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KEY THEMES

Yesterday, a Reuters report said that foreigners could be starting to be a bit cautious on Egypt's lucrative carry trade. The reason behind this is the downward spiral that the Turkish lira (TRY) went on, which accelerated in December. Furthermore, the static nature of the EGP FX rate at the tough times of COVID-19 and what followed has served the carry trade in Egyptian treasuries well so far, yet post the TRY incident, some argue that it could be a little spooky to investors. Time is a crucial factor. More flexibility in FX rates could upgrade in priority from being "encouraged" to a "must" if the drama in TRY effect persisted to synchronize with other global liquidity disrupters such as the Fed's announced moves in 2022, alongside the overall global divergence in monetary policy stances.

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

2. Top News & Analysis

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MACRO NEWS

Pan-African private sector higher education operator, Honoris United Universities, announced today that it signed a transaction to acquire Merit University in New Sohag City for an undisclosed amount. (Enterprise)

CORPORATE NEWS

Egypt's government will decide on water desalination bids of USD3bn in H1 2022. The bidders include Orascom Construction [ORAS] and Hassan Allam Holding consortium, as well as other Arab and foreign companies. (Al-Borsa)

Qalaa Holdings [CCAP] subsidiary Egyptian Refining Company (ERC) has reached a preliminary debt restructuring agreement for its USD2.35bn debt. The company is looking to extend the loan's tenor by seven years, which would give it until 2034 to fully pay it down. The lenders have reportedly gave a preliminary nod to the extension, on the condition that interest rates remain unchanged. (Enterprise)





Integrated Diagnostics Holdings [IDHC] opened its fourth branch of Al-Borg Scan in West Cairo. (Arab Finance)

General Co. for Ceramic & Porcelain Products' [PRCL] Q1 2021/22 unaudited results show a wider net loss of EGP14.6mn compared to EGP11.6mn a year before. Meanwhile, the company's gross profit narrowed to EGP1.5mn compared to EGP6.5mn. (Company disclosure)

GLOBAL NEWS

Several major buyers in Europe hit the limits of their contracted gas supplies, sending prices to a new record high. (Bloomberg)

Global oil demand roared back in 2021 as the world began to recover from COVID-19 pandemic, and overall world consumption potentially could hit a new record in 2022 - despite efforts to bring down fossil fuel consumption to mitigate climate change. (Reuters)



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Source: Bloomberg.

Despite being calm amid the Fed's hawkish shift, U.S. Treasury yields have been on a steady increase since the pandemic slump. One of the main themes for 2022 is that bond yields will restore their historical position above equity yields (part of which is dividend yield as shown in the above chart).



4. MARKETS PERFORMANCE

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Curre	Current equity market cap (EGPbn) 74				742.4	Equity turnover (EGPmn): Last, ytd avg.			1,096.9	1,178.6	
				daily chg.	ytd chg.					daily chg.	ytd chg.
H	71	EGX 30	11,630.63	0.92%	7.24%	>	71	Gold	1,803.67	0.80%	(4.87%)
	7	EGX 30 TR	4,591.90	0.89%	10.07%	0	7	Silver	22.81	1.30%	(13.61%)
	71	EGX 70 EWI	2,172.05	1.19%	1.25%	8	71	Brent Oil	75.29	0.12%	45.52%
	7	EGX 100 EWI	3,203.41	1.16%	3.41%		7	WTI	72.76	0.15%	50.19%
	7	DFMGI	3,126.29	(0.84%)	25.45%	•	7	Natural Gas	3.98	0.28%	57.03%
	7	ADSMI	8,398.89	(0.71%)	66.18%	EGP	7	USD/EGP	15.71	0.03%	0.15%
5300	7	TASI	11,204.43	(0.50%)	28.94%	€	71	EUR/USD	1.13	0.10%	(7.20%)
	71	QE Index	11,683.73	0.26%	11.96%	£	7	GBP/USD	1.34	0.01%	(2.31%)
100	71	S&P 500	4,696.56	1.02%	25.04%	¥	\Leftrightarrow	USD/JPY	114.10	0.00%	(9.63%)
	7	Dow 30	35,753.89	0.74%	16.82%	Н	7	6M TB yield	12.35	(10)	(38)
	7	NASDAQ	15,521.89	1.18%	20.43%		7	1Y TB yield	13.25	(4)	48
	7	VIX	18.63	(11.33%)	(18.11%)		7	10Y TB yield	14.72	(1)	33
0	71	STOXX 50	4,217.06	1.01%	18.70%	*	71	2Y TB yield	0.67	0	54
EM	71	MSCI Emerging	1,209.88	0.52%	(6.30%)		7	10Y TB yield	1.46	(1)	53
FM	7	MSCI Frontier	657.60	0.23%	15.04%		7	30Y TB yield	1.85	(2)	19

