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## Harness the Hike

## 1. Today's Trading Playbook

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### **KEY THEMES**

Yesterday, we published our first banking thematic note, discussing how Egypt banks can make the best use of a hawkish Central Bank of Egypt (CBE). The abrupt challenges brought about by the pandemic in 2020 were definitely revealing as they helped highlight points of strengths and weaknesses in Egypt banks. The sector in aggregate managed to navigate through those implications; some banks even have remarkably turned the situation into an advantage. In this note, we are not only taking a deeper look in the rear view mirror but also forecasting glimpses of this year, which is seemingly just as volatile as last year. For more details, check out <u>our published note</u> from yesterday.

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

## 2. TOP NEWS & ANALYSIS

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## **MACRO NEWS**

The government plans to attract USD40bn in fresh investments over the next four years by selling stakes in state-owned assets to local and international investors. The assets subject to sale include new and renewable energy projects, real estate assets in new cities, desalination projects, banking, telecom and education assets, and possibly transport infrastructure such as the under-construction high-speed electric rail line and the monorail. (Enterprise)

The government wants to increase the private sector's contribution to economic investment to 65% over the next three years, up from 30% last year. (Enterprise)

**Egypt's unemployment rate dipped to 7.2% in Q1 2022 from 7.4% in the previous quarter.** (Enterprise)





Prime Minister Moustafa Madbouly announced that Egypt's strategic reserve of commodities is sufficient for at least four months. Meanwhile, oil strategic reserve is sufficient for six months. (Mubasher)

The Egyptian Food Export Council has announced that Egypt's exports of food have increased by USD49mn (+5% y/y) in Q1 2022 reaching USD1.04bn. (Economy Plus)

Egypt has agreed to buy 500,000 tons of wheat from India. (Reuters)

## **CORPORATE NEWS**

EK Holding [EKHO] reported Q1 2022 results, with a robust 66% increase in bottom line to USD71.1mn (+97% q/q) on the back of both revenues growth and substantial margin improvement. Consolidated revenues grew to USD291.2mn (+52% y/y, 19% q/q), with strong growth contribution coming from the Fertilizers & Petrochemicals segment, on surging global commodity prices. As a result, EBITDA margin for the quarter recorded 51% (+11pp y/y, 5pp q/q). EKHO is currently traded at TTM P/E of 7x. (Company disclosure)

**Export Development Bank of Egypt [EXPA] has announced its Q1 2022 face-lifting results.** The bank's bottom line surged 139% y/y reaching EGP302mn. This increase was on the back of: (1) higher net interest income (NII) of EGP573mn (+23% y/y), reflecting the higher yields, (2) reversal of EGP82mn of provisions, making the CoR almost 0%, and (3) one-off sale of an asset yielding EGP101mn of income. On the balance sheet side, total assets grew 4% q/q to EGP80bn. Gross loans grew notably to EGP40bn (14% q/q), where all the EGP2.5bn (+3.8% q/q) increase in deposits was utilized, increasing EXPA's GLDR from 54% last quarter to 59%. Also, NPL ratio declined from 3.29% to 2.9%. Financial investments witnessed a shift of EGP10bn between FIOCI (equities) to FIAC (debt securities), as the bank resorted to the safer option of governmental debt. The bank's effective tax rate dropped significantly to 34% down from 44% last year, due to higher loans allocation. (Company disclosure)

Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank – Egypt [ADIB] reported its financials for Q1 2022. The improvement in ADIB's performance in 2021 carries on to this quarter, as net income increased 33% y/y to EGP424mn. This increase was mainly due to growth in net interest income of 24% y/y to EGP1bn, coupled with provisions reversal of EGP82mn, decreasing the bank's CoR from -0.34% to only -0.056%. ADIB's loan portfolio grew 6% y/y to EGP48bn representing almost all the 5% increase in total assets to EGP94bn, while deposits grew slightly to EGP78bn (2.5% y/y). NPL ratio decreased in Q1 2022, recording 3.3% (vs. 3.8%), whereas GLDR declined to 62% vs. 67%. (Company disclosure)





Egyptian Gulf Bank [EGBE] released the preliminary results for Q1 2022. The standalone indicators showed a 24% increase in bottom line reaching EGP197mn. EGBE's net interest income (NII) did not fully reflect the higher yields, increasing slightly to EGP678mn (+2% y/y), despite a 12% growth in loans to EGP26bn and an 8% increase in deposits to EGP70bn. (Company disclosure)

Credit Agricole – Egypt's [CIEB] Q1 2022 standalone preliminary results showed bottom line increasing 30% y/y to EGP486bn. The surge in net income came partially in light of higher net interest income (NII) of EGP773mn (+11% y/y) on the back of higher yields. (Company disclosure)

Misr Fertilizers Production Co.'s [MFPC] Q1 2022 standalone EPS came at EGP8.9 (+605%) vs. EGP1.26 a year earlier. Reasons for such leap in bottom line performance could be explained in view of (1) 152% y/y growth in revenues to EGP1.6bn, (2) GPM improved to 63% vs. 59% a year earlier, and (3) FX translation gains of EGP817mn. (Company disclosure)

