

QATAR NATIONAL BANK (S.A.Q.)

Established 1965

Twenty Third Annual Report of the Board of Directors and Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 1987



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H.H. Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani The Heir Apparent







Chairman's Statement

It gives me great pleasure to present to you the annual report and the results of your Bank for the year ended December 31, 1987.

The past year was notable for lower oil prices relative to projections. Lower prices, an increase in the market share of non-OPEC producers and a marginal increase in worldwide demand caused a budget deficit for most OPEC countries, including the State of Qatar.

While most Banks saw only a moderate growth in profits in 1987, Qatar National Bank posted record profits for the year of QR.191.4 million, up 104% over the previous year's figure of QR.93.8 million. As the loss reserve was already adequate to cover all non-performing loans, the Bank did not need further provisions for loan losses in 1987, creating a slight decrease in total expenses compared with 1986. This decrease in expenses combined with stable revenue growth, caused the dramatic increase in the Bank's profits and returns. During 1987, the Bank's return on average assets (1.90%) and return on average shareholders' equity (22.91%) showed significant improvements over the previous year and were exceptionally high by international standards.

During the past year, Qatar National Bank continued to expand the range and quality of services to its customers and modernize its operations. The Bank remained faithful to its policy of supporting the growth of the Country's economy, with credits extended increasing 13% from QR.4.9 billion at the end of 1986 to QR.5.5 billion at the end of 1987. The Bank's share in the total credit extended by all Banks in the State also rose slightly from 62% in 1986 to 63% in 1987.

Total assets showed an increase of 23.3% from QR.9 billion in 1986 to QR.11.1 billion in 1987. Liabilities increased at a similar rate with our share of local deposits increasing from 46% in 1986 to 49% in 1987.

Considerable attention was also paid to the Bank's lending policies with progress being made in several loan workout situations and in recovery management. Credit quality has improved significantly and our reserves have reached an adequate level for any contingency. In addition to providing QR.25.2 million in dividends to shareholders, we set aside QR.170 million for general reserves, solely to increase the Bank's capital base for future growth. The Bank ended 1987 with 77% of all reserves and provisions in the banking sector of the local economy and total equity equal to 8.25% of total assets, again a measure that is high by international standards.

I would like to express here our deep gratitude and sincere thanks to the Emir, His Highness Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Thani and to the Heir Apparent, His Highness Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani for their continued support.

I would like also to thank the members of the Board of Directors for their efforts and the Bank's management and staff for carrying out their duties efficiently.

God willing, the Bank will continue its progress, growth and prosperity.

Abdul Aziz Bin Khalifa Al Thani Chairman, Board of Directors



Board of Directors

Chairman

His Excellency Sheikh Abdul Aziz Bin Khalifa Al Thani Miniater of Finance & Petroleum

Members

- Mr. Ahmad M. Suwaidi
- Mr. Abdullah Abdulghani
- Mr. Yousuf Jasem Darweesh
- Mr. Ahmad Mannai
- Mr. Haider S. Haider
- Mr. Abdulkadir Al-Qadi

General Manager

Mr. Abdulla Khalid Al-Attiya



Report of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors presents the annual report of the Bank for the year ended December 31, 1987. This report includes the Statement of Income and Retained Earnings, the Balance Sheet and the Changes in Financial Position & Changes in Shareholders' Equity.

The past year was dominated by three major financial events. First, depressed oil prices contributed to a decline in revenues for most oil producing countries. Second, the lower value of the U.S. Dollar adversely effected the Qatari economy with the price of many imported goods rising dramatically. Finally, world financial markets experienced a significant decline in the value of equity shares in October.

Despite these difficult economic and financial conditions, the Bank grew at a stable rate and continued to improve its capital base.

Growth was achieved primarily through an increase in the range and quality of services to local and overseas customers. A state-of-the-art banking information system is being implemented and steps have been taken to strengthen the Bank's dealing room and the management of its foreign branches. Significant progress has also been made in credit control and loan recovery.

The profit for 1987 was QR.191.4 million of which QR.25.2 million was set aside as a dividend to shareholders. QR.170 million from 1987 profits and the previous year's retained earnings were also transferred to general reserves. This record level of profits and increased reserves are in keeping with the Directors' desire to build an even stronger capital base for further growth. Effects of the recent stock market crash were substantially mitigated by the Bank's policy of investing most excess funds in the interbank deposit market rather than the more volatile equity markets.

