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SUSTAINABILITY

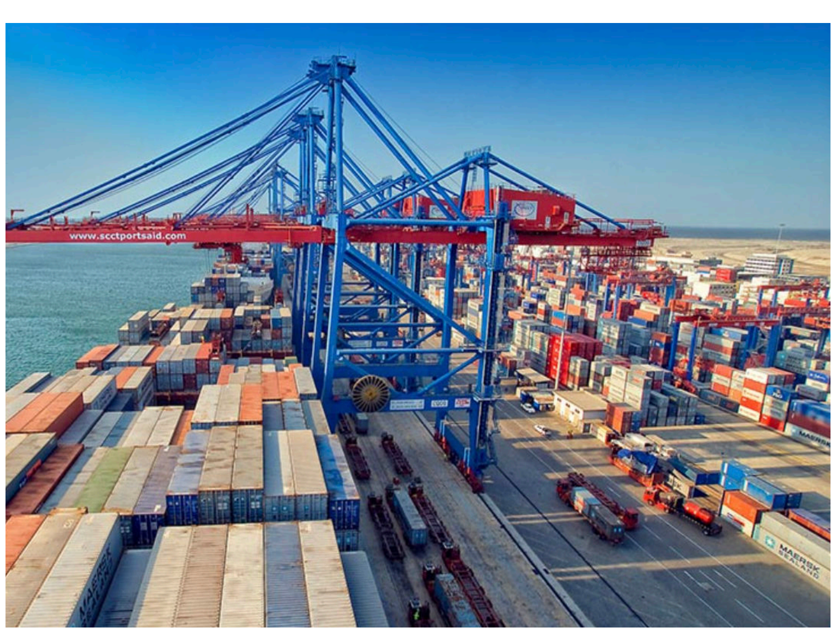
EBRD and Valu Partner to Expand Consumer Access to Green Technologies

The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) has approved an EGP 600 million (approximately €10.7 million) loan to the fintech platform Valu to facilitate retail access to energy-efficient solutions. The platform is designed to finance individual household purchases of solar power systems, energy-efficient appliances, and electric mobility products.

Complementing the loan, a €74,900 technical cooperation package will support Valu in developing bespoke green financial products and tracking eligible retail investments. This partnership represents the EBRD's first collaboration with a consumer finance firm in Egypt, aiming to accelerate the nation's transition toward a resilient, low-carbon economy.

EXPORT

Strategic Blueprint for Egyptian Industrial Growth and $100 Billion Export Goal



Egypt has unveiled its "Egyptian Industrial Strategy 2030," a comprehensive roadmap targeting $100 billion in commodity exports by 2030. The strategy aims to focus on seven priority sectors: ready-made garments, textiles, food processing, pharmaceuticals, automotive manufacturing, electrical and engineering equipment, and electronics. The state plans to maximise economic impact by applying the "80/20 rule," concentrating resources on the 20% of industrial opportunities capable of delivering 80% of targeted growth in value-added production and employment.

To support this expansion, a new digital platform will be launched to revitalise factories by linking them with new investors who can assume existing licenses and facilities. The strategy also emphasises the "Productive Villages" program to localise industry in rural areas by connecting local manufacturing to national supply chains.

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Afreximbank Launches $100 Million Gold Refinery Project in Egypt

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The African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank) is set to invest between $50 million and $100 million to establish a landmark gold refinery within a designated Egyptian free zone.

Scheduled to begin construction by late 2026, the project is a collaborative effort with the Central Bank of Egypt (CBE) following a 2025 Memorandum of Understanding. The refinery aims to transform Egypt into an international hub for gold refining and trading by converting raw gold into globally tradable bullion. This initiative is expected to bolster the nation's monetary sovereignty, improve credit ratings, and reduce the costs associated with offshore refining.

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National Airborne Geophysical Survey to Modernise Egypt's Mining Sector

The Egyptian Cabinet has approved a strategic contract with X-Calibur to conduct a comprehensive airborne geophysical survey across all national territories. Utilising advanced aircraft, artificial intelligence, and digital modelling, the project aims to establish a high-precision database that will update the national geological map and identify promising mineral wealth.

This initiative, carried out in integration with national institutions such as the Nuclear Materials Authority, is a cornerstone for attracting international mining investments and enhancing the sector's regional and global competitiveness

INVESTMENT

Egypt and Zambia Deepen Cooperation in Healthcare and Medical Procurement

On the sidelines of the Africa Health ExCon 2026, Egyptian health officials met with a high-level Zambian delegation to enhance collaboration in medical procurement and pharmaceutical exports.

Discussions focused on expanding the presence of high-quality Egyptian medicines in Zambia, medical tourism, and technical training for health professionals. Both nations also explored the localisation of Egyptian medical industries in Zambia and the utilisation of the African Pooled Procurement Mechanism (APPM) to ensure sustainable and efficient health security across the continent

EXPORT

Egypt Targets Sustainable Growth in Fertilizer Industry as Exports Reach $9.4bn

Minister of Industry Khaled Hashem has underscored the strategic importance of Egypt's fertilizer industry during the 32nd Annual International Conference of the Arab Fertilizer Association (AFA). The sector plays a vital role in maximizing the productivity of major national agricultural projects, such as the New Delta and Mostaqbal Misr. In 2025, exports of chemicals and fertilizers reached approximately $9.4 billion, marking a 7% annual increase, with primary markets including Italy, Turkey, Brazil, and Saudi Arabia.

To maintain global competitiveness, the ministry is supporting a transition toward sustainable manufacturing, focusing on energy efficiency and circular economy practices while monitoring international regulations like the European Union's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM).

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