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Welcome Back!

1. Today's Trading Playbook

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KEY THEMES

Welcome back to yet another short trading week. Investors should be back in full force starting today through next week. The long weekend in observance of Eid EI-Fitr left investors with few events to trade on, except for the MSCI rebalance which was announced last Wednesday night. This MSCI 2021 semi-annual index review (SAIR) will go in the history books as the one that finally changed the face of Egypt main index composites. Fawry [FWRY], the new kid in town, managed to replace Elsewedy Electric [SWDY], as the latter's market cap failed to withstand minimum requirements. The change will become effective as of the close of 27 May 2021. It's not very difficult to picture SWDY dealing with short term pains post SAIR; however, we think that MSCI index review was sort of a tactical overhang on the stock performance. We reiterate our view that such index review events should be exploited as mispricing opportunities. We still believe that changes in index constituents affect short-term institutional positioning towards new or deleted names, leaving zero effect on stocks' fundamentals, thus usually creating opportunities. Fundamentally speaking, we prefer SWDY to FWRY on a pure valuation basis.

Elsewhere, as we had pointed out end of April, Egypt Aluminum [**EGAL**] made our call worthwhile with the stock up 29%, outperforming both EGX 30 (+2.3%) and EGX 70 EWI (+4.6%). We continue to suggest commodity-linked stocks, such Ezz Steel [**ESRS**] which raised its selling prices three times in the past three weeks, the last of which was over the weekend. Also, GB Auto [**AUTO**] reported its Q1 2021 results late last Tuesday after market close, showing strong performance, which bodes well for a strong 2021 performance.

POSITIVE

AUTO: Q1 2021 results were strong, showing high growth rates on both revenues and earnings fronts.

ESRS: Higher selling prices should bode well for the company's financials in 2021.





SWDY: Despite being removed from MSCI EM index, the stock still offers high upside potential and trades at cheap multiples.

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

2. TOP NEWS & ANALYSIS

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MACRO NEWS

The government is planning to expand the Suez Canal to avoid a repeat of the Ever Given fiasco that blocked the trade artery for six days in March. (Reuters)

Egypt's unemployment rate registered 7.4% in Q1 2021, up by 0.2% from 7.2% in Q4 2020 and down by 0.3% from Q1 2020. (Mubasher)

Importers can no longer bring in used electric vehicles (EVs) under a new decision by the Ministry of Trade & Industry designed to boost local EV assembly. (Ministry of Trade & Industry)

The Sovereign Sukuk Law is on the Senate's agenda today as it resumes its sessions after the Eid holiday. The draft law has passed the House Economic Committee and will be sent back to the House of Representatives for a final say following the Senate's vote. (Al-Shorouk)

The resumption of flights between Russia and Egyptian resorts depends on the epidemiological situation, Russian Deputy Prime Minister told reporters on Wednesday. (TASS)

The National Telecom Regulatory Authority (NTRA) imposed fines of EGP20.7mn on Egypt's four mobile operators, after monitoring violations of the regulatory rules that the NTRA had issued for the service of porting from one operator to another with the same number (number portability service). Telecom Egypt [ETEL] incurred a fine of EGP3.9mn. (NTRA)

CORPORATE NEWS

GB Auto's [AUTO] Q1 2021 net income after minority grew to EGP299mn (+116% y/y) on higher revenues of EGP6.8bn (+16% y/y) and a higher gross profit margin of 20% (+117bps). (Company disclosure)

Egypt Kuwait Holding's [EKHO] Q1 2021 net profit grew 40.8% y/y to USD42.7mn, implying a net profit margin of 22.2%, up from 18.9%. This came as a result of a 19.3% y/y growth in revenues to USD191.9mn with GPM of 41% in Q1 2021, up from 35% in Q1 2020. (Earnings release)





Ezz Steel's [ESRS] upped its selling prices by 2.8% to reach EGP14,600/ton, including VAT effective 17 May 2021. (Company release)

Cairo for Investment & Real Estate Development [CIRA] plans to establish a new international school in the new city of Qena, expected to be launched during FY23. Meanwhile, CIRA plans to inject investments worth EGP700mn this year to complete the first phase works for Badr University in Assiut (BUA) in addition to establishing three new international schools. (Al-Mal)

Odin Investments' [ODIN] Q1 2021 bottom-line losses widened to EGP0.9mn (+205% y/y) due to lower revenues of EGP2.8mn (-35% y/y). (Company disclosure)

Arab Co. for Asset Management & Development [ACAMD] said the EGP1.5bn offer it had received for its Zefta land in November 2020 has been withdrawn after negotiations on the price and the payment terms reached a deadlock. Meanwhile, Q1 2021 preliminary results indicate that revenues increased to EGP225,000 (+9.5% y/y), and net losses mounted to EGP119,000 (+20% y/y). (Company disclosures: 1, 2)

Egyptians for Housing & Development's [EHDR] Q1 2021 net profits surged to EGP7.8mn (+115% y/y). (Company Disclosure)

GLOBAL NEWS

U.S. inflation in April accelerated at its fastest pace in more than 12 years as the U.S. economic recovery kicked into gear and energy prices jumped higher. The Consumer Price Index, which measures a basket of goods as well as energy and housing costs, rose 4.2% from a year earlier. A Dow Jones survey had expected a 3.6% increase. The month-to-month gain was 0.8%, against the expected 0.2%. (CNBC)

Widespread gasoline shortages along the U.S. East Coast began to ease slightly on Saturday as the operator of the nation's biggest fuel pipeline said it was back to delivering "millions of gallons per hour" following last week's cyberattack. (Reuters)

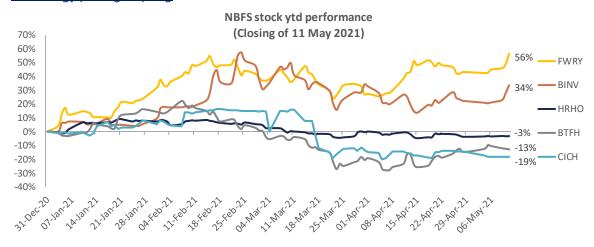
Iron ore prices in Asia plunged 10% on Friday from record highs after the Chinese government stepped up its efforts to put a damper on spiraling prices. (<u>Bloomberg</u>)



3. CHART OF THE DAY

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Source: Investing.com, Prime Research.

