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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.'.
- Net international reserves has increased to \$36.0 bn at the end of July 2017 compared to \$31.3 bn in June 2017.
- In its last meeting on July 6, 2017, the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Central Bank of Egypt (CBE) decided to raise 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 raised at levels of 19.25 percent.<sup>2</sup>
- Annual inflation for the total Republic of consumer prices decreased by 3.22 % in July 2017 compared with 0.82 % the previous month While the annual rate of inflation year reached 32.95% in July 2017 compared to 29.76% in June 2017.
- In June 2017, the number of tourists rose by 62.6 percent, to reach 533. 0 Thousand compared with 328.6 Thousand in June 2016. The number of tourist nights also rose by 174.9 percent from 1764.4 Thousand to 4850.0 Thousand during the same period."
- The number of Egyptian population rose significantly by 2.4 percent, reaching 93.3 m people in June 2017, compared to 91.1 m people in June 2016.

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Ministry of Planning.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>\*</sup> Central Bank of Egypt (CBE).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>r</sup> CAPMAS, quoted from Ministry of Tourism.

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- Total revenues achieved during the period July-May 2016/2017 about 358 billion pounds compared to 268.6 billion pounds during the study period of the previous fiscal year.
- The total debt of the general budget (local and foreign) reached about 3676 bn at the end of March 2017 increasing by 107.9 percent of GDP.<sup>5</sup>
- The balance of payments deficit reached \$ 11 bn (4.4 percent of GDP) during the period July-March 2016/2017, compared with a surplus of \$ 3.6 bn (-1.1 percent of GDP) during the same period of the previous fiscal year.<sup>5</sup>
- EGX 30 index increased during trading in July to close at 13419 points, registering a rise of 0.18 percent, and medium stocks tended to increase where the EGX 70 index rose by 7.72 percent to close at 700 points, while EGX 100 index registered a rise of about 5.24 percent to close at 1588 points.
- In May 2017, Suez Canal revenues rose to EGP 7.9 bn against EGP 3.8 bn in May 2016. The traffic achieved a decrease in ship numbers, as the number of ships crossed the Canal was 1384 ships, down from 1404 ships during the same period of the previous year.

<sup>°</sup> Ministry of Finance (MOF).

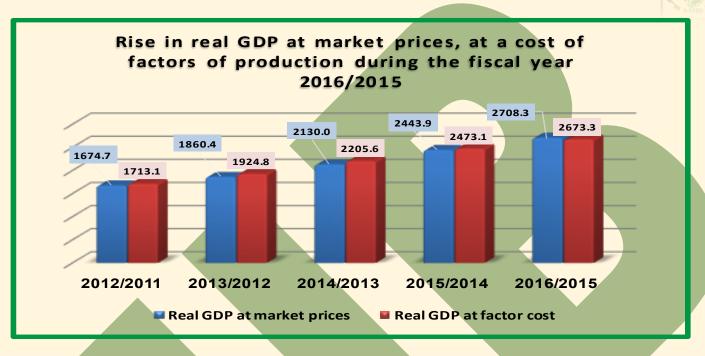
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Egyptian Stock Market.

Suez Canal Authority.

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# **Economic Indicators**



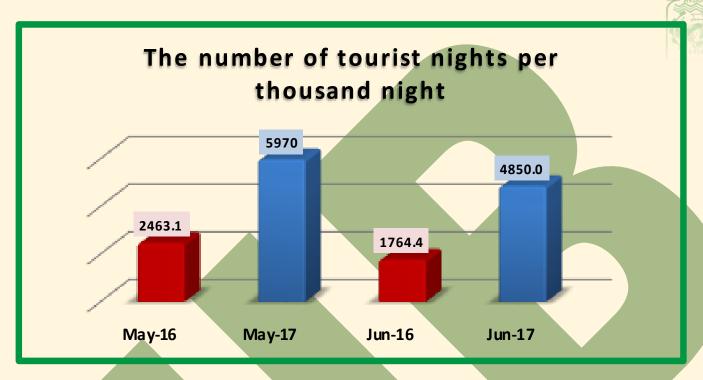
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# **Tourism**



