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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 the Third quarter of fiscal year 2016/2017 compared to 3.6 percent during the same period of the previous fiscal year.¹.
- Net international reserves has increased to \$ 36.7 bn at the end of October 2017 compared to \$ 36.5 bn in September 2017².
- In its last meeting on November 16, 2017, the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Central Bank of Egypt (CBE) decided to keep the overnight deposit and overnight lending rates at 18.75 and 19.75 percent respectively. The CBE's main operations and the discount rate were also decided to be kept at levels of 19.25 percent.²
- The monthly inflation for the total Republic of consumer prices decreased by 1.1 % in October 2017 compared with 1.0 % the previous month While the annual rate of inflation year reached 30.82% in October 2017 compared to 31. 59% in September 2017.
- In September 2017, the number of tourists rose by 54.9 percent, to reach 732.2 Thousand compared with 473.0 Thousand in September 2016. The number of tourist nights also rose by 211.5 percent from 3082.5 Thousand to 9603.4 Thousand during the same period.³
- The number of Egyptian population rose significantly by 4.6 percent, reaching 95.8 m people in September 2017, compared to 91.6 m people in September 2016.⁴

¹ Ministry of Planning.

² Central Bank of Egypt (CBE).

³ CAPMAS, quoted from Ministry of Tourism.

⁴ CAPMAS.

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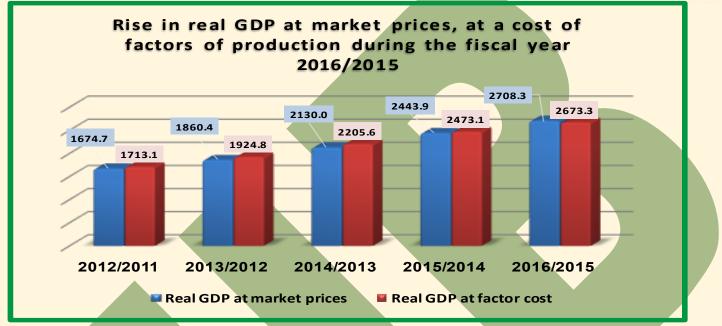
- Total revenues achieved during the period July-August 2017/2018 about 18 billion pounds compared to 38 billion pounds during the study period of the previous fiscal year.⁵
- The total debt of the general budget (local and foreign) reached about 3676 bn at the end of March 2017 increasing by 105.7 percent of GDP .⁵
- The balance of payments deficit reached \$ 13.7 bn (5.8 percent of GDP) during 2016/2017, compared with a surplus of \$ 2.8 bn (-0.8 percent of GDP) during the same period of the previous fiscal year.⁵
- EGX 30 index increased during trading in October to close at 14342 points, registering a rise of 3.27 percent, and medium stocks tended to increase where the EGX 70 index rise by 1.09 percent to close at 782 points, while EGX 100 index registered a rise of about 2.58 percent to close at 1768 points.⁶
- In September 2017, Suez Canal revenues rose to EGP 8.1 bn against EGP 3.7 bn in September 2016. The traffic achieved an increase in ship numbers, as the number of ships crossed the Canal was 1457 ships, down from 1406 ships during the same period of the previous year.⁷

⁵ Ministry of Finance (MOF).
⁶ The Egyptian Stock Market.
⁷ Suez Canal Authority.

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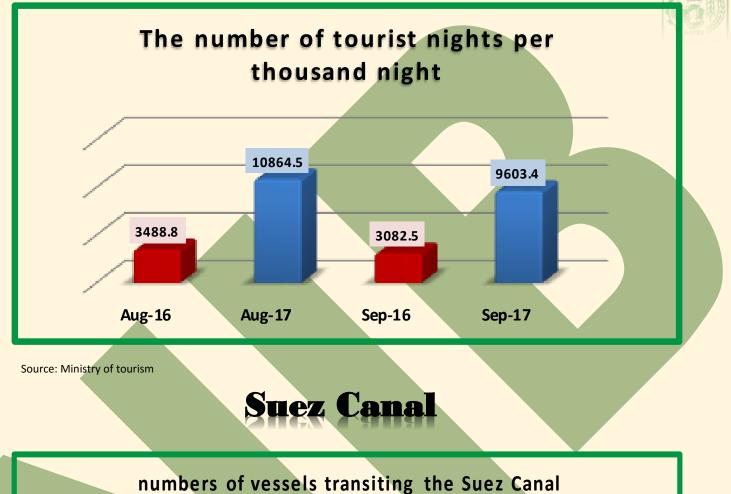
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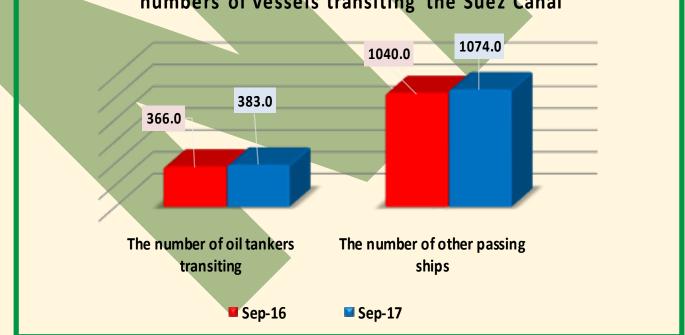
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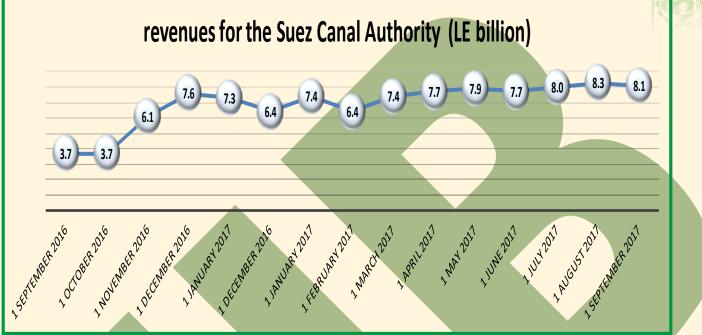






