meeting dealt with energy relations and co-operation between Oatar and Colombia and means to enhance them.

Doha Port achieves 'remarkable' growth in 2024: Mwani Qatar

By Santhosh V PerumalBusiness Reporter

oha Port, which is Qatar's gateway to marine tourism, continues to play a pivotal role in advancing the country's cruise tourism with it achieving remarkable annual growth of 27% in visitors and 33% in ships arrival during the previous season, which ended in April 2024, according to Mwani Qatar.

In the current season, which began in October 2024 and ended in April 2025, Doha Port welcomed 95 cruise calls, including 33 turnaround calls, 11 homeporting calls and five maiden calls, bringing over 430,000 visitors to Qatar, Mwani Qatar said in its annual report.

The reporting period for Doha Port spans from January to December, but the cruise season runs from September to April. The 2024 season witnessed the arrival of notable ships such as Mein Schiff



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4, MSC Euribia, AIDAprima, Costa Smeralda, Norwegian Sky, and Celestyal Journey, further solidifying Qatar's growing status as a premier global cruise destination.

The year saw 23 cruise calls from Florida-headquartered Carnival, 18 from MSC, 15 from Germany-based TUI, eight from Resorts World Cruises, six from Ponant Luxury Cruise, five from Celestyal Cruises, two from Norwegian Cruise Line and one from Plantours.

The Doha Port witnessed the arrival of as many as 74,441 passengers and 21,278 crew in January 2024; 70,826 and 19,453 in February; 47,873 and 13,376 in March; 4,051 and 967 in April; 22,660 and 10,733 in November and 73,966 and 25,190 in December. In 2024, a total of 293,817 visitors had arrived in the port.

The port received as many as 19 cruise ships in January, 14 in February, 11 in March, 1 in April, 9 in November and 25 in December.

'Qatar-Belgium Business Meeting reviews bilateral investment ties'

Qatar Chamber hosted the Qatar-Belgium Business Meeting yesterday to explore ways of strengthening trade and economic relations between the two countries. The Qatari side was led by Dr Khalid bin Klefeekh al-Hajri, Qatar Chamber board member, while the Belgian side was led by Isabelle Grippa, CEO of hub.brussels, the Brussels Agency for Entrepreneurship. The meeting was attended by Qatar Chamber board member Ali bin Abdullatif

Chamber board member Ali bin Abdullatif al-Misnad and Belgian ambassador William Asselborn, along with members of the Belgian delegation, and a number of Qatari businessmen.

The meeting also reviewed the investment

climate and opportunities available in both Qatar and Belgium, particularly in key sectors, such as healthcare, education, information technology, legal consultancy, aviation, glass and metal manufacturing, trade and retail, smart buildings, and environmental consultancy. Both sides further explored the prospects of establishing joint ventures and strategic business alliances between Qatari and Belgian companies.

Al-Hajri emphasised the strong and growing trade relations between Qatar and Belgium, noting that trade volume



Qatar Chamber officials during a meeting with a business delegation from Belgium yesterday.

reached QR4.6bn last year. He highlighted the presence of many Belgian companies operating in the Qatari market across various sectors, either through full Belgian ownership or in partnership with Qatari firms. He also pointed out the existence of several successful Qatari investments in Belgium, particularly in the energy sector. He also pointed out the longstanding co-operation in the natural gas sector, with Qatar being the main supplier to Belgium's Zeebrugge LNG terminal.

He urged Belgian companies to invest in Qatar, citing the country's favourable business climate and infrastructure, and encouraged Qatari investors to explore opportunities in Belgium. He reaffirmed Qatar Chamber's commitment to fostering partnerships and business alliances between the two nations across various sectors.

Grippa said the Belgian delegation included many companies eager to collaborate with their Qatari counterparts. She expressed confidence that the visit would be fruitful, especially since there are broad opportunities for co-operation and establishing successful partnerships. She also emphasised the Belgian side's commitment to enhancing co-operation with Qatar across all fields, particularly in economic and commercial sectors.

Al-Misnad said the business sectors in Qatar are willing to co-operate with their Belgian counterparts.

