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“Egyptian Steel” Targets EGP 2 Billion in New Investments to Boost Production and Exports

Egyptian Steel is preparing to implement an ambitious investment plan worth nearly EGP 2 billion over the next 18 months, starting at the beginning of next year, according to Abdel Fattah Siam, General Manager of the company’s Alexandria plant, in statements to Al Arabiya Business on the sidelines of the Trans MEA exhibition. Siam explained that the company plans to finance the new investment plan through a mix of internal resources and bank loans, likely split evenly between the two sources.

The plan includes several new projects and production expansions, most notably the establishment of a lime plant to serve the company’s steelmaking operations and sell the surplus to the local market. Lime is used in the steel smelting process to remove impurities, thereby improving the quality and purity of the final product and reducing production costs. The investment plan also involves upgrading existing production lines at the Port Said and Alexandria plants, by adding new machinery and modernizing older equipment to enhance efficiency and meet international quality and environmental standards required for export markets.

Egyptian Steel is one of Egypt’s leading steel producers, operating four plants with a total annual production capacity of approximately 2.28 million tons. These plants are located in Beni Suef, Ain Sokhna, and Port Said, producing both reinforcing steel and billet in various grades and sizes.

The company expects a significant jump in production and sales next year, reaching about 1.7 million tons compared to 1.2 million tons expected by the end of this year, reflecting confidence in stronger domestic demand driven by the construction and infrastructure sectors. Siam added that the company also aims to increase exports to 30% of total output within two years, compared to the current 7%, as most production in recent years has been absorbed by the local market. The company currently exports to Europe and Africa and plans to expand into new markets in the coming years.

He noted that Egyptian Steel has made significant progress in reducing its carbon footprint, in line with European environmental requirements, which enhances the company’s competitiveness in global markets.

Siam emphasized that Egypt’s steel industry is entering a promising phase, supported by government efforts to boost local manufacturing and reduce imports. In September 2025, the Ministry of Trade and Industry granted eight Egyptian companies new licenses to produce billet, with a combined capacity of 3.7 million tons per year, as part of a national strategy to achieve self-sufficiency and meet growing demand.

He expects the new production capacities to become operational within four to five years, noting that investing during slower market periods provides companies with an advantage in capturing larger market shares when demand strengthens. Siam concluded that the anticipated growth in Egypt’s steel industry will be driven by domestic mega-projects as well as reconstruction efforts in neighboring Arab and African countries, creating new opportunities for Egyptian manufacturers to expand their production base and strengthen their regional presence as a key supplier of steel products.



Rebar Prices in Egypt – November 11, 2025

Rebar prices in the Egyptian local market witnessed relative stability during today's trading, as most companies maintained their previous price levels with no significant changes, while some companies recorded slight declines.

Ezz Steel's price stood at around EGP 38,200 per ton, while Al-Suez Steel and Egyptian Steel remained stable at EGP 35,000 and EGP 38,100 per ton, respectively. Beshay Steel recorded EGP 37,000 per ton, and El-Marakby Steel stood at EGP 35,000 per ton.

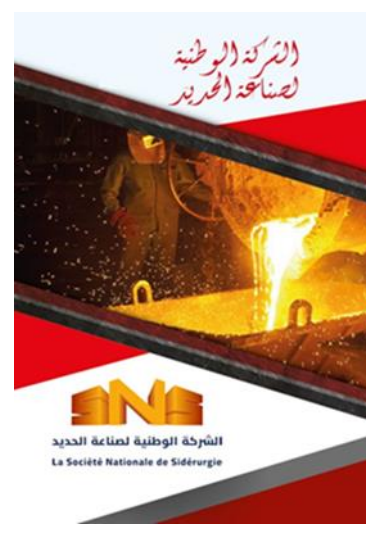
Meanwhile, Garhy Steel was priced at EGP 36,000 per ton, and Misr Steel at EGP 34,700 per ton.

As for Ashry Steel, it declined by about EGP 200 to reach EGP 34,800 per ton, while El-Komy Steel dropped by about EGP 300 to EGP 33,200 per ton. Al-Ola Steel also decreased by around EGP 300 to EGP 32,600 per ton, and Al Gioshy Steel fell by about EGP 400 to EGP 33,300 per ton.

