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highest in the world.”

Aly El Tahry, Chairman of Beltone Financial, said many business sectors in the Middle East are attracting investor interest into investments in financial services, construction and pharmaceuticals, and into the growing number of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

“There is good reason for optimism,” he said. “The young demographics and low labour costs are attracting quality global companies to set up industrial plants. In addition, high liquidity in several Middle East countries, improved corporate governance and rising consumer spending are compounding the positive investment factors.”

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