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Introduction

Egypt has been in transition since January 2011. The country is preparing for takeoff, after the formation of the elected country's institutions.

Since mid-July 2013, the Country's new administration has decided to adopt a new strategy to cope with the major macroeconomic imbalances, sluggish economic growth and high poverty rates. The essence of this new strategy is to adopt expansionary fiscal and monetary policies, not deflationary. With fresh injections of resources from abroad, the strategy aims at stimulating the economy through public investment in infrastructure, rationalizing expenditures by removing major distortions (e.g., energy subsidy) and reallocating expenditures in favor of social sectors (e.g., health).

Under these circumstances, the National Investment Bank (NIB) is pleased to issue this new publication entitled "*Economic Indicators*" to shed light on the most important developments in the basic economic sectors.

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A summary of the latest developments in economic indicators

- Gross Domestic Product (GDP) reached 4.3 percent during July-March of the fiscal year 2015/2016 compared to 5.7 percent during the same period of the previous year.
- Net international reserves has increased to \$ 19.04 bn at the end of October 2016 compared to \$ 19.6 bn in September 2016¹.
- In its last meeting on September 22, 2016, the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Central Bank of Egypt (CBE) decided to maintain the overnight deposit and overnight lending rates at 11.75 and 12.75 percent respectively. The CBE's main operations and the discount rate were also decided to be maintained at their previous levels of 12.25 percent.¹
- Annual inflation for the total Republic of consumer prices decreased by 1.1% to reach to 14.6 percent in September 2016 compared with 16.4 percent the previous month.
- In September 2016, the number of tourists fell by 41.0 percent, to only 473.0 Thousand compared with 802.0 Thousand in September 2015. The number of tourist nights fell also by 55.6 percent from 6942.4 Thousand to 3082.5 Thousand during the same period.²
- The number of Egyptian population rose significantly by 2.2 percent, reaching 91.6 m people in September 2016, compared to 89.6 m people in September 2015.³

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¹ Central Bank of Egypt (CBE).

² CAPMAS, September 2016, quoted from Ministry of Tourism.

³ CAPMAS.

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- The tax revenue achieved during the period from July / September 2016/2017 about 64.1 bn compared to 64.5 bn during the study period of the previous year.⁴
- The total debt of the general budget (local and foreign) about 2676.9 bn at the end of March 2016 increasing by 96.6 percent of GDP.⁴
- The balance of payments deficit reached \$ 2.8 bn (-0.8 percent of GDP) during the fiscal year 2015/2016, compared with a surplus of \$ 3.7 bn (1.1 percent of GDP) during the fiscal year 2014/2015.⁴
- EGX 30 index rose during trading in September to close at 8386 points, registering a rise of 6.41 percent, and medium stocks tended to decline where the EGX 70 index declined by 1.91 percent to close at 345 points, while EGX 100 index scored a rise of about 2.78 percent to close at 812 points.⁵
- In July 2016, Suez Canal revenues rose to EGP 3.8 bn against EGP 3.4 bn in the previous year. The traffic achieved a decrease in ship numbers, as the number of ships crossed the Canal was 1420 ship, down from 1458 ships during the same period.⁶

⁴ Ministry of Finance (MOF).

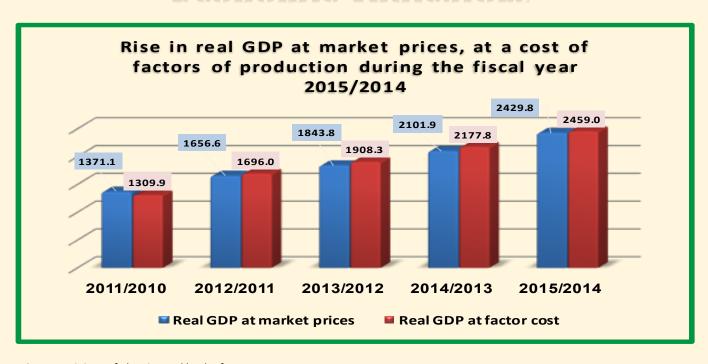
⁵ The Egyptian Stock Market.

⁶ Suez Canal Authority.