He highlighted that the Belgian delegation includes several prominent companies operating across various sectors in Belgium, offering Qatari businessmen a valuable opportunity to engage with them,

enhance cooperation, and capitalise on available opportunities. He emphasised that many sectors of priority to Qatari businessmen align with those highlighted in the country's strategic plans under the Oatar National

strategic plans under the Qatar National Vision 2030, such as the industrial sector, technology, logistics, oil and gas, among others. He further noted that the Qatari private sector is keen to establish genuine partnerships with its counterparts worldwide, including the Belgian private sector.

Asselborn commended the strong ties between the two friendly nations. He noted that the Belgian trade delegation is the largest to visit Qatar in the past decade, consisting of 44 companies representing a wide range of sectors. He stressed that there are substantial opportunities to further enhance trade and economic co-operation between the business communities of both countries. During the meeting, a presentation was delivered by the Investment Promotion Agency Oatar (Invest Oatar) on Oatar's investment climate and opportunities, while the Belgian delegation also provided insights into the investment climate and opportunities available in Belgium.



Saud al-Attiyah leads Qatari delegation to 'Post-War Syria' session

Qatar participated in a high-level closed discussion session entitled 'Post-War Syria', held on the sidelines of the Spring Meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank Group in Washington, DC recently. The Qatari delegation was led by Dr Saud bin Abdullah al-Attiyah, Deputy Undersecretary for Economic Affairs at the Ministry of Finance.



Qatar makes impact in strengthening co-operation in Arab capital markets

Qatar's presidency at the Union of Arab Securities Authorities (UASA) board had great impact in strengthening co-operation and integration frameworks.

This was acknowledged

at the 19th annual meeting of

the UASA board, which was held on Thursday via video conferencing. In a speech addressed to the participants in the meeting, Dr Tamy bin Ahmad al-Binali, the outgoing UASA president and the the chief executive officer of the Qatar Financial Markets Authority, extended his thanks and appreciation to the UASA members for their support, constructive co-

operation and efforts during the presidency of Qatar, which lasted a whole year and had a "great impact" on the success of many joint initiatives and programmes.

Stressing that the past period was full of challenges and opportunities, he however said it was punctuated by joint hard work focused on supporting the financial markets, strengthening co-operation and

integration frameworks among them, and

developing their performance to remain

in the lead, in a way that puts them in the



Dr Tamy bin Ahmad al-Binali, the outgoing president, addressing 19th annual meeting of the UASA board.

ranks and forefront of financial markets. During the meeting, the UASA board discussed a report on the work carried out in the period and reviewed a number of memos of the UASA's General Secretariat regarding the guidelines for issuing Islamic Sukuk in the Arab capital markets, considering the dealings of financial services companies in Arab capital markets with foreign stock exchanges, and considering facilitating the requirements of fulfilling "know your customer" (KYC) due diligence in financial and banking institutions.

The meeting discussed the study of enhancing co-operation in financial technology and cybersecurity risks for the UASA

Strong ties between Qatar, UK across various fields: Sheikh Khalifa

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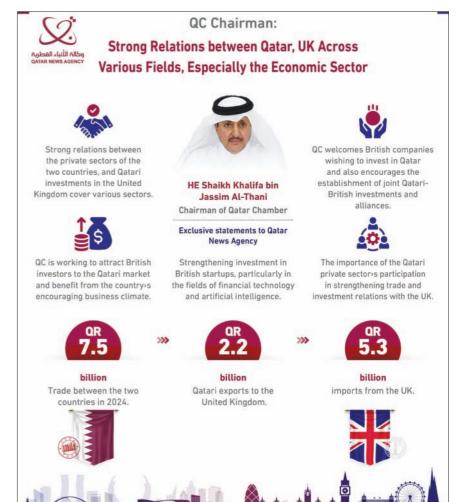
hairman of Qatar Chamber (QC) Sheikh Khalifa bin Jassim al-Thani praised the distinguished relations between the State of Qatar and the United Kingdom. On the occasion of Doha hosting the second Qatari-UK strategic dialogue, Sheikh Khalifa noted the development of co-operation between the two countries in various fields, particularly commercial and economic. Trade between the two countries reached approximately QR7.5bn in 2024, including QR2.2bn in Qatari exports to the United Kingdom, compared to QR5.3bn in imports from the UK.

