

# Italian delegation to visit Doha



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DOHA: **Marcegaglia**, a leading Italian industrial group, will lead a high-level delegation to Qatar on January 5, 2010. The delegation, led by Antonio **Marcegaglia**, CEO of **Marcegaglia** Group, will meet the Minister of Business and Foreign Trade H E Khaled bin Mohammed Al Attiyah on Wednesday.

Italy and Qatar are strengthening their commercial ties and in the past years an increasing number of Italian businessmen have chosen Qatar as their preferred hub in the Middle East.

Ever since 2007, Italy has been one of the major exporter to Qatar, along with the US, Japan and Germany. The first quarter of 2009 saw around €663.3m trade dealings between the two countries. Italy's major exports to Qatar include mainly metals and mechanical appliances.

**Marcegaglia** opened its Doha office in 2007. The group has operations worldwide with 6,500 employees, 51 sales offices, 210 representations and 50 manufacturing plants. It is organized into several business areas including steel, building, home products, engineering, energy, tourism and service sectors.

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