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#### Who We Are

# The World's Leading Carpet Manufacturer...

Oriental Weavers, headquartered in Tenth of Ramadan City, Egypt, is the leading global integrated machine-made carpet and rug manufacturer in the world by volume, with more than 4 decades of operational excellence culminating in revenues of almost EGP 10 billion in 2020

EGP **5,615** mn

1H21 Revenue

▲38% YoY

EGP **982** mn

1H21 Gross Profit

▲ 122% YoY | + 6.6 pps

EGP **999** mn

1H21 EBITDA

▲ 106% YoY | +5.9 pps

EGP **599** mn

1H21 Net Income<sup>(1)</sup>

▲ 151% YoY | + 5.9 pps



#### Who We Are

# ...With Expansive Global Operations...

The Group enjoys extensive production capabilities through its manufacturing facilities and warehouses in Egypt, China and the US, where it produces more than 4 million copyrighted designs utilizing a vertically integrated business model to control the entire manufacturing process

**1**st

Global Producer by Volume

26

Production Facilities across 3 continents

17,000+

**Employees** 

240+

Looms



#### Who We Are

# ...And a Strong Local & International Presence

With 67% of revenues generated from export sales in 1H21, OW sells its products to major clients in 130 markets across the Middle East, North America, Europe and Asia and has recently enjoyed a strong and growing online presence with leading blue-chip retailers

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**Export Continents** 

130

**Export Markets** 

3

Distribution Offices (US, UK & UAE)

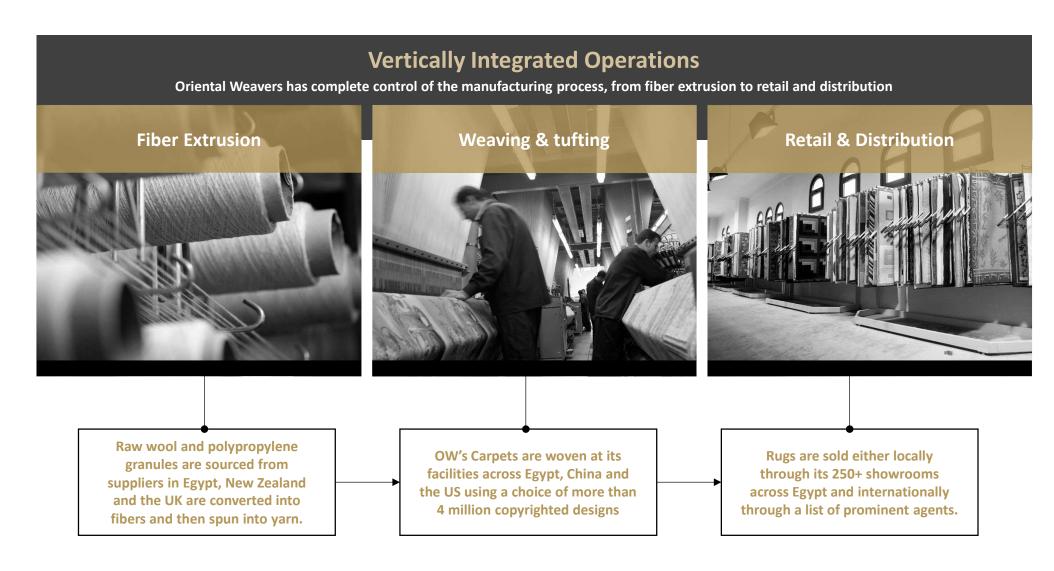
250+

Showrooms (Egypt)





# **Vertically Integrated Business Model**



# **Diversified Product Mix**

### **Key Products**



OW is the leading global machine-made carpet and rug manufacturer, which are produced across the Group's facilities in Egypt, the U.S. and China.

13% EGP 4.3 bn

2015-20 Revenue CAGR

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Oriental Weavers

1H21 Revenues









OW's tufted division specializes in wall-to-wall and area rugs for the doors, kitchen, and bathrooms, in addition to artificial turfs and carpet tiles, all produced in its Egyptian facility.

13% EGP 1.1 bn

2015-20 1H21
Revenue CAGR Revenues



Misr American Carpet Mills



Manufactured in OW's Egypt-based facility, the Group's non-woven needle-felt products come in a wide variety of applications, including automotive mats, exhibition halls, foot mats, etc.

