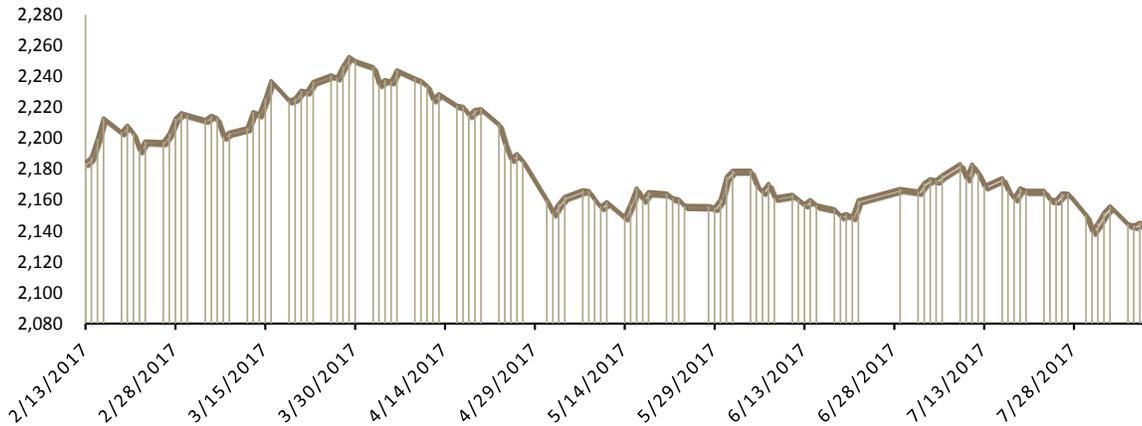


	Close	% Change	Year-to-Date (YTD)	Daily Volume (shares)
AMMAN SE GENERAL INDEX	2,129.99	-0.49%	-1.86%	2,751,189

6 MONTHS INDEX PERFORMANCE



Best/Worst Performing Companies

Best Performers	% Change	Worst Performers	% Change
ALIA THE ROYAL JORDANIAN AIR	5.00	UNITED CABLE INDUSTRIES CO	(2.78)
ARABIAN STEEL PIPES	4.27	SALAM INTL TRANSPORT & TRAD	(3.08)
JORDAN PRESS FOUNDATI/AL-RAI	3.85	UNION TOBACCO & CIGARETTE	(3.41)
NATIONAL CABLE & WIRE MANUF	3.33	HAYAT PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTR	(3.85)
PROFESSIONAL FOR REAL ESTAT	2.33	BARTER CO FOR INVESTMENT & T	(4.76)

Top Traded Companies by Value

	Value traded (JOD)		Volume traded (Shares)
ARAB BANK PLC	984,436	BARTER CO FOR INVESTMENT & T	630,479
SPECIALIZED INVESTMENT COMPO	283,498	ARAB EAST INVESTMENT	256,200
BARTER CO FOR INVESTMENT & T	252,906	SPECIALIZED INVESTMENT COMPO	245,962
JORDAN PETROLEUM REFINERY CO	182,473	ARAB BANK PLC	170,244
ARAB EAST INVESTMENT	170,944	JORDAN STEEL	155,252

Top Traded Companies by Volume

* Source: Bloomberg

Macroeconomic & Corporate News

Jordan approaches banks for dollar bond or sukuk issue

The government of Jordan has asked banks to submit proposals to arrange a U.S. dollar conventional or Islamic bond issue, sources familiar with the matter said on Sunday. The bond would be of benchmark size, said one of the sources, declining to be named because the information is private. Benchmark-sized bonds are generally upwards of \$500 million. Jordan issued its first domestic sukuk last year, but should it opt for an Islamic bond, the planned debt sale would be the first international sukuk ever issued by the country. Jordan's ministry of finance did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Jordan raised \$500 million in April through a tap of its existing \$500 million bond issued in November 2015 and maturing in 2026. Under a bond tap, an existing transaction is reopened for subscription, using the same documentation as before. It also issued last October a \$1 billion bond maturing in January 2027, with Citi and JPMorgan leading the transaction. Jordan's economy has been severely hit by the flow of refugees arriving from Syria since 2011. "Providing for the needs of the Syrian refugees in Jordan has materially impacted Jordan's public finances and will continue to do so," said Jordan's latest bond prospectus, dated April 2017.

Social security fund's assets up by 6.5% in H1

The assets of the Social Security Investment Fund (SSIF) until the end of the first half of 2017 totalled JD8,863 million, compared with JD8,325 million during the same period in 2016, marking a 6.5 per cent increase, SSIF announced on Sunday. The increase came from the comprehensive income (returns from investments in various tools, including the bourse), which totalled JD234 million in the first six months of this year, plus JD303 million as the Social Security Corporation's (SSC) surplus transferred to SSIF, according to a statement by the fund. By the end of June last year, the fund had incurred a loss of JD29.2 million and the comprehensive income dropped to JD138 million in 2016 due to a JD121-million decline in the reevaluation of the portfolio of shares after the market cap index in the Amman Stock Exchange (ASE) declined by 3.8 per cent. The income gained by the evaluation of strategic shares traded at ASE stood at JD19.3 million by June 30, 2017, compared to losses of JD153.6 million during the first half of 2016, according to the statement, which added that SSIF investments constitute some 11 per cent of ASE market value. SSIF in August 2016, established the Daman for Financial Leasing, a company fully owned by the SSC to help finance national projects, and JD400 million was earmarked for this company to carry out its mission. This company had signed necessary agreements to finance the JD96-million Madona Customs Depot and the Tafileh Hospital for JD37 million, amongst other vital projects that the company is studying currently in the health and education sectors, according to the SSIF statement.

* Source: Bloomberg, Jordan Times, Zawya

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