**Edita Food Industries [EFID] announced its Q1 2022 consolidated results; net profit came in at EGP148.1mn (+85.9% y/y).** Meanwhile, revenues reported EGP1.6bn (+33.7% y/y). GPM came at 35.7% (+1.6 pp) while NPM came at 9.5% (+2.7 pp). (Company disclosure)

Misr Cement Qena [MCQE] announced its Q1 2022 results; net income amounted to EGP81mn (+161% y/y) with total revenues of EGP669mn (-6% y/y). Margins have improved with GPM coming at 23% (+8% pp) and NPM coming at 12.1% (+8.7% pp). (Company disclosure)

Raya Contact Center [RACC] announced its Q1 2022 results showing a bottom line of EGP7mn (+306% y/y) propelled mainly by higher revenues (including rebates) of EGP257mn (+40% y/y), lower SG&A-to-sales ratio (-137bps y/y) and lower rental expenses. Gross profit margin, however, dropped to 32.6% (-264bps y/y) during the same period. (Company disclosure)

Alexandria Pharmaceuticals & Chemical Industries [AXPH] announced its 9M 2021/2022 results, reporting a decrease in net profit to EGP80.4mn (-25.7% y/y) compared to EGP108.1mn for the same period in the last year. (Mubasher)

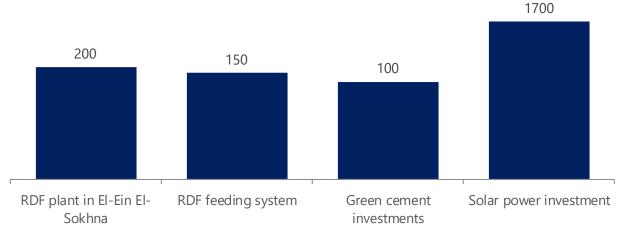
Mena Touristic & Real Estate's [MENA] consolidated net loss in Q1 2022 decreased to EGP3.20mn vs. a net loss of EGP3.29mn, while revenue dropped to EGP0.11mn(-82%y/y) from a year earlier. (Company disclosure)



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## **Lafarge Cement Egypt Investments (EGPmn)**



Source: Prime Research.

**Lafarge Cement Egypt** is a leader in cement production with sustainable development in Egypt. It invests millions of Egyptian pounds each year to develop its cement production facilities with newer technologies, finding ways to lower emissions of the cement production process. This includes its EGP100mn investment in green cement manufacturing.



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Curre	Current equity market cap (EGPbn) 694.2				Equity turnover (EGPmn): Last, ytd avg.			737.0	1,338.8		
				daily chg.	ytd chg.					daily chg.	ytd chg.
Ħ	7	EGX 30	10,534.22	(1.36%)	(11.84%)	<b>\</b>	7	Gold	1,811.79	(0.55%)	(1.28%)
	7	EGX 30 TR	4,250.92	(1.38%)	(9.88%)		7	Silver	21.11	2.11%	(9.89%)
	7	EGX 70 EWI	1,825.16	(0.42%)	(17.11%)	8	7	Brent Oil	111.55	(1.44%)	43.92%
	7	EGX 100 EWI	2,766.74	(0.69%)	(15.01%)		7	WTI	110.49	(1.17%)	48.83%
	71	DFMGI	3,418.57	2.77%	6.97%	•	7	Natural Gas	7.66	2.05%	109.65%
	71	ADSMI	9,493.42	2.93%	11.84%	EGP	7	USD/EGP	18.33	(0.10%)	(14.18%
5300	7	TASI	13,149.29	2.45%	16.55%	€	7	EUR/USD	1.04	(0.15%)	(8.57%)
	7	QE Index	12,876.61	(2.03%)	10.74%	£	7	GBP/USD	1.23	(0.31%)	(9.67%)
***	7	S&P 500	4,023.89	2.39%	(15.57%)	¥	7	USD/JPY	129.22	(0.68%)	(10.78%)
	7	Dow 30	32,196.66	1.47%	(11.40%)	Ħ	7	6M TB yield	13.68	1	95
	71	NASDAQ	11,805.00	3.82%	(24.54%)		7	1Y TB yield	13.62	(7)	85
	7	VIX	28.87	(9.13%)	67.65%		7	10Y TB yield	14.71	(0)	32
0	71	STOXX 50	3,703.42	2.49%	(13.84%)	** <u></u>	7	2Y TB yield	2.59	(2)	246
EM	71	MSCI Emerging	1,004.52	1.69%	(18.46%)		7	10Y TB yield	2.93	7	200
FM	2	MSCI Frontier	548.16	(0.53%)	(17.65%)		7	30Y TB yield	2.99	(2)	133

<sup>\*</sup> 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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DATE	TICKER	TYPE	EVENT
16-May-22	SKPC	BoD meeting	Discussing financial results.
16-May-22	MOED	Stock dividend	Date for distributing a 0.042-for-1 stock dividend.
16-May-22	CICH	Cash dividend	Deadline for eligibility for a dividend of EGP0.25/share.
16-May-22	AMIA	Stock dividend	Date for distributing a 0.20-for-1 stock dividend.
16-May-22	SVCE	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2021 and other
			agenda items.
16-May-22	EGTS	OGM	Approving financial statements and other agenda items.
16-May-22	ECAP	Cash dividend	Deadline for eligibility for a dividend of EGP0.550/share.
17-May-22	ECAP	Cash dividend	Ex-dividend date for EGP0.550/share.
19-May-22	ISPH	BoD meeting	Discussing financial results.
19-May-22	CICH	Cash dividend	Payment date for a dividend of EGP0.125/share (1st installment).
19-May-22	ECAP	Cash dividend	Date for paying out a dividend of EGP0.550/share.
19-May-22	DSCW	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2021 and other agenda items.
19-May-22	DSCW	EGM	Amending Article No. 5 of the company's bylaws.



