

Grand Opening of Egypt's First Semi-Automated Container Terminal – Red Sea Container Terminals in Sokhna

A landmark milestone advancing Egypt's trade connectivity and port innovation under Vision 2030

(Hong Kong, China – 15 January 2026) Red Sea Container Terminals (RSCT) today announced the official opening of Egypt's first semi-automated container terminal, located at Sokhna Port on the Gulf of Suez. This new facility marks a significant milestone in Egypt's maritime development, backed by a 30-year concession agreement with the Egyptian government, reinforcing Egypt's attractiveness for international trade and investment.

Strategic Gateway at the Crossroads of Continents

Developed by a consortium comprising Hutchison Ports, CMA Terminals (a 100% subsidiary of CMA CGM Group) and COSCO SHIPPING Ports, RSCT serves as a vital gateway linking Asia, Africa, and Europe through the Suez Canal Economic Zone. Strategically located just a few kilometres from the southern entrance of Suez Canal, one of the world's critical maritime junctures, the terminal is designed to facilitate international shipping and boost transport efficiency for Egyptian importers and exporters.

Operated by Hutchison Ports, RSCT is capable of handling the biggest container vessel afloat. It offers unparalleled access for global shipping lines and optimises trade flow between the East and the West. Integrated with Egypt's expanding transport network, including direct highway and railway connections to major industrial zones, RSCT facilitates seamless cargo movement across regional and global markets, shortening transit times for imports, exports, and transshipments.

The Grand Opening Ceremony was attended by government officials, including Dr. Mostafa Madbouly, Prime Minister of the Arab Republic of Egypt; Mr. Kamel El-Wazir, Deputy Prime Minister for Industrial Development and Minister of Transport, Trade and Industry; Mr. Walid Gamal Eldin, Chairman of the Suez Canal Economic Zone, together with representatives from shipping lines and industry stakeholders. Guests toured the cutting-edge terminal facilities, witnessing how advanced cargo handling systems set new benchmarks for port operations in Egypt.

During the visit, the distinguished guests expressed satisfaction with the progress and successful completion of the RSCT project, noting that the launch reflects Egypt's firm commitment to developing world-class port infrastructure. They highlighted the terminal's strategic importance in enhancing the competitiveness of the Sokhna Port, supporting industrial and trade growth, creating skilled employment opportunities, and advancing Egypt's Vision 2030 to position the country as a global logistics and maritime hub.

Mr. Clemence Cheng, Managing Director, Europe, Hutchison Ports, said "The inauguration of RSCT represents a historic milestone that reflects our profound commitment to Egypt. With an investment exceeding USD 1.8 billion in the country, we recognise Egypt as a pivotal market at the intersection of key global trade routes. Our partnership with the Egyptian government, CMA CGM, and COSCO SHIPPING at RSCT underscores our shared vision for innovation, sustainability, and excellence in logistics."

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Ms. Christine Cabau, Executive Vice President Assets, CMA CGM, stated “As a successful joint-venture between Hutchison Ports, CMA CGM and COSCO SHIPPING, this new terminal in Sokhna combines world-class automated infrastructure with unrivalled North / South rail connectivity between Sokhna, 6th of October in Cairo area and Alexandria. Built for scale and speed, it offers Egyptian exporters and importers a powerful gateway to all global markets, boosting productivity and competitiveness.”

Mr. Zhu Tao, Chairman, COSCO SHIPPING Ports, expressed “At COSCO SHIPPING Ports, we are dedicated to making our global port network better, stronger and more efficient. The grand opening of the RSCT is marked as an essential pathway for trade, enabling seamless goods movement and strengthening ties between Egypt, China, and the broader global market. I am filled with optimism as we embark on this journey of cooperation and prosperity together.”

A New Benchmark for Port Technology and Sustainability

RSCT establishes a new era of smart and green port operations for Egypt. Situated within the world's deepest man-made port basin, recognised by Guinness World Records, the terminal features Phase I infrastructure that includes a 1,200-metre berth, a water depth of 18 metres, and an initial handling capacity of 1.7 million TEUs, with plans to expand this to 3.5 million TEUs across 2.6 kilometres of quay.

Equipped with an initial batch of six remote control ship-to-shore cranes and 18 automated rubber-tyred gantry cranes – the first of their kind in Egypt – RSCT leverages a proprietary Terminal Operating System, nGen for precise and real-time container tracking. The integration of auto-gate operations and data-driven practices enhances efficiency, safety, and the working environment for employees. In alignment with Hutchison Ports' global sustainability strategy, RSCT employs fully electric-powered cargo handling equipment, including e-trucks and e-reach stackers, significantly reducing carbon emissions.

With a long-standing commitment to innovation and economic growth, RSCT is positioned to play a crucial role in advancing trade diversification and fostering deeper international cooperation. The development of RSCT epitomises the enduring economic ties between Egypt and its global partners, paving the way for enhanced global trade opportunities.

