



Spectator Mode

1. Today's Trading Playbook

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KEY THEMES

Global markets are kicking off a very noisy week, with a great deal of speculation towards Tuesday's U.S. presidential elections. US futures are currently trading unchanged, with a moderate decline on the U.S. 10-year Treasury yield. However, oil prices are down some 3-4% this morning, held back by renewal of lockdown measures across various countries in Europe.

Meanwhile, the EGX 30 went down moderately yesterday, amid average trading activity, as investors enter "spectator mode" to outcomes on the global front. Q3 2020 earnings season should also be on investors' watch for November. Some companies already started to release some figures. Egypt Aluminum's [**EGAL**] preliminary Q1 2020/21 figures showed narrower net losses y/y as lower electricity costs put a lid on gross losses. We calculate that, at the current FX rate, aluminum base prices need to edge over USD2,000/ton for EGAL to break even on a gross level.

NEUTRAL

EGAL: We view the company's recent set of figures as fairly predictable despite managing to narrow its losses.

Now, on to the top news and analysis for the day.

2. TOP NEWS & ANALYSIS

MACRO NEWS

Tourist arrivals to Egypt dropped 62% y/y in H1 2020 as COVID-19 travel restrictions and border closures vaporized international travel. (<u>UNWTO</u>)

The House of Representatives has passed amendments to the Unified Tax Law that impose harsher penalties for late tax filing. (Al-Shorouk)





Final approval was given to an amendment to the Investment Law that allows natural gasintensive industries to apply for licenses to operate in free zones. Projects involving the refining, liquefaction and transportation of natural gas, as well as the production of fertilizers were banned from free zones under the 2017 law. (Al-Shorouk)

CORPORATE NEWS

Emirates ENBD completed the due diligence for BLOM Bank - Egypt ahead of submitting a tender offer. (Al-Shorouk)

Pioneers Holding's [PIOH] extraordinary general meeting will be held on 23 November to approve splitting the company into three units focusing on financial services, real estate, and industrial services. (Company disclosure)

Egypt Aluminum's [EGAL] preliminary Q1 2020/21 results showed that net losses narrowed to EGP151mn vs. EGP278mn a year earlier. This comes in light of a 16% y/y rise in revenues to EGP2.2bn and lower gross losses. EGAL still saw its GLM shrink to 11% compared to 30% a year earlier. These figures indicate higher sales volume, given weaker aluminum base prices and a stronger EGP. We note that aluminum base prices averaged c.USD1,730/ton (-2% y/y) during Q1 2020/21. (Company disclosure) For EGAL to report zero gross losses, aluminum base prices need to edge above USD2,000/ton, according to our calculation at current FX rates.

Arab Cotton Ginning Co.'s [ACGC] BoD agreed to assign Egytrend Financial Consultancy to conduct a study for evaluating the company's stake in El-Nasr Clothing & Textiles [KABO] which is owned by ACGC's unit Amwal Al-Arabia for Cotton Co. In August, ACGC denied selling its stake in KABO. (Company disclosure, Mubasher)

Al-Ahly Capital, the investment arm of National Bank of Egypt (NBE), will acquire 100% of Cairo West; which fully owns Al-Nada Hospital. (Al-Mal)

A consortium of five banks of Export Development Bank of Egypt [EXPA], Housing & Development Bank [HDBK], Suez Canal Bank [CANA], the Industrial Development Bank, and the Egyptian Arab Land Bank, granted a syndicated loan worth EGP650mn to finance a new factory in the industrial zone in Burj Al Arab for Vetopharm International for Pharmaceuticals. (Al-Borsa)

GLOBAL NEWS

Central banks became gold sellers for the first time since 2010 as some producing nations exploited near-record prices to soften the blow from the coronavirus pandemic. Net sales



totaled 12.1 tons of bullion in the third quarter, compared with purchases of 141.9 tons a year earlier, according to a report by the World Gold Council. (Bloomberg)

International investors will see reduced red tape accessing China's capital markets, thanks to new measures that came into effect yesterday expediting the application process and removing restrictions on the scope of investments. (<u>Financial Times</u>)

3. CHART OF THE DAY

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Steel prices have been weaker in 2020, down 14% y/y on average (January through August) and 7.3%. ytd.