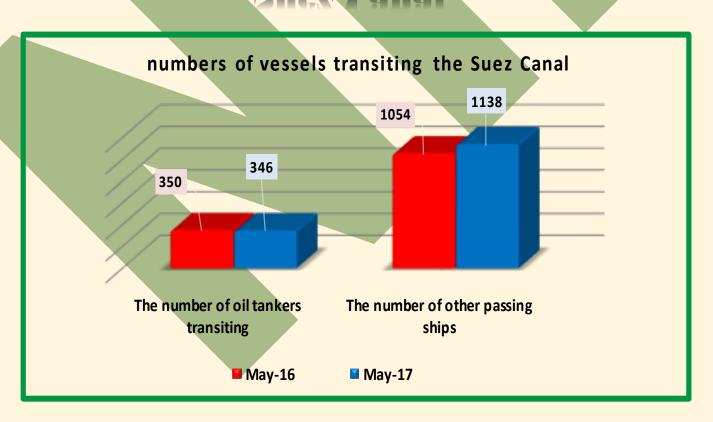
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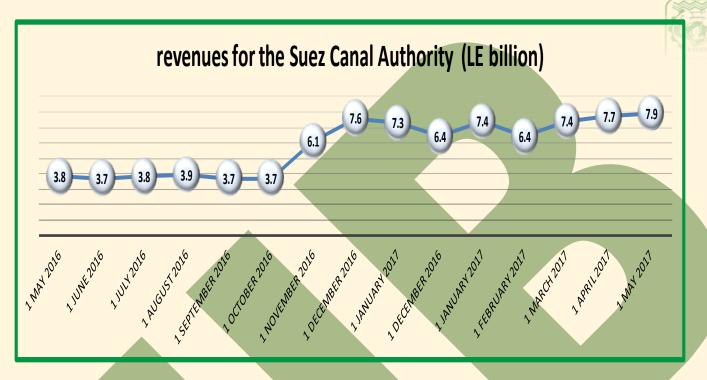
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**Suez Canal** 



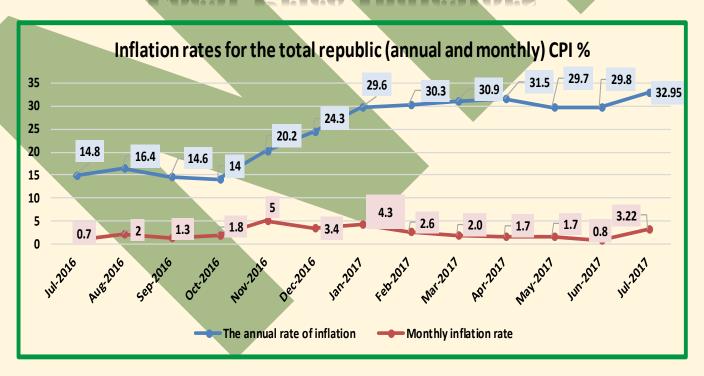
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Source: Suez Canal Authority

# **Local Price Indicators**

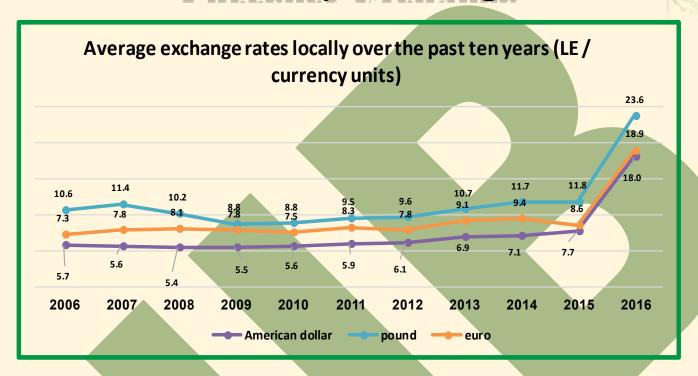


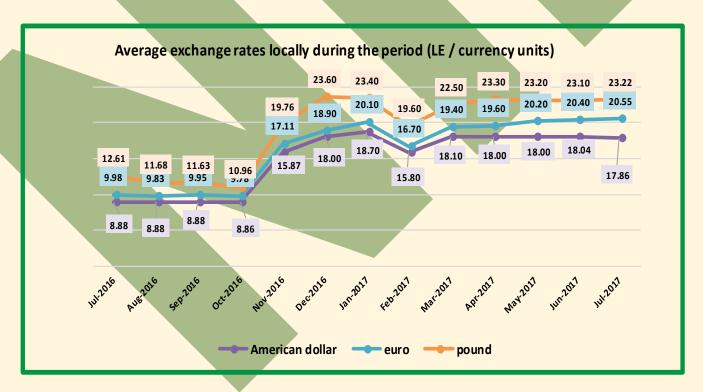
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# **Currency Exchange**