Rebar prices were as follows compared to the week last:

Company	EGP/t	Pointer	w-w
Ezz Steel	38,200	-	0
Suez Steel	37,900	-	0
Beshay Steel	37,000	-	0
El Marakby Steel	35,000	-	0
Egyptian Steel	38,100	-	0
Ashry Steel	34,800	▼	200-
Garhy Steel	36,000	-	0
Misr Steel	34,700	-	0
El komy Steel	33,200	▼	300-
El Ola steel	32,600	▼	300-
Al Gioshy steel	33,300	▼	400-

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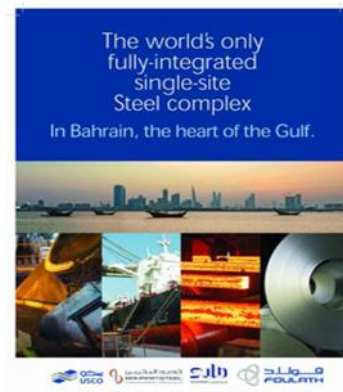


Emsteel Reports Strong Performance in the First Nine Months of 2025

Emsteel Group announced strong financial and operational results for the first nine months of 2025, as the company continued to strengthen its position as one of the largest steel and building materials producers in the region. This performance was driven by robust domestic demand in the UAE and the Group's efficiency in capitalizing on emerging operational opportunities. The Group's revenues rose to AED 6.5 billion, marking a 10% increase compared to the same period last year, while net profit reached AED 283 million, recording a significant 209% year-on-year growth. Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation, and amortization (EBITDA) increased by 28% to AED 823 million, with a margin of 12.7% compared to 11% last year, supported by higher average selling prices and ongoing efficiency enhancement initiatives.

Total steel sales grew by 9% year-on-year, while finished steel product sales increased by 21% to reach 2.428 million tons. Cement and clinker sales also rose by 17% to 2.344 million tons. The Group's net cash position improved notably to AED 711 million as of September 2025, compared to AED 337 million at the end of 2024, reflecting stronger financial liquidity. At the business unit level, Emirates Steel achieved revenues of AED 5.8 billion, up 9% year-on-year, and operating profits of AED 680 million, an increase of 38%. Meanwhile, Emirates Cement generated AED 652 million in revenues, up 21%, with operating profits of AED 143 million. During the third quarter of the year, Emsteel continued to deliver outstanding results, with revenues up 13% year-on-year and operating profits more than doubling, supported by sustained demand and improved production efficiency. As part of its sustainability commitment, Emsteel launched the True Green™ Sustainable Steel Program, a new identity that unifies the company's longstanding efforts to reduce carbon emissions and sets a global benchmark for low-carbon steel production. The company also initiated the world's first pilot project to deploy electrically processed gas heaters (ePGH) in direct reduction plants, a move expected to cut 2,200 tons of CO₂ emissions annually.

Emsteel also contributed to several strategic projects, including the supply of 5,000 tons of structural steel plates for the new floating bridge over the Suez Canal in Egypt, and the delivery of hydrogen-based rebar for the construction of the first carbon-free mosque in Abu Dhabi. Additionally, Emsteel became the first company in the Middle East and North Africa to receive the ResponsibleSteel™ certification, underscoring its leadership in responsible and sustainable steel production. Commenting on the results, Eng. Saeed Ghumran Al Remeithi, CEO of Emsteel Group, said: "The strong performance during the first nine months of 2025 reflects Emsteel's resilience and ability to achieve sustainable growth despite market fluctuations. We have demonstrated that operational discipline, managerial efficiency, and smart investment in opportunities are key drivers for transforming challenges into added value and stronger profit margins." Al Remeithi added that the Group remains committed to executing its strategy to reinforce the UAE's position as a regional hub for low-carbon steel production and to support the transition toward a more efficient and sustainable industrial sector. He reaffirmed Emsteel's commitment to creating long-term value for its shareholders, customers, and industrial partners.



Emsteel and e& Launch the First Private Advanced 5G Network in the Manufacturing Sector

Emsteel Group, in collaboration with e& UAE, has launched the world's first private advanced 5G network in the manufacturing sector — a major step toward enhancing digital transformation, operational efficiency, safety, and sustainability across its industrial facilities.

This initiative supports the UAE's national strategy for industry and advanced technology, "Operation 300bn," which aims to develop a highly advanced, innovation-driven industrial sector that strengthens the nation's position as a global, sustainable manufacturing hub. The private 5G network provides secure and high-speed connectivity across complex industrial environments and enables the operation of smart platforms such as Asset Insight, allowing employees instant access to equipment data, maintenance records, and sensor information — thereby reducing downtime and associated costs. Emsteel Group CEO Eng. Saeed Ghumran Al Remeithi stated that the project marks a transformative milestone in the company's digital journey, enhancing innovation and workplace safety. Meanwhile, Masood M. Sharif Mahmood, CEO of e& UAE, noted that this collaboration reflects the company's commitment to empowering future smart industries and supporting the local economy.