st As of market close, except for commodities and currencies at 8.3am CLT. Change in Treasuries is in basis points.

Source: Bloomberg, CBE.

5. LATEST EGX VALUATION MULTIPLES

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

6. KEY DATES

DATE	TICKER	TYPE	EVENT
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.
2-Jan-22	JUFO	Cash dividend	Deadline for eligibility for a dividend of EGP0.20/share.
3-Jan-22	JUFO	Cash dividend	Ex-dividend date for EGP0.20/share.
3-Jan-22	AREH	EGM	Amending articles 4 and 33 of the bylaws.
5-Jan-22	JUFO	Cash dividend	Date for paying out a dividend of EGP0.20/share.
9-Jan-22	PORT	EGM	Amending article No. 2 of the company's bylaws.





10-Jan-22	ODIN	EGM	Amending Articles No. 3 & 4 of the company's bylaws.
12-Jan-22	CCRS	OGM	A board reshuffle.
15-Jan-22	MPCO	OGM	Discussing the changing and hiring for key positions.
15-Jan-22	MPCO	EGM	Approving increasing issued capital and amending articles No. 6 & 7 of the company's bylaws.
15-Jan-22	DSCW	EGM	Approving increasing issued capital and amending articles No. 6 & 7 of the company's bylaws.
20-Jan-22	ARCC	EGM	Discussing changes to the bylaws.

7. LATEST RESEARCH

DATE	PUBLISHED REPORT
22-Dec-21	MACROView – The Return of the 'Vigilante'
14-Dec-21	MACROView – When "Bad" Inflation Clouds the Path of "Good" Inflation
9-Dec-21	MACROView – Another Retreat Until Further Notice
8-Dec-21	MACROView – For Stormy Days, Eyes on the Ball
7-Dec-21	EGYPTBanks – Takeoff Time
5-Dec-21	MACROView – Searching for Lost Momentum
21-Nov-21	TAKEStock – Nitrogen Fertilizers Local Price Hike
17-Nov-21	EFG Hermes Holding [HRHO] – Earnings Growth Skyrocketing ex-One-Offs
17-Nov-21	Orascom Construction [ORAS] – BESIX – Back on Track Again
15-Nov-21	B Investments Holding [BINV] – Growth Dented Across the Board – Take 2
15-Nov-21	Elsewedy Electric [SWDY] – A Quarter to Forget?
14-Nov-21	Misr Chemical Industries [MICH] – A Healthy Kick-off to a Promising Year
14-Nov-21	Abu Qir Fertilizers [ABUK] – A "One-of-a-Kind" Quarter
14-Nov-21	Commercial International Bank [COMI] – Elegant Earnings Growth on All Fronts
10-Nov-21	MACROView – The Calm Before the Storm, or Maybe Not
10-Nov-21	CI Capital Holding [CICH] – Record-Breaking Quarter
7-Nov-21	Crédit Agricole Egypt (CAE) [CIEB] – Earnings Recover on Lower Provisions
4-Nov-21	MACROView – Underlying Strength, but Gathering Headwinds
3-Nov-21	MACROView – Gathering Clouds
1-Nov-21	TAKEStock – Separating the Wheat from the Chaff
31-Oct-21	TAKEStock – Natural Gas Price Hike
19-Oct-21	MACROView – The Storm Is Gone but the Headwinds Persist
13-Oct-21	e-finance [EFIH] – An Eye-Opening IPO
10-Oct-21	MACROView – Walking a Tightrope