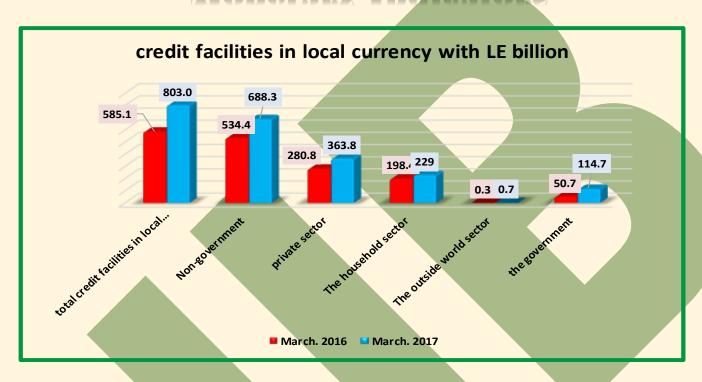


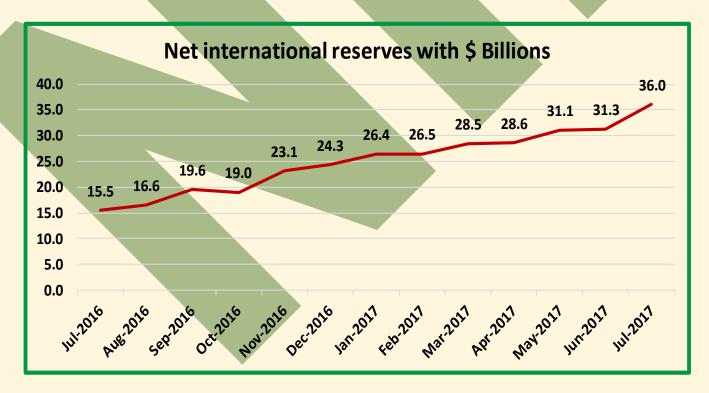
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# **Monetary Indicators**



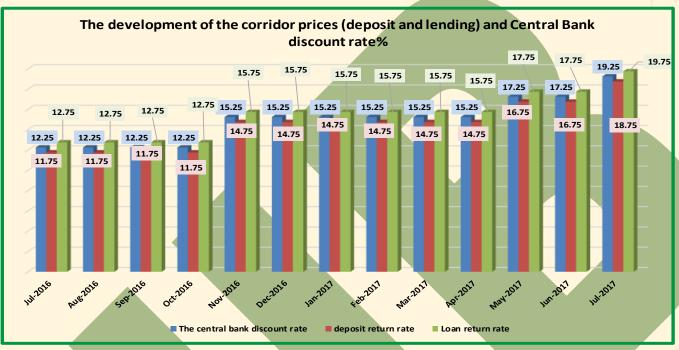


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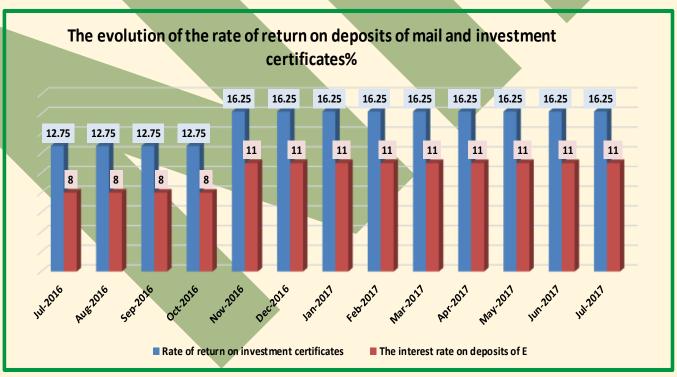
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# **Interest Rate**



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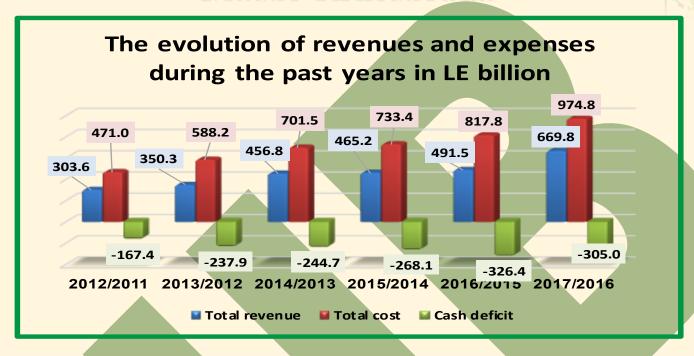


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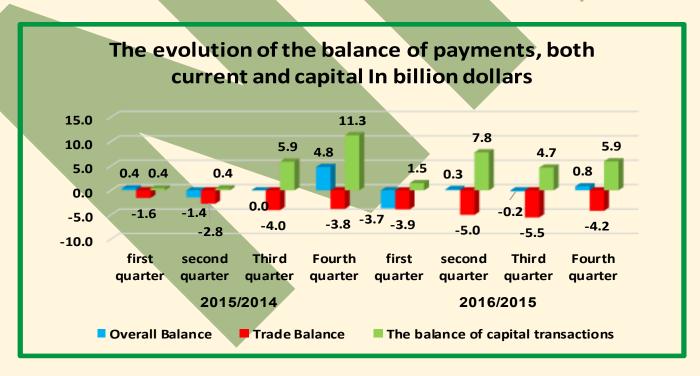