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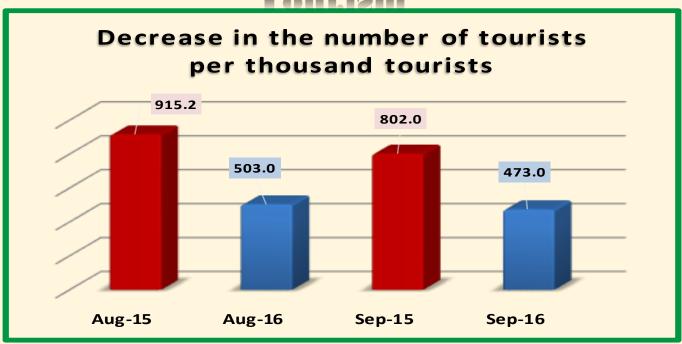


Economic Indicators



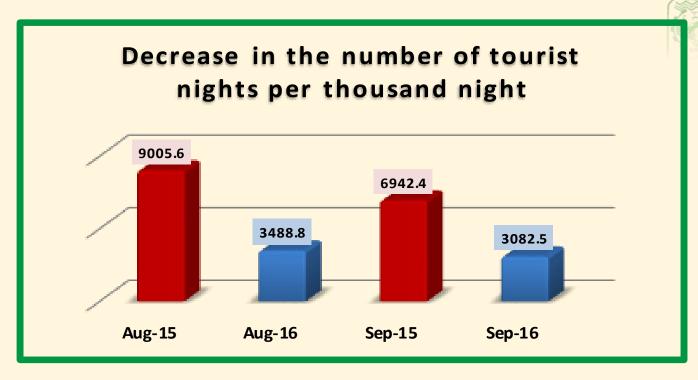
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Tourism



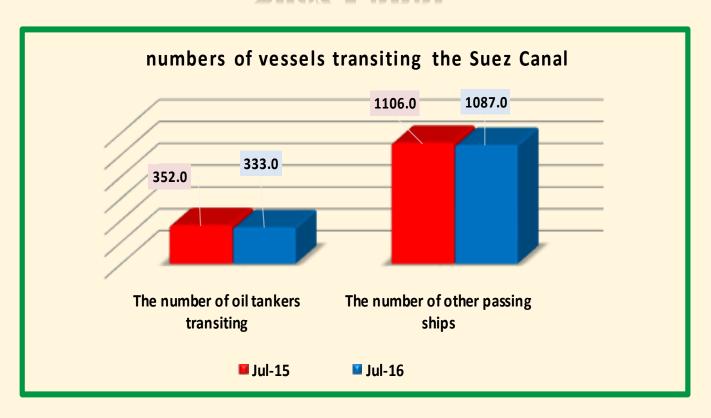
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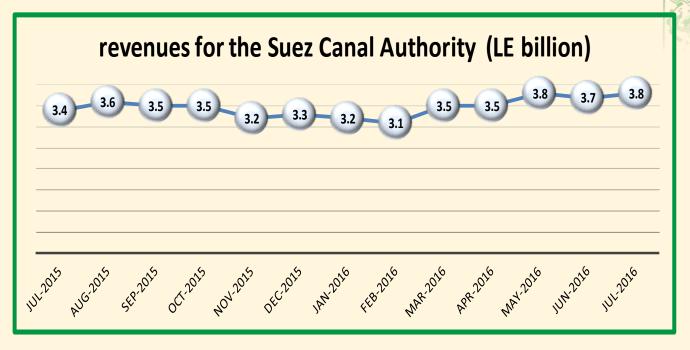
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Suez Canal



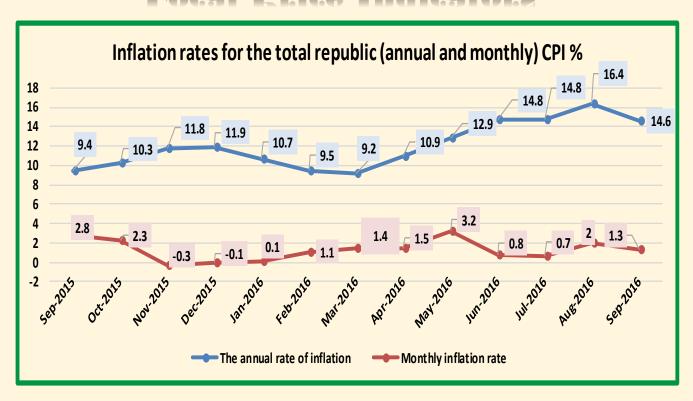
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Source: Suez Canal Authority

