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## **REAL ESTATE INDUSTRY ACCOMPLISHMENTS**



Sources: Cabinet, Ministry of Housing, Ministry of Planning, Monitoring and Administrative Reform (MPMAR) & Social Housing and Mortgage Finance Fund.



#### LAND OFFERING



Sources: Cabinet, Ministry of Housing, Egyptian Exchange (EGX) & Invest-Gate



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## **NEW CITIES' UPDATES**



Source: Ministry of Housing, Utilities, and Urban Communities

### **DEVELOPERS FINANCIAL STATUS 2019 VS. 2018**



Source: Egyptian Exchange (EGX)

### **DEVELOPERS PROJECTS**



Source: Developers' official statements



## **ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT**

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NET FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENTS (USD BN)





17.22

09-13 Feb

16.95

16-20 Feb

16.98

23-27 Feb

17.45

26-30 Jan

17.5

02-06 Feb

Sources: Egyptian Exchange (EGX), Central Bank of Egypt (CBE), Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS) & Brand Finance



Source: Cabinet

# FULL ANALYSIS **FACTS** & FIGURES



# REAL ESTATE INDUSTRY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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With an eye on the efforts exerted by the government, particularly by the Ministry of Housing, Utilities, and Urban Communities, many real estate projects have been launched. Accordingly, the New Urban Communities Authority (NUCA) has planned to achieve revenues reaching EGP 130 bn in 2020 from these projects given the recent COVID-19 developments in Egypt; things might be a bit altered.

Additionally, executing these projects comes in line with the National Strategy for Urban Development 2052, which aims at doubling the urbanization rate from 7% to 14%. This came during Assem El Gazar, the Minister of Housing, speech at a forum on the management of major projects with limited time programs.

Among these projects, the Social Housing and Mortgage Finance Fund plans to offer new additional units with areas of up to 150 meters. The payment of these units is based on installments with a minimum of around EGP 3,100. Moreover, Planning and Economic Development Minister, Hala El-Saeed, pointed out that the government allocated investments amounting to EGP 944 mn to implement 202 projects in Fiscal Year (FY) 2019/20. These projects aim to develop villages in the governorates of Sohag, Beni Suef, Minya, Assiut, and Aswan during the inauguration of a workshop on Egypt's updated 2030 vision in Fayoum.

Besides, the government pays a great deal of attention to the development of the New Administrative Capital (NAC) as well as its expansion. Thus, NUCA has offered six new plots in the R3 district for the construction of new hotels, business projects, commercial projects, and schools. Furthermore, the Administrative Capital for Urban Development Company plans to pump USD 150 mn for further technological advancements in NAC.

Badr City, NUCA has launched Capital Park on an area of around 33,000 acres. Capital Park is projected to include 33,000 housing units with investments of EGP 8.5 bn and is to be delivered in 15 months (May 2021).

On the other hand, the Ministry of Housing- through NUCA- has been offering many new plots to attract more investments either in residential, commercial, or hospitality projects. These plots were offered in several cities including NAC, New Cairo, New Assiut, New 6<sup>th</sup> of October, Badr, Sadat, New Minya, 10<sup>th</sup> of Ramadan, New Beni Suef, New Aswan, and many more.

When it comes to infrastructure, the government has been developing around 197 roads with a total length of around 840 kilometers (km). These roads are located in cities of Giza, Qaluobiya, Mounifya, Dakhlya, Beheira, Kafr El-Sheikh, Sharqiyah, Gharbia, Damietta, Beni Suef, Fayoum, and Minya. Furthermore, the government plans to construct new 2,652 roads with a total length of around 6,587 km in 2021-2022. These new roads will be located in several areas with investments of approximately EGP 12.7 bn; in addition, the government is to allocate more than EGP 7 bn to develop the ring road in those areas.

#### **Private Sector**

In conjunction with the recent expansion projects, the private sector has managed to launch several projects varying between residential, commercial, and hospitality. It is noticed that many developers directed their investments to housing projects. Inertia

Egypt has launched a new project on the 6<sup>th</sup> of October City, which will be delivered in Q4 2020. Another project is Zizinia El Mostakbal located in Mostakbal City. ARDIC for Real Estate Development & Investment has agreed with two more construction companies to accelerate the execution of this project. Additionally, Misr Italia Properties launched Bosco City's new Phase, Sila, in Mostakbl City. Sila is a residential project that includes villas, twin houses, townhouse, and apartments.

Moreover, Menorca project is developed by Mardev Developments in NAC. Menorca covers an area of around 17.5 acres consisting of 738 housing units.

For the commercial projects, Arkan Palm in partnership with NUCA plans to construct an integrated commercial, administrative, medical, and recreational complex. The complex will be located on the 26<sup>th</sup> of July Axis in Sheikh Zayed and is situated on 205 acres with investments of around EGP 59 bn. Additionally, The Land Developers announced the launch of Armonia Walk in March 2020. Armonia Walk is a commercial project located in NAC, covering an area of 18,000 square meters with investments of around EGP 500 mn. The Land Developers is projected to deliver the first phase in September 2022.

Furthermore, Lulu Hypermarket Group plans to inaugurate four new branches in Egypt in 2020, also, the group plans to expand by launching new branches in NAC and Alamein by 2022.

In the hospitality segment, Talaat Mostafa Group (TMG) Holding and Arab Company for Hotel & Tourism Investment (ICON) have inked an agreement with the Egyptian General Company for Tourism and Hotels (EGOTH) to establish a five-star hotel on Sultana Malak land in Luxor. Under the deal, ICON will develop the hotel with total investments of EGP 1.5 bn.

#### **Economic Snapshot**

Egypt experienced remarkable economic indicators. The real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth rate recorded 5.6% in Q2 2019/20 up from 5.4% in Q2 2018/19; Ministry of Finance expects hitting 6% in FY 2019/20 and 7% in 2022.

Speaking of the Annual Headline Inflation (CPI), after a consecutive increase for three months, it dropped to 5.3% in February, down from 7.2% in January. Having such a decline in the inflation rate means that the average prices of products will remain stable.

Additionally, the net foreign reserves continued going upwards reaching USD 45.5 bn in February, compared to USD 45.45 bn in January. Similarly, the FDI increased to USD 2.4 bn in Q1 2019/20, up from USD 1.4 bn in Q1 2018/19, an increase of around USD 1 bn. As for Suez Canal revenues, it rose to around USD 458.2 mn in February 2019, compared to USD 433.9 mn in the same month a year before. Another positive indicator witnessed is the decline of the unemployment rate, reaching 8% in Q4 2019, down from 8.9% in Q4 2018.

As a sign of success, Cairo is ranked the 24<sup>th</sup> out of the 100 most economically powerful cities around the world, according to EcoWorld. London was selected in the first place, followed by New York, Tokyo, Paris, and then Singapore.



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