In an exclusive statement to Qatar News Agency (QNA), QC chairman noted the strong relations between the Qatari private sector and its British counterpart and the volume and quality of Qatari investments in the UK, which cover various sectors.

He pointed out that there are numerous mutual investments between the private sectors of the two countries, and that Qatari businessmen consider the UK an attractive investment destination.

He stressed that the QC welcomes British companies wishing to invest in Qatar and also encourages the establishment of joint Qatari-British investments and alliances, which would contribute to enhancing bilateral trade. QC is working to attract British investors to the Qatari market and benefit from the country's encouraging business climate, stimulating laws, and abundant investment opportunities across all sectors, particularly given the presence of world-class infrastructure.

He stressed the importance of the Qatari private sector's participation in strengthening trade and investment relations with the UK through establishing joint ventures with British companies in areas such as technology, renewable energy, financial services, healthcare, and food industries, and focusing



on sectors that Britain seeks to strengthen after its exit from the EU, such as the green

economy and advanced industries.

Sheikh Khalifa also called for increased investment in British startups, particularly

in the fields of financial technology and artificial intelligence, and for the launch of joint business incubators under the umbrella of the chambers of commerce in both countries to support entrepreneurial ideas.

QU recognises Al Fikra entrepreneurship competition winners

QNA Doha

Qatar University (QU), in partnership with Qatar Development Bank (QDB), concluded the National Entrepreneurship Competition (AI Fikra) for Higher Education 2025.

The event was organised and overseen by the Center for Entrepreneurship at the College of Business and Economics, with support from other entities. Several dignitaries and representatives attended the event.

The competition aims to empower university students in Qatar to develop innovative entrepreneurial ideas and transform them into scalable startup projects, thereby contributing to the advancement of the national entrepreneurship ecosystem and fostering a culture of innovation aligned with the goals of Qatar National Vision 2030. The competition is considered a prestigious annual platform for discovering and guiding creative talents to serve the

national economy. In his speech during the closing ceremony, Vice-President for Academic Affairs at QU, Prof Ibrahim al-Kaabi, stated: "Al Fikra, The National Entrepreneurship Competition, is more than just a business competition; it is an inspiring space to uncover students' capabilities in innovative thinking and in developing viable, applicable solutions. Our goal through this competition is to discover and support the entrepreneurial notential of university students in Oata by providing a nurturing environment to transform ideas into scalable startups that contribute to building a sustainable entrepreneurial ecosystem in the country." He added: "At QU, we believe that entrepreneurship is built upon inspiring creative thinking and empowering minds to innovate solutions that contribute to shaping a better future. We call for the continuation of this fruitful collaboration with our partners at QDB." At the conclusion of his remarks, Prof al-Kaabi expressed his deep gratitude to the partners at QDB for their strategic support, which played an effective role in shaping



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and achieving the programme's objectives. Director of the Center for Entrepreneurship at the College of Business and Economics at QU, Dr Khalid al-Hashmi, also expressed his pride in the continued partnership, saying: "We are proud to continue our collaboration with QDB in this edition of the AI Fikra National Entrepreneurship Competition for Higher Education 2025. This initiative offers a unique opportunity

to foster the spirit of entrepreneurship among students at national universities. It is not just a platform for developing innovative business ideas but a launchpad for a new generation of leaders and change-makers.

Commenting on the conclusion of the competition, QDB's Vice-President of Enterprise Development and Executive Director of Qatar Exports, Khalid Abdulla

al-Mana, stated: "QDB remains steadfast in its commitment to fostering innovation and supporting the development of entrepreneurial ventures, as well as startups and SMEs, in alignment with Qatar's Third National Development Strategy."

The competition witnessed the

participation of many student teams from various universities across Qatar. The committee received 409 applications from eight universities, representing 117 teams. Of these, 141 applications were accepted to compete in the final rounds. The winning teams were announced and resconiced for presenting outstanding.

