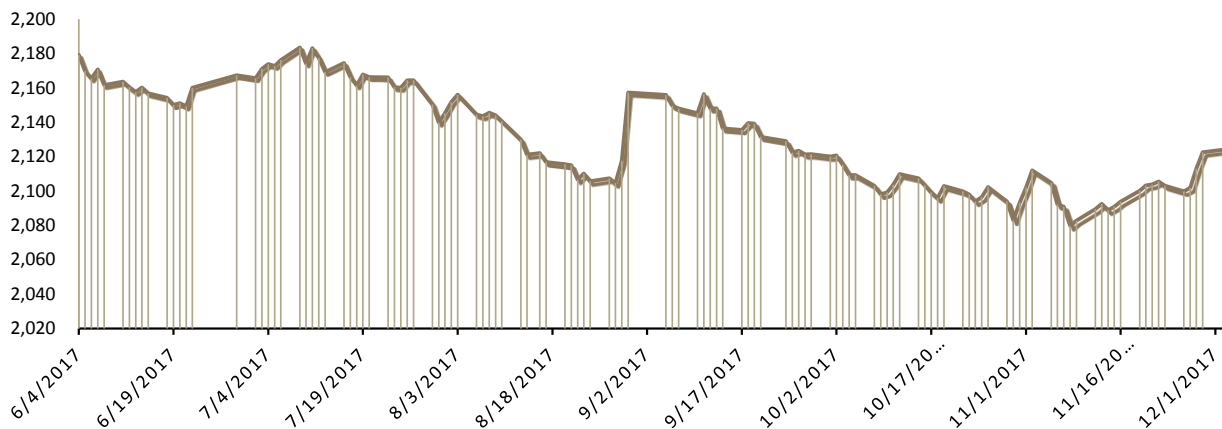


	Close	% Change	Year-to-Date (YTD)	Daily Volume (shares)
AMMAN SE GENERAL INDEX	2,124.31	0.09%	-2.12%	2,109,334

6 MONTHS INDEX PERFORMANCE



Best/Worst Performing Companies

Best Performers	% Change	Worst Performers	% Change
ITTIHAD SCHOOLS COMPANY	6.67	UNITED IRON & STEEL MANUFACT	(4.60)
UNITED FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS	4.62	INDUSTRIAL COMMERCIAL & AGRI	(4.72)
JORDAN DUTY FREE SHOP	4.28	SPECIALIZED INVESTMENT COMPO	(4.82)
JORDANIAN EXPATRIATES INV HL	3.92	ISRAA ISLAMIC FINANCIAL	(5.00)
BINDAR TRADING & INVESTMENT	3.80	ARAB ALUMINIUM INDUSTRY	(7.07)

Top Traded Companies by Value

	Value traded (JOD)
ARAB BANK PLC	1,406,712
UNION INVESTMENT CORP	364,291
BANK OF JORDAN	198,748
JORDAN MASAKEN FOR LAND & IN	198,564
SPECIALIZED INVESTMENT COMPO	193,385

Top Traded Companies by Volume

	Volume traded (Shares)
UNION INVESTMENT CORP	287,653
ARAB BANK PLC	265,572
SPECIALIZED INVESTMENT COMPO	235,900
JORDAN STEEL	203,820
RUM TOURIST TRANSPORTATION C	109,309

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US provides \$475m in direct grant to support public budget

Planning and International Cooperation Minister Imad Fakhoury on Sunday said a \$475 million direct grant will be directed to support priority projects including the 2017 public budget, which will help in reducing the budget's deficit. "This critical and direct support to our budget will help us in bridging the fiscal gap as well as in meeting some of the expenses incurred by Syrian refugees on the budget," Fakhoury told a press conference. Fakhoury's remarks came during the signing ceremony of the Cash Transfer Agreement at the ministry's headquarters with Mission Director of the US Agency for International Development (USAID) Jim Barnhart. The Cash Transfer Agreement of \$475 million is implemented under the Economic Support Fund for Jordan for 2017, according to Fakhoury, totalling \$812 million. "The rest of the economic support [\$337 million] will be used to support economic development, the social sector and democratic accountability," Fakhoury said. He expressed the Kingdom's appreciation for the US government and the US Congress for "their continued support for Jordan", adding that the signing of the deal yesterday "reflects the advanced level of relations between the two sides". The minister stressed the importance of the assistance, stating that "it has had a clear impact on Jordan's development process in various sectors"

Sector leader blames gov't for 40% decline in medical tourism

The number of foreign patients visiting Jordan for treatment has dropped by 40 per cent during 2016 and 2017, according to a sector leader, who blamed government procedures for the decline. However, Jordan is still leading the region as a medical tourism destination, President of the Private Hospitals Association (PHA) Fawzi Hammouri told The Jordan Times on Sunday in an e-mail interview. "In 2015, the Kingdom received 250,000 foreign patients, however, the government has restricted the number of nationalities and required certain nationalities to obtain a visa prior to arrival in the Kingdom," said Hammouri. The procedure applies to Libyans, Yemenis, Iraqis, Syrians, Sudanese and a number of African countries, said the PHA chief, adding: "Unfortunately, the decision was good news for competition like Turkey, Tunisia and India". Currently, most visitors come from Saudi Arabia and the rest of the Gulf countries, in addition to several other nationalities, according to Hammouri.

National Olives Festival sales reach JD1,140,000

The sales during the 18th National Olives Festival, which was organised by National Centre for Agricultural Research and Extension (NCARE) on Saturday, reached JD1,140,000, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, reported. In addition to olives, the event included the sale other rural products worth JD495,150. During the festival's concluding ceremony, Agriculture Minister Khaled Hniefat said that tests proved the showcased olive oil is of excellent quality. He added that this year's festival witnessed an increase in turnout and an improvement in organisation. NCARE General Director Nizar Haddad said that the festival, in which 425 producers took part, received 125,000 visitors.

* Source: Bloomberg, Jordan Times, Zawya

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