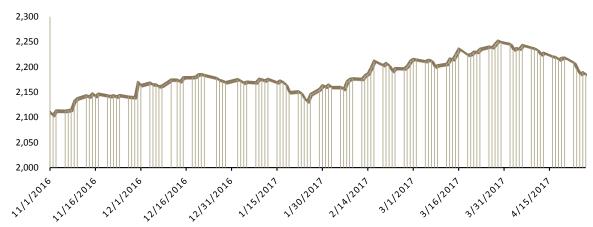


Amman Stock Exchange

8-May-17

	Close	% Change	Year-to-Date (YTD)	Daily Volume (shares)
AMMAN SE GENERAL INDEX	2,165.97	-0.02%	-0.20%	7,844,096

6 MONTHS INDEX PERFORMANCE



Best/Worst Performing Companies

Best Performers	% Change	Worst Performers	% Change
ARAB ALUMINIUM INDUSTRY	5.75	UNITED IRON & STEEL MANUFACT	(2.20)
ISLAMIC INSURANCE CO	5.26	ALIA THE ROYAL JORDANIAN AIR	(2.22)
JORDAN DECAPOLIS PROPERTIES	4.88	CAIRO AMMAN BANK	(2.34)
AL AMAL FINANCIAL INVESTMENT	4.55	FIRST FINANCE CORP	(2.35)
AD-DULAYL INDUSTRIAL PARK CO	4.35	SINIORA FOOD INDUSTRIES CO	(5.00)

Top Traded Companies by Value

Top Traded Companies by Volume

	Value traded (JOD)		Volume traded (Shares)
AL AMAL FINANCIAL INVESTMENT	2,296,456.00	AL AMAL FINANCIAL INVESTMENT	3,408,905
JORDAN PHOSPHATE MINES	995,398.00	AD-DULAYL INDUSTRIAL PARK CO	709,181
JORDAN PETROLEUM REFINERY CO	450,437.80	JORDAN STEEL	540,582
JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	408,034.80	SPECIALIZED INVESTMENT COMPO	355,743
JORDAN STEEL	361,678.10	JORDAN PHOSPHATE MINES	348,232
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* Source: Bloomberg			



Macroeconomic & Corporate News

Cement demand in Jordan down 40% in seven years

Cement demand in Jordan has plunged by nearly 40 percent over the past seven years because of lower project activity and higher land prices, a newspaper said on Sunday. The steady decline in consumption has forced the recent closure of one cement plant, reducing the number of cement factories in Jordan to five at the start of 2017, Arabic daily Addustour said, quoting Mansour Al-Banna, Chairman of Jordan's Cement Traders' Association. "Cement demand in Jordan is currently around 40 percent below the level in 2010. A decline in housing projects and a sharp rise in land prices forced investors to reduce the number of projects," he said. Domestic cement demand stood at around 1.2 million tonnes in the first four months of 2017, almost equivalent to the same period of last year.

Second phase of Jordan's Ruseifa water networks' renovation project launched

Water Minister Hazem Nasser on Thursday inaugurated the second phase of a project to renovate water networks in Ruseifa, 12km east of Amman, in Zarqa Governorate. Conducted in cooperation with the Chinese government, the project aims to instal carriers to enhance water provision to Ruseifa at a cost of JD1.8 million, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, reported. During the project's inauguration, attended by the Chinese Ambassador to Jordan Pan Weifang, Nasser said the project aims to improve the Kingdom's water and sanitation sectors, in response to the exceptional circumstances resulting from hosting more than 1.5 million refugees within residential areas. Jordan is one of the poorest countries in terms of water, with the per capita availability of water being 88 per cent below the international water poverty line of 1,000 cubic metres annually, according to official figures.

Farmers, exporters urge Gulf countries to delay vegetable ban

Farmers and exporters on Sunday urged the Gulf countries which imposed a ban on the imports of Jordanian vegetables to delay the starting date of the decision. They said the agricultural sector needs additional time to adjust to the new requirements and standards. The appeal of the agricultural sector's representatives, announced during a press conference, comes in light of a new decision by the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and other Gulf countries to stop the import of several types of vegetables from Jordan for allegedly containing high pesticides residues. The ministry of climate change and environment in the UAE announced a decision late last month to indefinitely ban the import of seven of Jordan's main vegetable exports as of mid-May due to increasing levels of chemical pesticide residues found in Jordanian agricultural products.

* Source: Bloomberg, Jordan Times, Zawya

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