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MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT

Shield mutual fund

In July, EGX30 increased by 5.9%, to reach its year-to-date performance to around 27.8%. Global equities were mixed during the month: the MSCI Emerging Markets Index edged down 3.1%, bringing its year-to-date gain to 20.0%. The Dow Jones Industrial Average gained 0.3%, while the S&P 500 was broadly flat, declining by 0.1%. Meanwhile, the Nasdaq Composite underperformed, falling by 3.2%, mainly reflecting weakness in technology and semiconductor stocks.

Egypt's non-oil private sector improved to 46.8 in July, up from June's 41-month low of 46.0. Nevertheless, the latest figure indicated a sharp decline in overall operating conditions, and the seventh consecutive month of contraction. New business intakes fell for the seventh straight month in July, driven by stagnant market conditions, price pressures deterring customer spending, maritime shipping delays, and a shortage of new projects. Consequently, firms cut back on their total activity, with the pace of contraction remaining sharp but easing slightly to the least marked in four months. Purchasing activity contracted at the sharpest rate since September 2023, with approximately one-third of firms reducing input buying in part due to weakening new orders. This led to the first decline in pre-production inventories in five months, as businesses operated with leaner stock levels amid limited material availability and liquidity constraints.

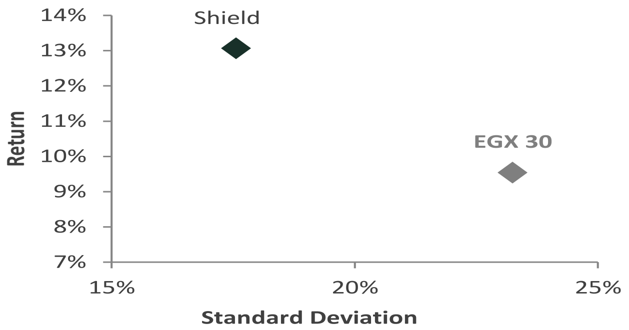
Egypt's net foreign asset position improved by USD 5.1bn in June to reach USD 28bn, its highest level since January. The increase was mainly driven by a USD 3.3bn improvement in commercial banks' net foreign assets, reflecting a USD 2.3bn rise in foreign assets and a USD 1.0bn decline in foreign liabilities. The CBE's net foreign asset position also strengthened by USD 1.8bn during the month, as a USD 2.7bn increase in foreign assets more than offset a USD 0.8bn rise in foreign liabilities. Meanwhile, net international reserves increased to USD 56.3bn in July 2026, up from USD 55.1bn in June 2026.

Fund Type	Equity Fund
Fund Manager	AAIM
Launch Date	February 1998
Domicile	Egypt
Fund Currency	EGP
Administrator	Catalyst
Custodian	Banque Misr
Certificate Price*	EGP 827.05
Subscription/ Redemption**	Daily
Performance Fee	12% over hurdle rate***
Admin. Fee	1.0%
Custodian Fee	0.25%
Subscription Fee	None
Redemption Fee	0.75%
Min. Investment	5 Certificates

* Price as of 31/7/2026 ** Sub./redemption until 12pm throughout AAIB branches. NAV is published weekly in Al Borsa Newspaper ***Hurdle rate is CBE discount rate

Performance

Month	2025	2024	2023	2022	Since Inception
2.5%	47%	23%	62%	21%	922%



Separately, Egypt fiscal deficit narrowed to 5.3% of GDP in 11MFY25/26, from 6.9% a year earlier, with the primary surplus expanding to 4.6%, from 3.4%, according to data from the Finance Ministry. Improved fiscal performance came on the back of a 33% Y-o-Y rise in total revenues, which outpaced a 19% increase in expenditures. Tax revenues were up 28% Y-o-Y, while non-tax were up 66% Y-o-Y, reflecting the one-off revenues from the land deal with Qatari Diar. Expenditures remained contained, thanks to only 11% rise in wages and 13% in subsidies. Investment spending accelerated to 37% Y-o-Y, with interest payments rising 20% Y-o-Y.

The Executive Board of the IMF approved Egypt's seventh review under its EFF programme and the second review under the RSF in July 2026, paving the way for the disbursement of USD 1.77bn in new funding. Of the total, USD 1.5bn will be provided through the EFF and USD 272mn through the RSF. While acknowledging the progress made, the Fund stressed the need to accelerate structural reforms aimed at fostering stronger private sector-led growth. It also noted that Egypt entered the latest period of regional conflict from a more resilient macroeconomic position than in previous external shocks, supported by policy measures such as greater exchange-rate flexibility, energy price adjustments, and tighter fiscal management.