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1. Today's Trading Playbook

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KEY THEMES

Yesterday, Al Ezz Dekheila Steel - Alexandria [**IRAX**] announced that on 9 December 2021 its BoD ratified an IFA study regarding the fair value of **Egyptian Steel**. Furthermore, the BoD agreed to buy an 18% stake of Egyptian Steel for EGP2.5bn to be financed using IRAX's internal resources. The 18% target stake was originally 30% but will be diluted, thanks to undergoing a capital increase. As way of background, Egyptian Steel is a semi-integrated producer, with a nameplate capacity of c.1.7mtpa.

The Good

- The deal will see Ezz Steel [**ESRS**] exploring growth in an inorganic approach, capitalizing on any growth prospect in Egypt's steel market.
- ESRS's effective market share will increase slightly after adding the attributable market share of Egyptian Steel to ESRS sizable market share of c.50%.
- Upon completion of the deal, ESRS may consider Egyptian Steel as a sister company, hence adding 18% of Egyptian Steel's bottom line to ESRS's P&L. Otherwise, only cash dividends from Egyptian Steel would be accounted for.
- ESRS has successfully negotiated the payment of the deal value over three installments, 50% of which will be paid now and the rest in two equal installments over the next two years. This should help alleviate the pressure on IRAX's balance sheet.

The Bad

- The deal value came ahead of our expectations and possibly the market's for that matter, which in return raises concerns that it may be a bit expensive. Furthermore, the disclosed IFA summary report did not help much on this front, offering limited information.

- Egyptian Steel's earnings profile is unclear. According to data derived from the IFA summary report, Egyptian Steel's book value of equity is almost entirely composed of paid-in capital and paid under capital increase, indicating that the company has little to no retained earnings.

The Ugly

- Given that it's a non-controlling stake, it's tough to see short-term scenarios with ESRS benefiting off its recent acquisition in a meaningful way.

- ESRS is already a highly-leveraged company operating in a highly-volatile industry. Combined with global market volatility, acquiring the 18% stake will likely increase ESRS's exposure, hence adding another layer to its risk profile.

All in all, it remains to be seen how ESRS/IRAX could benefit of this minority stake in a dynamic way.

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

2. TOP NEWS & ANALYSIS

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MACRO NEWS

Egypt is set to join JPMorgan's emerging markets bond index (EMBI) by the end of January with an estimated weight of 1.8%. ([Egyptian Cabinet](#))

South Korea's government has given its initial approval to grant a soft loan of USD250mn to fund signaling upgrades for the 224 kilometer Luxor-Aswan railway. ([Al-Mal](#))

The General Authority for Suez Canal Economic Zone has received a short-term bridge finance worth EGP1.5bn from National Bank of Egypt and Banque Misr. ([Al-Shorouk](#))

CORPORATE NEWS

Cairo for Investment & Real Estate Development's [CIRA] OGM approved not to distribute cash dividends for FY20/21. ([Company disclosure](#))

Acrow Misr's [ACRO] 9M 2021 net income after minorities almost doubled to EGP128mn, backed by a 62% y/y increase in revenues to EGP1.2bn. (Company disclosure)

The Ministry of Housing, Utilities & Urban Communities signed MoU with Alameda Healthcare Group to operate and manage the first hospital in the New Administrative Capital. Alameda will invest around EGP1bn to equip the hospital. ([Enterprise](#))

GLOBAL NEWS

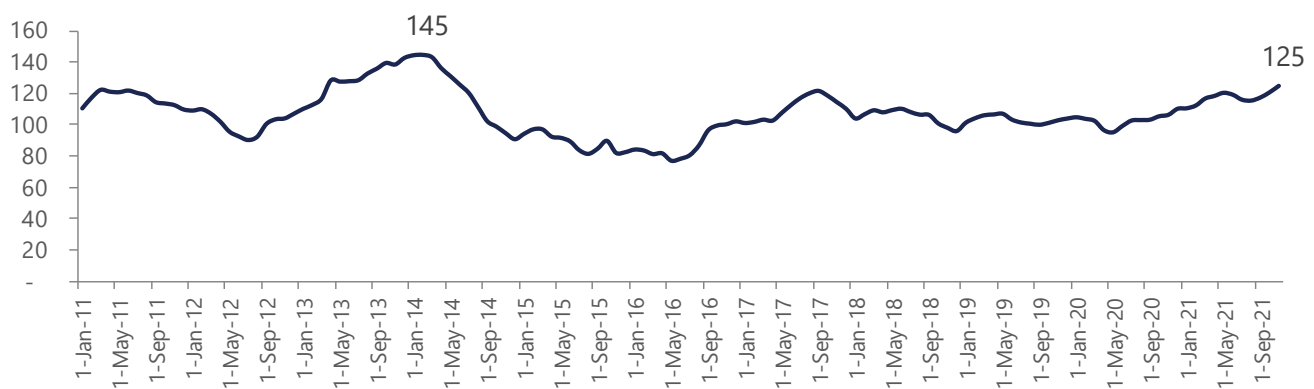
Oil prices extended their rally on Monday as investor appetite improved amid growing relief the Omicron variant may not cause severe illness and will likely have a limited impact on global fuel demand. ([Reuters](#))