19% EGP 239 mn

2015-20 1H21 Revenue CAGR Revenues



Egyptian Fibers Company

**Expansive Global Footprint** 

2020 Rev: **EGP 3.3 bn** 2015-20 CAGR: ▲ 4.6%

Egypt

2020 Rev: EGP 3.9 bn

2015-20 CAGR: ▲ 19.2%

The Americas & Canada

2020 Rev: **EGP 1.6 bn** 

2015-20 CAGR: ▲ 7.7%

Europe

2020 Rev: EGP 344.9 mn

2015-20 CAGR: ▲ 11.3%

**Arab Countries** 

2020 Rev: **EGP 179.5 mn** 

2015-20 CAGR: ▲ 16.7%

**Rest of Asia** 

2020 Rev: **EGP 86.2 mn** 

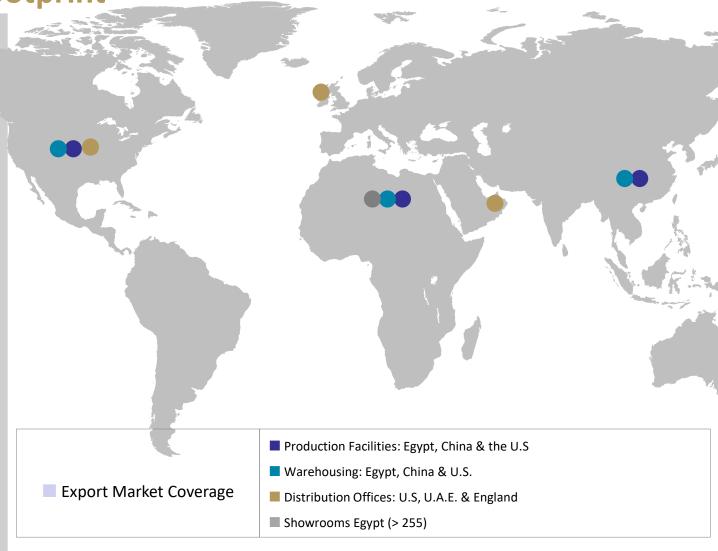
2015-20 CAGR: ▲ 22.2%

Africa

2020 Rev: **EGP 19.9 mn** 

2015-20 CAGR: ▼ 23.8%<sup>(1)</sup>

Russia & China



<sup>(1)</sup> Decrease in exports to China and Russia reflect trade disruptions resulting from the COVID-19 global pandemic

# **Fast-Growing Online Presence**







# **Established Media Presence**

### Oriental Weavers in the Media | Selected Appearances in 2021



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duction. Lightweight, tex-tile-based carpet technologies such as Di-Light or Relive-1 significantly improve

Chairwoman Yasmine Khamis and Export Director Hani Amin on expansion plans and consumer focus.

Interview with

"Oriental Weavers iust doesn't do small scale: Everyone who has been to Domotex knows and remembers the company's impressive trade fair palaces and manifold collection".



The Middle East Power Businesswomen 2021

#### Ranked 39th

Yasmine & Farida Mohamed Khamis







Progressive expansion plans and a strong customer focus





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February 2021

# We Serve International Blue-Chip Retailers....

#### **Key Retail Clients**

We sell to reputable blue-chip retail companies based in North and South America, Scandinavia and the rest of Europe, Australia, Asia and the Middle East































































































# ...and Premier Hospitality Partners

#### **Key Hospitality Clients**

OW Hospitality, the London-based hospitality carpeting arm of OW, is the preferred supplier of broadloom carpets for luxury hotels worldwide

































# Well-Invested Production Facilities (1 of 3)

The Group enjoys extensive production capabilities in Egypt and abroad through its vertically integrated production facilities

### **Woven Segment Annual Capacity | 76m m2**







**Oriental Weavers Carpet Company** 

Carpet
Production
Facilities

Oriental Weavers
International

Carpet Production Facilities Fiber
Production
Facilities

Oriental Weavers
Textiles

Carpet
Production
Facilities

Established in 1979 as the main holding company, Oriental Weavers Carpet Company produces three grades (A, B and C) of machine woven carpets and rugs for the Egyptian market. Established in 1998, OWI's vertically integrated facilities in 10th of Ramadan City encompass the scope of extrusion of synthetic fibers, dyeing & spinning wool, and the weaving and finishing of products for residential and commercial use include carpets, rugs and upholstery.

Located in a private free zone area, Oriental Weavers Textiles is an export-oriented company which specializes in the production of high-quality rugs and carpets with a focus on reduced environmental impact and optimized processes through the investment in modern technology

# Well-Invested Production Facilities (2 of 3)

## **Woven Segment Annual Capacity | 76m m2**







Carpet
Production Facilities

Oriental Weavers USA is based in Dalton, Georgia. It manufactures, markets, and distributes products imported mainly from the company's Egyptian plants in addition to select Asian countries. Oriental Weavers USA sells the products to its mass market merchants and big-box retailers, as well as to independent retailers, furniture retailers, catalogues, and various department stores.



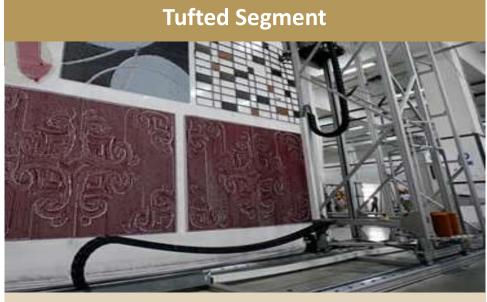


### China Production Facility

Carpet
Production Facilities

Oriental Weavers China was established in 2006 in response to the growing demand for woven products in China and other East Asian countries. OW China manufacturing facilities occupy 140,000 m<sup>2</sup> of land in the Tianjin industrial zone, 80 kilometers south of Beijing. The producer is a vertically-integrated facility with fiber extrusion and rug and carpet manufacturing facilities.

# Well-Invested Production Facilities (3 of 3)



Tufted Segment Annual Capacity | 47m m<sup>2</sup>

MAC Carpet "Fiber Factory"

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**Production Facilities** 

MAC Carpet "Fiber Factory" is Oriental Weavers' foothold in the tufted carpeting segment, whose offering includes wall-to wall carpeting, indoor and outdoor rugs and mats, car mats, three-dimensional advertising floor panels, runners, and artificial turf for indoor and outdoor applications.



