

Commodity prices, exchange, and interest rates	Price/interest	the change	Local and global financial market indices	basis point	the change
Brent crude (\$/barrel)	61.657	0.18%	EGX30	40676.98	0.54%
Gold (\$/oz)	4462.86	0.38%	SHARIAH	4493.94	0.70%
The price of rebar is \$/ton	565.00	0.44%	EGX70 EWI	12905.19	1.48%
Aluminum ore price in dollars/ton	3085.50	2.32%	EGX100 EWI	17098.31	1.41%
Exchange rates (USD/Egyptian)	47.3762	--	TAMAYUZ	20499.74	1.70%
Deposit	20%	--	S&P 500	6,955.25	0.17%
Lending	21%	--	NASDAQ	25,666.75	0.34%
			Dow Jones	49,238.00	0.02%

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

- ❖ Local and Global Economic News
- ❖ Sector News
- ❖ Company and Institutional News

- ✓ **Standard Chartered Bank expects Egypt to enjoy a stronger economic position in 2026**, supported by strong foreign currency inflows, improved external balances, and clear progress in structural reforms. The bank's annual report, titled "Global Trends 2026," noted that Egypt has undergone a significant cycle of policy adjustments over the past two years, which are now beginning to be reflected in clearer signs of stability and recovery, particularly on the external and monetary fronts. [Economy+](#)
- ✓ **Data from the Central Bank of Egypt revealed that remittances from Egyptians working abroad reached a historic high of approximately USD37.5 billion during the first 11 months of last year**, compared to USD 26.3 billion during the same period in 2024, an increase of USD 11.2 billion, with a growth rate of 42.5%. The data released on Monday showed that on a monthly basis, remittances from Egyptians rose in November 2025 to USD 3.6 billion, compared to USD 2.6 billion during the same month in 2024, a growth rate of 39.9%. [Economy+](#)
- ✓ **International companies compete for a stake in EGAL**: The government has received offers from three international companies — including one from the UAE and another from the Gulf — to compete to become a partner in the development of Egypt Aluminum. The state is offering to sell a 30% stake in Egypt Aluminum, to be financed through a capital increase. It is looking for a partner to implement what the official described as a "comprehensive development plan" aimed at doubling the company's production capacity to 600,000 tons /year, in parallel with investments to build an aluminum foil production plant, an alumina refinery, and a car wheel production line. [Enterprise](#)

- ✓ **The Financial Regulatory Authority, in partnership with e-Finance, has launched the first integrated digital payment network for the non-banking financial sector, as a unified electronic platform that allows for the secure digital payment of financial dues. The platform will undergo a month-long trial period starting on January 1, 2026, according to a statement released by the authority on Monday. The launch of the digital payment network comes as part of the Egyptian government's drive toward comprehensive digital transformation, which is seen as one of the main pillars of supporting economic growth, raising market efficiency, and improving the investment climate.** [Economy+](#)
- ✓ **UAE-based Al Kazaar is negotiating with Egypt's sovereign wealth fund and the Ministry of Electricity to complete its acquisition of the Jabal Al Zait wind farm in the Red Sea region, after submitting the best financial offer in the tender process, in a deal likely to be worth USD 350 mn.** [Economy+](#)
- ✓ **OCI Global, owned by Egyptian businessman Nassef Sawiris, has opted to merge with Orascom Construction (ORAS) – listed on the Egyptian and Abu Dhabi stock exchanges – rather than liquidate or sell its assets. On December 9, Orascom Construction and OCI Global announced their agreement to merge with OCI Global, listed on the Euronext stock exchange, to create an infrastructure and investment platform based in Abu Dhabi, with the aim of expanding infrastructure investment globally.** [Economy+](#)