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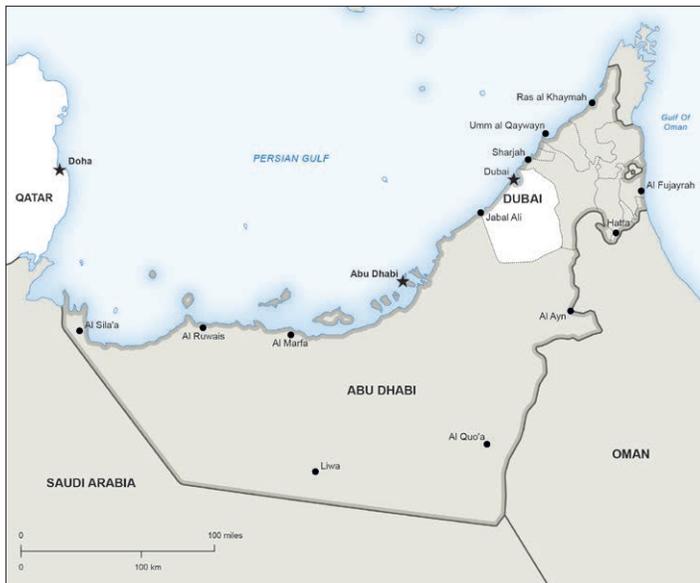
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For earlier issues, see India and Saudi Arabia.



Issuer

Starting Number

Qatar & Dubai Currency Board (QDCB).....B101

Monetary System

18.09.1966: 1 Qatar-Dubai riyal = 100 dirham

Arabic Numbers

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
٠	١	٢	٣	٤	٥	٦	٧	٨	٩

Arabic Months of the Year

يناير (January)	فبراير (February)	مارس (March)
أبريل (April)	مايو (May)	يونيو (June)
يوليو (July)	أغسطس (August)	سبتمبر (September)
أكتوبر (October)	نوفمبر (November)	ديسمبر (December)

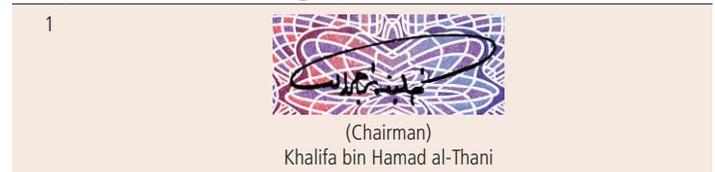
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Qatar & Dubai Currency Board

From 1959 until 1966, Qatar used the Indian rupee as currency, in the form of Gulf rupees. When India devalued the rupee, Qatar adopted the Saudi riyal from 11 June 1966, until 18 September 1966, at which time the Qatar-Dubai Currency Board (QDCB) introduced the Qatar-Dubai riyal. The Saudi riyal was worth 1.065 rupees, while the Qatar-Dubai riyal was equal to the rupee prior to its devaluation.

QDCB Signature Varieties



1966 Issues



	VG	VF	UNC
B101 (P1): 1 riyal (withdrawn 17.08.1973) Green. Front: Arabic text; coat of arms with dhow, oil derrick, and palm trees. Back: English text; guillche patterns. Solid security thread. Watermark: Falcon head. Printer: (Bradbury, Wilkinson & Company). 110 x 55 mm.			
<input type="checkbox"/> a. No date. Sig. 1. Prefix ١/١ - ١/١١. Intro: 18.09.1966.	35	140	675
<input type="checkbox"/> as. Horizontal red نموذج SPECIMEN ovpt front/back; s/n ١/١; punched.	—	—	500
<input type="checkbox"/> at. Red; horizontal red SPECIMEN ovpt front/back; horizontal black # ovpt upper left back; s/n ١/١; punched.	—	—	—



B102 (P2): 5 riyals (withdrawn 17.08.1973) **VG VF UNC**
 Purple. Front: Arabic text; coat of arms with dhow, oil derrick, and palm trees. Back: English text; guilche patterns. Solid security thread. Watermark: Falcon head. Printer: (Bradbury, Wilkinson & Company). 120 x 60 mm.