The winning teams were announced and recognised for presenting outstanding and promising ideas with potential impact across diverse economic and social sectors.

The 'Noor' project from QU claimed first place with a prize of QR20,000. The 'GloVoice' project, also from QU, secured second place with a prize of QR15,000, while the 'Stay Mobile' project from the University of Doha for Science and Technology (UDST) achieved third place with a prize of QR10,000.

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Historic opportunity for Europe

Will protectionist measures by the US president, and declining confidence in the US economy, and its financial and academic institutions, present an historic opportunity for **Europe?**

By Fahad Badar

At the beginning of the year, it appeared that while US assets, especially stocks, were overvalued according to traditional metrics, there were no obvious or compelling alternatives. There needed to be a trigger, or triggers, to prompt significant diversion of investments towards other markets. Now, the triggers exist: The tariff policy and related concerns over US financial governance. These have erupted since President Donald Trump's 'liberation day' on April 2 that pledged very high tariffs on numerous nations. Some of these have been paused, but overall the policy remains protectionist - and unpredictable

In the second week of April, the phrase 'EM-ification' entered the vocabulary of financial traders to describe the US economy, according to the Financial Times. The 'EM' stands for 'emerging market'. The US, with its volatile policy-making, high debt, personality cult surrounding its political leader, has started to exhibit features that traditionally were associated with an underdeveloped economy with weak charismatic leader.

institutions, prone to capture by a Investing in US bonds or stocks is no longer a neutral, safe option. So while it is not unprecedented for the US dollar to show weakness - what is new is that it has fallen when riskier asset prices have also fallen. It is losing its safe haven status. This is a situation that almost no one in the financial markets was expecting as recently as two months ago. The dollar remains by far the most important trading and reserve currency, but some of the features that have sustained this are going into reverse.

Europe has a historic opportunity. The reasons for switching investments from the US to Europe are not only negative ones. In March, the leaders of the likely next coalition government in Germany announced an end to the debt brake as they abandoned the fiscal strictness of the post-Second World War years. The move was approved by Parliament. This was largely a response to the need to fund rearmament programmes, given the pivot away from European security by the Trump administration, and the continuing conflict in Ukraine and perceived threat from Russia's President Putin. But there is likely to be an economic dividend also. with Europe's biggest economy set for fiscal and wider economic expansion. Prospects for economic growth in Europe have improved significantly. In response to the trade war, China has stopped buying Boeing aircraft, which represents an opportunity for its own aviation industry and for Europe's Airbus.

Just over a decade ago the euro

hit a major crisis. It had permitted some economies, notably Greece. to become part of the single currency despite insufficient economic convergence and weak controls over borrowing. The austerity programs that followed the crisis were severe, but the problems have been largely overcome. The GDP of the EU is comparable to that of China. In addition to a functioning currency, it has democratic institutions and global companies, notably in pharmaceuticals, banking and aerospace and car manufacture. Growth has been slow but Germany's fiscal stimulus will likely be impactful. A commonly observed weakness of the EU is that, as a constellation

of nations, decision-making can be opaque and slow. Yet this perceived weakness may be a hidden strength: it is slower to make good decisions, but also to make poor ones. The US has the opposite problem. So even if a populist leader were to take control of Germany or France. there would be countervailing

forces and the EU could potentially remain a safe haven in financial

Turkey, at the juncture of Europe and Asia, is also well positioned for growth and development. It has a growing manufacturing base, a young population and is relatively neutral in geopolitical terms. The US could be losing precious human capital, as well as financial capital. The new President's attacks on the independence of US universities and federal cuts to research funding, have had a major impact.

For years the US has led the world in research excellence, and in attracting the finest minds from all over the world, some of whom have become hi-tech business leaders. This could be going into reverse. A staggering 75% of researchers in US universities were considering relocating to other countries, according to a poll in the scientific journal Nature in March. The desire to leave was particularly strong among researchers who were early in their careers, where the proportion was nearly 80%.