With the month of Ramadan now behind us, we took a look at our stock picks in the non-banking financial services (NBFS) sector to see how they performed on a ytd basis. Fawry [**FWRY**] is still leading, up 56% ytd, further extending its stock price surge to 518% since its IPO in August 2019. EFG Hermes Holding [**HRHO**] remains below our 12M PT of EGP17.7/share, with the conclusion of the aiBank 51% acquisition acting as a catalyst for the name—in our opinion.

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Curre	Current equity market cap (EGPbn) 672.2				Equity turnover (EGPmn): Last, ytd avg.			1,008.5	1,178.6		
				daily chg.	ytd chg.					daily chg.	ytd chg.
B	7	EGX 30	10,767.84	0.77%	(0.71%)	\	7	Gold	1,843.43	0.91%	(2.89%)
	7	EGX 30 TR	4,190.79	0.51%	0.45%		7	Silver	27.42	1.22%	3.87%
	7	EGX 70 EWI	2,161.97	1.24%	0.78%	8	7	Brent Oil	68.71	2.48%	32.64%
	7	EGX 100 EWI	3,096.77	1.22%	(0.03%)		7	WTI	65.37	2.43%	34.73%
	7	DFMGI	2,696.03	0.36%	8.19%	0	7	Natural Gas	2.96	(0.40%)	16.62%
	7	ADSMI	6,209.43	(0.14%)	27.40%	EGP	71	USD/EGP	15.66	0.02%	(0.49%)
35903	7	TASI	10,322.68	0.92%	18.79%	ϵ	71	EUR/USD	1.21	0.50%	(0.61%)
	7	QE Index	10,925.24	(0.23%)	4.69%	£	7	GBP/USD	1.41	0.32%	3.12%
19	7	S&P 500	4,173.85	1.49%	11.12%	¥	7	USD/JPY	109.35	(0.11%)	5.91%
	7	Dow 30	34,382.13	1.06%	12.34%	¥	7	6M TB yield	13.39	(1)	66
	7	NASDAQ	13,429.98	2.32%	4.20%		7	1Y TB yield	13.36	(2)	59
	7	VIX	18.81	(18.68%)	(17.32%)		7	10Y TB yield	14.83	(1)	44
0	7	STOXX 50	4,017.44	1.64%	13.08%	76	7	2Y TB yield	0.15	(0)	2
EM	7	MSCI Emerging	1,307.53	1.14%	1.26%		71	10Y TB yield	1.63	2	70
FM	7	MSCI Frontier	616.42	0.21%	7.84%		7	30Y TB yield	2.35	2	69

^{*} As of market close, except for commodities and currencies at 8.32am CLT. Change in Treasuries is in basis points. Source: Bloomberg, CBE.





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17-May-21	NCCW	OGM	A board reshuffle.
17-May-21	NCCW	EGM	Amending articles 21, 24, 31 & 32 of the bylaws.
17-May-21	POUL	Cash dividend	Last date for eligibility for a dividend of EGP0.160/share.
19-May-21	ESGI	OGM	Approving the financial statements and other agenda items.
19-May-21	RMDA	OGM	Approving the financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2020 and the proposed dividend.
19-May-21	RMDA	EGM	Approving increasing the issued capital and amending articles 6 & 7 of the bylaws.
19-May-21	ORAS	OGM	Approving the financial statements and a cash dividend of USD0.23/share.
19-May-21	SWDY	Cash dividend	Last date for eligibility for a dividend of EGP0.40/share.
20-May-21	FWRY	Right Issue	The closing date for a rights issue subscription.
20-May-21	POUL	Cash dividend	Date for a payout of EGP0.160/share.
20-May-21	HRHO	OGM	Approving a capital increase of EGP768.6mn through retained earnings and approving other agenda items.
20-May-21	HRHO	EGM	Approving an employee incentive system and other agenda items.
20-May-21	IDHC	First Trading Day	First day of trading of Integrated Diagnostics Holding's [IDHC] local shares in EGP on the EGX.
24-May-21	SWDY	Cash dividend	Date for a payout of EGP0.40/share.
24-May-21	BINV	Cash dividend	Last date for eligibility for a dividend of EGP1.25/share.
27-May-21	FAIT	EGM	Amending articles 2, 7, & 47 of the bylaws.
27-May-21	BINV	Cash dividend	Date for a payout of EGP1.25/share.

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6-May-21	MACROView – The Road to Recovery Gets Longer
18-Apr-21	MACROView – Challenges Remain Daunting
13-Apr-21	Crédit Agricole Egypt (CAE) [CIEB] – The Value Algorithm
12-Apr-21	Orascom Construction [ORAS] – Rich in Value
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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?				
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10-Jun-20	MACROView – Lowest annual reading in five months, but monthly figures show no changes
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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



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