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# When Value Prevails

# 1. Today's Trading Playbook

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# **KEY THEMES**

Yesterday was the start of a trading week with shorter trading hours. The holy month of Ramadan starts tomorrow with the trading day one hour shorter, ending at 1:30 pm CLT. The EGX 30 managed to eke out a small gain after a tumultuous week.

The overall positive sentiment was partly driven by a revaluation sanity check in an industry that has been hyped in the past couple of years, especially with lower interest rates, namely non-banking financial services. GB Auto's [AUTO] announcement that its subsidiary was selling a 5% stake in its investment vehicle holding two of its micro finance businesses was exactly that revaluation check. This EGP353mn deal implies an attributable equity value of EGP4.4bn to AUTO or more than EGP4 a share vs. a closing price of only EGP3.48 last Thursday. Absent financial KPIs for the deal, we note that this is not the first time AUTO monetizes this investment. It did so back in 2018 when it sold a 20% stake to now-partners DPI Ltd. at an implied valuation of EGP507mn. The valuation gap between the two deals that are only three years apart underlines the huge growth potential inherent in this sector. We note that AUTO has been one of our top picks in our STANDPoint published on 1 February 2021, since which the stock advanced some 6% vs. a 10% pullback by EGX 30 – a full 16 percentage-point outperformance.

On the other hand, the second consecutive negative day for Taaleem Management Services [**TALM**] may have spooked investors who were looking forward to subscribing to this year's second IPO, Macro Group Pharmaceuticals [**MCRO**], which with an estimated size of EGP1.6bn. Some investors blamed TALM's underperformance (closing near its IPO price two days after its debut) for MCRO's last-minute decision to shelve its IPO for now. While MCRO cited market conditions to absorb multiple offerings, we think it could very well be lackluster interest in the private placement either on the demand side or the pricing side. MCRO was scheduled to reveal the IPO pricing and its private placement allocation today.





That said, we continue to stick to our trading strategy: handpicking stocks in a stock-bystock basis.

# **POSITIVE**

**AUTO:** Based on the above, we think AUTO should re-rate, unlocking some of its intrinsic value.

**QNBA:** QNB AlAhli's [**QNBA**] Q1 2021 results published yesterday indicate that the stock is still undervalued when considering its profitability and growth potential and despite yet another wave of credit provisions booking.

# **NEGATIVE**

**CICH:** With MCRO's IPO shelved indefinitely, CI Capital Holding's [**CICH**] investment banking division revenues in 2021 could be lower than expected.

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

# 2. Top News & Analysis

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# **MACRO NEWS**

According to the IMF regional economic outlook, Egypt is classified among the region's emerging markets whose average public gross financing needs in 2021-2022 are expected to reach 37% of GDP. The IMF is concerned that this could cut into the ability of governments to fund programs designed to get their economies past COVID — and that it could see the private sector have less access to credit as banks plow deposits into lower-risk state paper. (IMF)

Remittances from Egyptians living abroad dipped slightly in January 2021 to USD2.54bn, down from USD2.65bn during the same month last year. (Enterprise)

The Suez Canal Economic Zone (SCZone) has signed a long-term syndicated loan worth EGP10bn to finance infrastructure projects. The 10-year loan, signed with a consortium led by National Bank of Egypt (NBE), will fund projects at industrial zones and ports in the zone, and is divided into two tranches (EGP5bn and USD320mn). Some of the projects will be completed within two years. (SCZone)

Occupancy rates at hotels across Egypt averaged between 40-45% in Q1 2021 but have been growing m/m as international travel picks up ever so slowly. Occupancy was at 25% in January but rose to 30% in February and 45% in March. (Reuters)





## **CORPORATE NEWS**

One of GB Auto's [AUTO] subsidiaries has entered into an agreement with foreign investment funds whereby it would commence the procedures for the sale of part of its stake in MNT Investments BV (Dutch), representing 5% of the shares thereof, at a price of c. EGP353mn. Accordingly, AUTO's indirect stake in MNT Investments BV shall be reduced to 57.26%. (Company disclosure)

Macro Group Pharmaceuticals (Macro Capital) [MCRO] decided to postpone its initial public offering (IPO) on the Egyptian Exchange (EGX), doubting the market's ability to absorb multiple offerings. (Company disclosure)

QNB AlAhli's [QNBA] Q1 2021 net profit rose to EGP1.97bn (+5.2% y/y) on lower operating expenses of EGP944mn (-3.4% y/y) and thinner tax expenses of EGP805mn (-3.1% y/y). This came despite built-up provisions of EGP498mn (+1.8% y/y) but in view of weaker net interest income (NII) of EGP3.57bn (-7.2% y/y). Hence, NIM fell to 5.5% in Q1 2021 from 6.4% in Q1 2020. QNBA is currently trading at a P/BV of 0.84x and a TTM P/E of 4.5x. (Bank release)

The Sovereign Fund of Egypt addressed some companies to participate in developing Al-Tahrir Complex, namely Orascom Construction [ORAS], Hassan Allam, and Samcrete. (Al-Borsa)