EFCO utilizes the latest production technologies to produce master batch, polypropylene staple fiber, and needle felt carpets, including wall-to-wall carpeting indoor/outdoor rugs, underlay rolls and rug pads, car mats and bath mats.

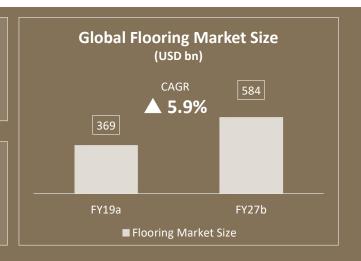
# Supportive Economic & Demographic Dynamics (1 of 2)

Change in consumer behavior after spending time at home, has caused more household spending

Significant pick-up in sales due to online shopping activities, has been further bolstered by the onset of the pandemic

Online merchants require large inventories and thus they continue to secure sufficient stocks of goods which lead to consistently growth in sales

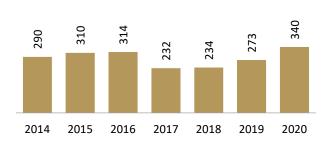
ORWE's positioning in large chains that specialize in essentials, such as Costco, has also played a major role in securing sales



#### **Supporting Market Drivers**

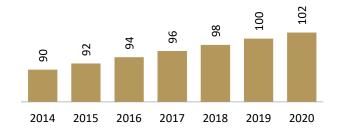
# Accelerating Economic Growth<sup>(1)</sup> Egypt's GDP (%)

 **Growing Consumption**<sup>(2)</sup>
Final Consumption Expenditure (USD bn)



### 15th Largest Population Globally<sup>(3)</sup>

Population (billions)



Source: (1) The Central Bank of Egypt

(2) The World Bank

(3) The World Bank

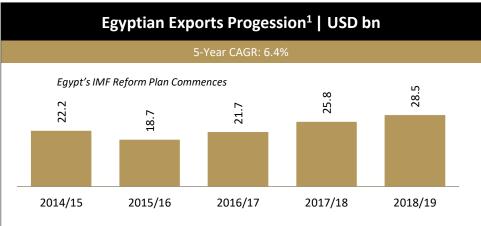
# **Supportive Economic & Demographic Dynamics (2 of 2)**

### **Supportive Government Initiatives**

Through the Ministry of Finance (MOF) and the Export Development and Support Fund, subsidies are paid out to Egyptian companies via Egypt's **Export Subsidies** Program

The upcoming program includes developing and enhancing exports to African and other new markets, and supporting land, sea & airfreight exports & their supporting infrastructure

With c. 94% of Egypt's imported machinemade carpets originating from Turkey, the government has also imposed antidumping fees ranging from 23-33% on Turkish carpet imports



Source: (1) The Central Bank of Egypt

Advantages of Manufacturing in and **Exporting from Egypt** Egypt | A gateway to more almost 3 billion consumers across 5 continents Low-cost skilled Abundance of Proximity to major labor global markets resources/raw materials Strong reform and **Improving** More than 8 preferential trade bureaucratic/tax modernization regulations agreements currently in place

# **Experienced & Growth-Oriented Leadership**

With more than 20 years served with Oriental Weavers each, the Group's world-class executive management team, many of whom also serve on OW's board of directors, have been instrumental in the Group's long-term success, with each member contributing in their own way to develop OW into a leading global producer in the machine-made carpets.

### **Key Select Executive Management Team & Board Members**

### **Results-driven Leadership**

24+ years



**Farid Khamis** Non-Executive **Board Chairman** 

Serves as an executive board member for a number of OW subsidiaries.

Holds bachelor's degree in Business Admin. from the American University in Cairo.

Completed training sessions at Citibank in New York and EFG Hermes.

Member of numerous business

organization



Motalab CEO & Managing Director Executive Board Member

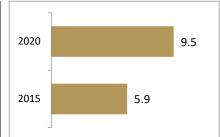
Salah Abdel Aziz

Held numerous top-tier planning

& administrative positions within OW, such as heading the projects and contracts department and subsequently the planning department.

Spearheaded Oriental Weavers' expansion program and he continues to do so in his current position as Chairman and CEO of the company.

2020 2015



Net Profit | EGP mn 2015-20 CAGR: 21%

2020 14.5% 2015 0.8 13.7%

9.9% 2020 6.1% 2015 356

#### **Mohamed Mohamed Farid Khamis**

Managing Owner Vice Chairman of OUD

Held multiple posts at OW directly involved in investments in technology and warehouse logistics. Vice Chairman of Orientals for Urban Development since 2011 which has become one of the leading real estate developers in Egypt.

#### **Mohamed Mahmoud** Fawzi Khamis

VP General Commercial Director **Executive Board Member** 

Managed and completed the extensive development of OW's domestic distribution network, leading to a marked increase in the company's domestic market share.

#### Farida Mohamed Farid Khamis

VP Corporate Finance Executive Board Member

Serves as an executive board member for a number of OW subsidiaries, completed training sessions at Citibank in New York and EFG Hermes, and is a member of numerous business organization.

#### **Amr Mahmoud Fawzy** Khamis

VP Manufacturing & Ops Executive Board Member

Specializes in planning, sales and marketing activities, and was instrumental in growing and developing the operations of OW and was intricately involved in supply chain and production management.

