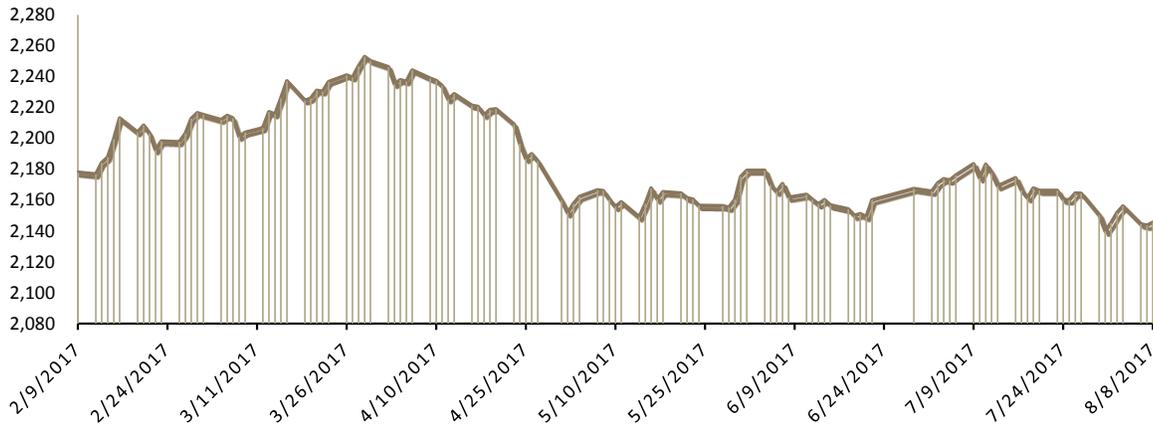


	Close	% Change	Year-to-Date (YTD)	Daily Volume (shares)
AMMAN SE GENERAL INDEX	2,145.47	0.09%	-1.14%	2,942,038

6 MONTHS INDEX PERFORMANCE



Best/Worst Performing Companies

Best Performers	% Change	Worst Performers	% Change
SPECIALIZED INVESTMENT COMPO	4.59	IRBID DISTRICT ELECTRICITY	(2.35)
FUTURE ARAB INVESTMENT CO	4.55	NATL PORTFOLIO SECURITIES	(2.44)
ISRAA ISLAMIC FINANCIAL	3.92	ALIA THE ROYAL JORDANIAN AIR	(2.50)
NATIONAL CHLORINE	3.77	JORDAN STEEL	(3.33)
AMMOUN INTERNATIONAL FOR INV	3.49	ARAB ALUMINIUM INDUSTRY	(7.50)

Top Traded Companies by Value

	Value traded (JOD)
RUM TOURIST TRANSPORTATION C	975,700
SPECIALIZED INVESTMENT COMPO	572,849
BANK OF JORDAN	381,994
AL EQBAL CO FOR INVESTMENT P	374,996
JORDAN PETROLEUM REFINERY CO	226,012

Top Traded Companies by Volume

	Volume traded (Shares)
RUM TOURIST TRANSPORTATION C	959,497
SPECIALIZED INVESTMENT COMPO	514,575
BANK OF JORDAN	139,924
JORDAN STEEL	139,050
SALAM INTL TRANSPORT & TRAD	131,550

Macroeconomic & Corporate News

Jordanians still suffer from low financial inclusion — study

Financial inclusion in Jordan is “relatively low”, with the rate of bank accounts amongst those 15 years old or older standing at 24.6 per cent and at 15.5 per cent for females, a recent study by The Jordan Strategy Forum (JSF) found. The JSF has released a study titled “On the Financial Inclusion in Jordan: In a Nutshell” outlining people’s access to financial services in the Kingdom and recommendations to improve the current situation, a JSF statement said. According to a World Bank definition, financial inclusion requires that people aged 15 years or older have access to, and can effectively use, a range of appropriate financial services. It usually starts with having a deposit or transaction account at a bank or other financial institution. International data has shown that access to financial services enhances the well-being of families, reduces income inequality, and promotes entrepreneurship and real economic growth, which prompted the World Bank to establish the “Global Financial Inclusion Index (Global Findex)” to measure the quality of financial services for citizens, the statement said. The core indicators of the Global Findex include five basic dimensions of the use of financial services: bank accounts, savings, borrowing, payment patterns and insurance. Based on World Bank estimates, financial inclusion varies significantly across the world, with rates close to 100 per cent in developed countries. For other countries, inclusion ranges from 14 per cent in the Middle East to 69 per cent in East Asia and the Pacific.

Draft law on inspection of economic activities endorsed

The Lower House on Tuesday endorsed the 2017 draft law on the monitoring and inspection of economic activities. The Chamber endorsed four items of the law, refusing to include media activities in the definition of economic activity, which includes industrial, commercial, agricultural, tourist, handicraft, service, health and ICT activities, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, reported. Under the law, which will go into effect 180 days after being published in the Official Gazette, a “higher committee to develop the inspection of businesses” will be formed under the presidency of the minister of industry, trade and supply and the membership of relevant institutions and representatives of the private sector. The committee will act as a national umbrella to design inspection policies and to coordinate inspection efforts among concerned institutions, Petra reported. The law will also unify inspection regulations and limit the duplication of efforts of the official departments’ authorities tasked with monitoring and inspecting economic activities, without cancelling the role of any department. The law will organise inspection regulations in the sectors of public health, food and medicine safety, labour rights, environment, vocational licensing, work safety and fire-related safety procedures, among others, the news agency noted.

* Source: Bloomberg, Jordan Times, Zawya

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