Local Price Indicators

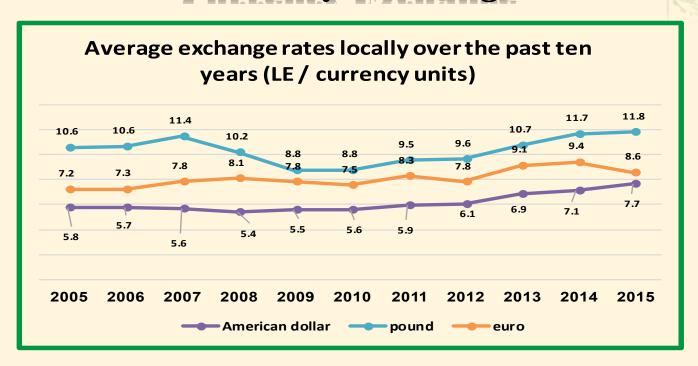


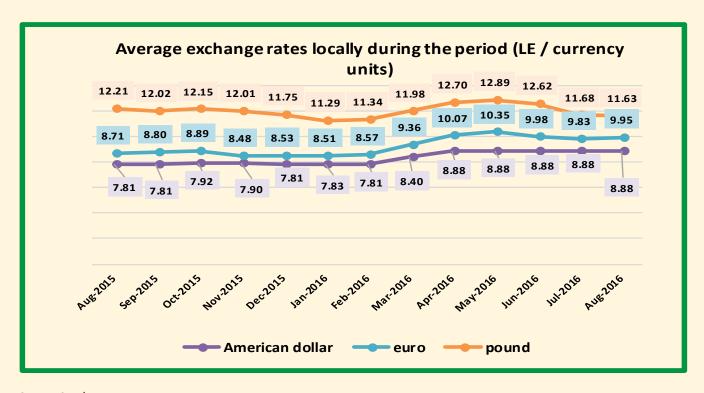
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Currency Exchange



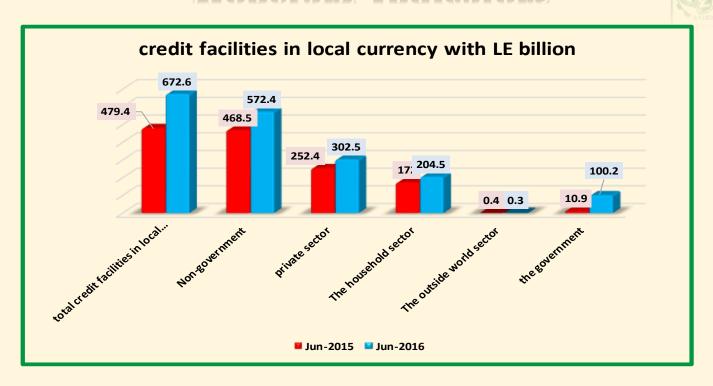


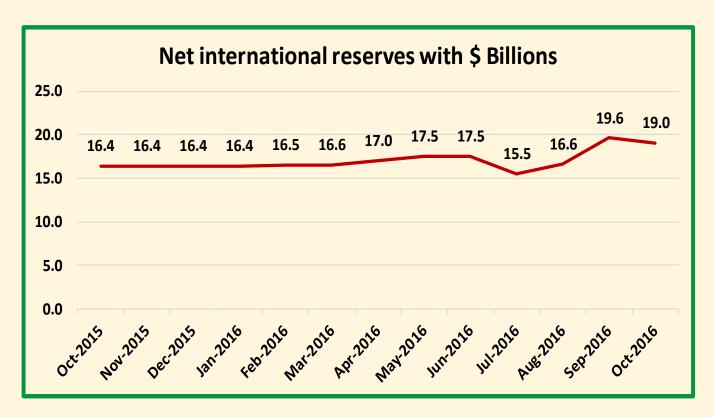
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Monetary Indicators



