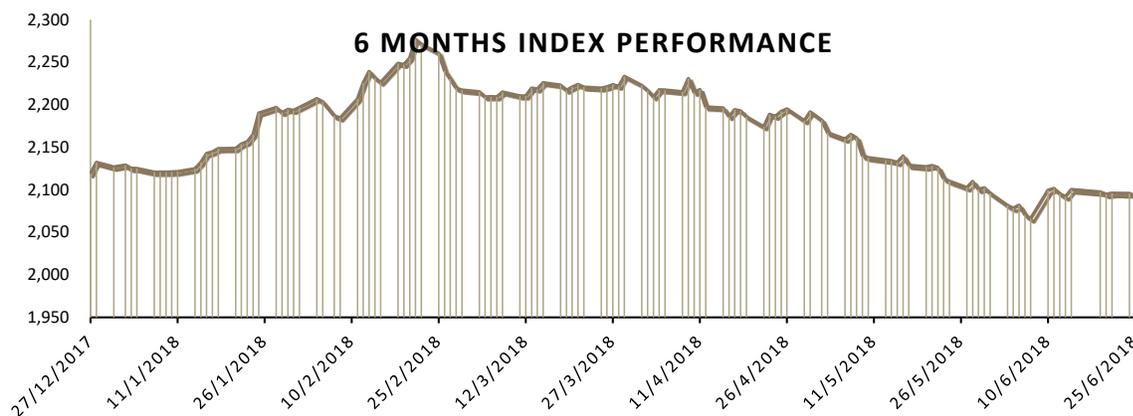


	Close	% Change	Year-to-Date (YTD)	Daily Volume (shares)	Daily Turnover (JOD)
<b>AMMAN SE GENERAL INDEX</b>	<b>2,057.06</b>	<b>-0.01%</b>	<b>-3.28%</b>	<b>2,687,160</b>	<b>3,172,889</b>



**Best Performing Companies**

	% Change
ZARKA EDUCATION & INVESTMENT	4.35
LAFARGE JORDAN CEMENT	4.08
ARABIAN STEEL PIPES	3.96
UNITED CABLE INDUSTRIES CO	3.77
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**Worst Performing Companies**

	% Change
ARAB EAST INVESTMENT	(4.08)
SALAM INTL TRANSPORT & TRAD	(4.08)
JORDANIAN REAL ESTATE FOR DE	(4.65)
ASSAS FOR PRODUCTS CO.LTD	(4.76)
ARAB UNION INTL INSURANCE	(4.88)

**Top Traded Companies by Volume (Shares)**

SPECIALIZED INVESTMENT COMPO	442,425
SURA DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTM	241,100
READY MIX CONCRETE & CONSTR	222,310
RUM TOURIST TRANSPORTATION C	98,950
PROFESSIONAL FOR REAL ESTAT	90,115

**Top Traded Companies by Value (JOD)**

CONSULTING & INVESTMENT GROI	1,073,980
SPECIALIZED INVESTMENT COMPO	418,188
ARAB BANK PLC	249,146
READY MIX CONCRETE & CONSTR	163,503
JORDAN PETROLEUM REFINERY CC	127,432

## Macroeconomic & Corporate News

### Stakeholders discuss amending income tax law for social justice, national growth

Representatives of the economic sector on Thursday met to discuss new approaches to overcome the economic challenges of the Kingdom. During the meeting, held at Al Hussein Youth Hall, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State Rajai Muasher said: "In order to discuss the Income Tax Law, officials and decision makers must take into consideration the tax administration and tax evasion," adding that "amending the Income Tax Law comes with one question for all: 'does the tax law serve national growth and social justice?'" For Ezzeddine Kanakrieh, minister of finance, Jordan did not witness the expected economic growth during the first five months of this year. "In the first five months of 2018, the revenues reached around JD8.5 billion, nearly JD5.2 billion of which resulted from tax revenue receipts, while JD2.6 billion came from non-tax revenue receipts, JD700 million came from grants," Kanakrieh said. He noted that the public debt reached 95.5 per cent of the GDP, with around JD27.75 billion, emphasising the need to implement a "well-structured plan" to reduce the debt and stimulate economic growth. A statement by the Finance Ministry previously stated that the Kingdom's revenues and grants increased during the first five months of 2018, as domestic revenues witnessed a rise of JD81 million.

### JCI, Labour Ministry announce new recruitment measures for guest workers

Jordan Chamber of Industry (JCI) and the Labour Ministry have agreed to allow the recruitment of qualified guest workers if no national cadres are available, while also providing factories with a two-year time limit to train national cadres on the same specialisation. In a press statement released on Friday, the JCI also agreed to extend the guest workers, recruitment period from four to six months, stressing on the necessity for the employers' approval to the workers, holidays, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, reported. They also agreed not to rectify the guest workers, status except after obtaining the employers, approval, in addition to allowing guest workers already in the Kingdom to work with factories only after rectifying their status.

### Japanese minister visits northern border

Japanese State Minister for Foreign Affairs Masahisa Sato and his accompanying delegation on Saturday visited the northern military region, where they were briefed on the situation in the border area. The visiting official was welcomed by the Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs-of-Staff Brig. Gen. Nasser Mohammad Muhairat and Brig. Gen. Khaled Massaid, commander of the northern military region. The guest and the delegation were briefed on the tasks and services provided by the advanced medical centres of the Royal Medical Services (RMS) on the Jordanian border, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, reported.

\* Source: Bloomberg, Jordan Times, Zawya

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