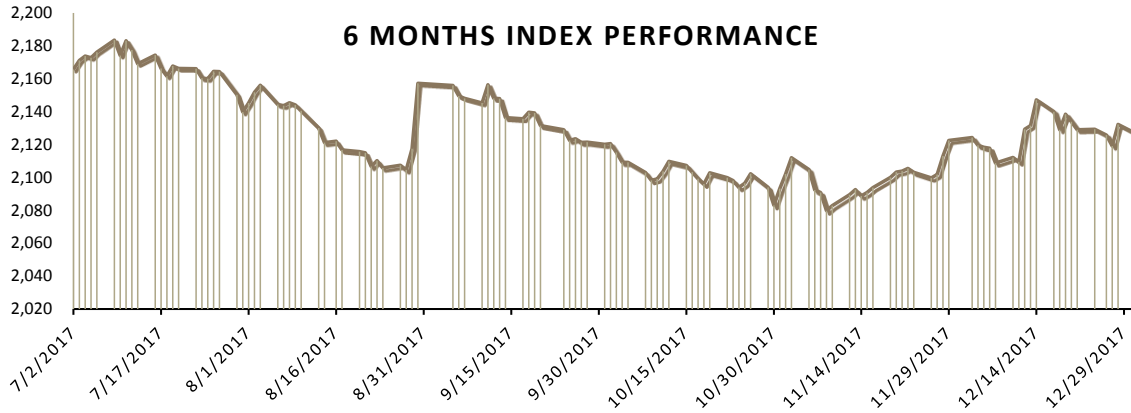


	Close	% Change	Year-to-Date (YTD)	Daily Volume (shares)	Daily Turnover (JOD)
AMMAN SE GENERAL INDEX	2,125.11	-0.01%	-0.08%	4,200,000	3,700,000



Best Performing Companies

	% Change
INDUSTRIAL COMMERCIAL & AGRI	5.00
JORDAN MASAKEN FOR LAND & IN	4.75
AL-DAWLIYA HOTELS & MALLS	3.70
RUM TOURIST TRANSPORTATION C	2.82
JORDAN EMIRATES DIMENSIONS	2.63

Worst Performing Companies

	% Change
NATIONAL CABLE & WIRE MANUF	(3.33)
INTL CO FOR MEDICAL INVEST	(3.66)
AMAD INVESTMENT & REAL ESTAT	(4.04)
EL-ZAY READY WEAR MANUF CO	(4.17)
ARAB ALUMINIUM INDUSTRY	(7.14)

Top Traded Companies by Value (JOD)

CENTURY INVESTMENT GROUP	365,279
UNION INVESTMENT CORP	342,066
SPECIALIZED INVESTMENT COMPO	329,797
JORDAN MASAKEN FOR LAND & IN	263,118
FUTURE ARAB INVESTMENT CO	204,530

Top Traded Companies by Volume (Shares)

FUTURE ARAB INVESTMENT CO	454,580
SPECIALIZED INVESTMENT COMPO	404,455
UNITED CABLE INDUSTRIES CO	397,096
UNION INVESTMENT CORP	292,950
RUM TOURIST TRANSPORTATION C	217,491

Macroeconomic & Corporate News

Ministry reports successes in 2017 macroeconomic indicators

The post-grant budget deficit in 2017 stood at JD750 million, compared to JD880 million in 2016, reducing the deficit to the GDP ratio to 2.6 per cent in 2017, down from 3.2 per cent in 2016, the Finance Ministry said on Wednesday. The deficit dropped by 15 per cent in 2017, compared to 2016, while its average in the past 10 years stands at 30 per cent, according to the ministry statement, carried by the Jordan News Agency, Petra. By the end of 2017, meanwhile, the public debt totalled JD27.25 billion, or 95.3 per cent of the GDP, up from JD26.1 billion in 2016, or 95.1 per cent of the GDP, the ministry announced. The public debt growth in 2017 amounted to JD1.2 billion from the 2016 figure, while the average increase for the past five years stands at JD2.2 billion, according to the ministry. Domestic revenues in 2017 stood at JD6.72 billion, registering an increase of JD484 million, marking a 7.7 per cent increase from 2016, when the state earned JD6.23 billion. The grants received in 2017 totalled JD708 million, compared with JD835 million in 2016, down by JD127 million, or a drop of 15 per cent.

'Telecom Regulatory Commission recorded JD91m as surplus in 2017'

The Telecom Regulatory Commission (TRC) in 2017 transferred JD91 million as surplus to the Treasury, compared to JD84 million in 2016, marking an increase of 7 per cent, Chief Commissioner Ghazi Jbour said on Tuesday. Jbour noted that the total amount transferred to the Treasury between 2015 and 2017 reached around JD362 million, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, reported. He added that in the past three years, the TRC transferred around JD1.673 billion to the Treasury.

'Tourism sector in Jordan expected to continue recovering in 2018'

The tourism sector is expected to continue recovering during 2018, according to stakeholders, who urged the concerned bodies for more efforts to better promote the Kingdom and open new markets. Jordan Tourism Board (JTB) Director Abed Al Razzaq Arabiyat said that 2017 witnessed a "considerable" increase in the number of tourists according to the Central Bank of Jordan's figures. Arabiyat said that revenues from tourism during November 2017 increased by 14.3 per cent compared with the same period of 2016. He outlined a number of measures that contributed to increasing tourism indicators including coordinating with the relevant bodies in the fields of promotion.

* Source: Bloomberg, Jordan Times, Zawya

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