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Bumpy Ride Ahead!

FUNDAMENTAL THOUGHTS

It's now official: Egypt's inflation does not seem to be transitory, at least in 2023. Our view has been and still is that February and March will mark the peak in 2023. However, we note that Ramadan—which is usually accompanied by higher demand-driven prices—starts in late March. This can foretell that inflation will likely come above 30% in March like it did in February. This will be driven in part by the recent 7-11% fuel price hikes that we think will feed into other CPI baskets. The issue here is not how high the inflation has been, but it is rather how high it will be in the near future. For this, we need to ask two questions:

- (1) **For the market:** How higher than expected will inflation prove to be over the coming few months?
- (2) **For the Central Bank of Egypt (CBE):** How much higher does it expect inflation to be before hiking interest rates again?

Answering these two questions can help us picture how the market will behave over the coming period. As for the first question, our view is that the February inflation will lead the market to expect even higher inflation rates, potentially 30%+ all the way through the end of Q3 2023. As for the second question, we think the CBE will now have to stick to its own words, having been citing "forecasted inflation rather than prevailing inflation rates" as its key factor in setting its policy rates. Hence, we should expect the CBE to hike interest rates by at least the full 200bps that we have been expecting to see in H1 2023 but rather as soon as its 30 March meeting, especially since the following meeting will be in the second half of May.

As for the stock market, we think it will be a bumpy ride through H1 2023 until we see some signs of inflation abating, save for global markets becoming jittery following the failure of **Silicon Valley Bank**. Thus, we continue to prefer beneficiaries of high interest rates, namely banks and companies with net cash balances as well as companies that have a high cost-passing ability. We would consider Abu Qir Fertilizers [ABUK], Alexandria Containers Handling [ALCN], AMOC [AMOC], B Investments [BINV], Canal Shipping Agencies [CSAG], Delta Sugar [SUGR], Eastern Company [EAST], E-Finance [EFIH], Egyptian Media Production City [MPRC], Fawry [FWRY], Misr Chemical Industries [MICH], MOPCO [MFPC], NileSat [EGSA], Orascom Construction [ORAS], Orascom Financial Holding [OFH], and Taaleem Management Services [TALM].

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TODAY'S TOP NEWS & ANALYSIS

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A Saudi investor is looking to acquire a stake in Palm Hills

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MACRO

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Annual **core inflation** rose to 40.3% y/y in February 2023 from 31.2% y/y in January 2023. Also, monthly core inflation rose to 8.1% in February vs. 6.3% in January. (<u>Mubasher</u>)

Four new companies up for a temporary listing on the EGX

The **Egyptian Exchange (EGX)** is looking to temporarily list four new companies on the EGX database. Two of the companies operate in the logistics and shipping sector, one in the petroleum sector, and one in the agricultural sector. This decision will up the total number of temporarily listed companies to seven, including Damietta Container Handling Co. [**DCCC**], Port Said Container Handling Co. [**POCO**], and Banque du Caire [**BQDC**]. (Asharq Business)

CBE seeks advisors for the sale of The United Bank

The **Central Bank of Egypt (CBE)** has sent investment banks requests for proposal (RFPs) to pitch for an advisory role in the sale of **The United Bank**. The search for advisors comes after talks with **Public Investment Fund (PIF)**, **Saudi Arabia**'s sovereign wealth fund, to acquire the aforementioned bank failed. (**Reuters**)

Savola Group may cooperate with Egypt's Ministry of Supply & Trade

Savola Group may be interested in investing into the launch of three oil complexes that was put up by Egypt's **Ministry of Supply & Trade** back in 2022. The ministry disclosed the total investment to amount to USD321mn and the launch is expected by H2 2023. (Economy Plus)





Egypt to withdraw from the GTC

Egypt has given a notice to withdraw from the **Grains Trade Convention (GTC)**, a UN's grain treaty, by the end of June 2023. Egypt's withdrawal comes after decades of being the treaty in order to stop paying the USD-denominated membership fee. Egypt's government believes that there is no more added value of being a member in the treaty. It is worth mentioning that the GTC is a multinational cooperation that promotes market transparency to other trade cooperation. (Reuters)

CBE reportedly asks banks to reconsider their top 50 clients' concentration

The **Central Bank of Egypt (CBE)** is reportedly asking banks to reconsider the additional risk weights calculated on the top 50 clients in the concentration of banks' credit portfolios in 2023, after waiving it off for two years, to safeguard banks' capital against the associated risks with recent FX movements. (Economy Plus)

Invest for Jobs signs a grant agreement with Ghabbour Foundation

Invest for Jobs (IFJ) announced that it signed a grant agreement with **Ghabbour Foundation** to localize the electric car industry. The total value of investments is c.EUR1.5mn, with IFJ granting about 75% of the value of these investments, while the rest of the cost is borne by **Ghabbour Foundation** and **the International Trade & Marketing Company (ITAMCO).** (Al-Mal)

CORPORATE

EFG Hermes concluded an EGP958mn securitization for Bedaya Mortgage Finance

EFG Hermes Holding [HRHO] concluded the second securitization phase for **Bedaya Mortgage Finance** worth EGP958mn, as part of an EGP3bn securitization program. Founded in 2019, Bedaya Mortgage Finance is a joint venture between EFG Hermes Holding [HRHO], **GB Capital** (a GB Corp [AUTO] subsidiary), and Talaat Moustafa Group [TMGH]. The bonds were offered in six tranches, with fixed and variable rates. The tranches were broken down as follows:

Fixed rates:

- (1) A 13-month tenor with an AA+ rating: EGP15.6mn.
- (2) A 36-month tenor with an AA rating: EGP49.2mn.
- (3) An 80-month tenor with an A rating: EGP84.2mn.

