



Supervision and Control of Financial Institutions  
Division

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**Circular no.: 5/2020**

**To: All Exchange Houses operating in Qatar**

**Subject: Exchange Houses temporary shutdown**

Within the government's efforts to combat the spread of COVID-19 virus, and QCB's decisions in implementing precautionary and necessary measures to maintain the safety of customers and employees, the following have been decided:

- 1-All exchange houses and their branches operating in Qatar shall be temporarily shutdown as from 26-3-2020 until further notification.
- 2-Plans to work remotely using electronic means should be implemented.
- 3-Money transfer service on electronic platforms should be provided.
- 4-Electronic services should be launched and communicated in different languages so as to reach all customers.

**These instructions shall be effective as from the date of issuance.**

**Abdullah Bin Saud Al-Thani**

**The Governor**