Some 1,600 researchers were polled in total. In addition, the hostility of the Trump regime towards undocumented migrants creates a sense of fear. There have also been reports in several news media of law-abiding tourists being detained by US customs officials. Perceptions matter. The US has been a financial and human safe haven for many years. Now it appears that it is neither a haven,

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Invest Qatar and Iberdrola Innovation Middle East unveil joint report on digital innovation for sustainable future

nvest Qatar, the Investment Promotion Agency of Qatar, and Iberdrola Innovation Middle East have released a joint report, 'Digital Innovation for a Sustainable Future, which highlights the transformative role of digital technologies in advancing energy efficiency, sustainability, and economic diversification.

The report explores key global trends in artificial intelligence (AI), smart grids, cloud computing, and clean technology, offering insights into their potential to accelerate Qatar's digital transformation.

The release of this new report marks the ongoing strategic partnership between Invest Qatar and Iberdrola, building on the memorandum of understanding (MoU) signed in May 2022

The agreement enabled Iberdrola to expand its world-class innovation centre dedicated to advancing the application of AI in the energy sector in Qatar and worldwide. Through the partnership, the Spanish group has expanded its Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) activities via the Doha-based Iberdrola Innovation Middle East, located in Qatar Science and Technology Park (QSTP).

The centre drives the development of AIbased solutions that enable the transition to an electrified energy system by facilitating the integration of renewable generation and storage, enhancing the planning and operation of digital electrical networks, and empowering customers to actively participate in the energy transition through data-driven decision models.

In this context, the newly released report highlights the transformative impact of emerging technologies, particularly AI, which is projected to generate an annual economic value of \$11-18tn, by revolutionising industries such as energy, logistics,



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and manufacturing. Additionally, the rapid expansion of private 5G networks and hyperscale data centres is reinforcing business competitiveness, as 5G technology is projected to contribute almost \$900bn to the global economy by 2030.

These advancements are reshaping energy efficiency, as smart grids, Internet of Things (IoT), and AI strengthen the resilience and sustainability of power systems. Looking ahead, the shift toward clean technology will require a major workforce transformation, with an estimated 200 million skilled workers required globally by 2050 to support the continued expansion of sustainable energy solutions.

Sheikh Ali Alwaleed al-Thani, CEO of Invest Qatar, said: "In Qatar, we are embracing digital innovation with a balanced approach, ensuring it aligns with our long-

term sustainability goals. By integrating cutting-edge technology with responsible environmental practices, we aim to create opportunities for investors and businesses committed to driving sustainable growth. We believe that digitalisation is not just about enhancing efficiency, but also about shaping a smarter and greener future."

Santiago Bañales, managing director of Iberdrola Innovation Middle East, said: "This report offers timely insight into how digital innovation, particularly AI, is reshaping the energy landscape and accelerating the shift toward more sustainable systems. AI is driving rapid progress across the sector, from enabling smarter grid operations to optimising the use of renewable energy. Yet it also brings growing energy demand: which must be met with clean, efficient

"At Iberdrola Innovation Middle East, we are developing AI-based solutions that not only enhance how we generate and manage energy but also ensure that innovation is sustainable by design. Our ongoing partnership with Invest Qatar reflects a shared commitment to supporting Qatar's transition to a diversified, knowledge-based economy, in line with the goals of Qatar National Vision

Digital innovation and sustainability are at the core of Oatar National Vision 2030 (QNV 2030), focusing on transforming the country into a tech-driven, knowledgebased economy. The Third National Development Strategy (NDS3), launched last year, reinforces the country's ambition to lead in digital innovation and sustainability. This unwavering commitment is reflected in the country's strategic adoption of emerging technologies, significant investment in digital infrastructure and focus on digital skills

"Safety tip #1: Think like a machine. Feel nothing.

Peru's minister of foreign affairs in Doha to attract Qatari investments

mbassador Elmer Schialer Salcedo, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Peru, and his accompanying delegation held a meeting yesterday with a Oatar Chamber delegation to discuss ways to strengthen economic and commercial relations. The chamber's delegation comprised Rashid bin Hamad al-Athba, second vicechairman, and Nasser bin Sulaiman al-Haider, board member. Also present at the meeting was Peru's ambassador to Qatar, Gonzalo Voto Bernales Gatica.

the investment climate and meeting in Doha yesterday. opportunities in Peru and

Qatar during the meeting, where the minister called on Qatari investors to explore the available opportunities in Peru across various sectors and to participate in key exhibitions and events related to agriculture, industry, and food.

