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1. Today's Trading Playbook

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KEY THEMES

U.S. equities rebounded yesterday, after the Fed said it would end its bond purchases in March as it gradually stops policies originated at the beginning of the health crisis. This comes following the Fed's two-day policy meeting, where the Fed signaled that its inflation target has been met, and accordingly its announcement on ending the asset purchases has prepared for around 75bps interest rate increases possibly by end of 2022. Furthermore, Asian stocks rose, following the Fed announcement to gradually end its monetary stimulus, yet at the same time giving signals of a strong economic outlook stepping into 2022. Meanwhile, oil prices gained in early Thursday's trading in light of U.S. implied consumer petroleum demand surging to a record high even as COVID-19'S Omicron variant still threatens to derail oil consumption globally.

Here at home, EGX 30 ended Wednesday almost flat, yet it's still up 7% ytd and 2% since the beginning of December. We remind you that December is usually a good month for EGX 30, as the usually index likes to end on a good note. Average overall monthly performance in December since 2015 is 5%. It's worth noting that EGX 30 is currently traded at forward P/E of only c.7x, implying an earnings yield of 14%, which is considered acceptable in view of the index historical profile.

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

2. TOP NEWS & ANALYSIS

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MACRO NEWS

Egypt's high exposure to external financing could lead the government to seek a fresh IMF program, especially in the event of a "liquidity shock", according to a recent Fitch Ratings report. ([Fitch Ratings](#))

CORPORATE NEWS

Arafa for Investment & Consultancies' [AIVC] consolidated 9M 2021 ended 31 October 2021 recorded a net loss of USD11mn compared to a net profit of USD1mn a year before, affected by lower other revenues and higher SG&A costs. Meanwhile, revenues increased by 40% y/y to USD120mn. ([Company disclosure](#))

CI Capital Holding's [CICH] healthcare subsidiary, MCI Capital Healthcare, reportedly acquired so far 8.5% from its 26.2% in Cleopatra Hospitals Group [CLHO] target stake. (Al-Borsa). ([Al-Borsa](#))

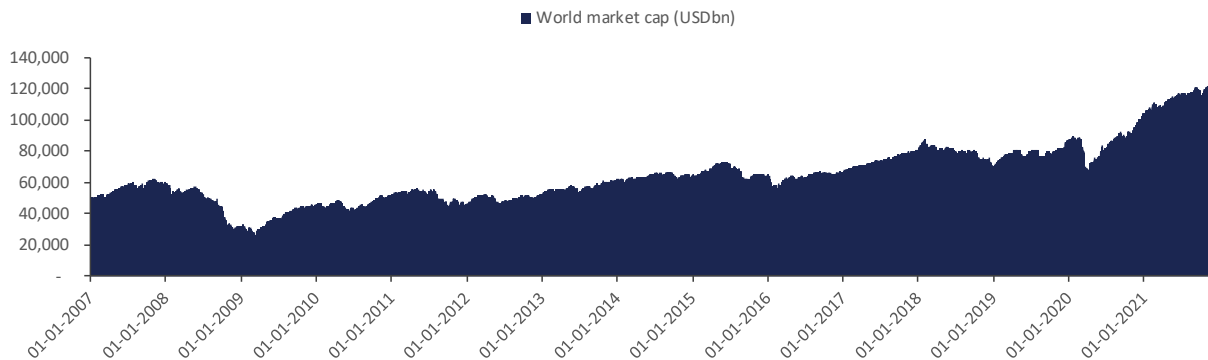
GLOBAL NEWS

Turkey's central bank is expected to cut interest rates again today despite a currency crash and soaring inflation. ([Reuters](#))

3. CHART OF THE DAY

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Source: Bloomberg.

World market cap saw a record high, breaking USD122.5tn on 17 November 2021. Though, ever since, it has dropped 2% amid talks of Fed tapering and Omicron fears.

4. MARKETS PERFORMANCE

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Current equity market cap (EGPbn)						Equity turnover (EGPmn): Last, ytd avg.			
733.4						1,195.9 1,178.6			

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.

7. LATEST RESEARCH

DATE	PUBLISHED REPORT
14-Dec-21	<u>MACROView – When “Bad” Inflation Clouds the Path of “Good” Inflation</u>
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>
21-Nov-21	<u>TAKEStock – Nitrogen Fertilizers Local Price Hike</u>
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>
15-Nov-21	<u>B Investments Holding [BINV] – Growth Dented Across the Board – Take 2</u>
15-Nov-21	<u>Elsewedy Electric [SWDY] – A Quarter to Forget?</u>
14-Nov-21	<u>Misr Chemical Industries [MICH] – A Healthy Kick-off to a Promising Year</u>
14-Nov-21	<u>Abu Qir Fertilizers [ABUK] – A “One-of-a-Kind” Quarter</u>
14-Nov-21	<u>Commercial International Bank [COMI] – Elegant Earnings Growth on All Fronts</u>
10-Nov-21	<u>MACROView – The Calm Before the Storm, or Maybe Not</u>
10-Nov-21	<u>CI Capital Holding [CICH] – Record-Breaking Quarter</u>
7-Nov-21	<u>Crédit Agricole Egypt (CAE) [CIEB] – Earnings Recover on Lower Provisions</u>
4-Nov-21	<u>MACROView – Underlying Strength, but Gathering Headwinds</u>
3-Nov-21	<u>MACROView – Gathering Clouds</u>
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19-Oct-21	<u>MACROView – The Storm Is Gone but the Headwinds Persist</u>
13-Oct-21	<u>e-finance [EFIH] – An Eye-Opening IPO</u>
10-Oct-21	<u>MACROView – Walking a Tightrope</u>



6-Oct-21	<u>MACROView – On “Risk Control” Mode</u>
6-Oct-21	<u>MACROView – The Tortuous Path to Recovery</u>
19-Sep-21	<u>TAKEStock – Consumer Staples (Food & Beverage) – All You Can Eat Festival</u>
15-Sep-21	<u>MACROView – Deciphering the Din of Battle</u>
14-Sep-21	<u>TAKEStock – Orascom Investment Holding [OIH] — Monetization at Play</u>
9-Sep-21	<u>MACROView – Hot Summer Winds</u>
7-Sep-21	<u>MACROView – The Global Blessing Windfall</u>
6-Sep-21	<u>MACROView – Tempered, But Cautious, Optimism</u>
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18-Aug-21	<u>EFG Hermes Holding [HRHO] – Solid Business, Strong Financial Growth</u>
17-Aug-21	<u>Elsewedy Electric [SWDY] – Impressive Set of Results</u>
17-Aug-21	<u>Commercial International Bank [COMI] – Adjustment Post Stock Dividend</u>
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18-May-21	<u>Elsewedy Electric [SWDY] – Financials promise a buoyant year ahead</u>
17-May-21	<u>Misr Chemical Industries [MICH] – Another Chapter of Strong Annual Growth</u>
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