

# EGYPT AND THE WORLD IN A BRIEF 22 December 2025



Commodity prices, exchange, and interest rates	Price/interest	the change	Local and global financial market indices	basis point	the change
Brent crude (\$/barrel)	61.083	1.01%	EGX30	41,348.38	1.03%
Gold (\$/oz)	4402.83	1.36%	SHARIAH	4,411.97	0.85%
The price of rebar is \$/ton	562.50	--	EGX70 EWI	12,856.56	0.09%
Aluminum ore price in dollars/ton	2945.00	0.99%	EGX100 EWI	17,038.26	0.05%
Exchange rates (USD/Egyptian)	47.5906	--	TAMAYUZ	22,106.83	3.36%
Deposit	21%	--	S&P 500	6,904.50	0.25%
Lending	22%	--	NASDAQ	25,676.75	0.40%
			Dow Jones	48,489.00	0.05%

Source: Central Bank of Egypt, Bloomberg, Egyptian Exchange, London Metal Exchange, Reuters

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- ✓ **Oil rises driven by geopolitical tensions stretching from Venezuela to Russia**, Oil prices rose after US President Donald Trump escalated the blockade on Venezuela by sending US Coast Guard personnel aboard an oil tanker and pursuing another, weeks after the first ship was seized. Brent crude rose towards USD 61/barrel after two consecutive weekly losses, while West Texas Intermediate crude traded near USD 57. [Al-Sharq Bloomberg](#)
- ✓ **Remittances from Egyptians abroad grow 42.8% to USD34 billion In 10 months**, remittances from Egyptians working abroad rose to USD33.9 billion from January to October 2025, compared to USD23.7 billion during the same period last year, an increase of 42.8%, according to data released by the Central Bank of Egypt on Sunday. On a monthly basis, the data revealed that remittances in October 2025 recorded an increase of 26.2%, reaching USD 3.7 billion, compared to USD 2.9 billion in October 2024. Remittances from Egyptians abroad grew by 66.2% during the 2024-2025 fiscal year to reach USD 36.5 billion, compared to about USD 21.9 billion during the 2023-2024 fiscal year. [Economy+](#)
- ✓ **Egypt has postponed its plans to dispose of floating storage and regasification units (FSRUs) in the near term**, deciding instead to retain the vessels as a strategic insurance option until at least 2030. [Enterprise](#)
- ✓ **The Central Bank has required banks operating in the country to obtain its prior approval as a condition for participating in securitization transactions**, given the expansion of banks in underwriting securitization bonds, most of which are concentrated in consumer and real estate financing, and the potential risks this poses to the banking system in the event of asset quality deterioration. The value of securitization bond issuances jumped by approximately 182% on a quarterly basis to EGP 17.8 billion during the period from July to September, compared to EGP 6.3 billion in the same period last year, according to data from the Financial Regulatory Authority. [Economy+](#)

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- ✓ **Local sugar companies have called for anti-dumping duties to be imposed on Egypt's imports of raw and white sugar**, which are sold on the market at less than the cost of producing local sugar, causing factories to incur losses of between 4,000 and 6,000 EGP/ton. According to the head of a private sugar production company, there is a need to impose protective tariffs on imports of raw and white sugar, or to set an import quota to protect the local industry, noting that the cost of beets has become higher than the cost of producing sugar itself, while global prices include subsidies for farmers. **Economy+**
- ✓ **Consumer finance companies in Egypt invested nearly EGP 75 bn in the first 10 months of this year**, up 58% compared to the same period in 2024, according to a recent report by the Financial Regulatory Authority. The value of financing provided by companies in the sector during the period from January to the end of October rose to EGP 74.98 billion, compared to EGP 47.45 billion in the same period of 2024. Meanwhile, the number of customers benefiting from this financing during the first 10 months of this year jumped by 182.7% on an annual basis, reaching 9.25 million customers by the end of October. **Economy+**
- ✓ **Beltone Financial Holding (BTFH) intends to obtain a supporting loan from the company's main shareholder in the UAE worth up to USD 300 million or its equivalent in foreign currencies**. The loan is scheduled to be presented to the company's ordinary general assembly on Tuesday, December 23, and will be at a variable interest rate according to prevailing rates (interest rate + 4%), with a repayment period not exceeding two years, and the possibility of renewing the loan with the consent of both parties. **Economy+**
- ✓ **The Egyptian Refining Company, a subsidiary of Qalaa Holdings (CCAP), repaid USD 417 million to creditors yesterday**, leaving only USD 63 million in principal debt outstanding. With this move, the company has reduced its principal debt from USD 2.35 bn to just USD 63 mn, which is due to be repaid in March, according to a statement released by the Egyptian Exchange on Sunday. The company's secondary debt stands at around USD 773 mn, which will be repaid in installments until 2030. **Economy+**