



CI Capital's 5th Annual MENA Investor Conference takes place between 26 January – 3 February, with participation of leading global institutional investment firms, with aggregate assets under management (AUMs) in excess of USD10tn

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CI Capital, a leading Egyptian diversified financial services group, kicked off its 5th Annual MENA Investor Conference in an online virtual format, bearing in mind the precautionary measures and travel difficulties under the COVID-19 pandemic. This year's conference runs from Tuesday, 26 January until Wednesday, 3 February, witnessing the active participation of 320 investors from 100 leading global institutional investment firms, from the United States, Europe, South Africa, Asia, and the Middle East. Participants are meeting with senior executives of top publicly traded companies on the Egyptian and GCC stock exchanges.

As a house, CI Capital is bullish on emerging markets in 2021e, and specifically in the MENA region, as well as the Egyptian and UAE equity markets, as they benefit from a very low base of depressed earnings in 2020, alongside: i) a low interest rate environment, ii) a possibly weaker USD, and iii) expectations of gradual recovery in global trade amid relatively more constructive trade negotiations expected between China and the new US administration. We believe a prerequisite for the outlook is achieving further positive developments in terms of approving, manufacturing, and availing COVID-19 vaccines early on in 1Q21. Consequently, our conference focuses on MENA listed corporates in 2021, which we label as "The Year of the Vaccine."

The conference marks outstanding growth in terms of attendees and number of meetings, with 70 listed corporates from six countries across the MENA region, attending over 4,000 one-on-one meetings with 100 global buy-side asset managers from around the globe. The meetings discuss the financial health of MENA-listed companies, after a year of productivity disruptions, financial moratoriums, weak consumption trends and more. This is in conjunction with looking forward as to how companies are gearing back for growth and resumption of normal operations post the vaccine rollout.



About CI Capital

CI Capital is a diversified financial services group and Egypt's leading provider of leasing, micro-finance, consumer finance, mortgage finance, and investment banking products and services.

Through its headquarters in Cairo and presence in New York and Dubai, CI Capital offers a wide range of financial solutions to a diversified client base that includes global and regional institutions and family offices, large corporates, SMEs, and high net worth and individual investors. CI Capital leverages its full-fledged investment banking platform to provide market leading capital raising and M&A advisory, asset management, securities brokerage, custody, and research. Through its subsidiary Corplease, CI Capital offers comprehensive leasing solutions, including finance and operating leases, and sale and leaseback, serving a wide range of corporate clients and SMEs. Additionally, CI Capital offers microfinance lending through Egypt's first licensed MFI, Reefs.

The Group has over 1,800 employees, led by a team of professionals who are among the most experienced in the industry, with complementary backgrounds and skill set, and a deep understanding of local market dynamics.