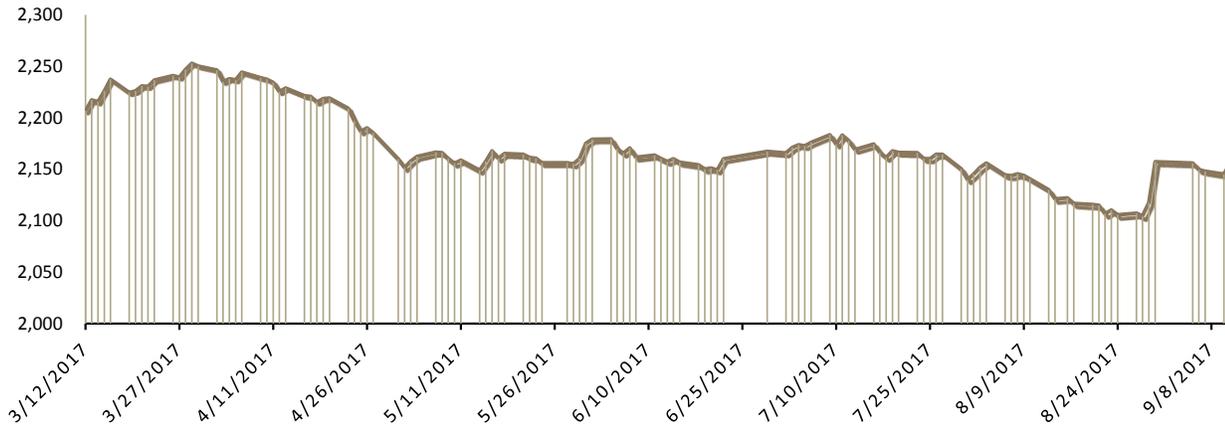


	Close	% Change	Year-to-Date (YTD)	Daily Volume (shares)
AMMAN SE GENERAL INDEX	2,156.37	0.52%	-0.64%	3,727,274

6 MONTHS INDEX PERFORMANCE



Best/Worst Performing Companies

Best Performers	% Change	Worst Performers	% Change
ISLAMIC INSURANCE CO	5.38	COMPREHENSIVE LAND DEVELOPME	(3.03)
JORDAN PHOSPHATE MINES	5.00	SALAM INTL TRANSPORT & TRAD	(3.13)
LAFARGE JORDAN CEMENT	4.61	EL-ZAY READY WEAR MANUF CO	(3.23)
AL-RAKAEZ INVESTMENT CO	2.94	ARABIAN AVIATION INVESTMENT	(4.79)
HIGH PERFORMANCE REAL ESTAT	2.70	JORDAN DECAPOLIS PROPERTIES	(5.00)

Top Traded Companies by Value

	Value traded (JOD)
JORDAN PHOSPHATE MINES	885,731
AL EQBAL CO FOR INVESTMENT P	446,405
JORDAN PETROLEUM REFINERY CO	315,676
SPECIALIZED INVESTMENT COMPO	296,082
RUM TOURIST TRANSPORTATION C	279,997

Top Traded Companies by Volume

	Volume traded (Shares)
JORDAN PHOSPHATE MINES	304,549
SPECIALIZED INVESTMENT COMPO	288,487
RUM TOURIST TRANSPORTATION C	285,624
BARTER CO FOR INVESTMENT & T	269,529
JORDAN STEEL	200,354

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PM reasserts new tax law will not affect middle class

Prime Minister Hani Mulki on Monday said that reconsidering the Income Tax Law would not affect the exemptions given to vulnerable segments, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, reported. During a discussion panel organised by the Jordan Strategies Forum, Mulki said that the middle class will not be affected by amendments of the taxation system, which, he noted, have not been decided yet, and the government will study other measures to prevent tax evasion and improve collection efficiency. He noted that a comprehensive discussion of the law will be conducted, stressing that the law must include deterring penalties to prevent tax evasion. "The government's message to the International Monetary Fund [IMF] was that the law should be reconsidered without affecting the middle class and the segments that are exempted under the current law", said the premier, in reference to correspondence with the fund, which has set tax reforms as criteria of Jordan's economic correction programme the IMF supervises. Mulki stressed the importance of addressing the tax imbalances and rationalising exemptions that are given to investors, noting the low revenues as a result of existing tax incentives.

Jordan advances on travel index

Jordan advanced two rankings on the World Economic Forum's Travel and Tourism Competitiveness Report 2017, having moved to the 75th rank, compared with the 77th in the previous report in 2015. Tourism Minister Lina Annab said that Jordan came the eighth out of 13 Arab countries included in the report, which surveyed 136 countries, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, reported. Annab attributed the advance to improvement in several main indicators, such as safety and security, ICT accessibility and development in many secondary indicators that included competitiveness of fuel prices, implementation of environmental laws and quality of airports' infrastructure.

PM inaugurates JD7m water projects in badia

Prime Minister Hani Mulki on Monday inaugurated several water projects in the badia expected to serve more than 45,000 citizens at a cost of JD7 million, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, reported. The projects were implemented as part of an International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) programme to help refugee host communities. During his visit, the fifth to the badia areas, in the presence of Water Minister Hazem Al-Naser and several senators and MPs of the badia, Mulki said that the visit aimed at checking on the ministry's efforts in facing the increasing demand on water.

* Source: Bloomberg, Jordan Times, Zawya

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