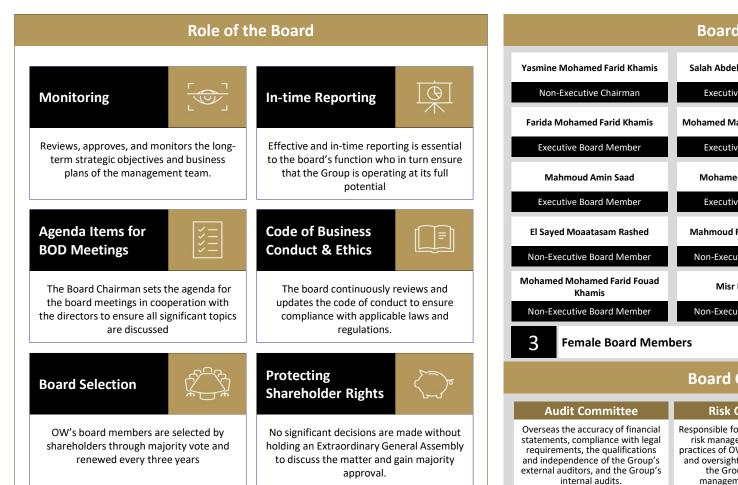
#### Mahmoud Amin Saad

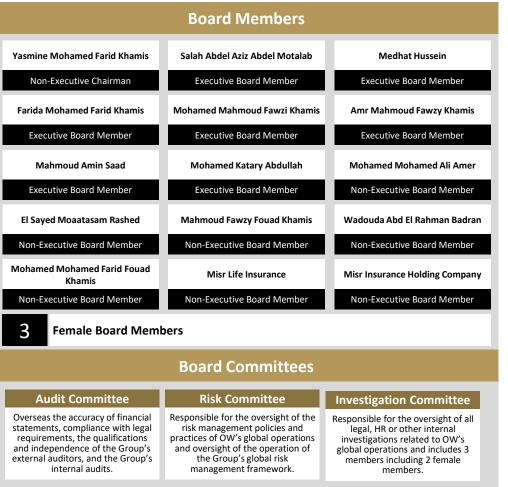
Director of Int'l Ops Executive Board Member

Lead the Group's expansion into new export markets, strengthened the transportation & distribution infrastructure and was Instrumental in various areas in the Group's development.

# **Solid Corporate Governance Structure**

Over the last 4 decades, Oriental Weavers has evolved from a family business to become one of the leading manufacturers of machine-made rugs globally, and a key Egyptian stock among retail and institutional investors. With this growth comes responsibility, and to this end the Group has built up a strong corporate governance framework in order to ensure that stakeholder interests are protected.





# **Successful Environmental Initiatives**

Oriental Weavers puts social and environmental purpose on equal footing with economic profit by working to make environmentally friendly products with more sustainable inputs, in addition to making investments in the people that define and secure the Group's success in reducing its environmental impact.

#### **Notable Achievements**

#### **Dedicated Focus**



Oriental Weavers has a department dedicated to energy efficiency and environmental sustainability, and is currently ISO 14001 certified

# GEFF Green Economy Financing Facility

As a result, the Group was honored in 2019 by the Green Economy Financing Facility (GEFF) in recognition of its pioneering environmentally sustainable production methods

#### Lighting



The Group is now using outdoor solar powered lights, which are enhanced with movement sensor capabilities and is currently rolling-out solar panel installations across all of its showrooms

#### **Waste Management**



Applied using the 3 R's methodology (Reduce – Reuse – Recycle), with about 30% of the generated solid waste are recycled internally, and EFCO manufacturing some of its products from recycled waste.

#### **Water Savings**



The Group carefully monitors and maintains responsible water consumption levels, ensuring zero liquid discharge throughout some of its manufacturing processes.

#### Planting O<sub>2</sub>



In cooperation with OUD (the Group's holding real-estate arm), Oriental Weavers adopted tree planting initiatives to offset Carbon Dioxide emissions.

