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## Discover QATAR FREE ZONES

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### Key facts





### Rapid economic diversification continues





An economic power at the center of a dynamic and growing region, Qatar has all the right ingredients for investing





# Qatar is positioned in the heart of the Gulf Region with 25 economies located within 3,000 km



- Tremendous markets and economic power within reach of <3,000 km</li>
  - >2BN people
  - >6TN USD in combined GDP
- India and Pakistan offer large populations and domestic markets
- Qatar is well positioned to serve Iran and help Iraq with rebuild activities
- Even markets like **Turkey** and **CIS** countries (Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, etc.) are not beyond reach and offer **industries with potential for logistics**
- In the long-term, KSA is another potential market so serve

   currently it is not accessible
- Excellent access to the Eastern Africa market



Qatar sits at the intersection of three continents, with close proximity to key markets in Europe, Asia and Africa





### Major world markets are less than 18 days by ship





Air

Qatar has invested in world-class infrastructure to make the most of our global connectivity

#### World leading airport, already established as a global hub

- 4th best airport globally (2019)
- 16th largest airport by cargo (2018)
- 34.5 million passengers (2018)
- 160 destinations, 2.2 million freight tons

#### World leading airline

مسطلار حسب السولسي Hamad International Ariport OATAX

- 4th largest cargo airline globally, targeting Top 1 end of the year
- 18% growth in cargo volumes (2018) to ∼11,000 FTkm

### Largest greenfield port in the region

- 1.3 million TEU containers handled (2018)
- ~ 1 million tons of break bulk cargo (2018)
- 4 million TEU capacity expansion planned
- Currently capturing 27% of trade in the Middle East, expected to reach 35% in the next two years

#### <u>Great connectivity</u>

Sea

- 8 feeder routes to Middle East & South Asia
- 12 direct container ship calls
- Directly connected to 40 global ports

## Land



#### Doha metro

warehouses

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- Brand new metro service that became operational in May 2019
- Three lines covering approx. 76 kilometers
- One of the fastest driverless trains in the world

#### Distribution centres &

#### DB SCHENKER

- Capacity increased to more than 1 million square meters of modern warehouses
- Global freight forwarders to support trade



### Qatar ranks highly across a range of global competitiveness metrics





### Continued investment leading up to the 2022 World Cup



\$200 billion planned budget, including:

- USD 35 billion on a state of the art metro system
- USD 11.4 billion allocated on transportation and infrastructure projects
- USD 6.2 billion allocated to develop and expand the healthcare sector with new hospitals and medical facilities

- USD 5.2 billion allocated for new schools, colleges and development of the education sector
- USD 2.4 billion of ongoing projects to be completed around Qatar to expand and improve water sector by 2030



### All backed by a stable currency and high credit rating

- Moody's rates Qatar "Aa3", on par with Belgium and above many global economies including China, Japan and Saudi Arabia.
- This high rating is attributed to Qatar's "very high" economic strength and "dynamic and competitive economy", in addition to "strong governance indicators and demonstrated policy effectiveness during crisis" and "very high fiscal strength" linked to sizeable government reserves.
- The Qatari riyal has been pegged to the U.S. dollar since 2001, at a rate of QAR 3.64 per USD. This policy is overseen by Qatar Central Bank (QCB), and commercial banks trade the based on market determined exchange rates of a given currency against the USD.





## The Free Zones



### The zones

#### Ras Bufontas – Airport Free Zone





#### Directaccessto Hamad Intern'l Airport

Recommended industries include logistics, consumer products, light manufacturing, services, technology and applications, and pharmaceuticals.



#### Umm Alhoul – Port Free Zone

Directaccessto Hamad Port

manufacturing, and

Only 15km from each other









### **Ras Bufontas**



#### SECTORACTIVITIES

- Logistics Hub
- Emerging Technologies
- Light Manufacturing
- Aviation Sector
- International Business Services

#### **PROPERTY SOLUTIONS**

- 2 Km of Serviced Land Plots
- Prebuilt Start-Up Units
- Office Accommodation



### Umm Alhoul



#### **SECTOR ACTIVITIES**

- Logistics Hub
- Industrial Sectors Focus
- Heavy Manufacturing
- Maritime Industries & Services
- Down Stream Petrochemical
- Emerging Technologies

#### **PROPERTY SOLUTIONS**

- 1.8 Sq. Km of Serviced Land Plots
- Prebuilt Start-Up Units
- MARSA Port 8.5 m draught 2.5 km of Quay Wall



### Umm Alhoul





### MARSA 'Marine Cluster' at Umm Alhoul

The gateway for Qatar's marine industry, welcoming foreign investors and local enterprises across a diverse range of marine services and light industry



Maintenance

Research

Logistics

Brokerage







**Boat Building** 







Safety

Training

Design

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Leisure



### Pre-built property solutions

#### Port Zone @ Um Al Hou



14 light industrial units under construction, ready Q2 2020

**24 light industrial units** under construction, ready Q4 2019

#### Oasis Office Building

 Anticipated completion date: Q1 2020

- There is wireless internet access throughout the zones, as well as intelligent traffic monitoring.
- The zones have been designed to incorporate additional smart technologies including smart waste bins, intelligent street lighting, addressable advertising panels and more.
- Each plot developer is required to comply with a 1 star minimum GSAS rating.

Our Offering To Investors



### **Tax & Capital**





### **Corporate Structuring**





### Business-friendly regulations

QFZA is an independent authority focused on creating a User-Friendly, Pro-Business and Globally Competitive Regulatory Framework





### We are primarily focused on three key sectors

As a new organization, we are able to tailor solutions for companies who choose to operate in our free zones, and evolve to best suit your needs.



#### Logistics

Benefit from the unparalleled accessibility, connectivity and capacity of Hamad Port and Hamad Airport. Our port has a current yearly cargo capacity of 2 million TEU, while the airport transports 25 million passengers and 2 million tons of cargo a year.

#### Emerging Technologies

Qatar's small size, powerful infrastructure, high internet and smartphone penetration and the continued growth of its tech sector all make it an excellent hub for tech operations, across automotive, marine, aviation, pharma and more.



### And a wide range of key activities

Within our sector focus, QFZA has identified a wide range of permitted activities for entities operating in the zones. These are likely to evolve over time and should be treated as indicative of key areas of activity.

ClusterActivities	Examples
Industrial Products and Services	Chemicals, plastics and rubber, metals, minerals, paper, packaging, textiles or wood products
Pharma, Life Sciences and Medical Services	Medical devices, biotechnologies
Automotive and Transport Equipment	Auto components, automotive OEM, miscellaneous transport equipment
Aerospace and Aviation	Air transportation technology, passengers and aircraft assistance
Energy and Environmental Technology	Renewables, recycling, environmental control systems
Construction and Real Estate	Construction materials, machinery, equipment
Food and Beverage	All F&B related projects
Consumer Goods	Electronics, accessories, cutlery, jewelry, toys
Marine	Boat maintenance, boat brokerage, water safety training
Logistics and Warehousing	Production of bulk containers, transportation pipes
ІСТ	Software and IT services, communications activities, broadcasting, office equipment
Media and Design	Video games, publishing, music, design services, TV, advertising, market research, PR
Financial Services and Insurance	Banks, investment funds, VC funds, hedge funds, brokerages, foreign exchange services
Professional and Business Services	Legal, accountancy, consultancy, market research
Leisure and Hospitality	Hotels, restaurants, leisure and entertainment
Retail	Consumer products

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### ThankYou

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