4. MARKETS PERFORMANCE

Curre	Current equity market cap (EGPbn) 601.1				Equity turnover (EGPmn): Last, ytd avg.			917.0	954.2		
•				daily chg.	ytd chg.					daily chg.	ytd chg.
ä	7	EGX 30	10,456.33	(0.56%)	(25.11%)	\	71	Gold	1,878.81	0.60%	24.23%
	7	EGX 30 TR	3,989.52	(0.97%)	(22.81%)		71	Silver	23.66	1.71%	34.08%
	7	EGX 70 EWI	1,854.20	(0.88%)	46.34%	8	7	Brent Oil	37.94	(3.16%)	(41.62%)
	7	EGX 100 EWI	2,718.56	(0.91%)	24.44%		7	WTI	35.79	(3.69%)	(40.88%)
	7	DFMGI	2,152.40	(1.62%)	(22.15%)	•	7	Natural Gas	3.35	(0.15%)	52.99%
	7	ADSMI	4,634.54	(0.55%)	(8.48%)	EGP	71	USD/EGP	15.70	0.01%	(1.98%)
5(2)(5	7	TASI	7,864.78	(0.54%)	(6.25%)	€	7	EUR/USD	1.16	(0.05%)	3.82%
	7	QE Index	9,640.11	(0.53%)	(8.03%)	£	7	GBP/USD	1.29	(0.35%)	(2.68%)
***	7	S&P 500	3,269.96	(1.21%)	1.21%	¥	7	USD/JPY	104.66	0.08%	(3.56%)
	7	Dow 30	26,501.60	(0.59%)	(7.14%)	H	71	6M TB yield	13.45	8	(156)
	7	NASDAQ	10,911.59	(2.45%)	21.61%		7	1Y TB yield	13.59	8	(98)
	7	VIX	38.02	1.14%	175.91%		7	10Y TB yield	14.73	7	103
$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle$	7	STOXX 50	2,958.21	(0.06%)	(21.01%)		71	2Y TB yield	0.18	3	(139)
EM	7	MSCI Emerging	1,103.46	(1.49%)	(1.00%)		7	10Y TB yield	0.88	10	(104)
FM	7	MSCI Frontier	520.31	0.45%	(11.21%)		7	30Y TB yield	1.66	11	(73)

^{*} As of market close, except for commodities and currencies at 8.36am CLT. Change in Treasuries is in basis points. Source: Bloomberg, CBE.

5. LATEST EGX VALUATION MULTIPLES

Find out how your favorite stocks compare to the rest of the market.

6. KEY DATES

DATE	TICKER	TYPE	EVENT
2-Nov-20	AXPH	Cash dividend	Ex-Dividend date for EGP15.50/share.
2-Nov-20	CPCI	Cash dividend	Ex-Dividend date for EGP3.20/share.
2-Nov-20	NIPH	Cash dividend	Ex-Dividend date for EGP1.00/share.
2-Nov-20	IRON	OGM	Approving the financial statements ending 30 Jun. 2020.
2-Nov-20	IRON	EGM	Discussing the continuation of the company.
4-Nov-20	EDFM	OGM	Approving the financial statements ending 30 Jun. 2020.
4-Nov-20	SPIN	OGM	Approving the financial statements ending 30 Jun. 2020.
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4-Nov-20	NIPH	Cash dividend	Distribution date for EGP1.00/share.
4/5-Nov-20		FOMC	Discussing FED's policy rate decision
8-Nov-20	CEFM	OGM	Approving the financial statements ending 30 Jun. 2020 and proposed dividend.



