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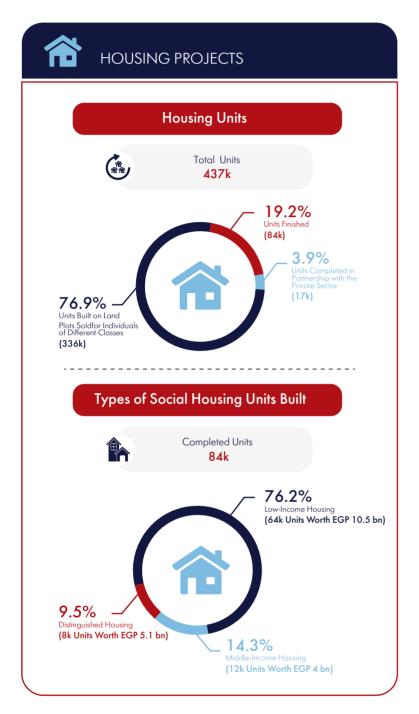
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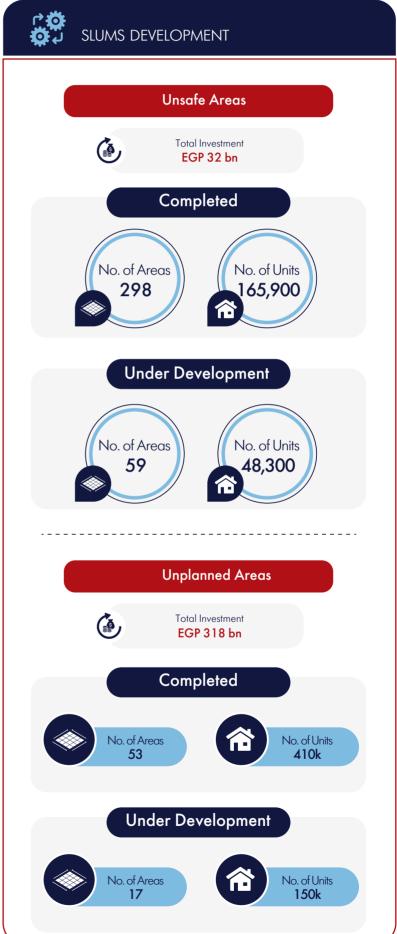
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# **GOVERNMENT'S ACHIVEMENTS IN 2019**







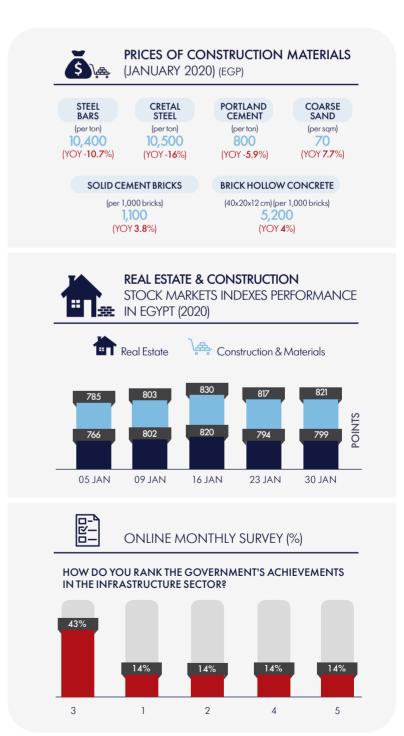
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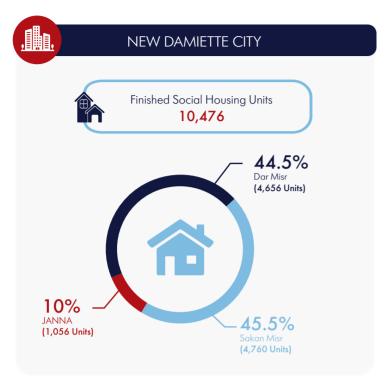




#### NUCA'S LAND OFFERINGS IN 2019 121 Social Housing 2,108 2,359 310 **Distinguished Housing** More Distinguished Housing 1,762 260 250 2,068 For Egyptian Expats