### **Environmental KPIs | 2020**

**140k** tons

Av. Annual Carbon Emissions **12.0k** tons

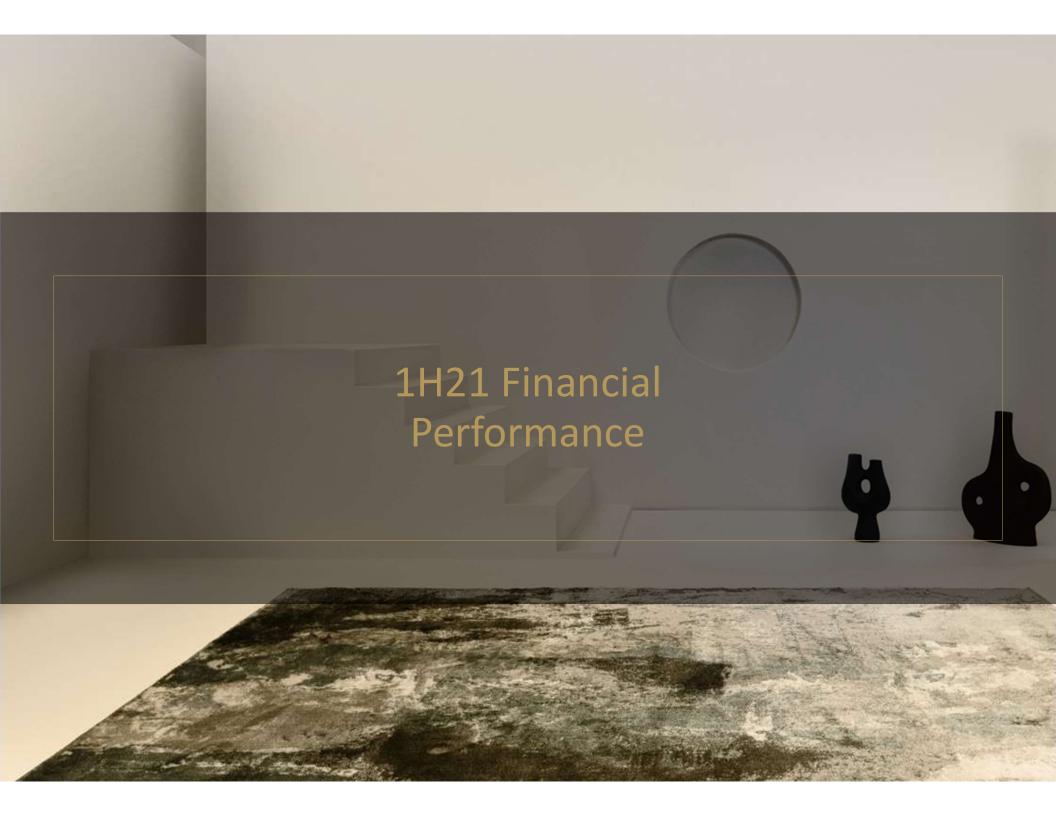
CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction **8.8k** tons

Trees
Offset CO<sub>2</sub>

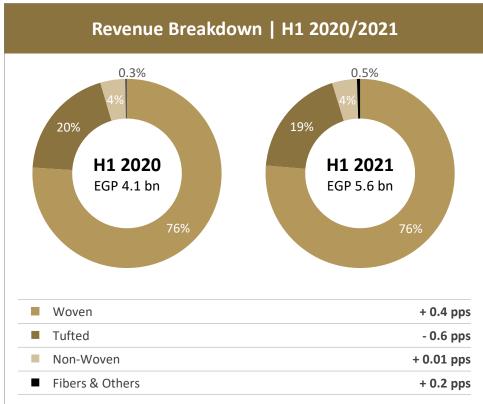
**26.0k** kWh

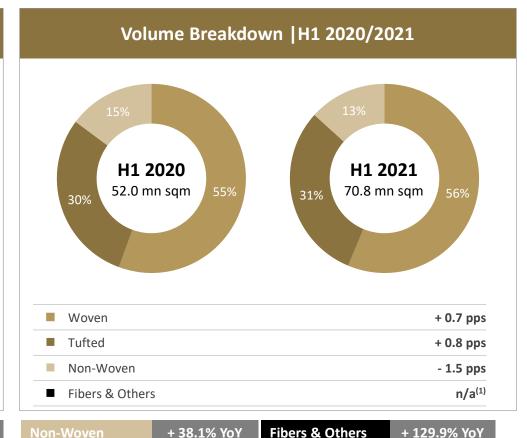
Energy Saving 402k trees

Trees Planted



# **Revenues & Volumes by Product**







Revenues from the woven segment grew by 38.3% YoY to EGP 4.3bn, and contributed the majority to overall revenue growth, at 77%, primarily on the back of an increase in the demand of Grade B products and was further emphasized by growth in Grade A & C products

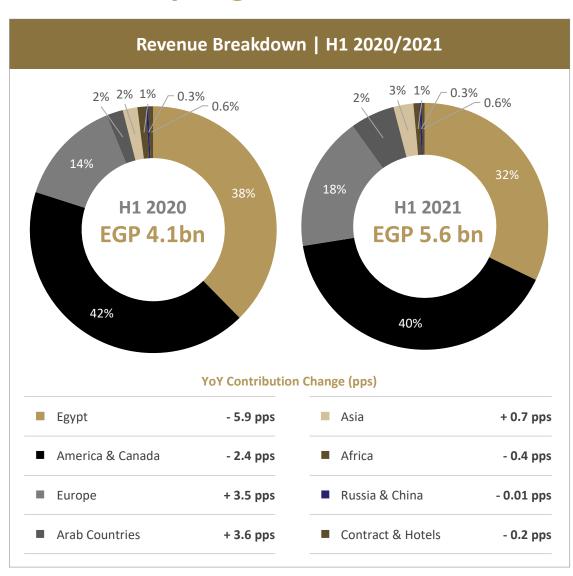
Revenues from the tufted segment grew by 33.4% YoY to EGP 1.1bn in 1H21 and was the second-highest contributor to absolute revenue growth, at 17%, with growth driven reflecting OW sales to hypermarkets (namely Carrefour), a new sales channel opened-up by the Group

Revenues from OW's non-woven segment grew by 38.1% YoY to EGP 239.0mn in 1H21 and contributed 4% to absolute revenue growth. Revenue growth was dual-driven by both an increase in volumes as well as the average price of products sold.

Revenues from fibers & others came in at EGP 30.0mn in 1H21, representing an increase of 129.9% YoY and contributed 1% of absolute revenue growth.