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FAO Dairy Price Index



Source: FAO.

In November, the dairy price index of the **Food & Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)** has reached its highest monthly level since H1 2014.

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Current equity market cap (EGPbn)						736.2	
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* As of market close, except for commodities and currencies at 8.3am 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.

6. KEY DATES

DATE	TICKER	TYPE	EVENT
13-Dec-21	MNHD	OGM	Approving its fair value study.
13-Dec-21	MNHD	EGM	Approving increasing the issued capital and amending articles 6 and 7 of the bylaws.
13-Dec-21	HELI	Cash dividend	Deadline for eligibility for a dividend of EGP0.10/share.
14-Dec-21	PHDC	OGM	Discussing netting contracts.
14-15 Dec-21		FOMC	Determining the U.S. monetary stance.
16-Dec-21	HELI	Cash dividend	Date for paying out a dividend of EGP0.02/share (1st round).
16-Dec-21		MPC Meeting	Determining the CBE's policy rate.
16-Dec-21	NBKE	EGM	Discussing delisting.
16-Dec-21	ETRS	EGM	Amending articles of incorporation.
16-Dec-21	PRCL	OGM	Approving the financial statements and other agenda items.
16-Dec-21	PRCL	EGM	Discussing a capital increase.
19-Dec-21	PORT	EGM	Amending article 2 of the bylaws.
20-Dec-21	RAYA	OGM	Approving the financial statements and the proposed dividends.
22-Dec-21	EGCH	OGM	Approving the financial statements ending 30 Jun. 2021.

22-Dec-21	EGCH	EGM	Amending articles of the bylaws.
23-Dec-21	PACH	OGM	Approving the financial statements and the proposed dividends.
26-Dec-21	AIH	Lawsuit	A court session discussing legal disputes relevant to the company.
27-Dec-21	ORAS	EGM	Approving the potential acquisition of an equipment distribution business.
30-Dec-21	ABUK	Cash dividend	Date for paying out a dividend of EGP1.00/share (2nd round).
30-Dec-21	MICH	Cash dividend	Date for paying out a dividend of EGP0.50/share (2nd round).
30-Dec-21	EGTS	OGM	Approving the financial statements and other agenda items.
1-Jan-22	ALCN	OGM	Approving the financial statements and other agenda items.
1-Jan-22	ALCN	EGM	Approving the company's draft articles of association.
1-Jan-22	CSAG	OGM	Approving its 2021 financials and discussing a dividend distribution.
1-Jan-22	CSAG	EGM	Approving the company's draft articles of association.
2-Jan-22	EGTS	Lawsuit	A court session discussing legal disputes relevant to the company.
3-Jan-22	AREH	EGM	Amending articles 4 and 33 of the bylaws.
12-Jan-22	CCRS	OGM	A board reshuffle.
20-Jan-22	ARCC	EGM	Discussing changes to the bylaws.

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9-Dec-21	<u>MACROView – Another Retreat ... Until Further Notice</u>
8-Dec-21	<u>MACROView – For Stormy Days, Eyes on the Ball</u>
7-Dec-21	<u>EGYPTBanks – Takeoff Time</u>
5-Dec-21	<u>MACROView – Searching for Lost Momentum</u>
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17-Nov-21	<u>EFG Hermes Holding [HRHO] – Earnings Growth Skyrocketing ex-One-Offs</u>
17-Nov-21	<u>Orascom Construction [ORAS] – BESIX – Back on Track Again</u>
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