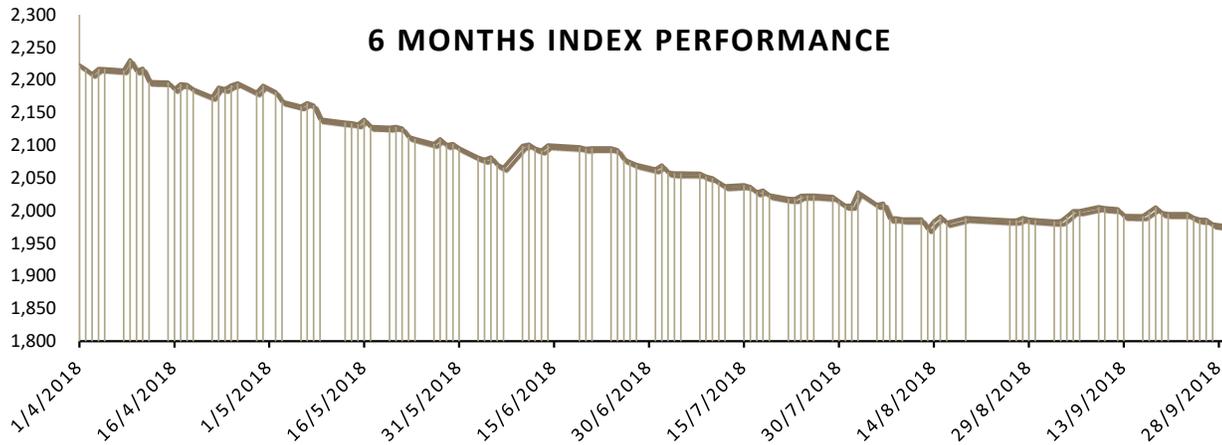


Amman Stock Exchange

1-Oct-18

	Close	% Change	Year-to-Date (YTD)	Daily Volume (shares)	Daily Turnover (JOD)
AMMAN SE GENERAL INDEX	1,980.76	-0.18%	-6.87%	3,978,540	3,758,903



Best Performing Companies

	% Change
EMMAR INVESTMENTS & REAL EST	7.69
AL FARIS NATIONAL COMP FOR I	4.88
FIRST JORDAN INVESTMENT CO	3.45
ARAB EAST FOR REAL ESTATE IN	3.45
ARAB ALUMINIUM INDUSTRY	3.30

Worst Performing Companies

	% Change
COMPREHENSIVE LAND DEVELOPMI	(2.70)
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JORDAN WORSTED MILLS/THE	(3.29)
JORDANIAN PHARMACEUTICAL MAI	(3.70)
READY MIX CONCRETE & CONSTR	(4.41)

Top Traded Companies by Volume (Shares)

REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT	758,900
SURA DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTM	731,557
SPECIALIZED INVESTMENT COMPO	425,852
UNION INVESTMENT CORP	313,150
JORDAN PIPES MANUFACTURING	211,000

Top Traded Companies by Value (JOD)

ARAB BANK PLC	498,949
SPECIALIZED INVESTMENT COMPO	433,150
JORDAN PIPES MANUFACTURING	374,443
UNION INVESTMENT CORP	366,453
REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT	348,963

* Source: Bloomberg

Macroeconomic & Corporate News

CBJ hikes interest rates, expands soft funding for entrepreneurs

The Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ) on Sunday increased the interest rate on all monetary policy instruments by 25 basis points, effective from Monday. The bank said the decision was taken in line with interest rate changes in international and regional markets. The move, a CBJ statement said, also came in harmony with the bank's policy guidelines aimed at enhancing monetary and banking stability, in addition to ensuring a stronger competitiveness of financial instruments. However, the CBJ, in a customary decision, decided to maintain, as is, interest rates for entrepreneurs who borrow under a programme to boost the economy through financing SMEs in a set of designated sectors. The current interest rate level is 1.75 per cent for projects in Amman and 1 per cent for those started in governorates.

GDP up by a modest 2.1% in second quarter

Gross domestic product (GDP) rose by 2.1 per cent at fixed market prices during the second quarter of 2018 compared to that of the same period of 2017. The Department of Statistics (DoS) said in a statement, carried by the Jordan News Agency, Petra, on Sunday, that most sectors witnessed positive growth during the second quarter of 2018 compared to that of the same period of 2017. The social and personal services sector recorded the highest growth rate by 4 per cent, followed by the transport, storage and communications sectors by 3.3 per cent each in the span of April-June, according to the DoS findings.

Parliamentary committee begins meetings over new income tax law

The Lower House's Economy and Investment Committee on Sunday discussed the 2018 amendments to the Income Tax Law with chambers of commerce in the presence of ministers of finance and industry and trade. The discussion was part of a series of meetings the committee will hold with various segments of the society over the bill, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, reported. Head of the panel Khair Abu Saileik said that MPs will examine all notes they receive over the law and will take them into consideration, Petra said. For their part, presidents of the chambers of commerce underlined the need for a "well-defined tool for measurement of tax evasion", voicing support for the planned nationwide dialogue over the bill, Petra said.

* Source: Bloomberg, Jordan Times, Zawya

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