Variable rates:

- (4) A 13-month tenor with an AA+ rating: EGP93mn.
- (5) A 36-month tenor with an AA rating: EGP262.9mn.
- (6) An 84-month tenor with an A rating: EGP453mn. (Al-Borsa)





A Saudi investor is looking to acquire a stake in Palm Hills

A Saudi investor is looking to acquire the **Arab African International Bank's (AAIB)** stake in Palm Hills Developments [**PHDC**], according to sources. AAIB owns a 12.7% stake in PHDC currently, which is worth c.EGP766mn. PHDC has reportedly declined a previous offer from **Al-Ain Holding** to acquire a stake at EGP2.5/share. (<u>Shorouk News</u>)

Aman aims to issue securitization bonds of EGP1bn in Q3 2023

Aman Holding, a subsidiary of Raya Holding for Financial Investments [**RAYA**], aims to issue securitization bonds of EGP1bn in Q3 2023. Last month, Aman has concluded the first tranche issuance worth EGP403mn as a part of an EGP5bn bond issuance program. (Al-Mal)

MARKETS PERFORMANCE

Curre	Current equity market cap (EGPbn)				1,065.8	Equity turnover (EGPmn): Last, ytd avg.			1,670.8	2,211.6	
				daily chg.	ytd chg.					daily chg.	ytd chg.
B	71	EGX 30	16,454.31	0.85%	12.71%	\	7	Gold	1,868.26	2.03%	2.43%
	7	EGX 30 TR	6,783.62	0.97%	12.97%		7	Silver	20.54	2.32%	(14.26%)
	71	EGX 70 EWI	3,060.55	1.32%	9.23%	8	71	Brent Oil	82.76	1.43%	(2.94%)
	71	EGX 100 EWI	4,493.59	1.26%	8.40%		71	WTI	76.68	1.27%	(4.78%)
	7	DFMGI	3,385.51	(0.70%)	1.48%	0	7	Natural Gas	2.43	(4.44%)	(45.70%)
	7	ADSMI	9,827.79	(0.33%)	(3.75%)	EGP	7	USD/EGP	30.90	(0.01%)	(19.86%)
Silit	71	TASI	10,463.18	0.51%	(0.15%)	€	71	EUR/USD	1.06	0.59%	(0.58%)
	7	QE Index	10,736.60	(0.15%)	0.52%	£	71	GBP/USD	1.20	0.88%	(0.44%)
***	7	S&P 500	3,861.59	(1.45%)	0.58%	¥	71	USD/JPY	135.03	0.83%	(2.90%)
	7	Dow 30	31,909.64	(1.07%)	(3.73%)	¥	71	6M TB yield	22.48	34	331
	4	NASDAQ	11,138.89	(1.76%)	6.42%		7	1Y TB yield	22.58	(1)	368
	7	VIX	24.80	9.69%	14.44%		\Leftrightarrow	10Y TB yield	14.68	0	0
\Diamond	7	STOXX 50	4,229.53	(1.32%)	11.49%	*	7	2Y TB yield	4.59	(48)	16
EM	7	MSCI Emerging	968.39	(0.99%)	1.26%		7	10Y TB yield	3.70	(29)	(18)
FM	7	MSCI Frontier	481.28	0.33%	1.90%		7	30Y TB yield	3.71	(18)	(26)

 $[\]ensuremath{^{*}}\xspace$ As of market close. Change in Treasuries is in basis points.

Source: Bloomberg, CBE.