The Board of Directors welcomes this opportunity to extend its sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Emir, His Highness Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Thani, and to the Heir Apparent, His Highness Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani for their support.

We also would like to express our thanks to all the Bank's personnel for their efforts on the Bank's behalf.

Board of Directors









Statement of Income and Retained Earnings for the year ended as at December 31at

	1987	1986
	Qatar Riyals	Qatar Riyals
INCOME:		
Interest earned, commission received, profit on exchange and other income	921,907,145	837,865,125
EXPENSES:		
Interest paid, general and administrative expenses, provisions and other expenses	730,465,389	744.066,271
Net income for the year - Note 12	191,441,756	93,798,854
Retained earnings at January 1	10,410,842	11.811,988
Net income available for appropriation	201,852,598	105.610,842
APPROPRIATIONS:		
Proposed cash dividends	25,200,000	25,200,000
Transfer to statutory reserve		42,000,000
Transfer to general reserve	170,000,000	28,000,000
Total proposed appropriations	195,200,000	95,200,000
RETAINED EARNINGS AT DECEMBER 31	6,652,598	10,410,842



Balance Sheet

for the year ended as at December 31st

ASSETS	1987	1986		
	Qatar Riyais	Qatar Riyals		
Cash and due from banks	5,256,007,805	3,857,953,427		
Trading securities	54,155,824	63,110,694		
Bills discounted	121,902,233	109,338,627		
Loans and overdrafts, less allowance for loans and overdrafts	5,426,864,012	4,817,943,401		
losses Accrued interest and other assets — Note 3	133,257,836	95,967,816		
Customers' acceptance liability	43,914,540	32,952,902		
Investment securities Note 4	72,306,158	32,124,738		
Property and equipment, net - Note 5	28,151,692	24,576,377		
TOTAL ASSETS	11,136,560,100	9,033,967,982		
Customers' liabilities on letters of guarantee, letters of credit,				
and forward currency contracts - contra	3,860,845,898	1,738,051,467		

ABDULLA KHALID AL-ATTIYA General Manager



Balance Sheet

for the year ended as at December 31st

1987	1986		
Qatar Riyals	Qatar Riyal		
7,939,349,958	6,666,281,546		
1,763,546,686	1,189,306,939		
	32,952,902		
26,640,683	26,236,003		
346,915,305	265,699,991		
97,540,330	101,079,759		
10,217,907,502	8,281,557,140		
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Board of Directors



Statements of Changes in Financial Position

	1987	1986		
	Qatar Riyals	Qatar Riyals		
FINANCIAL RESOURCES PROVIDED:				
OPERATIONS				
Net income	191,441,756	93,798,854		
Depreciation	2,282,747	1,797,894		
Provision for loan losses	49,400,514	12,048,597		
Total resources provided by operations	243,125,017	107,645,345		
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Demand deposits, savings, time deposits				
including general provisions	1,273,068,412	766,780,917		
Due to banks	574,239,747			
Acceptances outstanding	10,961,638	11,205,718		
Provisions and accrued interest	81,215,314	42,439,930		
Dividends payable	404,680	7,652,480		
Other liabilities		34,891,361		
REDUCTION IN				
Cash and due from banks		438,030,590		
Trading securities	8,954,871	0.000		
	1,948,844,662	1,301,000,996		
	2,191,969,679	1,408,646,341		



Statements of Changes in Financial Position

	1987	1986		
	Qatar Riyals	Qatar Riyals		
FINANCIAL RESOURCES APPLIED:				
INCREASE IN				
Cash and due from banks	1,398,054,378	-		
Trading securities		22,743,857		
Bills discounted	12,563,606	7,640,738		
Loans and overdrafts	658,321,126	1,265,060,646		
Accrued interest and other assets	37,290,020	21,621,670		
Customers acceptances	10,961,638	11,205,718		
Investment securities	40,181,420	4,080,627		
Property and equipment	5,858,062	1,056,393		
Cash dividends	25,200,000	16,800,000		
REDUCTION IN				
Other liabilities	3,539,429	the second s		
Due to banks		58,436,792		
	2,191,969,679	1,408,646,341		
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Notes to Financial Statements

for the year ended as at December 31st

1. STATUS AND ACTIVITY

Qatar National Bank - S.A.Q., is incorporated as a commercial bank, with its head office in Qatar, under Ameri Decree No. 7, issued in 1964. The Bank operates through its branches in Qatar, United Kingdom and France.

