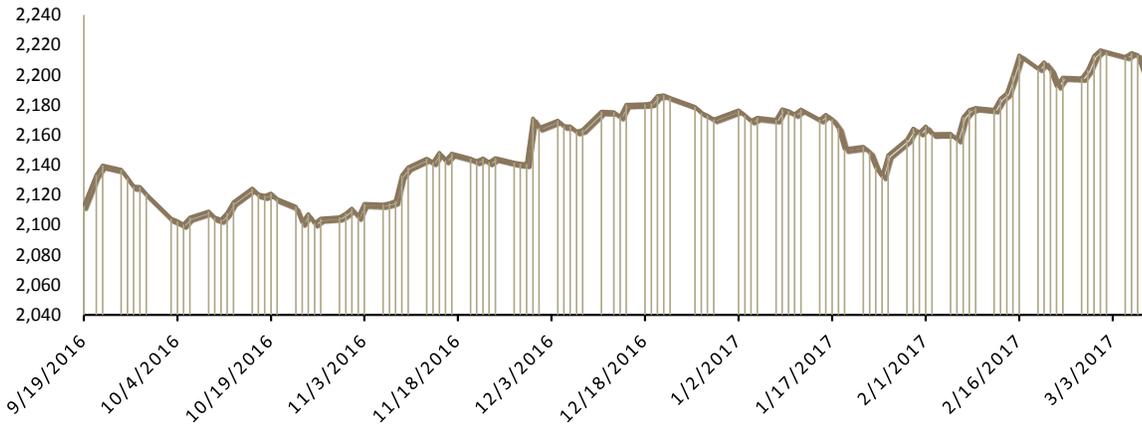


	Close	% Change	Year-to-Date (YTD)	Daily Volume (shares)
<b>AMMAN SE GENERAL INDEX</b>	<b>2,226.00</b>	<b>0.47%</b>	<b>2.57%</b>	<b>4,846,391</b>

### 6 MONTHS INDEX PERFORMANCE



#### Best/Worst Performing Companies

Best Performers	% Change	Worst Performers	% Change
ARAB ALUMINIUM INDUSTRY	7.27	NATL PORTFOLIO SECURITIES	(3.51)
UNION TOBACCO & CIGARETTE	7.27	FUTURE ARAB INVESTMENT CO	(4.76)
JORDAN PHOSPHATE MINES	7.10	AL SANABEL INTERNATIONAL CO	(5.00)
ZARA INVESTMENTS	4.26	MASAFAT FOR SPECIALIZED TRAN	(5.66)
NATIONAL CABLE & WIRE MANUF	2.94	ZARKA EDUCATION & INVESTMENT	(5.66)

#### Top Traded Companies by Value

	Value traded (JOD)
ARAB BANK PLC	1,802,816.00
METHAQ REAL ESTATE INVESTMEN	552,888.00
JORDAN PETROLEUM REFINERY CO	491,593.40
RUM TOURIST TRANSPORTATION C	485,288.10
UNITED FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS	446,059.60

#### Top Traded Companies by Volume

	Volume traded (Shares)
RUM TOURIST TRANSPORTATION C	544,450
AL-TAJAMOAT FOR CATERING HS	459,557
UNITED FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS	443,833
METHAQ REAL ESTATE INVESTMEN	329,100
JORDAN STEEL	276,748

## Macroeconomic & Corporate News

### EBRD invests \$1bn in Jordan

Manager of the Business Advisory Services (BAS) Program in the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development's (EBRD) Amman office, Khaled Alsaheb said that the volume of the bank investments in the Kingdom stood at \$1 billion over the past four years. He said that the bank started its operations in Jordan in late 2012, adding that it provided business advice to 191 projects and contributed to creating job opportunities through these projects. Alsaheb made his remarks, during a ceremony to mark the fourth anniversary of the establishment of the bank's office in Amman. He said that supporting small and medium sized ventures is one of the pillars of the bank's strategy in the Kingdom, adding that it aims through this program to enhance economic flexibility and creating job opportunities for the youth and women.

### IMF mission acknowledges challenges to economy, pledges support

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has acknowledged the difficulties facing Jordan's economy, and pledged continued dialogue and support for the government's economic reform plans. In the end-of-mission press release upon the conclusion of its visit and talks in Jordan, the IMF country team, led by Martin Cerisola, said that Jordan continues to face a difficult external environment. "The conflicts in Syria and Iraq continue to weigh on its economy, with growth expected at around 2 per cent in 2016 and unemployment increasing to 15.3 per cent. Inflation has accelerated to 2.5 per cent [year-on-year (y/y)] in January and to 4.6 per cent [y/y] in February, reflecting higher global food prices and the one-off impact of the fiscal measures. The overall fiscal deficit is estimated at 3.6 per cent of GDP in 2016 and is projected to decline to less than 3 per cent in 2017 in light of fiscal measures underpinning the 2017 budget," said Cerisola in the statement, a copy of which was obtained by The Jordan Times. The team visited Amman from March 5-9 to take stock of recent economic developments and discuss with the authorities their planned economic policies for 2017 and beyond.

### 'Advice for Small Businesses programme increases sales for small, medium businesses'

Over four years, the Advice for Small Businesses (ASB) programme has helped 171 businesses in local consultancy and 20 others in international advisory, a senior official at the programme said on Tuesday. ASB Manager Khaled Saheb, speaking at an event marking the fourth anniversary of the programme, cited figures showing that 81 per cent of their clients increased their sales, with an average increase of 29 per cent. In addition, 55 per cent of all clients increased their exports by an average of 25 per cent. In addition, 65 per cent of ASB clients increased their employee numbers by an average of 12 per cent. Offered by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), the ASB offers diversified market advice by working with local and international consultants, who have expertise in the field of organisational development and business growth, as well as proven track records in increasing sales, employment and productivity.

\* Source: Bloomberg, Jordan Times, Zawya

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