KEY DATES

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DATE	TICKER	TYPE	EVENT
13-Mar-23	QNBA	Cash dividend	Deadline for eligibility for a dividend of EGP0.75/share.
14-Mar-23	QNBA	Cash dividend	Ex-dividend date for EGP0.75/share.
15-Mar-23		IMF Review	First IMF review with Egypt (end-December 2022 quantitative targets).
15-Mar-23	SMFR	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2022 and the
			proposed dividends.
15-Mar-23	SMFR	EGM	Amending articles No. 31 & 56 of the company's bylaws.
16-Mar-23	QNBA	Cash dividend	Payment date for a dividend of EGP0.75/share.
16-Mar-23	FAIT	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2022 & board election.
18-Mar-23	SNFC	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2022.
18-Mar-23	SAUD	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2022 and the
			proposed dividends.
18-Mar-23	EGAS	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2022 and the
			proposed dividends.
18-Mar-23	EGAS	EGM	Amending Articles No. 2 & 6 of the company's bylaws.
19-Mar-23	ATLC	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2022 and the
10.1422	ECDE	0.614	proposed dividends.
19-Mar-23	EGBE	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2022 and the
19-ar-23	EXPA	Stock dividend	proposed dividends.
19-ar-23 20-Mar-23	EXPA	Stock dividend	Last date for eligibility for a 0.062-for-1 stock dividend. Date for distributing a 0.062-for-1 stock dividend.
20-Mar-23	AMIA	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2022 and the
20 IVIAI 25	AIVIIA	OGIVI	proposed dividends.
20-Mar-23	AMIA	EGM	Approving increasing the issued capital & amending Articles No. 6 &
			7 of the company's bylaws.
20-Mar-23	COMI	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2022 and the
			proposed dividends.
20-Mar-23	COMI	EGM	Amending some articles of the bank's bylaws.
20-Mar-23	DEIN	OGM	Board election.
20-Mar-23	ANFI	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2022.
20-Mar-23	ANFI	EGM	Discussing the continuation of the company.
20-Mar-23	EHDR	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2022 and the proposed dividends.
20-Mar-23	BINV	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2022 and the
20 11101 20	51144		proposed dividends.
20-Mar-23	TMGH	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2022.
20-Mar-23	OLFI	Cash dividend	Deadline for eligibility for a dividend of EGP0.95/share.
21-Mar-23	OLFI	Cash dividend	Ex-dividend date for EGP0.95/share.
21-Mar-23	CERA	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2022 and the
			proposed dividends.
21-Mar-23	EFIH	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2022 and the
			proposed dividends.



21-Mar-23	EFIC	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2022 and the proposed dividends.
21-Mar-23	SKPC	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2022 and the proposed dividends.
21-Mar-23	ADIB	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2022 and the proposed dividends.
21-Mar-23	ADIB	EGM	Amending articles No. 39 & 40 of the bank's bylaws.
21-Mar-23	CNFN	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2022 and the proposed dividends.
21-Mar-23	KZPC	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2022 and the proposed dividends.
22-Mar-23	KRDI	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2022 and the proposed dividends.
23-Mar-23	ARCC	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2022 and the proposed dividends.
23-Mar-23	OLFI	Cash dividend	Payment date for a dividend of EGP0.95/share.
26-Mar-23	AUTO	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2022 and the proposed dividends.
26-Mar-23	AUTO	EGM	Amending articles No. 2 & 41 of the company's bylaws.
26-Mar-23	MBSC	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2022.
26-Mar-23	MBSC	EGM	Discussing capital reduction & amending Articles No. 4, 6 & 7 of the company's bylaws.
27-Mar-23	ECAP	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2022 and the proposed dividends.
27-Mar-23	SAIB	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2022 and the proposed dividends.
28-Mar-23	POUL	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2022 and the proposed dividends.
28-Mar-23	EFID	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2022 and the proposed dividends.
28-Mar-23	UNIT	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2022 and the proposed dividends.
28-Mar-23	ETEL	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2022 and the proposed dividends.
28-Mar-23	PORT	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2022 and the proposed dividends.
29-Mar-23	EPCO	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2022.
29-Mar-23	MCRO	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2022 and the proposed dividends.
29-Mar-23	MCRO	EGM	Discussing capital reduction & amending Articles No. 6 & 7 of the company's bylaws.
29-Mar-23	AMES	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2022 and the proposed dividends.
29-Mar-23	SUGR	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2022 and the proposed dividends.



29-Mar-23	ICLE	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2022 and the proposed dividends.
29-Mar-23	ACAMD	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2022 and netting contracts.
29-Mar-23	ELSH	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2022 and the proposed dividends.
30-Mar-23	ATQA	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2022 and netting contracts.
30-Mar-23	MENA	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2022.
30-Mar-23	CIEB	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2022 and the proposed dividends.
30-Mar-23	ETRS	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2022 and the proposed dividends.
30-Mar-23	EXPA	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2022 and the proposed dividends.
30-Mar-23	HDBK	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2022 and the proposed dividends.
30-Mar-23	LCSW	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2022 and the proposed dividends.
30-Mar-23	CANA	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2022 and the proposed dividends.
30-Mar-23	AREH	OGM	Discussing netting contracts.
30-Mar-23	EMFD	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2022.
30-Mar-23	EKHO	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2022 and approving distributing dividends of USD0.11/share.
30-Mar-23	EKHO	EGM	Considering approval some articles of the law.
30-Mar-23	GGCC	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2022 and the proposed dividends.
30-Mar-23	GGCC	EGM	Discussing capital reduction & amending Articles No. 6 & 7 of the company's bylaws.
30-Mar-23	MCQE	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2022 and the proposed dividends.
31-Mar-23	CCRS	OGM	Approving financial statements ending 31 Dec. 2022.





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5-Dec-22	Commercial International Bank [COMI] – Still Spearheading
28-Nov-22	Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank - Egypt [ADIB] - Unmitigated Temerity
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