The accompanying financial statements include the assets, liabilities and results of operations of all the Bank branches in Qatar, United Kingdom and France. All material inter-branch balances, income and expenses, are eliminated.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

(a) Interest income on loans and advances is calculated over the outstanding principal and interest balances on a daily basis.

Interest on bills discounted is collected in advance and is recOtherognized as income over the period of the bills using the simple interest method.

- (b) Investments are stated at the lower of aggregate cost or market. Investment in an affiliate is accounted for by the equity method. Trading securities are stated at market.
- (c) Foreign currency transactions are recorded in Qatar Riyals at the rates of exchange ruling at the date of each transaction. Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies at year end are translated including open forward contracts to Qatar Riyals at the spot rates of exchange ruling at that date, translation gains or losses are included in current income.
- (d) Property and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation computed on the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives.
- (e) The allowance for loans and overdrafts, losses is based on a review, carried out by management, having regard to both specific and general factors. The advances are stated net of this provision. Provisions for other risks are also based on a review by management, and are included in liabilities, interest continues to be booked on credit facilities until a time when legal requirements necessitate that the accrual of interest be suspended. A corresponding provision is made for the full amount of such interest.
- (f) Staff end of service indemnity and provident fund are accounted for in accordance with the bank regulations and are included in provisions and accrued expenses.
- (g) Transfer to general reserve is decided by Board of Directors based on a proposal by the management.
- (h) Certain items in the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 1986 were reclassified to agree with the presentation followed in the year 1987.

3. ACCRUED INTEREST AND OTHER ASSETS:

These assets comprise the following:

	Decemb	er 31
	1987	1986
	Qatar Riyals	Qatar Riyals
Accrued interest receivable	99,596,649	55,811,660
Bullion accounts with banks	26,604,775	33,255,219
Prepayments and other accounts	5,013,699	6,900,937
Inter-branch items in transit	2,042,713	
	133,257,836	95,967,816



4. INVESTMENT SECURITIES

Carrying amounts and approximate market values of investment securities are summarized as follows:

	December	er 31, 1987		
	Carrying amount	Approximate market value		
	Qatar Riyais	Qatar Riyals		
Financial institutions	18,985,393	27,537,468		
Other securities	42,038,120	42,793,029		
	61,023,513	70,330,497		
Affiliate	11,282,645			
	72,306,158			
	December 3	1, 1986		
	Carrying	Approximate		
	amount	market value		
	Qatar Riyals	Qatar Riyals		
Financial institutions	14,549,473	22,935,062		
Other securities	10,469,567	10,482,835		
	25,019,040	33,417,897		
Affiliate	7,105,698			
	32,124,738			
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The affiliate is a company in Geneve in which the Bank owns one third of its share capital. It is mainly engaged in investment and portfolio management.

5. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT:

Major classifications of these assets are summarized as follows:

	1987	1986
	Qatar Riyals	Oatar Riyals
and	20,880,710	20,880,710
Buildings	29,794,956	29,794,956
easehold improvements, furniture		
and equipment	21,447,830	16,123,765
Motor vehicles	556,808	352.668
	72,680,304	67,152,099
Accumulated depreciation	44,528,612	42,575,722
	28,151,692	24.576.377



The cost of property and equipment does not include the value of lands on which the Central Office and certain branches buildings are erected. Those lands were granted to the Bank by the Government of Qatar free of charge.

6. DIVIDENDS PAYABLE:

The Board of Directors declared cash dividends at the rate of 20 per cent of outstanding share capital as of December 31 for each of 1987 and 1986.