8-Nov-20	MNHD	Lawsuit	To recover EGP24.8mn owed by MNHD to NRPD for the development of 32 buildings in 6th of October project.
8-Nov-20	EGBE	Stock dividend	Record date dividends at ratio of for 0.0822:1.
9-Nov-20	EGBE	Stock dividend	Distribution date for dividends at ratio of 0.0822:1.
9-Nov-20	KABO	OGM	Approving the financial statements ending 30 Jun. 2020.
9-Nov-20	CICH	BoD meeting	Approving 9M 2020 financial statements
11-Nov-20	GSSC	OGM	Approving the financial statements ending 30 Jun. 2020 and proposed dividend.
11-Nov-20	ZMID	EGM	Amending articles No. 3 & 4 of the company's bylaws and creating a JV company with Premier for Real Estate Investment.
11-Nov-20	EGAL	OGM	Approving the financial statements ending 30 Jun. 2020.
11-Nov-20	EGAL	EGM	Amending articles of the company's bylaws.
12-Nov-20		MPC Meeting	Discussing CBE's policy rate decision.
12-Nov-20	PRCL	OGM	Approving the financial statements ending 30 Jun. 2020.
12-Nov-20	PRCL	EGM	Discussing the continuation of the company.

7. LATEST RESEARCH

DATE	PUBLISHED REPORT
25-Oct-20	CIB [COMI] – Short-term pain for longer-term gain
11-Oct-20	MACROView – Disinflationary trend interrupted
11-Oct-20	MACROView – External strains are slacking and reserves are growing
6-Oct-20	CIB [COMI] – A Good Bet for the "Risk On" Mode
5-Oct-20	MACROView – Egypt's recovery is broadening
10-Sep-20	MACROView – A Stunning Chapter Towards Targets
8-Sep-20	MACROView – Crawling Out of the Troughs
3-Sep-20	MACROView – Job losses and the bumpy road to recovery
18-Aug-20	Oriental Weavers Carpet [ORWE] – Q2 2020 Results
13-Aug-20	Credit Agricole Egypt [CIEB] – Q2 2020 Results
10-Aug-20	MACROView – Muted inflation environment still dominates
9-Aug-20	MACROView – Recovery of FX revenues is a long-term goal, but the economy is still well armed
5-Aug-20	MACROView – Toward gradual recovery
29-Jul-20	MACROView – CAD gains eroded by financial account vulnerability
14-Jul-20	Commercial International Bank - [COMI] - Q2 2020 results
9-Jul-20	MACROView – Inflation driven by non-food baskets and unfavorable base effect
8-Jul-20	MACROView – Propped up by FX inflows, CBE amasses more reserves, turns NFA to net asset position

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7-Jul-20	MACROView – Non-oil private sector keeps perking up in June, but demand stays depressed
25-Jun-20	EFG Hermes Holding [HRHO] – Behind the Optics of the Arab Investment Bank Potential Acquisition
10-Jun-20	MACROView – Lowest annual reading in five months, but monthly figures show no changes
8.Jun-20	Oriental Weavers Carpet [ORWE] – Operating margins improve despite COVID-19, thanks to lower PP and nylon prices
8-Jun-20	MACROView – Solid buffers and moderate depreciation: The CBE's recipe to deal with COVID-19
3-Jun-20	MACROView – Non-oil private sector took a breather in May, but outlook remains cloudy
18-May-20	Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank [ADIB] – Q1 2020 Results
18-May-20	Al Baraka Bank Egypt [SAUD] – Q1 2020 Results
17-May-20	Credit Agricole Egypt [CIEB] – Q1 2020 Results
13-May-20	MACROView – Yesterday's CBE conference call with Deputy Governor
11-May-20	MACROView- Acceleration in April driven by food prices - as expected
7-May-20	MACROView – Keeping head above water amid pandemic uncertainties
5-May-20	Commercial International Bank (CIB) - Egypt [COMI] - Q1 2020 Results

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