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made services according to their needs and delivering the highest levels of quality and support."

One of the longer-established Egyptian players, Saad El-Din Group is present in a diverse range of mineral fields, including gas, fertilizers, salt and agricultural development.

"When President al-Sisi took over, he immediately solved our energy problems by providing the electric capacity and establishing new agreements with the Gulf States to supply Egypt with all the oil and gas the country needed. Furthermore, he managed to change the investment policy for the energy sector, something I consider to be an important milestone," says Chairman Mohamed Saad El-Din. "The Zohr gas field will be a game changer, and will hopefully help Egypt regain its status as a gas exporting country in the future."

The Road Ahead

The media, and the role of journalism in particular, are vital in a progressive and modern society: and national newspaper Al-Ahram has for 140 years played a significant role in ringing the changes. And it is looking forward to harnessing development and enlightenment in the society for centuries to come. Editor-in-chief Mohamed Abdel-Hady Allam issued the following statement: "In the last three years, the government has shown unprecedented cohesion and determination in implementing a new constitution to complete building a modern and democratic state. The nature of the constitution is to maintain public freedoms and safeguard the homeland against any threats that would jeopardize national unity. The burden on the shoulders of the interim authority was immense, and when President al-Sisi came to power, it was clear he had a lot of work to do. The new administration has adopted a solid approach to revamping the infrastructure, roads, sewage systems, public

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housing, water, and transportation. The seriousness of the presidency and government has been proven in the move to solve the electricity shortage that had reached a critical stage. New contracts with global companies managed to fill the gap in a short space of time. The role of the new legislature in enhancing and improving the environment will be critical to the investment climate in Egypt."

In addition to investment, a different skills set is needed to deliver Egypt's development goals. Leading the way is the Badr University in Cairo (BUC), set up by Cairo for Investment and Real Estate Development (CIRA), which has pioneered a first-class, nonprofit, private learning base in an urban setting to light the way for Egypt's future. As the name suggests, CIRA is a private company active in different fields including real estate. But it is chiefly focused on education.

"Over the next five years, we plan to build more than 100 schools across Egypt. This will increase our student numbers from around 20,000 today to more than 150,000," says Dr. Hassan El-Kalla, BUC founder and chairman. "We are eager to make a real difference and are confident we can do that. We want BUC to become Egypt's Harvard equivalent—a center of excellence. We look to the U.K. as an important source of knowledge and inspiration."

Meanwhile, celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, the British University in Egypt (BUE) is now ranked among the top private universities in the Middle East and North Africa region, having been voted first place among Accredited Private Universities in Egypt and 12th Place Overall in Public and Private Universities in Egypt by the Arab Region University Ranking. Working on the British model, BUE started out in partnership with Loughborough University, with three faculties: engineering, business administration and political science.

A decade later, the University is now linked to London South Bank

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