- a. No date. Sig. 1. Prefix ١ / ١ - ١ / ٦. Intro: 18.09.1966. 180 700 2,900
- as. Horizontal red SPECIMEN ovpt front/back; s/n ١ / ١; punched. — — 500
- at. Brown; horizontal red SPECIMEN ovpt front/back; horizontal black # ovpt upper left back; s/n ١ / ١; punched. — — —



B104 (P4): 25 riyals (withdrawn 17.08.1973) **VG VF UNC**
 Blue. Front: Arabic text; coat of arms with dhow, oil derrick, and palm trees. Back: English text; guilche patterns. Solid security thread. Watermark: Falcon head. Printer: (Bradbury, Wilkinson & Company). 140 x 70 mm.

- a. No date. Sig. 1. Prefix ١ / ١. Intro: 18.09.1966. 4,000 17,000 63,000
- as. Horizontal red SPECIMEN ovpt front/back; s/n ١ / ١; punched. — — 14,000
- at. Green; horizontal red SPECIMEN ovpt front/back; horizontal black # ovpt upper left back; s/n ١ / ١; punched. — — —



B103 (P3): 10 riyals (withdrawn 17.08.1973) **VG VF UNC**
 Gray-blue. Front: Arabic text; coat of arms with dhow, oil derrick, and palm trees. Back: English text; guilche patterns. Solid security thread. Watermark: Falcon head. Printer: (Bradbury, Wilkinson & Company). 130 x 65 mm.

- a. No date. Sig. 1. Prefix ١ / ١ - ١ / ٩. Intro: 18.09.1966. 160 650 2,700
- as. Horizontal red SPECIMEN ovpt front/back; s/n ١ / ١; punched. — — 1,300
- at. Purple; horizontal red SPECIMEN ovpt front/back; horizontal black # ovpt upper left back; s/n ١ / ١; punched. — — —



B105 (P5): 50 riyals (withdrawn 17.08.1973) **VG VF UNC**
 Red. Front: Arabic text; coat of arms with dhow, oil derrick, and palm trees. Back: English text; guilche patterns. Solid security thread. Watermark: Falcon head. Printer: (Bradbury, Wilkinson & Company). 150 x 75 mm.

- a. No date. Sig. 1. Prefix ١ / ١. Intro: 18.09.1966. 3,500 14,000 58,000
- as. Horizontal black SPECIMEN ovpt front/back; s/n ١ / ١; punched. — — 6,500
- at. Dark brown; horizontal red SPECIMEN ovpt front/back; horizontal black # ovpt upper left back; s/n ١ / ١; punched. — — 10,000



B106 (P6): 100 riyals (withdrawn 17.08.1973) **VG VF UNC**
 Olive green. Front: Arabic text; coat of arms with dhow, oil derrick, and palm trees. Back: English text; guillche patterns. Solid security thread. Watermark: Falcon head. Printer: (Bradbury, Wilkinson & Company). 160 x 80 mm.

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s/n ١/١; punched. | — | — | 4,000 |
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horizontal black # ovpt upper left back;
s/n ١/١; punched. | — | — | — |

On 17 October 2012, the Coin and Medal Department of Bonhams Auctioneers, London auctioned a complete set of notes with matching serial number 1/١ ٩ in a blue leather presentation album inscribed *Council For the Currency of Qatar & Dubai*. The set sold for £180,000 (US\$279,000) including buyer's premium.

Looking Forward

Following Dubai's entrance into the United Arab Emirates, Qatar began issuing the Qatari riyal separate from Dubai on 19 May 1973. The old notes continued to circulate in parallel for 90 days, at which time they were withdrawn.

For later issues, see Qatar and United Arab Emirates.

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