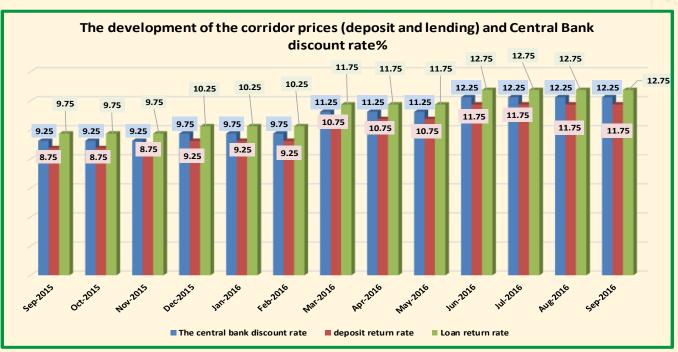


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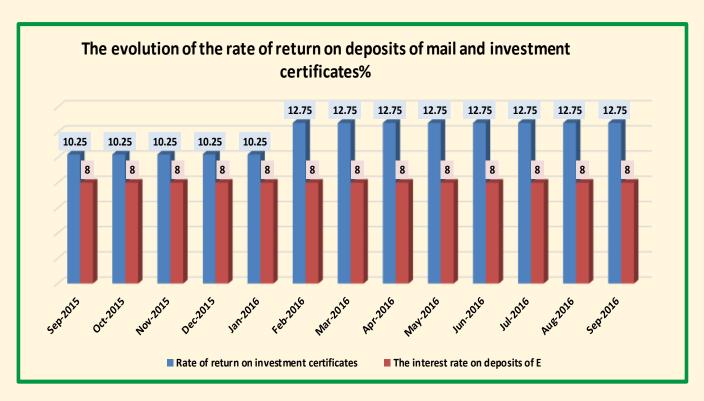
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Interest Rate





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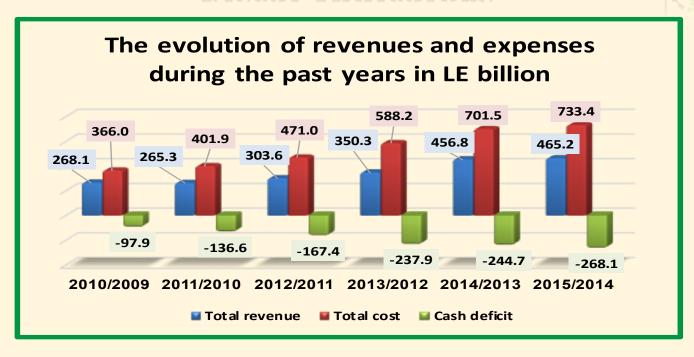


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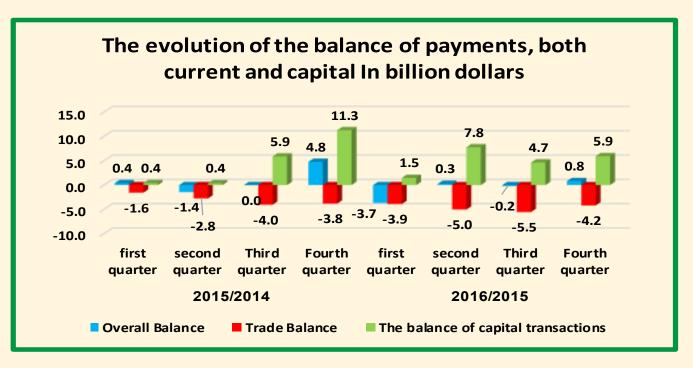