(1) Volume excludes Fibers & Others

# **Revenues by Region**



#### Egypt +17.0 YoY

Local revenues grew by 17.0% YoY to record EGP 1.8bn in 1H21, driven by growth in both showroom and wholesale revenues during the period of 10% YoY (representing 52% of total local sales) and 29% YoY (representing 44% of local sales) respectively.

#### America & Canada

+29.3% YoY

Revenues from exports to North and South America grew by 29.3% YoY to record EGP 2.2bn in 1H21 due to a ramp-up in online demand for the Group's products and new promotions with Costco, Walmart, Home Depot and Lowes.

#### Europe

+78.9% YoY

Revenues from European exports grew by 78.9% YoY to come in at EGP 1.0bn in 1H21 as a result of the increased demand coming from online sales and new promotions from Lidl and Aldi. The Group has also witnessed a surge of demand from Eastern European markets.

#### **Arab Countries**

+264.1% YoY

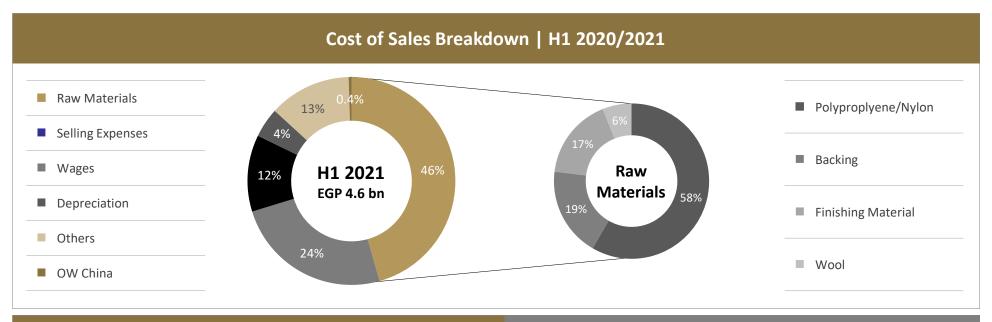
Revenues from Arabic countries, representing the GCC region, grew by more than 3-fold YoY to come in at EGP 369.5mn in 1H21 on the back of a ramp-up in sales to the KSA, a result of the Group's effort to grow its market share in the Kingdom.

#### **Contracts & Hotels**

-1.6% YoY

Revenue from contracts & hotels from local and export fell by 1.6% YoY in 1H21 on the back of a 17% YoY decrease in revenue from contracts & hotels in the export market, due to slowdown in hotel renovations globally. While in the local market it was up 5% YOY in 1H21

# **Cost of Sales Analysis**



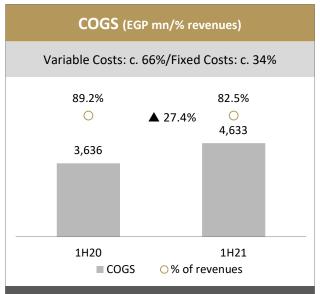


# **Income Statement Highlights**



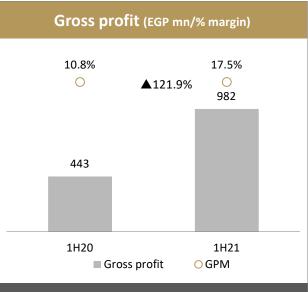
#### Revenues

Revenues grew by 37.5% YoY to EGP 5.6 billion in 1H21, primarily on the back of strong growth in export sales, which grew by 49.9% YoY and contributed 83% to absolute growth for the period, and further helped local sales, which grew by 17.0% YoY and contributed 17% to absolute growth in 1H21.



#### COGS

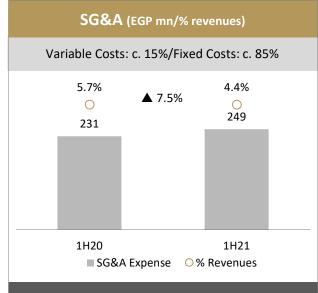
COGS grew by 27.4% YoY to come in at EGP 4.6 billion in 1H21, representing a 6.6 pps contraction to 82.5% of revenues during the period. The decrease of COGS as a percentage of sales came due to 1) Directing OW capacity to higher margin products. 2) lower travel and exhibition expenses. 3) lower production costs from its newly installed digital printing machinery used at MAC and the continued use by EFCO of recycled materials.



#### **Gross Profit**

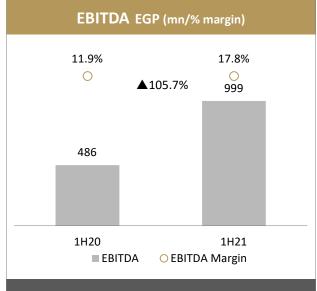
Gross Profit grew by 121.9% YoY to EGP 982 million in 1H21 from EGP 443 million in 1H20. Meanwhile, the gross profit margin came in at 17.5%, up by 6.6 pps YoY on the back of a more optimized portfolio shifted towards higher-margin products, combined with exceptional utilization rate generated on the production floor.