7. PROVISIONS AND ACCRUED INTEREST:

	Decemb	er 31
	1987	1986
	Qatar Riyals	Qatar Riyals
Accrued interest payable Provisions included staff benefits	57,339,545 289,575,760	37,648,728 228.051,263
	346,915,305	265,699,991

8. OTHER LIABILITIES

	Decemb	ber 31		
	1987	1986		
	Qatar Riyals	Qatar Riyals		
Customers' metal accounts	26,604,775	33,255,219		
Other accounts	5,176,685	7.340,897		
Bills payable	57,029	15,417		
Sundry creditors and others	65,701,841	58,835,899		
Inter-branch items in transit		1.632,327		
	97,540,330	101,079,759		

9. STATUTORY RESERVE:

The statutory reserve is required by the Qatar Monetary Agency by transferring annually not less than 20 per cent of net income until the reserve equals the capital. An amount of QR 42,000,000 was transferred to this reserve during 1986.

10. BONUS SHARES RESERVES:

In the meeting in December 1985, the Board of Directors declared 420,000 bonus shares dividend with effect from January 1, 1986 being one share for every two owned as of December 31, 1985. The nominal value of those shares amounting to QR 42,000,000 was then transferred from retained earnings to bonus shares reserve account. During 1986, this reserve was transferred to share capital.

11. COMPLIANCE WITH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS BY QATAR MONETARY AGENCY:

(a) The Qatar Monetary Agency requires all banks in Qatar to maintain cash deposits with it, free of interest, at specified percentages of the customers' different types of deposits with the bank, as from March 15, 1986. The percentage rates are to be applied to the respective deposit balance with the bank as on 15th of each month.

An amount of QR. 159,824,000 and QR 142,489,000, included in cash, current accounts and deposits with banks, as of December 31, 1987 and 1986 respectively, is deposited with Qatar Monetary Agency for this purpose.

- (b) With effect from August 18, 1986 the Qatar Monetary Agency required that capital and reserves should not be less than 6 per cent of the bank's total assets.
- (c) General reserve as of December 31, 1987, includes a reserve created by the Bank of 1 per cent of gross customers' loans and advances in order to comply with the Qatar Monetary Agency requirements.

12. NET INCOME:

The increase in the net income for the year 1987 compared with 1986 is due mainly to the decrease in amount of provisions taken for the year 1987 accounts compared with 1986. This decrease is due to the adequacy of provisions brought forward from 1986.

13. CUSTOMERS' PORTFOLIO UNDER BANK'S MANAGEMENT:

Customers' portfolio under bank's management amounted to QR. 52,088,365 and QR. 37,965,141 at December 31, 1987 and 1986 respectively.

14. BILLS FOR COLLECTION:

Bills for collection amounted to QR. 83,574,618 and QR. 100,935,388 at December 31, 1987 and 1986, respectively.

15. INCOME TAX EXEMPTION:

The Bank has been exempted from income tax in Qatar for the five years commencing March 23, 1981, in accordance with the Cabinet Decision No. 2 of 1982. The Bank has applied to obtain exemption for another period of five years as from March 23, 1986. The financial statements for the year 1986 have been prepared on the assumption that the exemption will be approved as is common with similar Qatari companies. In 1987 the Bank obtained a letter from Office of the Income Tax signed by the Director of Income Tax confirming that His Excellency the Minister of Finance and Petroleum has approved that the Bank is exempted from income tax in Qatar, for the five years commencing March 23, 1986.



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Retained	g	11,811,968		93,798,854	(25,200,000)	(42.000.000)	(28,000,000)	10,410,842	191,441,756	(25,200,000)	(170,000,000)	6,652,598
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The Auditor's Report

The Shareholders Qatar National Bank - S.A.Q. Doha - Qatar.

We have examined the balance sheets of QATAR NATIONAL BANK - S.A.Q., Doha - Qatar, as at December 31, 1987 and 1986 and the related statements of income, changes in shareholders' equity and changes in financial position for the years then ended. Our examinations were made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and, accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our examination.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly the financial position of Qatar National Bank - S.A.Q., as at December 31, 1987 and 1986 and the results of its operations and the changes in its financial position for the years then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles as adapted by banking practices in Qatar, applied on a consistent basis. The financial statements provide the information required by the Law and the Bank's Bye-Laws. We are also of the opinion that proper books of account were kept by the Bank and that the stocktaking was performed in accordance with recognized principles. To the best of our knowledge and belief, and according to the information given to us, no contraventions of the Law or the Bank's Bye-Laws were committed during the two years, which materially affect the Bank's activities or its financial position.

Doha - Qatar May 14, 1988

For SABA & CO.