## **GLOBAL NEWS**

The IMF has revised its growth forecast upward for the Middle East and North Africa region, as countries recover from the coronavirus crisis that began in 2020. Real GDP in the MENA region is now expected to grow 4% in 2021, up from the IMF's October projection of 3.2%. However, the outlook will vary significantly across countries, depending on factors such as vaccine rollouts, exposure to tourism, and policies introduced. (IMF)

Despite what he sees as a rapidly recovering economy, the Federal Reserve Chairman reaffirmed the central bank's commitment to keep loose monetary policy in place. That includes a statement of near-certainty that interest rates will not be going anywhere as inflation remains tame and millions of Americans remain in need of assistance as the nation rebuilds from the damage caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. (CNBC)



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# 3. CHART OF THE DAY

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Source: Banks' Financials.

**Egypt banks' NPL & NPL coverage change:** During 2020, most banks retained their solid asset quality, while others showed an improvement in terms of NPL size and NPL coverage ratio. For instance, Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank - Egypt [**ADIB**] exhibited the highest decline in NPL ratio despite its high lending growth in 2020 (+30% y/y). On the other hand, despite its asset quality improvement, Suez Canal Bank [**CANA**] still has the highest NPL and the lowest NPL coverage ratios. In 2021, banks' asset quality will face pressure in line with expected lending growth which will most likely be elevated by an economic recovery given low interest rates that are lucrative enough for borrowers.

# 4. MARKETS PERFORMANCE

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Curre	Current equity market cap (EGPbn) 648.6				Equity turnover (EGPmn): Last, ytd avg.			752.7	1,178.6		
				daily chg.	ytd chg.					daily chg.	ytd chg.
Ħ	7	EGX 30	10,393.13	0.87%	(4.17%)	<b>\</b>	Ä	Gold	1,743.88	(0.68%)	(8.35%)
	7	EGX 30 TR	4,020.71	1.12%	(3.62%)		7	Silver	25.27	(0.76%)	(4.82%)
	71	EGX 70 EWI	1,935.94	3.16%	(9.75%)	8	7	Brent Oil	62.95	(0.46%)	20.97%
	71	EGX 100 EWI	2,868.77	2.67%	(7.39%)		7	WTI	59.32	(0.44%)	21.72%
	71	DFMGI	2,593.22	0.40%	4.06%	•	7	Natural Gas	2.53	1.46%	0.95%
	7	ADSMI	6,070.10	0.18%	20.41%	EGP	7	USD/EGP	15.71	0.01%	(0.21%)
50003	7	TASI	9,938.32	(0.74%)	14.37%	$\epsilon$	7	EUR/USD	1.19	(0.05%)	(2.64%)
	7	QE Index	10,563.54	0.21%	1.22%	£	7	GBP/USD	1.37	(0.06%)	0.21%
32	71	S&P 500	4,128.80	0.77%	9.92%	¥	7	USD/JPY	109.67	(0.09%)	6.12%
	7	Dow 30	33,800.60	0.89%	10.44%	M	7	6M TB yield	13.40	1	67
	7	NASDAQ	13,900.19	0.51%	7.85%		7	1Y TB yield	13.38	2	61
	7	VIX	16.69	(1.53%)	(26.64%)		7	10Y TB yield	14.82	3	43
$\circ$	7	STOXX 50	3,978.84	0.03%	12.00%	<b>*</b>	7	2Y TB yield	0.15	(1)	2
EM	7	MSCI Emerging	1,330.36	(0.97%)	3.03%		7	10Y TB yield	1.66	(1)	73
FM	71	MSCI Frontier	589.31	0.21%	3.09%		7	30Y TB yield	2.33	(3)	67

<sup>\*</sup> As of market close, except for commodities and currencies at 8.17am CLT. Change in Treasuries is in basis points. Source: Bloomberg, CBE.