# **Fiscal Indicators**



Source: Ministry of Finance

# **External Sector Indicators**

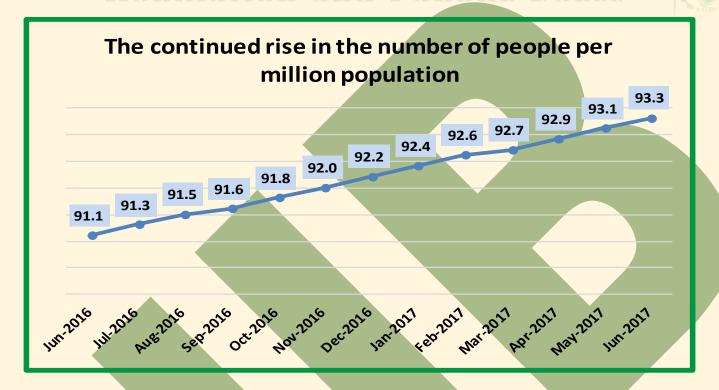


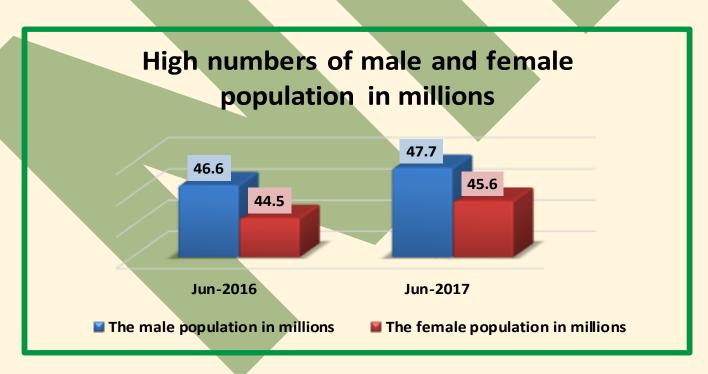
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# **Population and Labour Force**





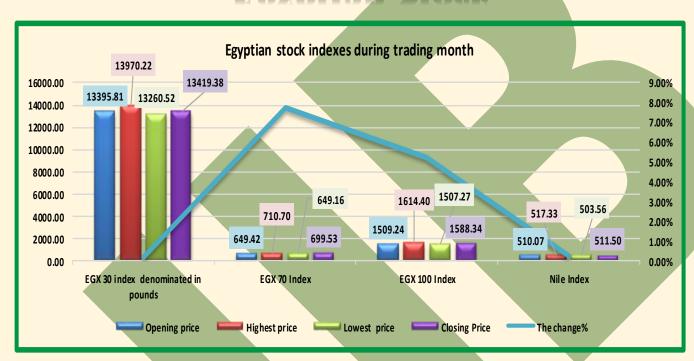
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# **Money Market Indicators**

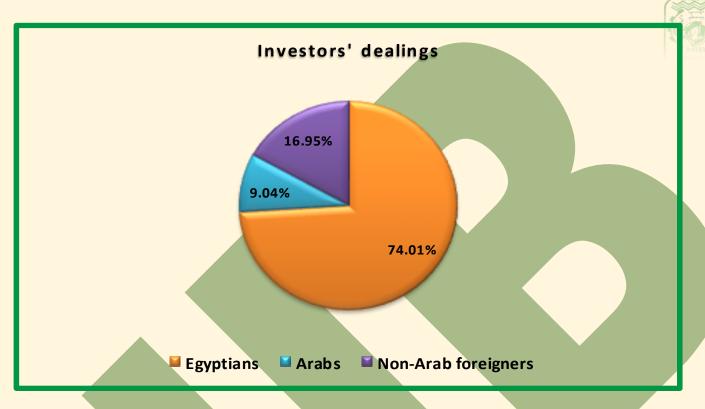
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Source: Egyptian Stock Exchange

# **International Exchange**

Index	June-2017 (points)	July-2017 (points)	%the change
Dow Jones	21349.63	21891.12	2.54%
DAX	12325.12	12118.25	1.68%-
FTSE 100	7312.72	7372.00	0.81%
Nikkei 225	20033.43	19925.18	0.54%-
Dollar Index	95.42	92.72	2.83%-
Euro Index	91.85	94.16	2.51%

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# **Global Commodity Prices**

Item	June-2017 (dollar)	July-2017 (dollar)	%the change
Crude Oil	46.04	50.17	8.97%
Brent	47.92	52.65	9.87%
gold	1242.30	1266.60	1.96%
Silver	16.568	16.786	1.32%
US wheat	525.75	474.25	9.80%-
US cotton 2	68.65	68.93	0.41%
London Sugar	403.70	402.30	0.35%-

Source: investing.com

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# Data Sources

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#### **National Investment Bank**

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**Ministry of Tourism** 

**Suez Canal Authority** 

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