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QBRI Best Arab Research Institution of 2017

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Qatar Biomedical Research Institute (QBRI), part of Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU), won the prestigious Arab Best Research Institution of the Year 2017 award, confirming the institute's position as a pioneer in the provision of healthcare solutions in Qatar, the region, and the world. The award was presented at a celebratory ceremony in Marrakech, Morocco.

Arab Best Awards' General Secretariat and Experts Committee also selected QBRI Acting Executive Director Dr Omar El Agnaf as one of the Best 100 Arab CEOs, in recognition of his contributions to research on Parkinsons disease and related disorders, as well as his vision as QBRI's manager. The annual Arab Best Awards are among the most coveted in the region, and aim to recognize exceptional organizations and professionals in the Arab world. They aim to celebrate achievements in three core areas: business excellence; government, leadership and sports; and social and community contribution. Award categories are highly competitive and the winners are selected based on a merit system that includes 17 criteria such as leadership style; alignment to strategic business goals; administrative productivity, among others.

For QBRI, the award was a direct result of the institute's ongoing research efforts to provide new insights into the molecular basis of the grand challenges of breast cancer, diabetes and neurological disorders such as autism and neurodegenerative diseases.

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