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

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12-Apr-21	RAYA	OGM	Approving the financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2020, and discussing a dividend distribution and other agenda items.
12-Apr-21	AIFI	OGM	Approving the financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2020, and discussing a dividend distribution and other agenda items.
12-Apr-21	AIFI	EGM	Amending article 4 of the bylaws.
12-Apr-21	SRWA	Cash dividend	Last date for eligibility for EGP0.107/share.
14-Apr-21	CICH	Cash dividend	Payment date for EGP0.05/share (1st installment).
14-Apr-21	EKHO	Stock dividend	Last date for eligibility for dividends at a ratio of 1-for-10.
14-Apr-21	EIUD	Stock dividend	Last date for eligibility for dividends at a ratio of 0.25-for-1.
15-Apr-21	SRWA	Cash dividend	Payout date for a dividend of EGP0.107/share.
15-Apr-21	EIUD	Stock dividend	Payout date for dividends at a ratio of 0.25-for-1.
15-Apr-21	EKHO	Stock dividend	Payout date for dividends at a ratio of 1-for-10.
15-Apr-21	CLHO	OGM	Approving the financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2020, and
			discussing a dividend distribution and other agenda items.
15-Apr-21	CLHO	EGM	Approving an employee incentive system.
15-Apr-21	SAUD	OGM	Approving the financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2020 and the
			proposed dividend.
15-Apr-21	MENA	OGM	Approving the financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2020.
15-Apr-21	MOIN	OGM	Discussing netting contracts & a board reshuffle.
15-Apr-21	MOIN	EGM	Approving increasing the issued capital and amending articles 4, 6 &
			7 of the bylaws.
18-Apr-21	CCRS	OGM	Approving the financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2020 and other agenda items.
18-Apr-21	RMDA	OGM	Approving the financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2020 and the
10-Apr-21	KIVIDA	OGIVI	proposed dividend.
18-Apr-21	RMDA	EGM	Approving increasing the issued capital and amending articles 6 & 7
			of the bylaws.
19-Apr-21	EFIC	Cash dividend	Last date for eligibility for EGP0.250/share.
19-Apr-21	DOMT	Cash dividend	Last date for eligibility for EGP0.20/share.
19-Apr-21	EFID	Cash dividend	Last date for eligibility for EGP0.21/share.
20-Apr-21	PHDC	Cash dividend	Last date for eligibility for EGP0.100/share.
21-Apr-21	PORT	EGM	Voting on a new company name.
22-Apr-21	EFID	Cash dividend	Date for a payout of EGP0.21/share.
22-Apr-21	EFIC	Cash dividend	Date for a payout of EGP0.250/share.
22-Apr-21	OCDI	OGM	Approving the financial statements, appointing an IFA to evaluate
			ALDAR's offer, and discussing a dividend distribution and other
			agenda items.
22-Apr-21	KZPC	Cash dividend	Last date for eligibility for EGP2.500/share.
22-Apr-21	DOMT	Cash dividend	Date for a payout of EGP0.20/share.
24-Apr-21	CICH	OGM	Electing a new BoD and approving the financial statements.
24-Apr-21	MTIE	OGM	Approving the financial statements, and discussing a dividend distribution and other agenda items.



24-Apr-21 MTIE EGM Approving increasing the issued capital and amending articles 6 & 7 of the bylaws.

24-Apr-21 EDBM OGM Approving the financial statements and other agenda items.

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6-Apr-21	MACROView – FX Assets Well Placed to Mitigate Potential Risks
6-Apr-21	MACROView – Still Downbeat
28-Mar-21	<u>Taaleem Management Services [TALM] – Enriching the Education Sector</u>
18-Mar-21	EFG Hermes Holding [HRHO] – Challenging Year, Yet Growth Continues
10-Mar-21	MACROView – Still Below the Target, but Global Headwinds Cloud the Horizon
8-Mar-21	MACROView – Buffers Grew Despite Signs of Unwelcome Tightening of Financial Conditions
7-Mar-21	Al-Shams Housing & Development [ELSH] – Making Hay While the Sun Shines
3-Mar-21	MACROView – Weak Demand Still Weighing on the Rebound Trajectory
2-Mar-21	MACROView – Commodity Supercycle: Real or Hype?
1-Mar-21	Commercial International Bank [COMI] – Earnings Beat Despite Higher Provisions
25-Feb-21	Elsewedy Electric [SWDY] – Strong Set of Results Driven by Turnkey
22-Feb-21	CI Capital Holding [CICH] – Got the Hit, Yet Better Than Expected
10-Feb-21	MACROView – Disinflation Continues Amid Acceleration in Global Commodity Prices
8-Feb-21	Misr Chemical Industries [MICH] – Annually Wild, Quarterly Tamed
4-Feb-21	MACROView – External Buffers Are Still Restoring Grounds
3-Feb-21	MACROView – A Fragile Improvement but Favorable Sentiment
3-Feb-21	MACROView – External Woes vs. Cautious Optimism
2-Feb-21	STANDPoint – Egypt 2021 Investing Playbook
14-Jan-21	CI Capital Holding [CICH] – New Expansions = Further Growth
10-Jan-21	MACROView – Below End-of-Year Target
6-Jan-21	MACROView – On the Path to Further Recovery
5-Jan-21	MACROView – Rutted Road to Recovery
28-Dec-20	Elsewedy Electric [SWDY] – More Growth to Come
22-Dec-20	EFG Hermes Holding [HRHO] – Blueprinting Its Eminence
16-Dec-20	CIB [COMI] – Earnings beat despite higher provisions
10-Dec-20	MACROView – The Highest Reading in Seven Months



7-Dec-20	MACROVIEW – Restored Ground			
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3-Dec-20	MACROView - Not as Severe as Expected but All Eyes on the Scars			
25-Nov-20	Misr Chemical Industries [MICH] – Pandemic Proof			
10-Nov-20	MACROView – An expected rise as the new school year began			
4-Nov-20	MACROView – The Stars Seem to Be Aligned for International Reserves			
3-Nov-20	MACROView – The Highest Reading in Six Years			
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			
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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			
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			
8Jun-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			
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18-May-20	Al Baraka Bank Egypt [SAUD] – Q1 2020 Results			
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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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