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Photo 1

The grand opening ceremony was attended by distinguished government officials and guests from shipping lines and industry stakeholders.

Standing position:

- Dr. Mostafa Madbouly, Prime Minister of the Arab Republic of Egypt (9th from left)
- Mr. Kamel El-Wazir, Deputy Prime Minister for Industrial Development and Minister of Transport, Trade and Industry (8th from left)
- Mr. Walid Gamal Eldin, Chairman of the Suez Canal Economic Zone (9th from right)
- Mr. Clemence Cheng, Managing Director, Europe, Hutchison Ports (6th from left)
- Ms. Christine Cabau, Executive Vice President Assets, CMA CGM (7th from left)
- Mr. Zhu Tao, Chairman, COSCO SHIPPING Ports (4th from left)
- Mr. Kaho Wong, RSCT Chief Executive Officer (4th from right)



Photo 2

Guests toured the cutting-edge facilities at RSCT.



Photo 3

Strategically located just a few kilometres from the southern entrance of Suez Canal, one of the world's critical maritime junctures, the terminal is designed to facilitate international shipping.



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Photo 4

RSCT is the first container terminal in Egypt featuring remote control ship-to-shore cranes and automated rubber-tyred gantry cranes.



About Red Sea Container Terminals

Red Sea Container Terminals (RSCT), located in Ain Sokhna Port, currently the largest port zone in Egypt, serves as a key gateway for trade between Egypt, Middle East, and Asia. RSCT is the first semi-automated terminal in Egypt, utilising remote-control crane technology. Situated on the Red Sea near the southern entrance of the Suez Canal, the terminal offers direct access to major shipping routes and seamless connections to industrial and logistics zones across the region.

RSCT is a member of Hutchison Ports, the ports and related services division of CK Hutchison Holdings Limited. Hutchison Ports is the world's leading port investor, developer and operator with a network of port operations in 53 ports spanning 24 countries throughout Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Europe, the Americas and Australasia. Over the years, Hutchison Ports has expanded into other logistics and transportation-related businesses, including cruise ship terminals, distribution centres, rail services and ship repair facilities.

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In 2024, Hutchison Ports handled a combined throughput of 87.5 million TEU.

About CMA CGM Group

The CMA CGM Group is a global player in sea, land, air and logistics solutions, true to its corporate purpose, we imagine better ways to serve a world in motion. Present in 177 countries, it employs 160,000 people, of which nearly 6,000 in Marseilles where its head office is located. The world's 3rd largest shipping company, CMA CGM, serves more than 420 ports across 5 continents with a fleet of over 650 vessels. In 2024, CMA CGM carried over 23 million TEU (twenty-foot equivalent unit) containers. Its subsidiary CEVA Logistics, one of the world's top five players, operates 1,000 warehouses and handled 15 million shipments in 2024. CMA CGM AIR CARGO, the Group's air freight division, will operate a fleet of 6 cargo aircraft by 2025. CMA Media, France's 3rd largest private media

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group, includes RMC-BFM and several national and regional press titles (La Tribune Dimanche, La Tribune, La Provence and Corse Matin), as well as the social media outlet Brut. Committed to energy transition, the CMA CGM Group is aiming for Net Zero Carbon by 2050. The CMA CGM Foundation provides humanitarian aid in crisis situations and is committed to education for all and equal opportunities throughout the world. To date, the CMA CGM Foundation has transported 100,000 tons of humanitarian aid to 100 countries and supported over 550 educational projects.

CMA CGM Group in Egypt

CMA CGM is present in Egypt since 1995 with 40 Monthly calls to 6 ports and a dedicated team of 204 employees in 7 offices.

CMA CGM is investing in Egypt in Tahya Misr Terminal in Alexandria Port, October Dry port, and Red Sea Container Terminals in Sokhna Port.

Present in Egypt since 2023, the CMA CGM Foundation has developed humanitarian and educational actions with local and international partners.

About COSCO SHIPPING Ports

COSCO SHIPPING Ports Limited (Stock Code: 1199) is a leading port logistics service provider in the world and its terminals portfolio covers the five main port regions and the middle and lower reaches of the Yangtze River in China, Europe, the Mediterranean, the Middle East, Southeast Asia, South America and Africa, etc. As at 31 December 2025, COSCO SHIPPING Ports operated and managed 387 berths at 40 ports globally, of which 238 were for containers, with an annual handling capacity of approximately 133 million TEU.

Building on the brand philosophy of “The Ports for ALL”, COSCO SHIPPING Ports has established its corporate mission of “Connecting Different Worlds” and is committed to maintaining a customer-centric approach to continuously improve the service and capacity of its global network and enhance the strategic positioning of key node ports and optimize logistics resource distribution. Leveraging ports as a conduit to connect global shipping services and serve global trade, the Company is dedicated to establishing a platform for mutual benefits and shared successes for all stakeholders involved with a vision of becoming “the leading global port logistics service provider with a customer-oriented focus”.

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