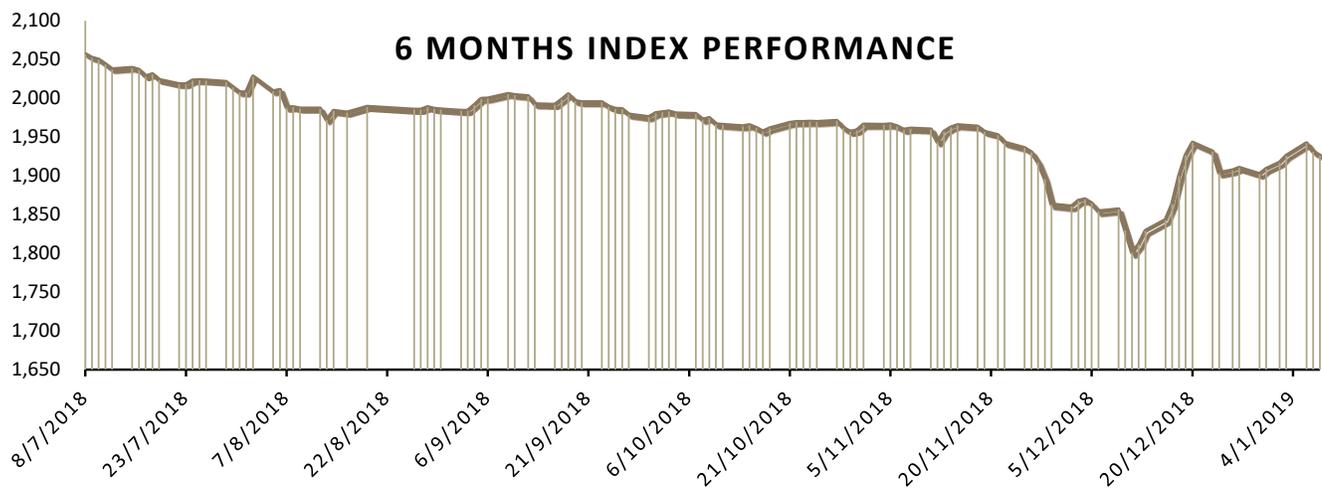


	Close	% Change	Year-to-Date (YTD)	Daily Volume (shares)	Daily Turnover (JOD)
AMMAN SE GENERAL INDEX	1,926.38	-0.25%	0.92%	2,773,176	3,242,106



Best Performing Companies

	% Change
ZARKA EDUCATION & INVESTMENT	7.41
AFAQ FOR ENERGY CO PLC	6.18
JORDAN COMMERCIAL BANK	6.17
AL AMAL FINANCIAL INVESTMENT	5.36
DAR AL DAWA DEVELOPMENT & INV	4.95

Worst Performing Companies

	% Change
AL SANABEL INTERNATIONAL CO	(3.85)
BARTER CO FOR INVESTMENT & T	(4.17)
EMMAR INVESTMENTS & REAL EST	(5.26)
SOUTH ELECTRONICS	(7.14)
JORDAN FRENCH INSURANCE	(7.37)

Top Traded Companies by Volume (Shares)

SPECIALIZED INVESTMENT COMPO	564,763
UNION LAND DEVELOPMENT CORP	399,920
AL AMAL FINANCIAL INVESTMENT	183,282
RUM TOURIST TRANSPORTATION C	160,509
JORDAN PETROLEUM REFINERY CO	105,136

Top Traded Companies by Value (JOD)

UNION LAND DEVELOPMENT CORP	718,275
SPECIALIZED INVESTMENT COMPO	497,222
ARAB BANK PLC	457,933
JORDAN PETROLEUM REFINERY CC	243,271
JORDAN VEGETABLE OIL INDUSTR	157,723

Macroeconomic & Corporate News

'Foreign currency reserves cover Kingdom's imports for 7 months'

The foreign currency reserves at the Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ) exceed \$13.4 billion, which is enough to cover the cost of the Kingdom's imports of goods and services for seven months, CBJ Governor Ziad Fariz said on Monday. Fariz said, in a CBJ statement carried by the Jordan News Agency, Petra, that the international standard for foreign reserves rate is the coverage of three months. The governor said that monetary stability is the bank's top priority, noting that the CBJ is aware of the national economy's low growth rates and is, consequently, keen on reaching a balance between the requirements of achieving monetary stability and providing funding tools. He pointed out that the banking system in the Kingdom is "solid and well-structured", and is able to absorb major shocks and risks due to the fact that banks in Jordan possess high capitalisation ratios, "the highest in the Middle East", in addition to adequate levels of liquidity. Out of the CBJ's belief that access to financial services is a right for all, and that financial inclusion has become a pillar for realising sustainable and comprehensive growth, the bank has launched the

Prime minister launches National Service for 20,000 Jordanian youth

Prime Minister Omar Razzaz on Monday inaugurated the launch of the National Service programme, a top government priority for the years 2019-2020, to provide vocational training for some 20,000 Jordanian youth. The National Service programme, in cooperation between the Labour Ministry and the Jordan Armed Forces-Arab Army, will provide vocational training in various fields of industry, construction and tourism, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, said. It is part of the national renaissance project, which was driven by His Majesty King Abdullah's directives, which includes — as pillars to progress — the state of law, the attainment of a productive economy and a state of solidarity, the premier reaffirmed. During the ceremony, held at the vocational training institute in Zarqa, Razzaz stressed that this non-mandatory programme which includes vocational and military training, was envisioned to engage and support youth, as well as builds a sense of active citizenship and instil the discipline and skills required in today's economy.

Fund managers bet emerging market stocks will post outsized gains in 2019

After emerging market stocks led global equity markets lower in a brutal 2018, some US-based fund managers are betting that the asset class may have the largest rebound in the new year. It may not look likely at the moment, given that an economic downturn in China prompted iPhone maker Apple Inc. to lower its quarterly revenue forecast on Wednesday for the first time in a decade. Its shares slumped nearly 10 per cent after Chief Executive Tim Cook blamed the US-China trade war and "economic deceleration", prompting broad sell-offs around the world the following day. Yet, fund managers from Westwood Holdings Group, GMO, T. Rowe Price and Causeway Capital Management are among those who are betting that emerging market stocks will post outsized gains in 2019. They cite a combination of compelling valuations and a likely decline in the value of the dollar that will help accelerate economic growth.

* Source: Bloomberg, Jordan Times, Zawya

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