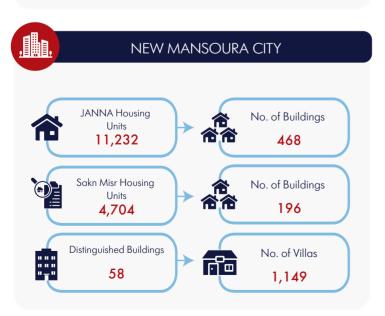
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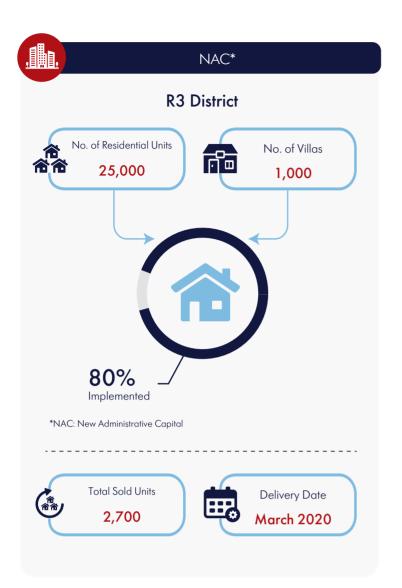


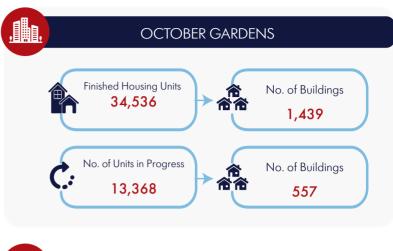






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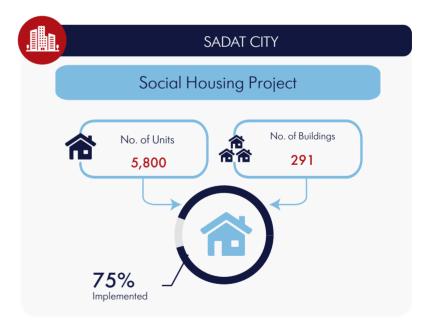














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# **DEVELOPERS' PROJECTS**





Source: Developers' official statements







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# **ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT**



EGYPTIAN EXPAT REMITTANCES (USD BN)



EGYPT'S TRADE EXCHANGE (USD BN)





EGYPT'S BUDGET SURPLUS (EGP BN)



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EGYPT'S FOREIGN DEPOSITS (EGP BN)





EGYPT'S DOMESTIC DEPOSITS (EGP TRLN)





GROSS DOMESTIC DEBT (EGP TRLN)







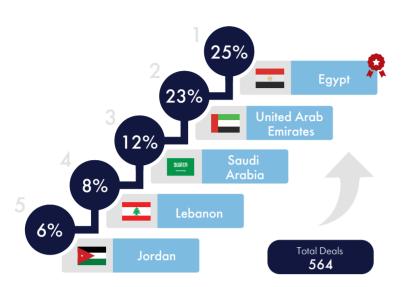




Sources: Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS), Central Bank of Egypt (CBE), and EGX

