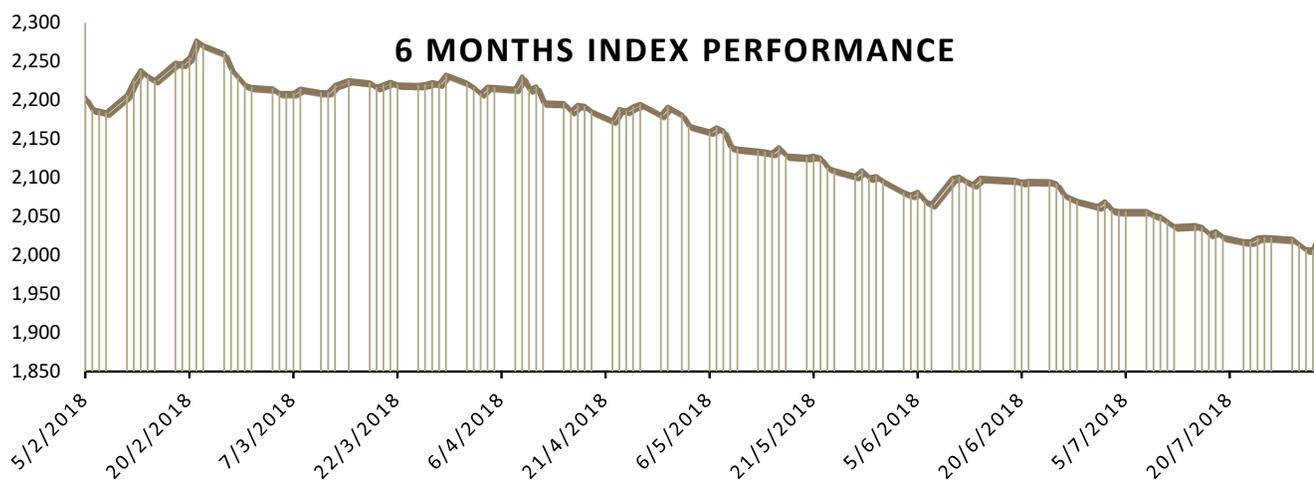


	Close	% Change	Year-to-Date (YTD)	Daily Volume (shares)	Daily Turnover (JOD)
<b>AMMAN SE GENERAL INDEX</b>	<b>1,988.00</b>	<b>-1.14%</b>	<b>-6.53%</b>	<b>3,708,376</b>	<b>4,630,891</b>



**Best Performing Companies**

	% Change
ASSAS FOR PRODUCTS CO.LTD	5.56
FIRST INSURANCE	5.45
ARAB ALUMINIUM INDUSTRY	5.03
SPECIALIZED INVESTMENT COMPO	4.60
DEERA INVESTMENT & REAL ESTA	4.23

**Worst Performing Companies**

	% Change
ARAB EAST FOR REAL ESTATE IN	(4.50)
AFAQ HOLDING FOR INVESTMENT	(4.59)
AL-BILAD MEDICAL SERVICES	(4.71)
AL EQBAL CO FOR INVESTMENT P	(6.14)
SOUTH ELECTRONICS	(6.67)

**Top Traded Companies by Volume (Shares)**

SPECIALIZED INVESTMENT COMPO	501,497
CAPITAL BANK OF JORDAN	190,083
AD-DULAYL INDUSTRIAL PARK CO	135,601
UNION LAND DEVELOPMENT CORP	129,384
RUM TOURIST TRANSPORTATION C	128,774

**Top Traded Companies by Value (JOD)**

ARAB FINANCIAL INVEST CO	1,352,607
AL EQBAL CO FOR INVESTMENT P	754,319
SPECIALIZED INVESTMENT COMPO	445,338
JORDAN PHOSPHATE MINES	231,658
UNION LAND DEVELOPMENT CORP	214,680

## Macroeconomic & Corporate News

### 'Using gas reduces industrial costs by 20 to 50%'

Using gas in the industrial sector lowers operational costs between 20 and 50 per cent, Energy Minister Hala Zawati said on Monday. She made her remarks during a dialogue session organised with industrial sector representatives to discuss potential solutions to the obstacles facing the sector, as part of its efforts to shift to natural gas use, according to a ministry statement. Zawati noted that the sector's operational costs will be reduced by 20 per cent when natural gas substitutes heavy fuel and by 50 per cent if natural gas is used instead of diesel and liquefied petroleum gas. She stated that the ministry's policy aims at encouraging local industries to shift to natural gas, adding that the Monday session sought to find suitable solutions to obstacles facing the sector in shifting to natural gas and speeding up shifting procedures. Zawati commended the experiment of the Nuqul Company, which was the first to use the gas provided by the Arab Gas Pipeline, which contributed to lowering operational costs by 25 per cent. The minister called for preparing a "clear and transparent" mechanism to implement the infrastructure of

### Jordan, Iraq mull shared industrial estate on border

Prime Minister and Minister of Defence Omar Razzaz and Iraqi Defence Minister Irfan Hayali on Monday discussed the possibility of establishing a joint free industrial estate at the Jordanian-Iraqi border. Razzaz highlighted the "deep-rooted" relations between Jordan and Iraq and expressed keenness to enhance cooperation, in a way that serves both countries' interests, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, reported. The premier also referred to His Majesty King Abdullah's directives to the government to expand cooperation with Baghdad. For his part, Hayali conveyed Iraqi Prime Minister Haidar Al Abbadi's wish for more cooperation and openness in all civil and military fields. The minister also underlined the security agreement that both countries signed on Sunday

### AEA to strike over conflict with GAM

The Agricultural Engineers Association (AEA) on Monday announced holding a strike, which is to take place on August 28, as a response to the "unfruitful discussions" with the Greater Amman Municipality (GAM) concerning the association's demands. "The municipality has 36 of our members registered under different work titles doing various jobs, but they have not been getting paid or even recognised for their work," Abdelhadi Falahat, the AEA's president, told The Jordan Times. The strike comes after a number of protests by the association this year, including the latest strike taking place on June 26 for similar demands. On its website, the AEA stated that the June strike was organised because of "the municipality's refusal of listening to its AEA workers". According to the association's president, the choice of August 28 as the date of their next strike is a way to give the municipality

\* Source: Bloomberg, Jordan Times, Zawya

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