During the meeting, the minister affirmed Peru's keen interest in deepening economic and commercial co-operation with Oatar and enhancing business collaboration between the private sectors of both countries. He highlighted the wide range of sectors available for co-opera tion, particularly in minerals, food securi-

ty, infrastructure, agriculture, and others. The minister also noted the presence of many Peruvian products in the Qatari market and expressed his country's eagerness to further increase exports to Qatar,



Ambassador Elmer Schialer Salcedo, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Peru, and Qatar Chamber officials -Rashid bin Hamad al-Athba, second vice-chairman, and Both sides also explored Nasser bin Sulaiman al-Haider, board member - during a

especially in agricultural, food, and halal products. Al-Athba emphasised the chamber's keenness to strengthen cooperation between business owners from both countries, welcoming partnership and investment collaboration between the Qatari private sector and its Peruvian counterpart. He underscored the importance of organising a joint business forum that would bring together business owners from both sides to explore opportunities for co-operation and partnerships across

Al-Haider, meanwhile, stressed the importance of activating the memorandum of understanding signed between the two chambers to enhance co-operation and promote mutual visits between the business sectors of both countries.

Ooredoo Qatar achieves Zscaler MSSP authorisation, expanding its cybersecurity portfolio

Ooredoo Qatar has officially achieved Zscaler Managed Security Service Partner (MSSP) authorisation, a milestone that positions Ooredoo as a leader in delivering cutting-edge managed security solutions, reinforcing its commitment to innovation

The authorisation enables Opredoo to offer advanced cloud-based security services, including Zscaler Internet Access (ZIA), Zscaler Private Access (ZPA), and Zscaler Digital Experience (ZDX), to

and digital transformation.

businesses and government entities across Qatar. These services are designed to meet the increasing demand for sophisticated cloud security solutions, as organisations face evolving cybersecurity threats in the digital era.

A partner recognition event to mark the strategic partnership was attended by Thani Ali A al-Malki, chief business officer at Ooredoo, and Saeed Agha, Area vice-president. Emerging Markets at Zscaler, along with senior representatives from both organisations. Al-Malki said: "We are delighted to partner with Zscaler and achieve MSSP authorisation. This collaboration further enhances our ability to provide best-in-class managed security services to our customers.

"By adopting Zscaler's zero-trust solutions, we are empowering enterprises and government entities to securely transition to a cloud-first world, enabling them to focus on growth while we handle their cybersecurity needs.

Agha said: "Completing the Services Authorised journey demonstrates Ooredoo Oatar's deep commitment to delivering exceptional experiences for its customers through the Zscaler Zero Trust Exchange. This designation reflects a rigorous enablement journey that ensures partners are fully



Thani Ali A al-Malki, chief business officer at Ooredoo, and Saeed Agha, Area vice-president, Emerging Markets at Zscaler, during the partner recognition event.

equipped to deliver top-tier cloud security

"We are proud to welcome Ooredoo to our elite MSSP ecosystem and look forward to jointly supporting Qatar's digital transformation with innovative, secure, and scalable solutions. Your Digital World secured; with the power of zero trust and AI, Oreedoo and Zscaler will help organisations strengthen and automate IT and security, reduce costs and minimise complexity." The partnership strengthens Ooredoo's position as one of Qatar's most advanced Managed Security Service Providers (MSSPs), enabling it to deliver streamlined, cloud-delivered security solutions designed for a cloud-first, dynamic workforce. In addition, Zscaler's zero-trust framework allows organisations to protect data, applications, and users effectively while

Aligning with Ooredoo's strategic pillar of Innovation and Digital Transformation, this authorisation reaffirms the company's dedication to providing innovative, technology-driven solutions. By addressing critical cybersecurity challenges, Ooredoo continues to empower businesses and government organisations in Qatar to thrive securely in an increasingly interconnected digital landscape.

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