



محكمة قطر الدولية  
ومركز تسوية المنازعات  
QATAR INTERNATIONAL COURT  
AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTRE

**In the name of His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani,  
Emir of the State of Qatar**

**Neutral Citation: [2026] QIC (F) 43**

**IN THE QATAR FINANCIAL CENTRE  
CIVIL AND COMMERCIAL COURT  
FIRST INSTANCE CIRCUIT**

**Date: 7 July 2026**

**CASE NO: CTFIC0010/2026**

**JEAN MARC ARTHUR RIEGEL**

**Claimant**

**v**

**YOUSUF ALI Y M AL-AALI**

**Defendant**

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**JUDGMENT**

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**Before:**

**Justice Fritz Brand**

## **Order**

1. The Defendant is directed to pay to the Claimant the amount of QAR 300,000 together with interest on that amount, calculated at the rate of 5 % per annum from 28 April 2026 to the date of payment, forthwith.
2. The Defendant is directed to pay the reasonable costs incurred by the Claimant in these claims. The quantum of such costs is to be determined by the Registrar if not agreed.
3. The Claimant is granted leave to seek the balance of the relief formulated in the Statement of Claim by way of an application for summary judgment duly served on the Defendant.

## **Judgment**

1. This is a request for default judgment pursuant to article 22 of the Court's Rules and Procedures (the '**Rules**'). The Claimant is the General Manager and a minority shareholder in Pivot LLC (the '**Company**'), a corporate entity registered and licensed in the Qatar Financial Centre (the '**QFC**'). The Defendant is a director and the majority shareholder in the Company. The claim arises from the alleged corporate demise of the Company and the breakdown of the relationship between the shareholders inter se. This Court has jurisdiction under article 9.3 of its Rules because the Claimant's claims rely on the provisions of the QFC Companies Regulations 2005 (the '**Regulations**').
2. The relief sought is set out in paragraph 88 of the Statement of Claim. Broadly stated, it comprises: (i) an order under article 134 of the Regulations requiring the Defendant and the Company to execute and deliver, within 14 days, the corporate documents required to effect a lawful closure of the Company (including any special resolution and directors' declarations); (ii) in the alternative, an order authorising the Claimant, or a person appointed by the Court, to execute and file those documents and to pursue the Company's deregistration; (iii) delivery up of the Company's books, registers, accounting records, passwords, and other property; (iv) removal of the Claimant's name from the QFC registers as director, officer, signatory, or authorised representative; (v) in the alternative, an order under article 134(2)(B) requiring the Defendant to purchase the Claimant's 20% shareholding at fair value; (vi) damages or compensation under articles 133 and 134(2)(E) for the Claimant's personal losses and

harm to his professional reputation, quantified at QAR 300,000; (vii) interest at 5% per annum on that amount; and (viii) costs of suit.

3. Whereas:

- i. The claim was duly served on the Defendant by registered mail on 28 April 2026 in accordance with the provisions of article 18.3.2 of the Rules.
- ii. The Defendant failed to file and serve a Defence within the period allowed by the Rules, which had lapsed on 28 May 2026. Part of the claim is for specified amounts of money as contemplated by article 22.2 of the Rules.
- iii. Article 22.5 of the Rules states:

*The default judgment shall include the names of the parties, the amount awarded (if applicable), and confirmation that it was issued due to the Defendant's failure to file a Defence. No further reasons shall be stated in the judgment.*

4. Apart from the claims for QAR 300,000 and for interest on that amount, this Court has no jurisdiction to grant default judgment for the balance of the relief sought in the Statement of Claim. Accordingly, the Claimant will be afforded leave to seek the balance of the relief by way of an application for summary judgment properly served on the Defendant.

**By the Court,**



**[signed]**

**Justice Fritz Brand**

A signed copy of this Judgment has been filed with the Registry.

Representation

The Claimant was represented by the Al-Sulaiti Law Firm (Doha, Qatar).

The Defendant did not appear and was not represented.