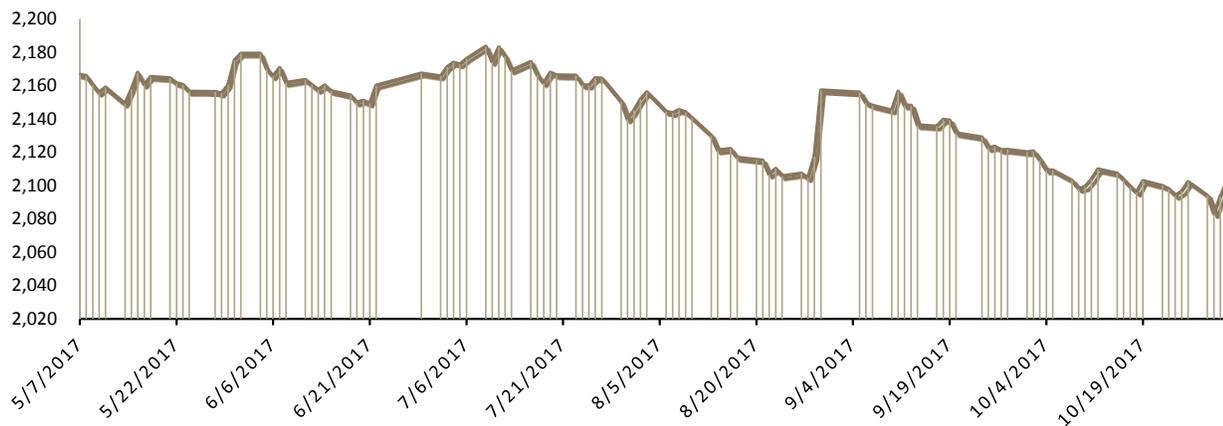


	Close	% Change	Year-to-Date (YTD)	Daily Volume (shares)
AMMAN SE GENERAL INDEX	2,112.05	0.48%	-2.68%	3,710,381

6 MONTHS INDEX PERFORMANCE



Best/Worst Performing Companies

Best Performers	% Change	Worst Performers	% Change
AL EQBAL CO FOR INVESTMENT P	5.31	UNITED CABLE INDUSTRIES CO	(2.17)
UNION INVESTMENT CORP	4.88	DEERA INVESTMENT & REAL ESTA	(2.30)
UNION TOBACCO & CIGARETTE	4.75	SALAM INTL TRANSPORT & TRAD	(3.08)
ZARA INVESTMENTS	4.55	EL-ZAY READY WEAR MANUF CO	(3.45)
ARAB EAST FOR REAL ESTATE IN	4.23	JORDAN PRESS FOUNDATI/AL-RAI	(4.26)

Top Traded Companies by Value

	Value traded (JOD)
UNION INVESTMENT CORP	400,474
UNION TOBACCO & CIGARETTE	338,586
ARAB BANK PLC	251,633
AL EQBAL CO FOR INVESTMENT P	169,483
AL-TAJAMOUAT FOR CATERING HS	159,471

Top Traded Companies by Volume

	Volume traded (Shares)
UNION INVESTMENT CORP	314,107
UNITED CABLE INDUSTRIES CO	226,592
UNION LAND DEVELOPMENT CORP	208,064
ALIA THE ROYAL JORDANIAN AIR	172,762
RUM TOURIST TRANSPORTATION C	169,880

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800,000 guest workers do not have work permits

There are more than 800,000 guest workers in the Kingdom who do not have work permits, Labour Minister Ali Ghezawi said on Saturday. During a meeting organised by the Jordan Chamber of Industry (JCI), Ghezawi noted that the number of guest workers who have work permits ranges between 312,000 and 350,000, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, reported.

He highlighted the importance of inspection campaigns to detect and deport illegal foreign workers, to better organise the labour market and ensure jobs for Jordanians. The minister called for activating the role of the private sector in the national employment reform programme and supporting young people in choosing technical specialisations.

SSC records JD556 million of insurance surpluses in 2016

Social Security Corporation (SSC) Spokesperson Musa Sbeihi said that the corporation achieved insurance surpluses of JD556 million in 2016, at a growth rate of 17 per cent since 2015 and that it expects them to exceed JD610 million in 2017, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, reported on Saturday. He added that the assets of the SSC amounted to JD9.046 billion in September, with a growth rate of 9 per cent at the end of 2016. The press statement came on the sidelines of a meeting organised on Saturday by the SSC with the Jordanian community in Buraydah in Qassim region in Saudi Arabia.

Imposing new taxes is Jordanian sovereign decision

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) supports Jordan's efforts to implement tax reforms, IMF Director of the Middle East and Central Asia Department Jihad Azour said, adding that a wider popular participation in taxpaying contributes to the success of such reforms. Replying to questions by the Jordan News Agency, Petra, at a recent conference in Rabat, Azour stressed that imposing any new taxes is a sovereign decision by the government and that IMF only provides the government with consultation services. He added that Jordan is among the countries that were most affected by regional circumstances, and hosted one of the biggest numbers of refugees. Such circumstances had various impacts on the Kingdom's economy, which required an economic reform programme to lower budget deficit and achieve economic stability through providing more investment opportunities to the private sector.

* Source: Bloomberg, Jordan Times, Zawya

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