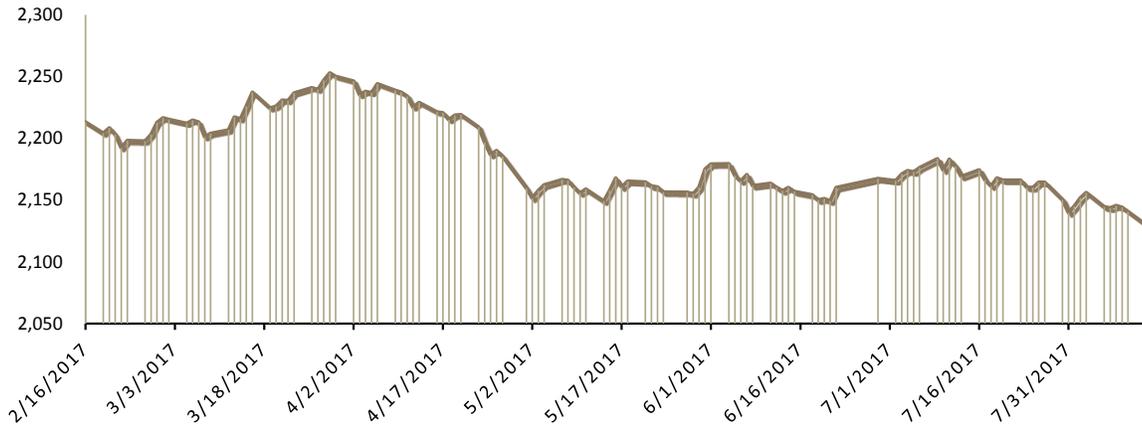


	Close	% Change	Year-to-Date (YTD)	Daily Volume (shares)
AMMAN SE GENERAL INDEX	2,121.18	-0.41%	-2.26%	2,677,186

6 MONTHS INDEX PERFORMANCE



Best/Worst Performing Companies

Best Performers	% Change	Worst Performers	% Change
JORDAN DECAPOLIS PROPERTIES	4.84	SINIORA FOOD INDUSTRIES CO	(3.04)
JORDAN PRESS FOUNDATI/AL-RAI	3.70	SALAM INTL TRANSPORT & TRAD	(3.17)
UNITED CABLE INDUSTRIES CO	2.86	DAR AL DAWA DEVELOPMENT & INV	(3.87)
AL-TAJAMOQAT FOR CATERING HS	2.50	UNION TOBACCO & CIGARETTE	(4.24)
JORDAN EMIRATES DIMENSIONS	2.44	ARAB ALUMINIUM INDUSTRY	(4.89)

Top Traded Companies by Value

	Value traded (JOD)
AL EQBAL CO FOR INVESTMENT P	1,484,600
MIDDLE EAST INSURANCE	464,400
ARAB BANK PLC	439,306
SPECIALIZED INVESTMENT COMPO	389,037
UNION INVESTMENT CORP	323,151

Top Traded Companies by Volume

	Volume traded (Shares)
SPECIALIZED INVESTMENT COMPO	344,050
RUM TOURIST TRANSPORTATION C	306,707
MIDDLE EAST INSURANCE	270,000
UNION INVESTMENT CORP	245,740
BARTER CO FOR INVESTMENT & T	215,337

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Unemployment in Jordan increases to 15.3%

The unemployment rate in 2016 increased by 1.6 per cent, reaching 15.3 per cent, compared to 13.7 per cent in 2000, the Department of Statistics (DoS) announced on Sunday. Unemployment among males in 2016 stood at 13.3 per cent, up by 1 per cent from the 12.3 per cent rate in 2000, while female unemployment went up by 3.1 per cent, from 21 to 24.1 per cent, between 2000 and 2016, a DoS statement showed. The DoS statement included unemployment rates only for Jordanians, who are 15 years and older between 2000 and 2016. The unemployment rate was the lowest in 2014, when it stood at 11.9 per cent, while 2002 and 2016 saw the highest rate in the 2000-2016 period, standing at 15.3 per cent.

Jordan, Japan sign \$12.6mln grant to renovate Balqa water network

The Jordanian and Japanese governments on Monday signed a grant agreement worth \$12.6 million, according to a statement from Toyko's embassy in Amman. The grant, which was signed by Planning Minister Imad Fakhoury and the Japanese Ambassador Shuichi Skaurai, will finance the second phase of the renovation of the water network in Balqa, 35km northwest of Amman, as part of the economic and social development of the Kingdom, the statement said. Water Minister Hazem El Naser, Japan International Cooperation Agency Chief Representative in Jordan Tsutomu Kobayashi and a number of officials also attended the signing ceremony.

CBJ forms committee to improve financial inclusion

The Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ) has formed a committee to design a national strategy for financial inclusion in the Kingdom, in cooperation with the private sector and banking institutions, CBJ Governor Ziad Fariz said on Monday. The strategy will focus on people's awareness of the financial environment and the protection of financial consumers, in addition to digital services and e-payment, which constitute a "main pillar" of efforts to reach an e-government and facilitate payments, Fariz highlighted in a CBJ statement. In a session organised by the Jordan Strategy Forum (JSF) to discuss its recently published study, titled "Financial inclusion in Jordan", the governor said that the CBJ implements "many measures" to develop small and medium size enterprises within the microfinance sector. He stressed the importance of the study, at a time when Jordan suffers from low rates of financial inclusion, despite the banking sector's advanced status, attributing it to high costs and lack of individual awareness about bank accounts. Fariz noted that financial inclusion has risen to 31 per cent, thanks to policies that were implemented to increase the national percentage.

* Source: Bloomberg, Jordan Times, Zawya

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