The successful pilot launch underscores Emsteel's commitment to adopting advanced technologies to boost operational performance and solidify its position as a global leader in low-carbon steel production and sustainable building materials.

Oman : Contract Signed to Establish a Steel Industry Project in Al Buraimi Industrial City

Al Buraimi Industrial City, affiliated with the Public Establishment for Industrial Estates "Madayn", has signed an investment contract with Sohar steel and Billet Company to establish an integrated industrial project for the production of steel, as well as the manufacturing of aluminum and non-ferrous metal sheets and profiles. The project will be built on an area of 36,000 square meters with a total investment of 10 million Omani rials. Saeed bin Abdullah Al Balushi, General Manager of Al Buraimi Industrial City, stated that this project comes within Madayn's efforts to localize specialized industries that contribute to creating job opportunities for national talent and to developing the industrial sector in Al Buraimi Governorate, thereby supporting the diversification of the national economy.

Al Balushi added that the contract signing is part of a national strategy to attract more industrial investments and encourage projects based on modern technologies, which will contribute to achieving sustainable industrial transformation and promote economic growth in the Sultanate of Oman. It is noteworthy that the total investments in Al Buraimi Industrial City reached more than 287 million Omani rials by the end of the first half of this year, with 1,645 investment contracts covering an area exceeding 1.7 million square meters, in addition to more than 4.4 million square meters of leasable land.



World

Steel prices in the third week of November 2025

The global steel market recorded mixed price movements during the third week of November 2025, with slight increases in some raw materials, stability in several finished products, and notable declines in others. These fluctuations come amid ongoing shifts in supply and demand across different regions.

Prices of Turkish scrap (CFR) saw a slight increase of \$1, reaching \$356 per ton, supported by steady demand from Turkish mills. Iron ore (62% CFR Australia) continued its upward trend, rising by \$2 to reach \$104 per ton.

On the other hand, the billet market witnessed clear declines. Russian billet FOB dropped by \$8, reaching \$430–435 per ton, while Turkish/Caspian billet ex-CIS CFR decreased by the same amount to \$445–455 per ton, driven by higher supply in regional markets.

Among finished products, Turkish rebar FOB recorded a \$5 increase, reaching \$545–565 per ton, supported by stronger demand from Middle Eastern markets. Meanwhile, CIS rebar FOB remained stable with no change, staying within \$490–510 per ton. Turkish wire rod FOB also saw a slight rise of \$3, reaching \$560–570 per ton.

In the flat steel segment, Russian hot-rolled coil FOB maintained stability at \$450–455 per ton, while Chinese cold-rolled coil FOB (1 mm) declined by \$8, reaching \$515–525 per ton, affected by increased production and supply in Asian markets.

The following is the steel prices statement in the global markets on 15 November 2025:

Product	Place	Min	Max	Date	W-O-W	
ScrapHMS 1&2(mi x 80:20)	ex,USA,CFR Turkey	356	356	15/11/2025	▲	1
Iron ore Fe 62%	CFR- Australia	104	104	15/11/2025	▲	2
Billet	FOB Russia	430	435	15/11/2025	▼	-8
	Turkey FOB	445	455	15/11/2025	▼	-8
Rebar	FOB Turkey	545	565	15/11/2025	▲	5
	FOB Ukraine	490	510	15/11/2025	-	0
Wire Rod	FOB Turkey	560	570	15/11/2025	▲	3
HR coil	FOB Russia	450	455	15/11/2025	-	0
HR coil 1mm	FOB China	515	525	15/11/2025	▼	-8

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Ukraine's Steel Exports Drop by 9.9% in January – October 2025

Ukraine's steel exports saw a notable decline in the first ten months of 2025, falling by 9.9% to 3.68 million tons, according to data released by the Ukrainian Steel Association. Total steel production in the same period reached 5.38 million tons, compared to 5.26 million tons in the previous year, while the local market consumed around 2.06 million tons, representing 38.3% of total output.

Export performance varied by product category. Exports of flat steel products increased by 1.4% to reach 1.47 million tons, while exports of semi-finished steel recorded a sharp decline of 36% to 1.09 million tons. Meanwhile, long steel products saw strong growth of 43.8%, reaching 759,000 tons. The share of semi-finished products in total exports dropped to 32.87%, compared to 46.31% in the same period last year.