Fiscal Indicators



Source: Ministry of Finance

External Sector Indicators

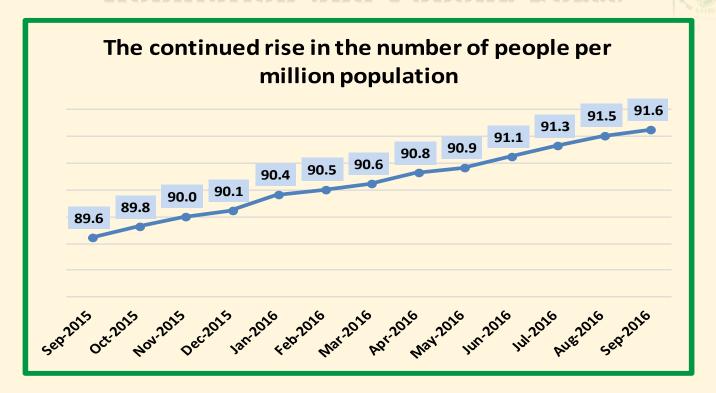


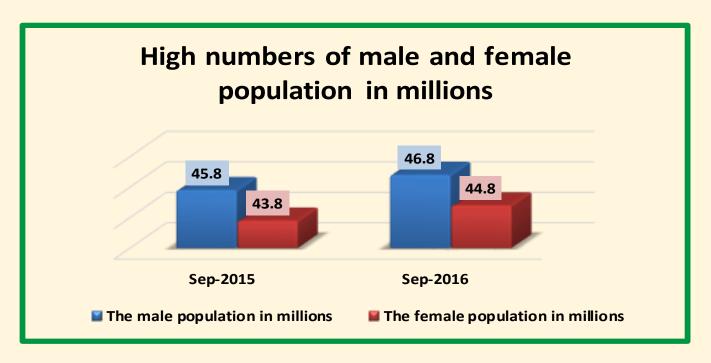
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Population and Labour Force





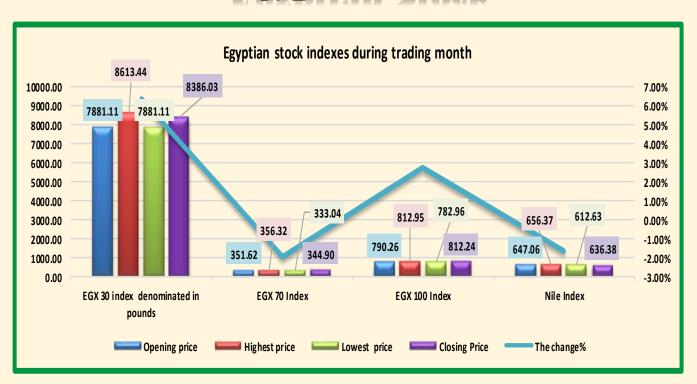
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Money Market Indicators

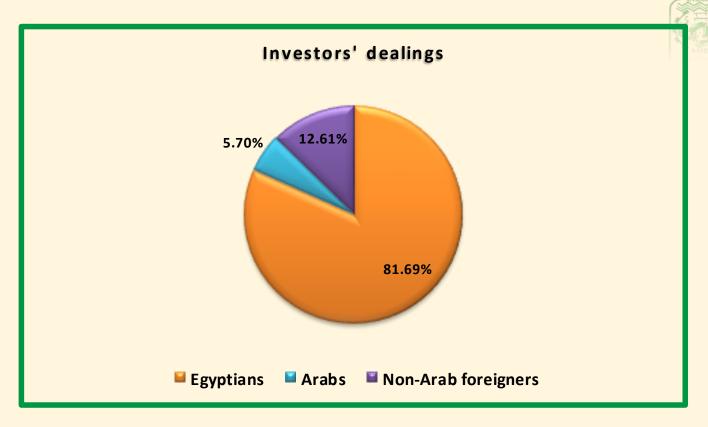
Egyptian Stock





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Source: Egyptian Stock Exchange

International

Index	September 2016 (points)	October 2016 (points)	%the change
Dow Jones	18308.15	18142.42	0.91%-
DAX	10511.02	10665.01	1.47%
FTSE 100	6899.33	6954.22	0.80%
Nikkei 225	16449.84	16251.54	1.21%-
Dollar Index	95.39	98.42	3.18%
Euro Index	89.32	88.74	0.65%-

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Global Commodity Prices

ltem	September 2016 (dollar)	October 2016 (dollar)	%the change
Crude Oil	48.240	46.860	2.86%-
<u>Brent</u>	49.060	48.300	1.55% -
gold	1313.300	1271.500	3.18%-
Silver	19.214	17.796	7.38%-
<u>US wheat</u>	401.750	415.250	3.36%
US cotton 2	68.060	68.870	1.19%
London Sugar	597.200	579.400	2.98%-

Source: investing.com

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Data Sources

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National Investment Bank

The Ministry of Planning and Follow-up and administrative reform

Ministry of Tourism

Suez Canal Authority

Central Bank of Egypt

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