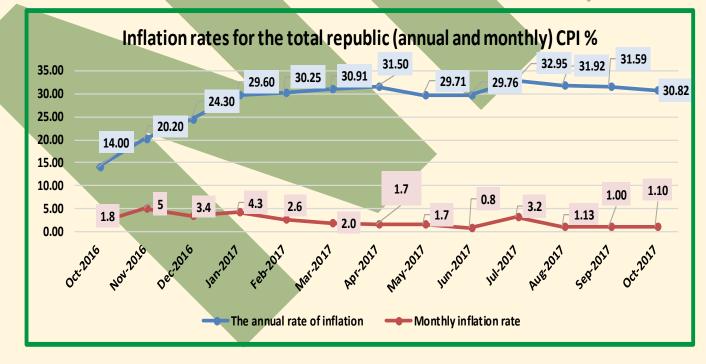
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Source: Suez Canal Authority

Local Price Indicators

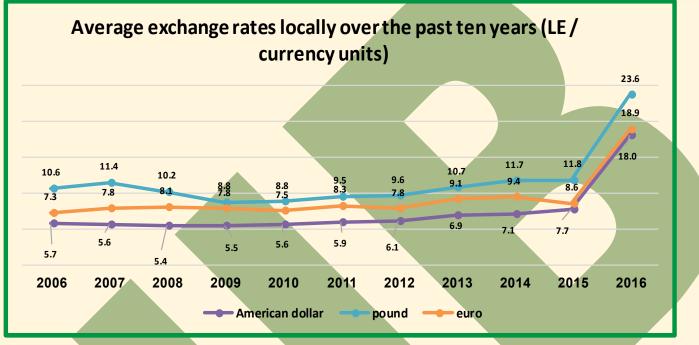


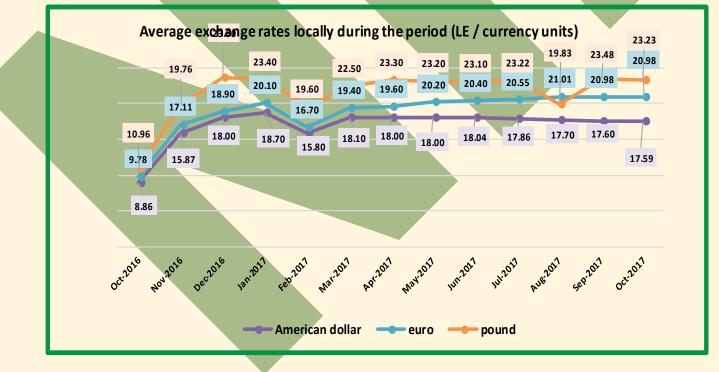
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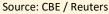
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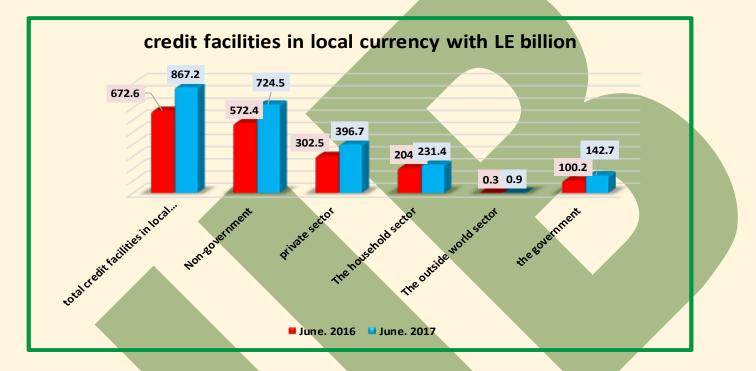


