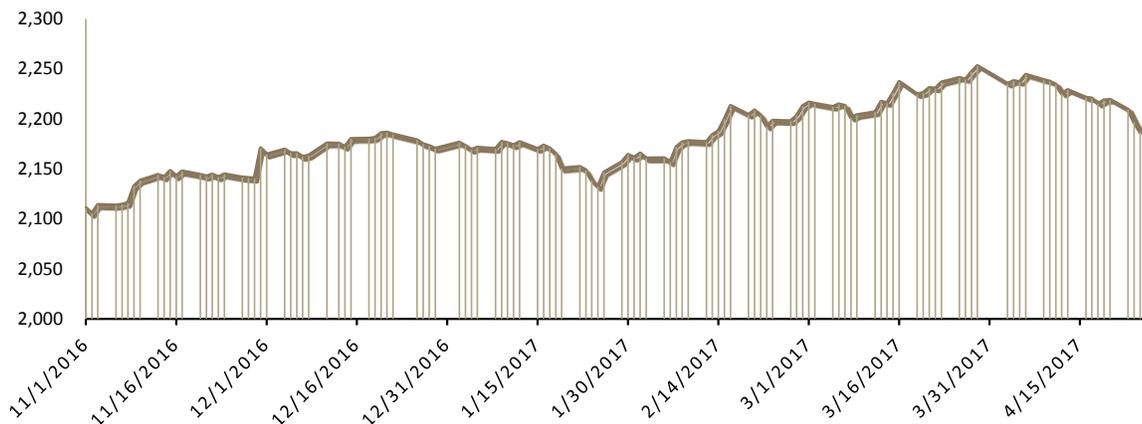


	Close	% Change	Year-to-Date (YTD)	Daily Volume (shares)
AMMAN SE GENERAL INDEX	2,185.26	-0.22%	0.69%	4,544,257

6 MONTHS INDEX PERFORMANCE



Best/Worst Performing Companies

Best Performers	% Change	Worst Performers	% Change
ITTIHAD SCHOOLS COMPANY	6.67	SPECIALIZED INVESTMENT COMPO	(4.30)
ARAB POTASH/THE	5.56	UNION INVESTMENT CORP	(4.32)
EMMAR INVESTMENTS & REAL EST	4.35	ARABIAN AVIATION INVESTMENT	(4.78)
REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT	4.00	JORDAN ISLAMIC BANK	(4.98)
JORDAN STEEL	3.64	AL SANABEL INTERNATIONAL CO	(5.00)

Top Traded Companies by Value

	Value traded (JOD)
ARAB BANK PLC	648,349.60
JORDAN STEEL	490,152.90
UNION INVESTMENT CORP	357,034.70
RUM TOURIST TRANSPORTATION C	302,269.00
REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT	298,156.50

Top Traded Companies by Volume

	Volume traded (Shares)
JORDAN STEEL	878,327
REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT	585,700
RUM TOURIST TRANSPORTATION C	434,195
ARAB EAST INVESTMENT	400,833
UNION INVESTMENT CORP	223,085

Macroeconomic & Corporate News

CPI rises by 4.6% in February

The consumer price index (CPI) rose by 4.6 per cent in February 2017 compared to the same month last year, according to the Department of Statistics (DoS). The figure was the outcome of an increase in the prices of some commodity groups coupled with a drop in the prices of others. Among the groups which contributed to the increase were transport, vegetables, as well as dry and canned legumes. These rose by 18 per cent and 27 per cent, respectively. Also, tobacco and cigarettes and health care contributed to the increase as their prices went up by 11 per cent, each. Moreover, rentals went up by 2 per cent. The groups whose prices dropped were meat and poultry by 5 per cent, fruits and nuts by 10 per cent, garments by 4 per cent and dairy products and table eggs by 2 per cent, according to the DoS. The CPI is a measure of the average change over time in the prices paid by urban consumers for a market basket of consumer goods and services.

Gov't taking concrete measures to stimulate growth — PM

Prime Minister Hani Mulki on Thursday chaired a meeting of the ministerial economic team and the Economic Policies Council, during which they discussed final recommendations for various sectors to boost economic growth, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, reported. The meeting focused on the implementation of measures, plans and policies aimed at supporting economic sectors and stimulating growth to overcome challenges and boost the national economy's competitiveness. The premier said the government had started taking concrete measures to boost growth in various vital sectors, citing the visits of the economic task force to companies and institutions that contribute to the Kingdom's gross domestic product. The government is serious in its efforts towards active public-private partnership, to encourage the private sector to contribute in the national growth, he noted. Also on Thursday, the premier and the economic team members visited the National Electric Power Company (NEPCO) and held a meeting with the company's president of the board of directors, Khaldoun Qteishat, and its Director General Abdel Fattah Daradkeh.

* Source: Bloomberg, Jordan Times, Zawya

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