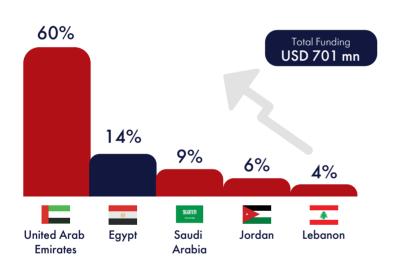
#### TOP 5 MENA COUNTRIES BY NUMBER OF STARTUP FUNDING DEALS IN 2019

#### TOP 20 COUNTRIES BY FATEST-GROWING BRANDS (VALUE) IN 2019



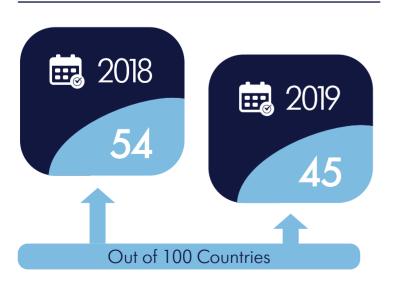


#### TOP 5 MENA COUNTRIES BY TOTAL FUNDING (USD) IN 2019





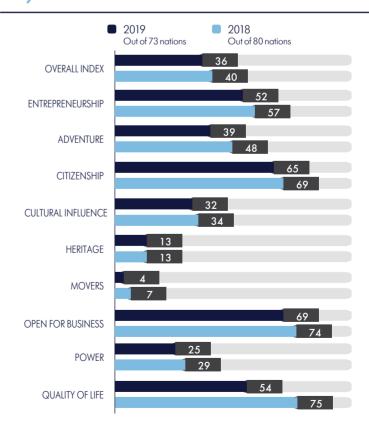
#### **EGYPT'S BRANDS INDEX**



Sources: Magnitt, Brand Finance, and US News



#### EGYPT RANKING IN BEST COUNTRIES INDEX



# FULLANALYSIS FACTS & FIGURES

# **Economic Snapshot:**

#### Inflation:

Egypt's annual headline inflation rate recorded 7.2% in January 2020, compared to 7.1% in December 2019, due to seasonal factors and a slight adjustment to household consumption patterns, as well as annual process revisions that are usually timed in January by traders and wholesalers.

In December 2019, the annual headline inflation rate rose to 7.1%, compared to 3.6% in November of the same year.

#### **Net Foreign Reserves:**

Egypt's Net foreign reserves have augmented slightly in January 2020 to hit USD 45.45 bn from USD 45.42 bn in December 2019. Since the completion of the International Monetary Fund loan, Egypt's net foreign exchange rates (FX) see monthly slow increases, however, main sources of FX witness a notable improvement, namely, tourism revenues, as well as Fovotian expat remittances, which rose by 12.7% v-o-v in October 2019 to reach USD 2.3 bn, compared to USD 2.1 bn in the same month 2018.

The Egyptian Center for Economic Studies (ECES) expects remittances in Egypt to dip in 2019 by 9%, most likely due to lower rates on certificates and the strengthening of the EGP. Moreover, new laws and regulations by the Financial Regulation Authority (FRA) to combat money laundering will make it more difficult and costly to send money home, resulting in fewer remittances. An improvement in the banking system and money transfer services may result in opposing figures, ECES added.

On another positive note, Egypt's Gross Domestic Debt has fallen in absolute number and to reach EGP 4.19 trillion in the first quarter of the fiscal year 2019/20, and relative to Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for the first time in ten years recording 66.7% of GDP. The Cabinet referred this decline to the consecutive cuts in interest rates, which is, in turn, declined due to inflation retreat.

## Government's Achievements in 2019

#### **Housing Projects:**

The infographic shows that units built on land plots offered by the government seized the first place with more than 75% of housing units in 2019, followed by finished social housing units with near 20%. While it seems that units completed in collaboration with the private sector are still lagging behind with only 3.9% of total units

The distribution of social housing units shows more than 75% goes to low-income housing units with a total cost of EGP 10.5 bn.

#### Slums Development:

Remarkably, the government completed most of the job in 2019 with development across 298 unsafe areas with 165,900 units, while the remaining 59 areas are under development, with investments amounted to EGP 32 bn.

The same goes for unplanned areas with EGP 318 bn total investments, where 53 areas completed yet another 17 areas are under development.

### Infrastructure Projects:

The government got 54 water projects completed with total investments worth of EGP 5.1 bn, as well as 241 sanitation projects with investments amounted to EGP 12.7 bn. With regard to national road networks, the government implemented 25 road projects in 2019 with a total length of 732 Km and investments worth FGP 8 bn.

# **Invest-Gate Survey:**

As of monthly tradition, Invest-Gate posted a poll on its website to survey people's insights on their appropriate tool when looking for new homes. The results display a nearly even distribution of preferences, where 27% said real estate exhibitions are the best for them, 25% said developers campaigns, 24% pointed to brokers, and last, 23% said listing websites.

# **Private Sector:**

Similar to January, new development launches in February are leaning towards commercial projects more than residential and hospitality projects collectively. New cities see seven new commercial projects, yet two new residential in Galala city and New Administrative Capital (NAC) and three new hospitality projects on the Red Sea, in Sahl Hasheesh, and NAC.



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