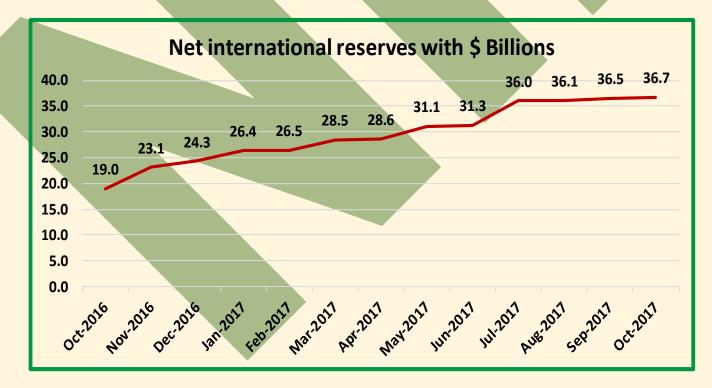


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Monetary Indicators



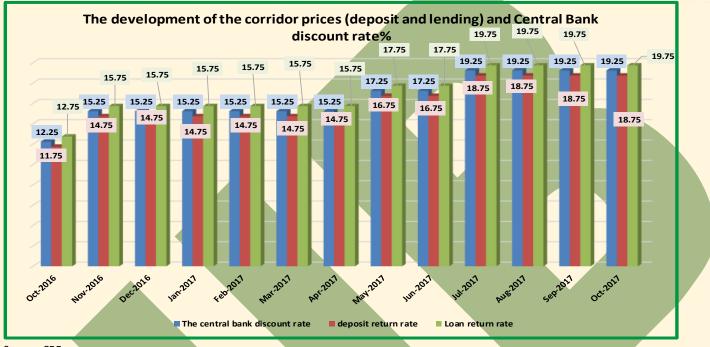


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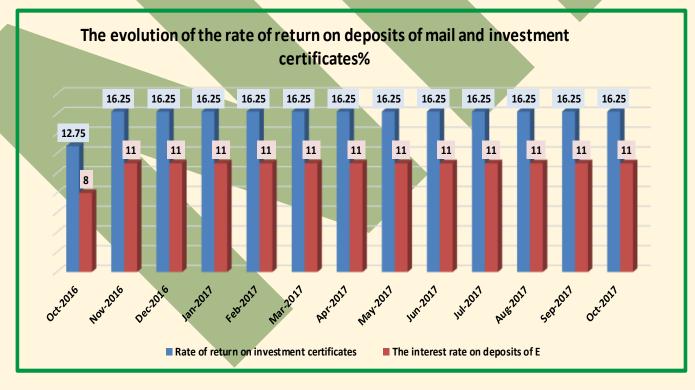
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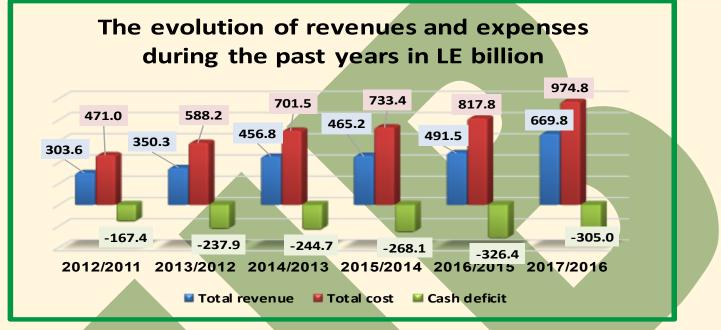


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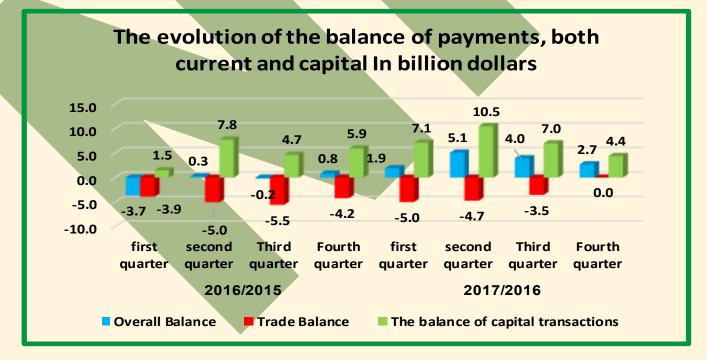