19-May-22	ORAS	OGM	Approving financial statements and other agenda items.
19-May-22	AREH	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2021 and other agenda items.
19-May-22	TALM	EGM	Amending Article No. 3 of the company's bylaws.
19-May-22		MPC Meeting	Determining the CBE's policy rate.
21-May-22	AIFI	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2021 and other agenda items.
21-May-22	EGTS	Lawsuit	A court session discussing legal disputes relevant to the company.
22-May-22	DAPH	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2021 and the proposed dividends.
24-May-22	SIPC	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2021 and the proposed dividends.
24-May-22	SIPC	EGM	Amending Articles No. 4 & 32 of the company's bylaws.
25-May-22	PHDC	Cash dividend	Deadline for eligibility for a dividend of EGP0.10/share.
25-May-22	IRAX	Cash dividend	Deadline for eligibility for a dividend of EGP60/share.
26-May-22	IRAX	Cash dividend	Ex-dividend date for EGP60/share.
26-May-22	EAST	OGM	Approving on Eastern Company's contribution to the capital of the United Tobacco Company, (UTC total capital EGP 100 million), through acquisition.
26-May-22	EAST	EGM	Amending Articles No. 7 & 21 of the company's bylaws.
26-May-22	ZMID	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2021 and the proposed dividends.
26-May-22	FWRY	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2021 and the proposed dividends.
30-May-22	IRAX	Cash dividend	Date for paying out a dividend of EGP60/share.
30-May-22	PHDC	Cash dividend	Payment date for a dividend of EGP0.05/share (1st installment).

## 7. LATEST RESEARCH

DATE	PUBLISHED REPORT
15-May-22	EGYPTBanks – Harness the Hike
15-May-22	TAKEStock – Hidden "valU"
28-Apr-22	MACROView – Din of Battle Getting Louder
17-Apr-22	MACROView – Before the Grand Storm
14-Apr-22	EFG Hermes Holding [HRHO] – Rating Cut on Withdrawal of FAB's Bid
12-Apr-22	MACROView – Mounting External Vulnerabilities
10-Apr-22	MACROView – Much Higher Inflation and Longer
24-Mar-22	EFG Hermes Holding [HRHO] – The Best Is Yet to Come
23-Mar-22	CI Capital Holding [CICH] – A Year to Remember
22-Mar-22	Orascom Construction [ORAS] – A Clear Devaluation Winner
10-Mar-22	MACROView – The Dizzying Speed
6-Mar-22	MACROView – On the Back Foot
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1-Mar-22	Housing & Development Bank [HDBK] – Credit Provisions Flattened Earnings Growth
27-Feb-22	Export Development Bank of Egypt [EXPA] – A Year to Forget
22-Feb-22	Commercial International Bank (CIB) [COMI] – 2021, a Grand Finale
21-Feb-22	Crédit Agricole Egypt (CAE) [CIEB] – Non-Interest Income Saves the Day
20-Feb-22	Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank - Egypt [ADIB] – Wise Utilization Enhances Profitability
17-Feb-22	Al Baraka Bank Egypt [SAUD] – Earnings Pressured by Higher Cost of Risk
16-Feb-22	MACROView – A Soothing Message From the CBE and Our Takeaways
14-Feb-22	Abu Qir Fertilizers [ABUK] – Another Record-High Quarter
13-Feb-22	Misr Chemical Industries [MICH] – Annually Wild, Quarterly Tamed
10-Feb-22	MACROView – Ebb and Flow
10-Feb-22	MACROView – The Cloudy Year Has Just Begun
9-Feb-22	Elsewedy Electric [SWDY] – Ending 2021 on a Good Note
8-Feb-22	MACROView – A Fall in Disguise
7-Feb-22	Macro Group Pharmaceuticals [MCRO] – Not the Usual Pharma Stock
1-Feb-22	MACROView – The Ripple Effect
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30-Jan-22	STANDPoint - Egypt Valuation Repertoire — 2022 Outlook
12-Jan-22	QNB Alahli [QNBA] – Slow Earnings Pace Despite Assets Growth
10-Jan-22	MACROView – The Last Reading Ahead of a Cloudy Year
30-Dec-21	EGYPTCeramics – From Dusk to Dawn
26-Dec-21	Obour Land For Food Industries [OLFI] - A Play on Consumption Recovery
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16-Jun-21	B Investments Holding [BINV] – Strong Financials, Growing Investments
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