

Our Roots



History & Evolution

Strong roots in rich soil form a solid base for a healthy, lush tree. Our time-honored past and its long record of proud moments and impressive achievements have paved the way for our grand present and immensely promising future.

For over 150 years, Telecom Egypt has been the driving force behind the development of the telecommunications industry and the flagship provider of telecom services in Egypt. We have been rewarded well for our commitment, dedication and accomplishments and have thus far presented one of the country's most prosperous business performance models.

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1854 - 1883

Launching the first telegram line connecting Cairo and Alexandria, and installation of the first telephone line between both governorates. The company also extended telephone lines to Port Said, Ismailia and Suez, serving 50 subscribers.

1918 - 1957

The Egyptian Government acquired the Eastern Company for 755,000 L.E. and turned it into the Telephones & Telegram Authority while the number of telephone lines in Egypt reached 62,000. It was later declared the Arab Republic of Egypt National Telecommunications Organization (ARENTO).

1975 - 1985

The car phone service was launched along with the first microwave network between Cairo, Alexandria, and Al Salloum to interconnect Egyptian provinces. This period also witnessed the installation of the first satellite earth station in the Cairo suburb Maadi, with an initial capacity of 120 channels, and the installation of the first fiber optic cable to interconnect telecom exchanges in Cairo.

1989 - 1996

Installation of the first Data Network in Egypt, EGYPTNET, and the inauguration of the first mobile telecom network in Egypt applying GSM technology.

1998

Transforming ARENTO into "Telecom Egypt", an Egyptian Joint Stock Company.

1999 - 2002

Introduction of the new Value Added Services (VAS), the Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) and the Intelligent Network (IN) services. During this period, Egypt has witnessed the introduction of the first e-government application, to enable customers to view and pay their telephone bills online.

2002 - 2004

The launch of free Internet in Cairo, which was extended to all Egyptian governorates. This period witnessed opening of the largest Call Center served Telecom Egypt's customers across all governorates. Another key event was the initiation of the "Computer for Every Home" project by Telecom Egypt jointly with the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology.

2005 - 2006

The initial public offering of 20% of the company's total stock to individual and institutional investors was started by the Egyptian Government through the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology. Also, Telecom Egypt signed a new strategic cooperation agreement with the Vodafone Egypt Company, extending and expanding an earlier deal between the two operators

2006 - 2007

Telecom Egypt's internet subsidiary TE Data launched the first IP-TV based entertainment service in Egypt. Telecom Egypt also signed a contract with the India-Middle East-Western Europe (IMEWE) Submarine Cable System through TE Transit Corridor. The deal amounted to \$36 million.

The never-ending efforts we make to remain the best in the business and the hard work we continually perform to stay competitive and satisfy our customers will continue in the years ahead. The telecommunications industry in Egypt holds vast growth opportunities, and we are determined to fully seize them and to achieve greater progress and successes through superior service, excellence and hands-on leadership