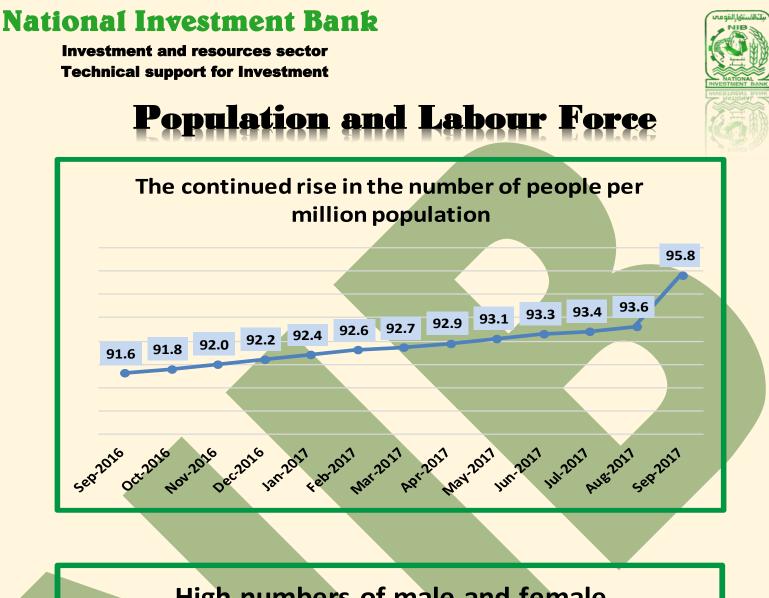


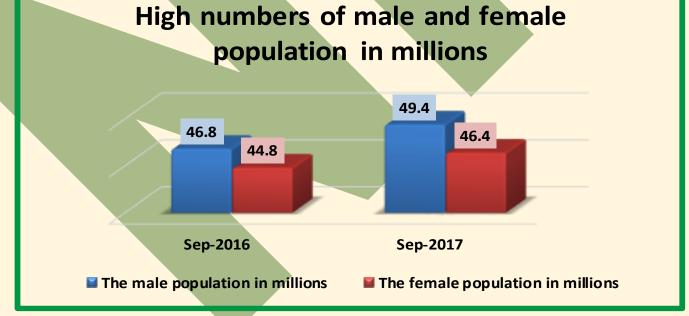
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External Sector Indicators



Source: CBE





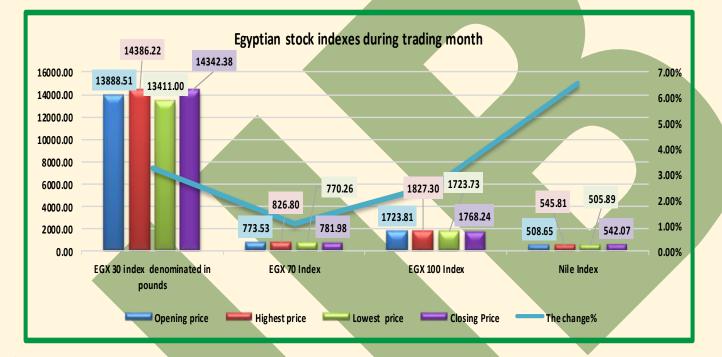
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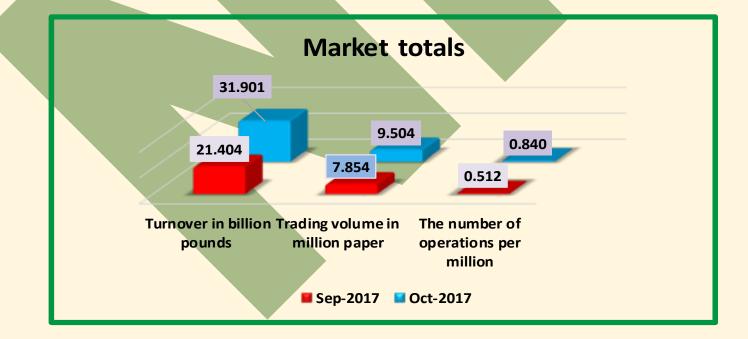
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Money Market Indicators

Egyptian Stock





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Source: Egyptian Stock Exchange

International Exchange

Index	September-2017 (points)	October-2017 (points)	%the change
Dow Jones	22405.09	23377.24	4.34%
DAX	12828.86	13229.57	3.12%
FTSE 100	7372.76	7493.08	1.63%
Nikkei 225	20356.28	22011.61	8.13%
Dollar Index	92.88	94.43	1.67%
Euro Index	94.32	93.62	0.74%-

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Global Commodity Prices

ltem	September-2017 (dollar)	October-2017 (dollar)	% the change
Crude Oil	51.67	54.38	5.24%
Brent	57.54	61.37	6.66%
gold	1284.80	1270.50	1.11%-
Silver	16.688	16.704	0.10%
US wheat	448.25	418.50	6.64% -
US cotton 2	68.42	68.55	0.19%
London Sugar	362.20	384.40	6.13%

Source: investing.com

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