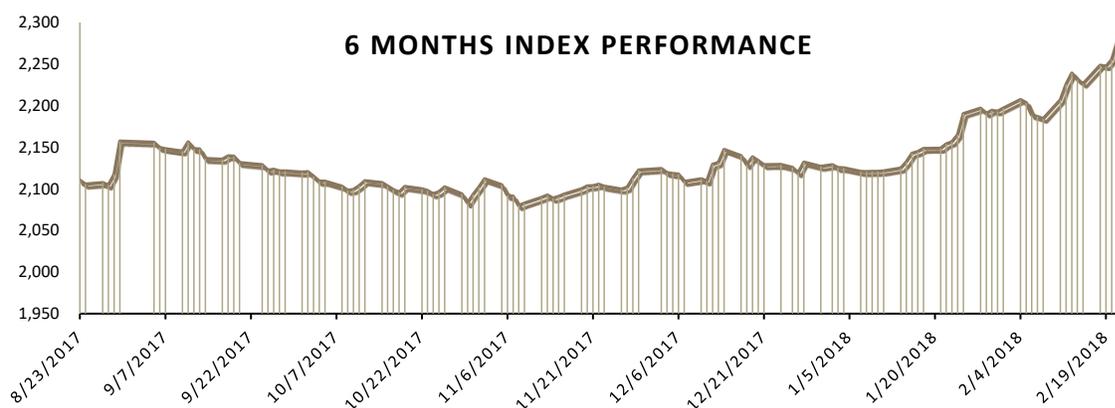


	Close	% Change	Year-to-Date (YTD)	Daily Volume (shares)	Daily Turnover (JOD)
AMMAN SE GENERAL INDEX	2,209.58	0.02%	3.89%	2,636,214	2,581,950



Best Performing Companies

	% Change
CONTEMPORARY FOR HOUSING PRO	6.59
ALIA THE ROYAL JORDANIAN AIR	4.26
LAFARGE JORDAN CEMENT	4.04
JORDANIAN EXPATRIATES INV HL	3.39
INTL CO FOR MEDICAL INVEST	2.94

Worst Performing Companies

	% Change
ISLAMIC INSURANCE CO	(2.84)
TUHAMA FOR FINANCIAL INVESTM	(2.90)
INJAZ FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PR	(3.16)
ZARKA EDUCATION & INVESTMENT	(3.21)
UNITED IRON & STEEL MANUFACT	(3.45)

Top Traded Companies by Volume (Shares)

INTERMEDIATE PETROCHEMICALS	194,000
SURA DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTM	138,000
UNITED CABLE INDUSTRIES CO	136,958
ALIA THE ROYAL JORDANIAN AIR	107,358
ARAB EAST INVESTMENT	105,307

Top Traded Companies by Value (JOD)

ARAB BANK PLC	294,449
INTERMEDIATE PETROCHEMICALS	149,362
AL EQBAL CO FOR INVESTMENT P	134,980
JORDAN ISLAMIC BANK	126,867
JORDAN PHOSPHATE MINES	120,358

Macroeconomic & Corporate News

Jordan, Brazil set to expand economic relations

His Majesty King Abdullah on Sunday met with Brazilian Foreign Minister Aloysio Nunes, a Royal Court statement said. During the meeting, Nunes handed His Majesty a letter from Brazil President Michel Temer that tackled ways to improve bilateral relations between the two countries. His Majesty stressed Jordan's keenness to boosting cooperation with Brazil, especially in the economic field. Talks covered Jordan's strengths as an investment destination, including its strategic location, which makes it a candidate to serve as a gateway into regional, African and Asian markets. King Abdullah and Nunes also discussed the prospects of signing an agreement to encourage investment between the two countries. They went over ways of benefiting from the Mercosur economic bloc, which brings together Brazil, Argentine, Uruguay and Paraguay. On regional affairs, King Abdullah stressed the need for intensified efforts to resume the peace process between the Palestinians and the Israelis, in order to reach a just and lasting peace based on the two-state solution that would lead to the establishment of an independent Palestinian state with East Jerusalem as its

Gov't seeks harsher penalties for 'economy crimes'

The Cabinet on Monday endorsed the rationale for amending the Economic Crimes Law, seeking tougher penalties, a senior official said. Speaking to reporters at his weekly press briefing following the Cabinet meeting, Minister of State for Media Affairs and Government Spokesperson Mohammad Momani cited tax evasion and assaults on investors and their assets as crimes that require harsher punishments to deter, explaining that some investors face cases of "protection money" they are asked to pay to outlaws. The amendment came in the aftermath of establishing a special police unit concerned with protecting investors and their interests in the Kingdom. Momani said the changes to the law, in this regard, will help create a safer environment for incoming investments,

E-payment system for public transportation under way

A project for an electronic payment system for public transportation is under way, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, reported. The system, to be implemented by the Land Transport Regulatory Commission (LTRC) in cooperation with the Central Bank of Jordan, will be easy to use, valid for all national routes with one card and will encourage commuters to use public transportation, according to Petra. A personal card for commuters that can be used in all internal transport lines will have a credit protection system in case it is lost, as it will contain the personal information of the owner, according to LTRC Director General Salah Lozi. The system will also facilitate the LTRC's oversight task on transport means to guarantee the provision of quality services to passengers, said Lozi. LTRC is working on recommendations to be presented by the Transport Ministry to the Cabinet including the new system and other

* Source: Bloomberg, Jordan Times, Zawya

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