6-Oct-21	MACROView – On "Risk Control" Mode
6-Oct-21	MACROView – The Tortuous Path to Recovery
19-Sep-21	TAKEStock – Consumer Staples (Food & Beverage) – All You Can Eat Festival
15-Sep-21	MACROView – Deciphering the Din of Battle
14-Sep-21	TAKEStock – Orascom Investment Holding [OIH] — Monetization at Play
9-Sep-21	MACROView – Hot Summer Winds
7-Sep-21	MACROView – The Global Blessing Windfall
6-Sep-21	MACROView – Tempered, But Cautious, Optimism
5-Sep-21	Misr Chemical Industries [MICH] – Nice While It Lasted
29-Aug-21	Orascom Construction [ORAS] – Recovery on Track Although Below Estimates
24-Aug-21	Abu Qir Fertilizers [ABUK] – When the Stars Align
18-Aug-21	EFG Hermes Holding [HRHO] – Solid Business, Strong Financial Growth
17-Aug-21	Elsewedy Electric [SWDY] – Impressive Set of Results
17-Aug-21	Commercial International Bank [COMI] – Adjustment Post Stock Dividend
16-Aug-21	B Investments Holding [BINV] – Growth Dented Across the Board
11-Aug-21	Crédit Agricole Egypt (CAE) [CIEB] – Non-Interest Income Heals Earnings Growth
10-Aug-21	MACROView – July's Feverous Inflation
9-Aug-21	CI Capital Holding [CICH] – Robust Exit Saves the Day
5-Aug-21	MACROView – The Sky Is No Blue
4-Aug-21	MACROView – Constrained Recovery
26-Jul-21	EFG Hermes Holding [HRHO] – FV and 12MPT Adjustment to Bonus Share Action
13-Jul-21	Commercial International Bank [COMI] – Tamed Credit Provisions Spur Annual Growth
8-Jul-21	MACROView – Inflation Edged Up, As Expected
8-Jul-21	MACROView – External Buffers Still Powering Ahead
6-Jul-21	MACROView – A Steady and Slow Recovery in the Making
5-Jul-21	Abu Qir Fertilizers [ABUK] – Talking U
16-Jun-21	B Investments Holding [BINV] – Strong Financials, Growing Investments
14-Jun-21	Al-Shams Housing & Development [ELSH] – Earnings Flattened by Factoring Cost
10-Jun-21	MACROView – Inflation Risk Rising, but Still Within Target
8-Jun-21	TAKEStock – Telecom Egypt [ETEL] – Show Me the Dividends
6-Jun-21	MACROView – Further Enhancement
3-Jun-21	MACROView – Contraction Eased



23-May-21	Orascom Construction [ORAS] – Earnings Short of Our Estimates
23-May-21	CI Capital Holding [CICH] – Earnings Dented by One-off ESOP Expense
22-May-21	Commercial International Bank [COMI] – Earnings Growth Driven by Lower Provisions
20-May-21	Crédit Agricole Egypt (CAE) [CIEB] – Slowing Lending Inhibits Earnings Growth
20-May-21	EFG Hermes Holding [HRHO] – Recovery Signs; Back on Track
18-May-21	B Investments Holding [BINV] – Exits Kick Off, Unlocking Value
18-May-21	Elsewedy Electric [SWDY] – Financials promise a buoyant year ahead
17-May-21	Misr Chemical Industries [MICH] – Another Chapter of Strong Annual Growth
11-May-21	MACROView – Inflation Eased but Stage Still Set for a Pick-Up
9-May-21	MACROView – Stability Prevailed
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
11-Apr-21	MACROView – Monthly Reading Pressured By Seasonality
6-Apr-21	MACROView – FX Assets Well Placed to Mitigate Potential Risks
6-Apr-21	MACROView – Still Downbeat
28-Mar-21	Taaleem Management Services [TALM] – Enriching the Education Sector
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





1-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





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