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Qatar South Africa

trade jumps 37% to

QR1.2bn in 2021

T Qatar-South Africa trade jumped sharply last year with exports soaring 125% to QR1.2 billion, while imports jumped 14% to QR596 million, the Qatar Trade Development and Investment Promotion Agency (Q-TID) said.

The jump in exports, which are mainly re-exports, was attributed to an increase in the value-added in many South African products. The growth in imports was led by increased imports of chemicals and pharmaceuticals.

South Africa’s exports to Qatar amounted to QR1.2 billion, up from QR530 million in 2020, while Qatar’s exports to South Africa amounted to QR596 million, up from QR270 million in 2020.

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Ford plans giant EV battery plant in Turkey with SK, Koc

Ford, the U.S. automaker, and SK Innovation Co Ltd, the world’s largest EV battery producer, have joined forces to build the first EV battery plant in Turkey. The $10 billion facility will be located in the工业区 of Kocaeli, a coastal province in Turkey, and will have an annual production capacity of 150,000 EV batteries.

The plant, which will be built in two phases, is expected to create 4,000 jobs and produce 150,000 EV batteries per year, enough for about 360,000 electric vehicles. The first phase of the project is scheduled to begin operations in 2024, with the second phase expected to come online in 2026.

The facility will be the first of its kind in Turkey and will help the country diversify its automotive industry. Turkey’s automotive sector is one of the largest in Europe, with more than 300 companies producing a variety of vehicles.

Ford and SK Innovation have been collaborating on EV battery projects for several years. The two companies already have a joint venture in South Korea, which produces batteries for Ford’s electric vehicles.

The new plant in Turkey will be the first in Europe for SK Innovation, which is based in South Korea. The company has been expanding its global footprint in recent years, with plants in the U.S., China, and South Korea.

Ford CEO Jim Farley said the partnership with SK Innovation will help the company achieve its goal of being a leader in the EV market. “This is a significant step in our journey to electrify mobility,” Farley said. “We are excited to bring this new facility to Turkey, which has a strong automotive industry and a skilled workforce.”

SK Innovation CEO Oh Seong-Jo said the company is committed to investing in Turkey and other countries to support theEV market. “We are proud to be part of the global EV revolution and to bring this new facility to Turkey,” Oh said. “This will help us meet the growing demand for EV batteries and support our customers around the world.”
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Emerging market dollar bond funds to fly with Fed

New York

E merging market dollar bond funds are starting to look like an attractive option. The dollar has risen more than 6% against the yen, creating further uncertainty in emerging economies that could lead to capital outflows. Some analysts believe that dollar funds in emerging markets could benefit from the Fed’s鹰派政策.

Funds that invest in emerging market debt, such as iShares MSCI Emerging Market UCITS ETF, have seen inflows despite the rise in the dollar. The fund has gained more than 10% this year, according to Morningstar. Analysts believe that the Fed’s decision to raise interest rates could lead to a strengthening of the dollar, which could benefit dollar funds.

China’s central bank, the People’s Bank of China, is expected to raise interest rates in the coming months. This could lead to a further appreciation of the dollar, which could benefit dollar funds in emerging markets.

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European Union

Europe’s whipsawed bond investors say goodbye to ECFR settings

Bloomberg

A week after their yields plunged and European investors went from selling off the big greenback to buying it, some are now questioning whether the European Central Bank (ECB) is the right choice for the job.

Europe’s bond market is a complex web of interconnected national economies, with investor sentiment heavily influenced by the ECB’s decisions. The bank’s recent moves to reduce its stimulus programs have sent shockwaves through the market, with some investors calling for more support.

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War, pandemic and inflation deal Fed a complex trifecta

The Wall Street Journal

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Qatar-Chamber First Vice Chairman Mohammad Al Towaihi announces

QSE index remains lower despite strong buying interests

The strong buying interest of foreign and Gulf funds continued in the stock market, which was evident from the reference point of the last quarter of the year 2022 where the Doha Exchange Composite Index (DQGI) increased by 12.6%, while the Qatar Stock Exchange (QE) index rose by 8.4%.

The Gulf funds, specifically the funds coming from Gulf countries, showed a strong interest in the stock market, which is evident from the strong buying interest of Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Kuwait, Bahrain, and Oman, with the participation of the state-owned and equity funds of these countries.

The total buying interest of these funds amounted to QR1.3bn, with a buying volume of 15.9m shares, while the selling interest amounted to QR800m with a selling volume of 2.6m shares.

The foreign fund with the highest buying interest was the Qatar fund, with a buying volume of 6.9m shares, followed by the Kuwait fund with 5.2m shares, the Saudi fund with 2.6m shares, and the UAE fund with 1.4m shares.

The foreign fund with the highest selling interest was the UAE fund, with a selling volume of 1.1m shares, followed by the Qatar fund with 0.8m shares, the Saudi fund with 0.5m shares, and the Kuwait fund with 0.4m shares.

The net buying interest of the foreign fund was QR530m, while the net selling interest was QR270m, resulting in a net buying interest of QR260m.

The foreign fund with the highest net buying interest was the Qatar fund, with a net buying interest of QR270m, followed by the Saudi fund with QR100m, the UAE fund with QR60m, and the Kuwait fund with QR30m.

The net selling interest of the foreign fund was QR200m, with the UAE fund leading with QR80m, followed by the Kuwait fund with QR50m, and the Saudi fund with QR30m.

The foreign fund with the highest net selling interest was the UAE fund, with a net selling interest of QR30m, followed by the Kuwait fund with QR10m, and the Saudi fund with QR5m.

The net buying and selling interest of the Gulf funds was QR2.6bn, with a net buying interest of QR1.2bn and a net selling interest of QR1.4bn.

The Gulf fund with the highest net buying interest was the Abu Dhabi fund, with a net buying interest of QR1.2bn, followed by the Bahrain fund with QR400m, the Qatar fund with QR300m, and the Kuwait fund with QR200m.

The Gulf fund with the highest net selling interest was the Kuwait fund, with a net selling interest of QR200m, followed by the Qatar fund with QR100m, the Bahrain fund with QR50m, and the Abu Dhabi fund with QR25m.