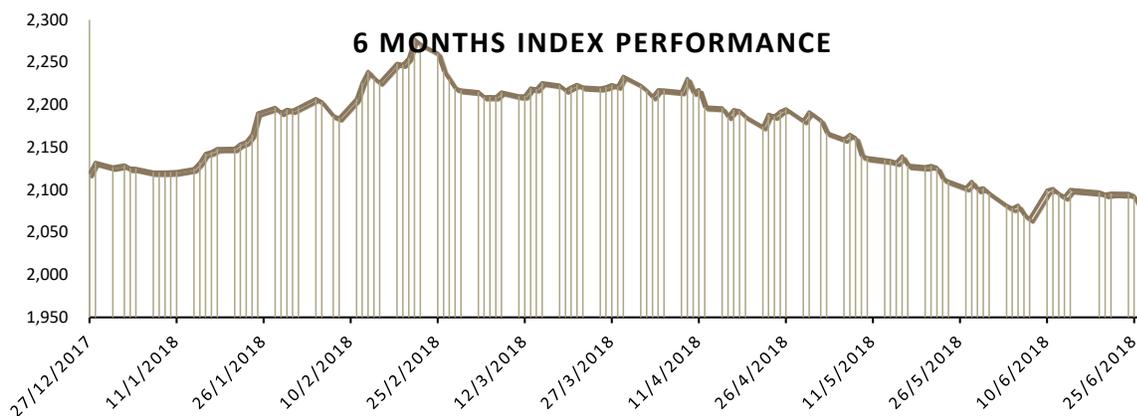


	Close	% Change	Year-to-Date (YTD)	Daily Volume (shares)	Daily Turnover (JOD)
AMMAN SE GENERAL INDEX	2,050.04	-0.11%	-3.61%	2,012,522	2,236,396



Best Performing Companies

	% Change
JORDAN WORSTED MILLS/THE	4.96
FIRST FINANCE CORP	4.55
RUM TOURIST TRANSPORTATION C	2.78
JORDANIAN REAL ESTATE FOR DE	2.44
ARAB POTASH/THE	2.13

Worst Performing Companies

	% Change
UNITED CABLE INDUSTRIES CO	(3.51)
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REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT	(3.85)
SPECIALIZED INVESTMENT COMPO	(4.21)
ZARKA EDUCATION & INVESTMENT	(6.17)

Top Traded Companies by Volume (Shares)

RUM TOURIST TRANSPORTATION C	215,715
READY MIX CONCRETE & CONSTR	170,065
ARAB EAST INVESTMENT	152,675
JORDAN STEEL	123,908
JORDAN PETROLEUM REFINERY CO	99,069

Top Traded Companies by Value (JOD)

JORDAN PETROLEUM REFINERY CC	248,217
ARAB BANK PLC	188,805
JORDAN PHOSPHATE MINES	178,860
AL EQBAL CO FOR INVESTMENT P	169,099
RUM TOURIST TRANSPORTATION C	156,866

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Potash company achieves record production volume in H1

The Arab Potash Company (APC) announced it has achieved a record production of potash during the first half of 2018 that amounted to 1.2 million metric tonnes. The APC noted that the production volume achieved during the first six months of this year is "unprecedented" and has never been recorded since 1982. In a statement to The Jordan Times, APC directors were quoted as attributing the reason to the "collaborative efforts of the company's employees, the operational production plan and effective maintenance strategies". APC Production Director Abdulfattah Alamre said that the company produced around 1.1 million metric tonnes of potash during the first six months of 2017, adding that the volumes achieved during the first half of this year "broke the record figures achieved during the same period in 2011, when production reached around 1.4 million tonnes." Alamre added that a plan is already in place to produce the same amount of potash during the second half of 2018 to close the year with a record production volume of around 2.4 million metric tonnes.

EU rejects Jordan's request for extra facilities under deal

Jordan said on Monday that the EU did not approve Jordan's request for more facilities under the relaxed rules of origin relating to the Kingdom's exports to Europe. "We held discussions with the EU last week in regard to extending more facilities to Jordan; nothing came out of these meetings and the EU did not approve our request," an official at the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply, who preferred anonymity, told The Jordan Times over the phone on Monday. In February, Jordan submitted a request to the EU requesting the inclusion of more facilities under the relaxed rules of origin deal, which was signed with the EU in 2016. The Kingdom also asked the EU to increase the number of zones benefitting from the agreement, and requested reviewing one of its conditions related to employing a certain percentage of Syrian refugees for a factory to be eligible to export to Europe. "Jordan wants to maximise the benefit from the deal as the gains have not been as desired," said the official on Monday.

China eyeing more investments in Jordan — ambassador

China is committed to continued support to Jordan and Chinese investors are eyeing more projects in the Kingdom, Chinese Ambassador in Amman Pan Weifang said on Monday. "Chinese investors are focusing on Jordan and have their eyes focused on the Kingdom for more investments because of the country's strategic location to key neighbouring markets and due to the country's stability," the ambassador said in a press conference on the occasion of the eighth ministerial meeting of the China-Arab States Cooperation Forum (CASCF), which will kick off in China on Tuesday. The ambassador said Chinese investments in Jordan in various sectors have already created 10,000 jobs for Jordanians. "Relations with Jordan are strong and strategic and we want to further

* Source: Bloomberg, Jordan Times, Zawya

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