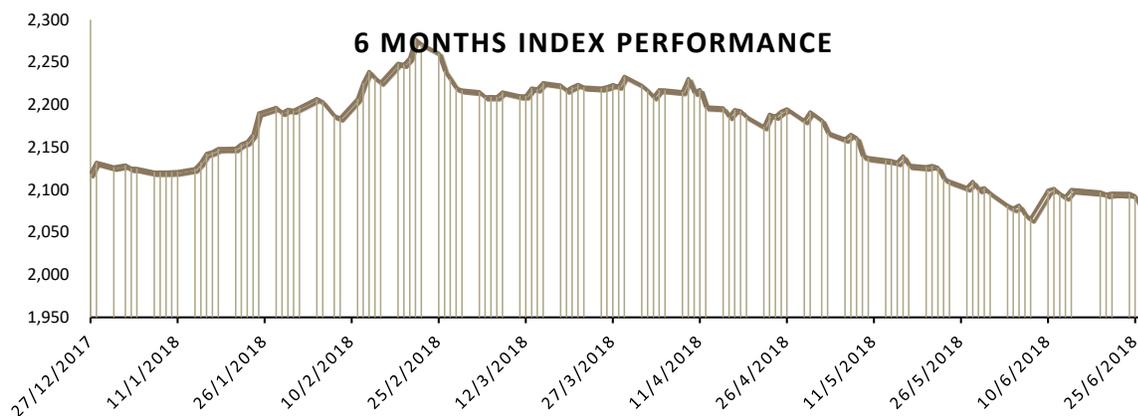


	Close	% Change	Year-to-Date (YTD)	Daily Volume (shares)	Daily Turnover (JOD)
<b>AMMAN SE GENERAL INDEX</b>	<b>2,074.37</b>	<b>-0.13%</b>	<b>-2.46%</b>	<b>3,859,945</b>	<b>5,560,949</b>



**Best Performing Companies**

	% Change
SOUTH ELECTRONICS	8.33
RUM TOURIST TRANSPORTATION C	4.23
INDUSTRIAL COMMERCIAL & AGRI	3.57
BARTER CO FOR INVESTMENT & T	3.13
JORDANIAN PHARMACEUTICAL MAN	2.94

**Worst Performing Companies**

	% Change
FIRST INSURANCE	(3.57)
JORDAN STEEL	(4.00)
LAFARGE JORDAN CEMENT	(4.59)
UNITED CABLE INDUSTRIES CO	(11.29)
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**Top Traded Companies by Volume (Shares)**

SURA DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTM	647,500
RUM TOURIST TRANSPORTATION C	516,041
METHAQ REAL ESTATE INVESTMEN	458,400
SPECIALIZED INVESTMENT COMPO	300,613
AL-AMIN FOR INVESTMENT	192,120

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

METHAQ REAL ESTATE INVESTMEN	966,221
JORDAN PHOSPHATE MINES	495,084
RUM TOURIST TRANSPORTATION C	375,884
SURA DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTI	310,770
ARAB BANK PLC	305,411

## Macroeconomic & Corporate News

### Trade balance deficit in Jordan down by 5% in first half of year

The deficit in the trade balance fell by 5 per cent in the first half of this year, driven by a 4 per cent increase in the value of national exports and 2.5 per cent decrease in imports, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, reported on Monday. A Department of Statistics report said that the value of total exports during the first third of this year amounted to JD1.660 million, an increase of 2.3 per cent compared with the same period last year and the value of national exports during that period amounted to JD 1.333 million, an increase of 4 per cent. The value of reexports amounted to JD289 million during the first third with this year, a decrease of 5 per cent compared with the same period of 2017, and imports amounted to JD 4.590 million, a decrease of 2.5 per cent.

### King meets with key US lawmakers at Congress

His Majesty King Abdullah on Tuesday held a number of meetings at the US Congress with the leaderships of the Senate and the House of Representatives, as well as the chairs and members of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the House Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programmes. The meetings, partly attended by Her Majesty Queen Rania, covered the historical ties of friendship and strategic partnership between Jordan and the United States, as well as means to bolster cooperation in various fields, particularly in the economic sector, according to a Royal Court statement. Discussions with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Kentucky), House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-Wisconsin), and the committees also covered the latest developments in the Middle East. The meetings addressed the economic challenges Jordan is facing — the majority of which have been caused by regional crises — and means to overcome them through programmes to bolster Jordan's economy, stimulate growth and generate more job opportunities for young Jordanians.

### JEDCO provides technical mentoring, business coaching to SMEs

The Jordan Enterprise Development Corporation (JEDCO) has started providing technical mentoring and business coaching to local companies participating in "Accelerate with JEDCO" programme, according to a JEDCO statement. JEDCO is making that possible through contracting local consultants and mentors to provide guidance and new leadership skills in several areas such as strategic planning, marketing, and financial analysis. Accelerate with JEDCO, financed by the MENA Transition Fund, is an important step towards supporting, reinforcing and transforming JEDCO from a grant-centred organisation to a leading quality business support service provider for SMEs and startups, JEDCO's CEO Omar Qaryouti said in the statement.

\* Source: Bloomberg, Jordan Times, Zawya

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