On the other hand, domestic steel consumption rose significantly by 31.6% to 3.44 million tons, with Ukraine relying on imports to cover 1.39 million tons, equivalent to 40.24% of total consumption. Steel imports in the January–October period reached 1.39 million tons, up 33.8% year on year. Imports of flat products increased by 12.7%, while imports of long products surged by 57.1%.

Ukraine also recorded an increase in exports of semi-finished steel in the same period, reaching 149,300 tons, compared to only 16,200 tons last year. The European Union remained the largest destination for Ukrainian steel exports, accounting for 80.8%, followed by other European countries at 8.6%, and the CIS at 5.8%.

As for imports, most originated from other European countries (50.6%), the EU (22.2%), and Asia (21.3%).

Turkey's HRC Exports Rise 24.7% in January–September 2025

Turkey's exports of HRC recorded a notable increase in September 2025, reaching 299,765 mt, up 14.1% compared to August and 32.6% year-on-year, according to preliminary data from the Turkish Statistical Institute (TUIK).

The total export value for the month amounted to \$167.48 million, marking an 18.5% rise from the previous month and a 13.5% increase compared to the same period last year.

In the first nine months of 2025, Turkey exported 2.29 million mt of HRC, up 24.7% year-on-year, while the total export value grew 12% to \$1.33 billion.

Italy was the top destination for Turkey's HRC exports during this period, with 703,869 mt (up 30.8% year-on-year), followed by Spain with 385,031 mt (up 67.5%) and Portugal with 198,656 mt (up 77.9%).

Among Arab countries, Egypt ranked fifth with 118,334 mt, a decline of 42.6%, while Libya came in seventh with 68,765 mt, posting a sharp increase of 101.4% compared to the same period last year.



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India Becomes a Net Exporter of Steel in October

India became a net exporter of finished steel in October, with exports reaching 0.6 million tons, an increase of 44.7% compared to the same period last year, according to preliminary government data reviewed by *Reuters*.

India, the world's second-largest producer of crude steel, imported 0.5 million tons of finished steel products in October — a 55.6% decline from the same period a year earlier.

The country produced 13.4 million tons of finished steel products in October, marking a 10% year-on-year increase, while total domestic consumption stood at 13.6 million tons, up 4.7% compared to October last year.

This shift in the steel trade balance underscores the strength of domestic production and its responsiveness to external market demand, as India's crude steel output reached 14.02 million tons in October, representing a 9.4% year-on-year growth.

China's Steel Exports Shift Toward the Middle East Amid Rising Trade Restrictions



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Turkey's exports of wire rods fell by 2.8% in January – September 2025

In September 2025, Turkey exported approximately 91,299 tons of wire rods, marking an increase of 112.2% compared to August, but a decline of 23.7% year-on-year.

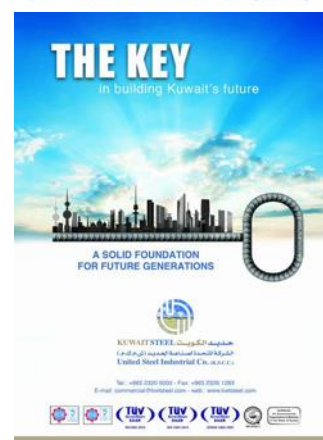
The export value for the same month reached \$50.77 million, up 108.1% from the previous month, yet down 29.1% compared to the same period last year.

During the first nine months of the year, Turkey's wire rod exports totaled 714,520 tons, down 2.8% year-on-year, while their value decreased by 9% to \$409.9 million.

Romania was the largest importer with 254,029 tons, up 7% from last year, followed by Bulgaria with 55,752 tons, down 16.7%, then Libya with 52,340 tons, while Syria ranked tenth with 15,880 tons.



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Egypt: El Marakby Steel and Danieli Sign Agreement for High-Efficiency Reheating Furnace

El Marakby Steel (MKM) has commissioned Danieli Centro Combustion India to supply a new 60-ton-per-hour (tph) Pusher reheating furnace for its rolling mill in the 6th of October Industrial Zone in Egypt.

The new furnace aims to enhance thermal performance and improve billet temperature consistency, thereby enhancing the rolling mill's performance.

It will incorporate patented Danieli burners engineered to reduce fuel consumption, minimize scale formation, and decrease pollutant emissions.

This investment is in line with MKM's strategy for decarbonization and its commitment to reducing environmental impact.

The new reheating furnace is scheduled to begin operation in mid-2027.





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