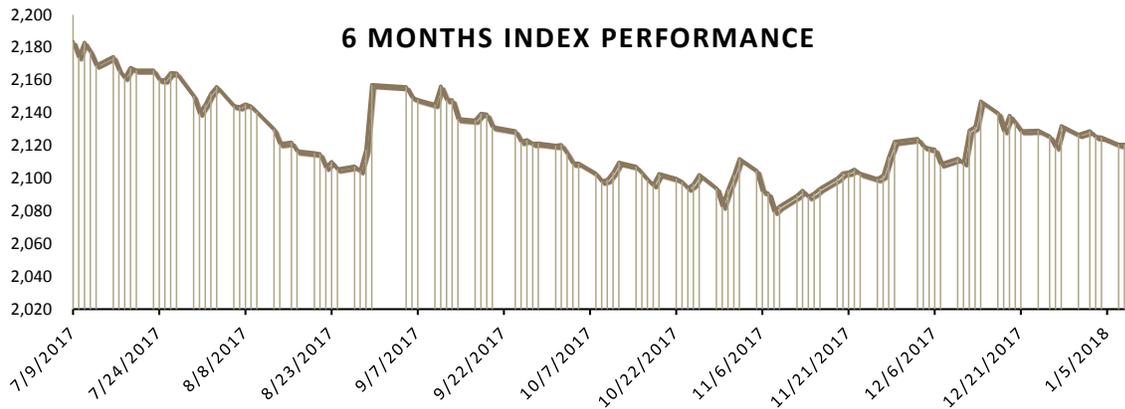


	Close	% Change	Year-to-Date (YTD)	Daily Volume (shares)	Daily Turnover (JOD)
<b>AMMAN SE GENERAL INDEX</b>	<b>2,121.35</b>	<b>0.02%</b>	<b>-0.26%</b>	<b>4,308,589</b>	<b>3,963,997</b>



**Best Performing Companies**

	% Change
AL AMAL FINANCIAL INVESTMENT	4.00
AMMOUN INTERNATIONAL FOR INV	3.61
NATIONAL CABLE & WIRE MANUF	3.45
AL-RAKAEZ INVESTMENT CO	2.78
BARTER CO FOR INVESTMENT & T	2.70

**Worst Performing Companies**

	% Change
SALAM INTL TRANSPORT & TRAD	(1.79)
ARAB EAST INVESTMENT	(1.82)
AL-TAJAMOuat FOR TOURISTIC P	(2.33)
UNITED FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS	(2.90)
JORDAN MASAKEN FOR LAND & IN	(4.77)

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

SABA'EK INVESTMENT	923,076
JORDANIAN ELECTRIC POWER	427,206
JORDAN MASAKEN FOR LAND & IN	293,831
SURA DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTM	219,187
INTERMEDIATE PETROCHEMICALS	209,075

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

SABA'EK INVESTMENT	1,358,200
SURA DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTM	395,500
JORDANIAN ELECTRIC POWER	248,243
INTERMEDIATE PETROCHEMICALS	238,250
RUM TOURIST TRANSPORTATION C	231,662

## Macroeconomic & Corporate News

### Fund to support startups will be launched soon

A fund seeking to support startups and small- and medium-sized projects in all sectors including the ICT is expected to be launched soon to further boost Jordan's startups ecosystem, Bashar Hawamdeh, chairman of the ICT Association of Jordan (int@j), said Wednesday. The fund, which will be launched in cooperation with the World Bank, the Central Bank of Jordan and other banks, will help support startups in the Kingdom, Hawamdeh said during the Business Innovation Growth (BIG) by Orange Summit, which attracted over 200 startups, officials and experts in the field of ICT. "This fund will support entrepreneurs and startups that play a key role in creating jobs and supporting the economy," Hawamdeh stated, adding "providing necessary finance will help businesses and startups grow and enter new markets". Noting that the sector's revenues reached around \$2 billion in 2016, he called for increased support to startups and entrepreneurs in Jordan so they can contribute to national growth.

### Funding for refugee response plan short by 33% in 2017

Jordan on Wednesday urged donor countries to honour their commitments to support Jordan as funding for the 2017 Jordan Response Plan, aimed at helping the Kingdom overcome challenges ensuing from the Syrian crisis, reached around 67.1 per cent of the required amount at the end of last year. "We thank those who fulfilled their pledges and ask the others to follow suit," a government official told The Jordan Times on Wednesday. Funding requirements for the 2017 plan stand at \$2.65 billion, but by the end of last year, the total funding reached only \$1.779 billion or 67.1 per cent of the total amount, according to figures released by the Jordan Response Platform for the Syrian Crisis. The official called for continued support to the Kingdom, reiterating that Jordan "is doing this on behalf of the international community". Of the total funds for the plan until the end of December, \$653.7 million was allocated to supporting refugees, \$271.6 million for budget support and \$854.4 million was earmarked as resilience support targeting host communities.

### Fakhoury chairs meeting of higher ministerial committee of agricultural census

The higher ministerial committee of agricultural census, headed by Minister of Planning and International Cooperation Imad Fakhoury, on Wednesday held a meeting with representatives of the agriculture sector. The meeting aimed to outline the initial results and progress of the census, a Planning Ministry statement said. The census is among the government's efforts to provide up-to-date data that would help studying the situation of the sector and facilitate support to it, the statement said. During the meeting, Fakhoury stressed the importance of the agriculture and the food industry as interconnected sectors, which are part of the development clusters included in the Jordan Document 2025 that aim to realise the goals of food security.

\* Source: Bloomberg, Jordan Times, Zawya

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