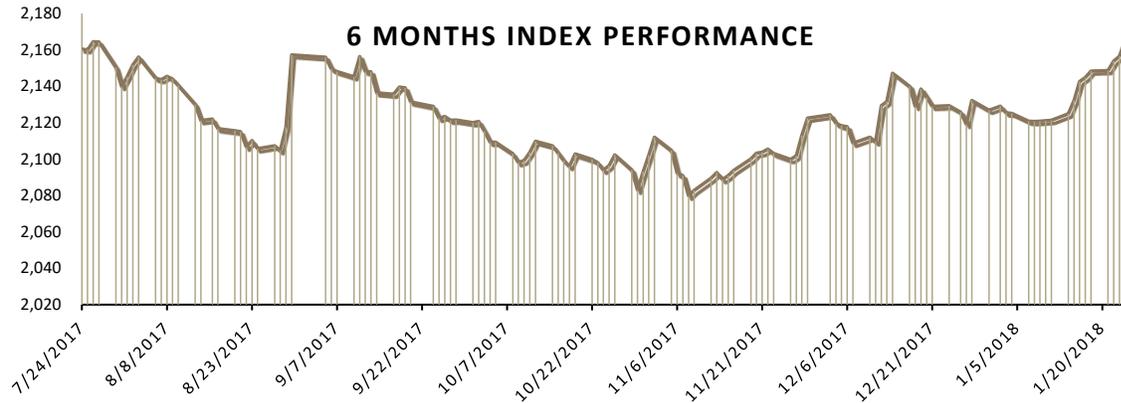


	Close	% Change	Year-to-Date (YTD)	Daily Volume (shares)	Daily Turnover (JOD)
AMMAN SE GENERAL INDEX	2,193.30	0.00%	3.13%	3,292,540	5,346,559



**Best Performing Companies**

	% Change
INTERNATIONAL BROKERAGE AND CONTEMPORARY FOR HOUSING PRO	8.33
REAL ESTATE & INVESTME/THE	7.31
JORDAN NATL SHIPPING LINES	7.27
RESOURCES CO FOR DEVELOPMENT	6.98
	6.66

**Worst Performing Companies**

	% Change
INTERNATIONAL ARABIAN DEVELO	(3.03)
SALAM INTL TRANSPORT & TRAD	(3.57)
JORDAN INTL INSURANCE	(3.77)
INDUSTRIAL COMMERCIAL & AGRI	(3.88)
#N/A Invalid Security	(4.61)

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

HOUSING BANK FOR TRADE AND F	3,976,796
ALIA THE ROYAL JORDANIAN AIR	851,147
JORDAN PHOSPHATE MINES	293,282
BARTER CO FOR INVESTMENT & T	263,570
INTERMEDIATE PETROCHEMICALS	231,227

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

HOUSING BANK FOR TRADE AND F	475,100
ALIA THE ROYAL JORDANIAN AIR	392,500
JORDAN PHOSPHATE MINES	304,300
BARTER CO FOR INVESTMENT & T	257,000
INTERMEDIATE PETROCHEMICALS	202,900

## Macroeconomic & Corporate News

### Jordan real estate market facing uphill struggle

Jordan's property market is facing an uphill struggle as citizens deal with lower finances and higher interest loans from banks. Significant investment from non-Jordanians in the market has also contributed to increased prices of apartments and houses, which are now out of reach for many Jordanians. Trade volume in Jordan's real estate market during 2017 dropped 14% to \$8.5 billion compared to \$9.9 billion in 2016, the Jordanian Department of Land and Survey said. "The market is facing some issues and there is a lot of negativity in the air as the prices are becoming higher and higher for a normal citizen to buy instead of renting and this is creating a big problem for many," said Amman property agent Fayez Hannan. "Jordanians are thinking twice before buying an apartment due to many factors, such as the increase in prices and the difficulties of taking a loan from banks and this is slowing the market as people are heading towards staying in their rented places and postponing any plans of owning their own house or apartment."

### Jordanian telco Umniah selects Secucloud

As the Middle East's equivalent of Silicon Valley, Jordan has been working hard for a long time to become a hub for information and communication technologies in the Arab region – and secure internet usage plays a key role in supporting this development. Umniah, a subsidiary of the Bahrain-based Batelco group that has 9.4 million customers in 14 countries and is one of the biggest telcos in the Middle East and North Africa, plans to become a pioneer in this respect. Umniah, as a Batelco group company based in Amman, is working with the German security specialist Secucloud to provide its business and private customers with mobile internet security. Starting in early 2018, the two companies plan to offer a cloud-based, centralised security service that gives users simple and efficient protection against smartphone malware. Once that is in place, Umniah plans to extend the service to corporate customers. "With the Secucloud solution, we've found just the right technology to extend our service with a key component," comments Umniah's CEO, Ziad Shatara. "We're now able to offer our customers a subscription to flexible and powerful protection that is practically invisible in everyday use."

### Bank of Jordan enters Bahrain

Bank of Jordan has been granted a licence to operate in the Kingdom as a wholesale bank, said the Central Bank of Bahrain in a statement. Announcing the approval, Ahmed Abdulaziz Al-Bassam, Director of Licensing said the Central Bank of Bahrain welcomes "Bank of Jordan" decision to open a wholesale bank (branch) in Bahrain for its unique position as a financial hub in the region. "Bank of Jordan existence in Bahrain shall, positively reflect on the bank business and will help in strengthening the commercial and financial relationship between Kingdom of Bahrain and Kingdom of Jordan," he added. Bank of Jordan, established in 1960 as a public shareholding limited company with headquarters in Amman – Jordan, is regulated by the Central Bank of Jordan as a Commercial Bank and is listed on Amman stock exchange.

\* Source: Bloomberg, Jordan Times, Zawya

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