# **Income Statement Highlights**



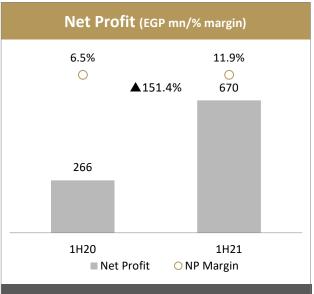
#### **SG&A Expenses**

SG&A expenses increased by 7.5%
YoY to record EGP 249 million in
1H21, at 4.4% of revenues,
representing a contraction of 1.2 pps
YoY, driven by both G&A and S&D
expenses, which fell by 1.0pps and
0.2 pps of revenues respectively
during the same period with the
Group benefiting from increased
economies of scale.



#### **EBITDA**

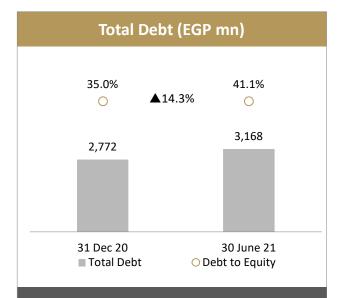
EBITDA more than doubled in value YoY to come in at EGP 999 million in 1H21. The corresponding EBITDA margin grew by 5.9 pps to 17.8% during the same period on the back of lower SG&A expenses as a percentage of sales by 1.2 pps YoY to 4.4% in 1H21.



#### **Net Profit**

Net profit before minority interest grew by 151.4% YoY to record EGP 670 million in 1H21. Meanwhile, the NPM came in at 11.9% in 1H21, representing an increase of 7.8 pps YoY, with margin growth accelerated from the EBITDA level primarily by significantly lower provisions and impairments and higher treasury income.

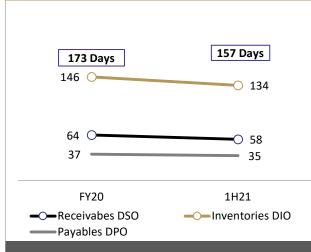
# **Balance Sheet & Other Highlights**



#### **Total Debt**

Total Debt came in at EGP 3.2 bn in 1H21, up by 14.3% YTD. As of 30 June 2021, the breakdown of total debt was 44% USD, 12% Euro, and 44% EGP. Meanwhile, total debt to equity came in at 46.2% in the same period.

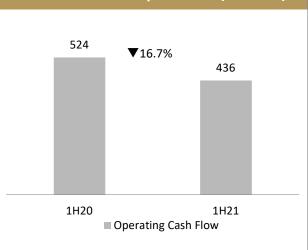
#### **Cash Conversion Cycle (Days)**



#### **Cash Conversion Cycle**

The Group's overall cash conversion cycle was 157 days in 1H21, down by 16 days Ytd on the back of a 12 and 6-day Ytd drop in Inventories DIO and Receivables DSO respectively, countered slightly by a 2-day decrease in Payables DPO Ytd. With the normalization of trade after the initial COVID-19 market shock, inventory requirements have been brought back down to normal levels.

#### Cash Flow from Operations (EGP mn)



#### **Cash Flow from Operations**

Despite a sharp increase in net profits in 1H21, total cash flows from operations fell by 16.7% YoY to EGP 436 million in 1H21 due to higher outflows from inventories (+150% YoY) and receivables (1,185% YoY) during the period.



### Forward-Looking Strategy

# **Key Growth Avenues**

Our strategy is to leverage our scale, expertise, branding and competitive position to capture growing global demand for our products through the four pillars listed below





### Forward-Looking Strategy

## Planned CAPEX for 2021



Improve Production Capabilities

1

**2021 Planned Capital Additions** 

#### Woven

9

**Weaving Looms** 

1

Yarn Machine

4

**Goblin Machines** 

1

**Extrusion Machine** 

Tufted

Non-Woven

Digital

Machines

**Digital** 

**Printing** 

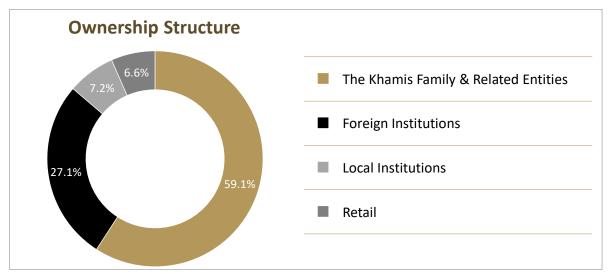
Planned CAPEX of c.USD 26mn (2020: USD 11mn) in 2021 will see overall capacity grow by 3% and increased vertical integration



