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Highlights of Egyptian Insurance Market

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reamble: To have a clear idea about the size of business, the purchase power of the Egyptian pound is slightly less than the US \$. But the exchange rate is 3.86 Egyptian pounds to the dollar.

The structure of the insurance market in Egypt:

- 1) The Egyptian Insurance Supervisory Authority: 28 Talaat Harb Street, Cairo
- 2) The Egyptian Insurance Federation: 10 Iran Street, Dokki, Giza
- 3) The Egyptian Society of Actuaries: 28 Talaat Harb Street, Cairo
- 4) Four public sector companies that may be privatized (all or any of them) in future: Misr, Chark, National and EgyptRe. They all handle life and non-life business.
- 5) Eleven private companies: Sues
 Canal, Mohandess and Delta:these
 are composite companies issuing
 both life and non-life. Faronic Alico,
 Commercial International Life: Life
 only; Faronic, Arab International, and
 Egyptian American: Non life; Egyptian International Medical Insurance
 Co. (EIMIC); Egyptian Export Guarantee; Cooperative Insurance
 Company
- 6) Other companies are seeking license to operate in either life or general insurance, as the current law does not allow composite companies.

Data for life business as of end June 2000

The amounts are in million Egyptian Pounds (see preamble) Fiscal year July/June

Total	am	ıount	\mathbf{s} of	insuı	ance
in-for	сe				29,468

Total premiums for ye	ar ending
June 2000	620
Total claims for year end	ling June
2000	431

	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Group</u>
Number of	616,063	
policies		
Amounts of	7,349	21,989
insurance		
premiums	298	301
(millions)		

Reserves (millions)	Individual 2,123	Group 2,539
Analysis of In 1999/2000 Whole life Number Amounts (million Premiums (million	ons)	347
Term Number	ons)	$\dots.654$
Endowments Number Amounts (million Premiums (million	ons)	$7,\!244$
Analysis Prop Casualty 199 Fire Premiums (mill Claims (millions	99/2000 ions)	276
Marine Premiums (mill Claims (million	ions)	86
Inland Transp Premiums (million Claims (million	ions)	
Hull Premiums (mill Claims (millions		
Aviation Premiums (millions) Claims (millions)		
Accidents Premiums (mill Claims (millions		
Engineering Premiums (millions) Claims (millions)		
Motor Computer Premiums (millions) Claims (millions)	ions)	
Motor Premiums (mill Claims (millions		

Premiums (millions)
Medical33Premiums (millions)
Investment types June 2000 Real Estate Life
Property .415 Free .90
Equities Life 2,797 Property 2,425 Free 1,559
Loans .83 Property .18 Free .65
Bank Deposits Life 1,340 Property 2,278 Free .706
Investment Income 10.2% Life .8.6% Property .8.6% Free .7.1%
Program for Development of

Petroleum

Program for Development of Insurance Personnel

The current number of Egyptian actuaries are only nine. They are Fellows or Associates of the Society of Actuaries or the Institute of Actuaries.

There are several universities that offer B.Sc., M.Sc. and Ph.D. degrees in insurance.

Cairo University has B.Sc. degree in Actuarial Science. About three graduates may seriously continue for Fellowship or academic degrees.

Final Comment: With the growth of the economy, insurance is expected to prosper. This explains the entry of several international insurers in the Egyptian market.

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