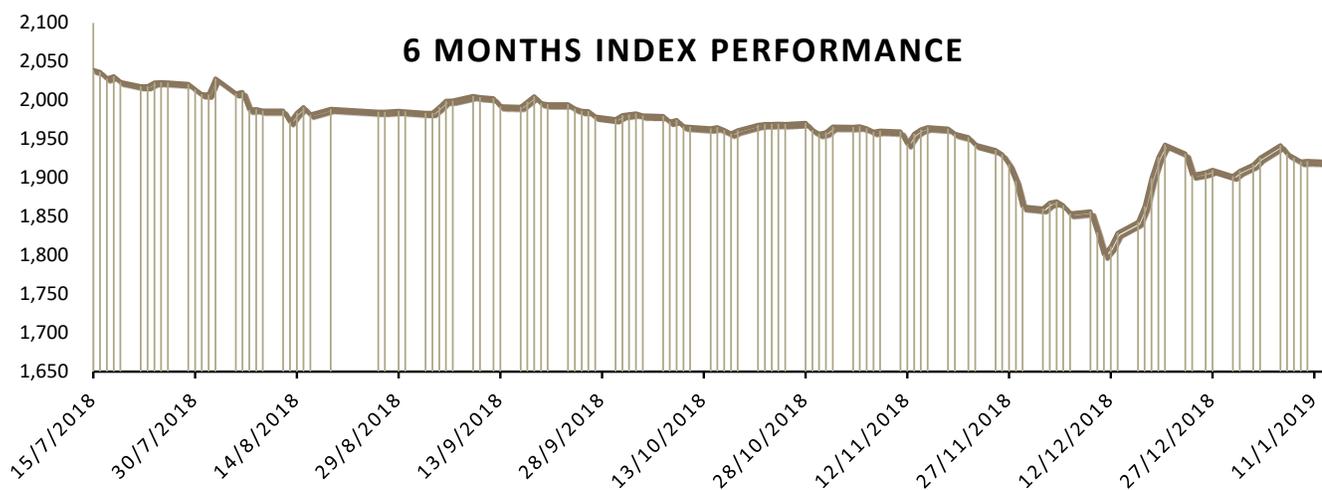


	Close	% Change	Year-to-Date (YTD)	Daily Volume (shares)	Daily Turnover (JOD)
AMMAN SE GENERAL INDEX	1,920.68	-0.05%	0.62%	1,995,461	2,473,869



Best Performing Companies

	% Change
ARAB UNION INTL INSURANCE	5.32
SHIRA REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMEN	5.00
NUTRI DAR	4.76
BARTER CO FOR INVESTMENT & T	4.17
ZARA INVESTMENTS	3.80

Worst Performing Companies

	% Change
JORDAN TRADE FACILITIES	(3.96)
DEERA INVESTMENT & REAL ESTA	(4.11)
JORDAN WORSTED MILLS/THE	(6.12)
JORDAN FRENCH INSURANCE	(6.82)
ARAB ALUMINIUM INDUSTRY	(7.42)

Top Traded Companies by Volume (Shares)

JORDAN INTL TRADING CENTER	312,978
RUM TOURIST TRANSPORTATION C	235,415
METHAQ REAL ESTATE INVESTMEN	191,502
ARAB JORDAN INVESTMENT BANK	104,800
AL-TAJAMOUAT FOR CATERING HS	88,525

Top Traded Companies by Value (JOD)

METHAQ REAL ESTATE INVESTMEN	534,291
JORDAN INTL TRADING CENTER	395,722
JORDAN DUTY FREE SHOP	192,067
ARAB BANK PLC	166,303
RUM TOURIST TRANSPORTATION C	139,021

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Razzaz concludes US visit after bagging historic \$1.2b loan for the Kingdom

Prime Minister Omar Razzaz on Saturday concluded an official visit to the US, accompanied by an economic-ministerial delegation, during which he held talks with senior US administration officials, the executive directors of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and a group of businesspeople and investors. The discussions reflected the consensus among international institutions on the necessity of continuing to support the Kingdom in light of the economic challenges it continues to face, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, said.

Housing sector fears 'rock-bottom' year as 2018 sees no cure to steady decline

Once again, the housing sector finds itself in an unfavourable situation, as the Jordan Housing Developers Association (JHDA) finalised its 2018 statistics last week to find a 13 per cent overall decline in trade volume compared with 2017, and a 25 per cent drop compared with 2016. "The sector has been steadily collapsing and I am afraid it is going to hit rock bottom in 2019," President of JHDA Zuhair Omari said. The only month where sales went slightly up was December, when a 4 per cent increase in sales brought in JD450 million for the sector. However, just a month before that, in November, the trading volume dropped 32 per cent compared with the same month in 2017 and 46 per cent compared with the 2016 figure, with losses in last November estimated at JD387 million.

Jordan's contractors given equal footing with Iraqis in reconstruction projects

Iraq's construction contractors syndicate on Saturday agreed to grant Jordanian contractors the same treatment as their Iraqi peers as they bid for projects under the rebuild Iraq plan. The Iraqi contractors also agreed to endorse the classification of Jordanian contractors as is, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, reported. The eligibility of bidders to execute government construction projects hinges on their grades, which, in turn, depend on their technical, logistic and financial capabilities. Under a memorandum of understanding signed by Jordan Construction Contractors Association's (JCCA) President Ahmad Yacoub and head of the Iraqi Contractors Federation (ICF) Ali Sanafi, both sides also agreed to accredit the JCCA's contractor training centre to qualify Iraqi technical personnel. Yacoub said that the memo stipulates establishing a strategic partnership in reconstruction projects in Iraq, adding that the sector in Jordan witnessed a qualitative leap after agreeing on allowing Jordanian contractors to operate in Iraq.

* Source: Bloomberg, Jordan Times, Zawya

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