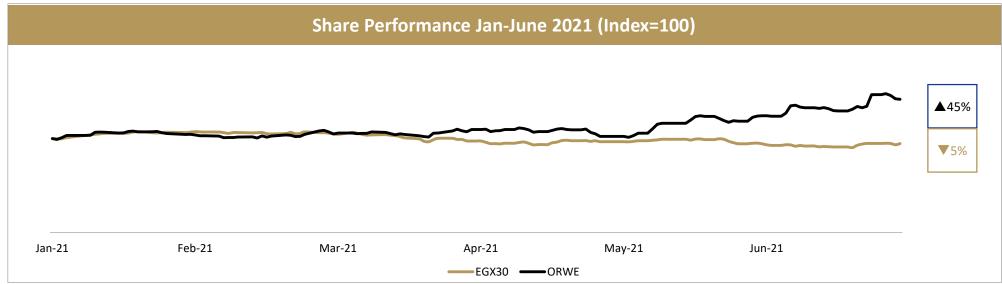


#### **Investor Relations**

# **Share and Shareholding Overview**

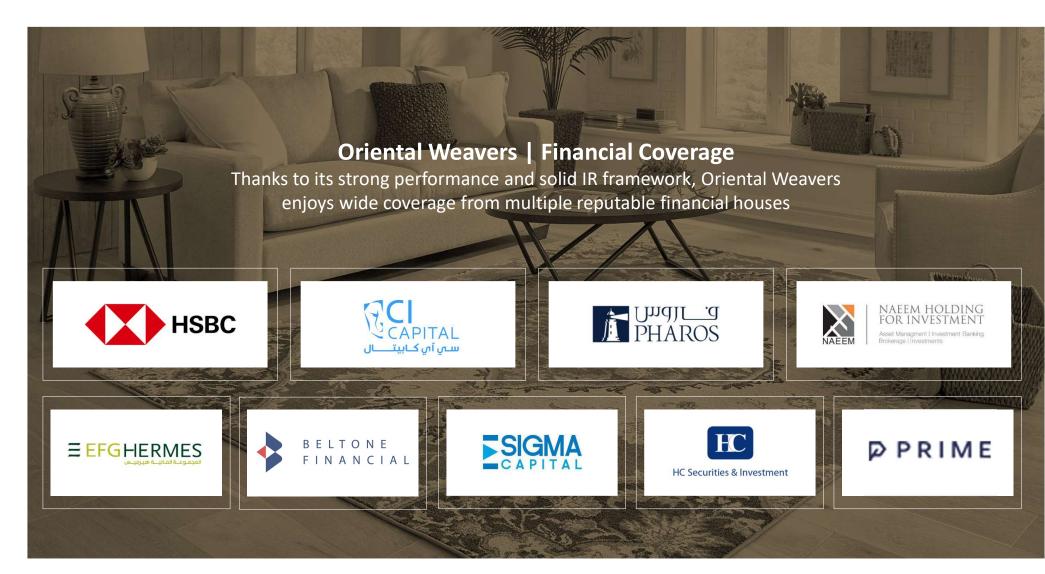






#### **Investor Relations**

# **Extensive Analyst Coverage**



# Appendix

# **Consolidated Income Statement**

Consolidated Income Statement   EGP mn	1H2O	1H21	% CHG, Y-o-Y
Net sales	4,079	5,615	37.7%
Cost of sales	(3,636)	(4,633)	27.4%
Gross profit	443	982	121.9%
Gross profit margin	10.8%	17.5%	+6.64 pp
Sales and distribution expenses	(62)	(73)	
General and administrative expenses	(169)	(176)	
Add back: Depreciation & amortisation	274	266	
EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>	486	999	105.7%
EBITDA margin	11.9%	17.8%	+5.89 pp
Subtract: Depreciation & amortisation	(274)	(266)	
EBIT	211	734	247.3%
EBIT margin	5.2%	13.1%	+7.9 pp
Provisions & impairments	(81)	(7)	
Investment income	-	9	
Interest income	15	8	
Treasury income	53	98	
Other revenues	156	26	
Capital gains	1.4	11	
Finance expenses	(41)	(97)	
FX differences	8	(4)	
EBT	323	778	141.0%
Current Income Tax	(58)	(111)	
Deferred Income Tax	1	2	
Net income	266	670	151.4%
Net income margin	6.5%	11.9%	+5.4 pp
Minority interest share	(39)	(70)	
Net Income (after minority interest)	227	599	163.6%
Net income margin	5.6%	10.7%	+5.1 pp

# Appendix

# **Consolidated Balance Sheet**

Consolidated Balance Sheet   EGP mn	31 Dec 20	30 Jun 21
Non-current Assets		
Net Fixed Assets	4,216	3,997
Projects in Progress	141	294
Investments - AFS	116	336
Beneficial Interest in Assets	0	332
Total Non-current Assets	4,473	4,959
Current Assets		
Inventory	3,195	3,699
Trade & Notes Receivable	1,724	1,911
Debtors & Other Debit Accounts	346	338
Treasury Bills	2,022	1,373
Cash in Hand & at Banks	904	907
Total Current Assets	8,191	8,228
Total Assets	12,664	13,187

Consolidated Balance Sheet   EGP mn	31 Dec 20	30 Jun 21
Current Liabilities		
Provisions	90	75
Banks - Credit Accounts	2,466	2,930
Long-Term Liabilities - Current Portion	99	85
Supplier & Notes Payable	847	950
Dividend Payable	10	52
Due within One Year of Rental Contractual Obligations	0	81
Creditors & Other Credit Accounts	742	672
Deferred Tax Liability	128	73
Total Current Liabilities	4,383	4,917
Non-current Liabilities		
Long-Term Loans	207	154
Housing & Development Bank Loan	0.04	0
Lease Contract Obligations	-	265
Differed Tax Liabilities	144	142
Total Non-current Liabilities	351	561
Total Liabilities	4,734	5,478
Shareholders' Equity		
Issued & Paid Capital	665	665
Reserves	1,487	1,627
Retained Earnings	348	400
Net Profit for the Period	937	599
FX Differences	3,546	3,531
Total Shareholders' Equity	6,983	6,822
Minority Interest	947	887
Total Equity & Minority Interest	7,931	7,709
Total Equity & Liabilities	12,664	13,187

### **Appendix**

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