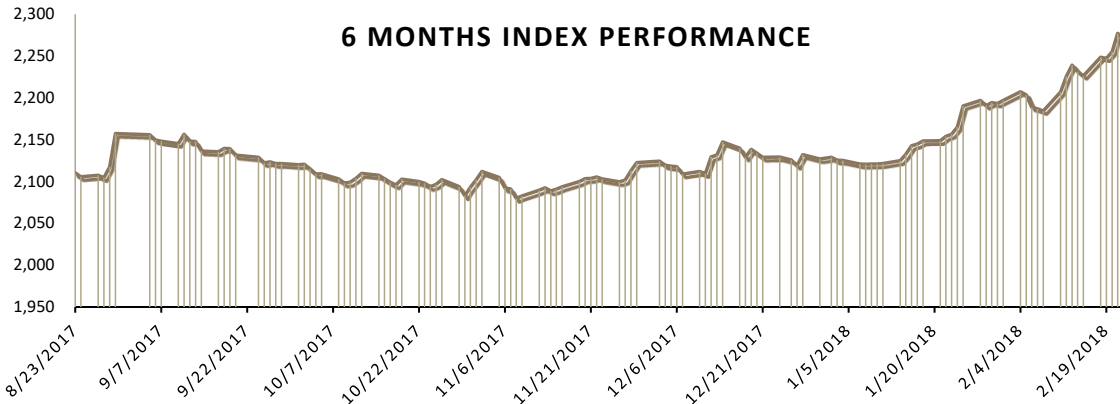


	Close	% Change	Year-to-Date (YTD)	Daily Volume (shares)	Daily Turnover (JOD)
AMMAN SE GENERAL INDEX	2,217.34	-0.10%	4.26%	2,858,152	3,876,800



Best Performing Companies

	% Change
CONTEMPORARY FOR HOUSING PRO	6.59
TUHAMA FOR FINANCIAL INVESTM	4.55
AKARY FOR INDUSTRIES AND REA	4.46
INTL CO FOR MEDICAL INVEST	4.08
ARABIAN AVIATION INVESTMENT	4.05

Worst Performing Companies

	% Change
JORDAN PRESS FOUNDATI/AL-RAI	(2.44)
PROFESSIONAL FOR REAL ESTAT	(2.50)
FUTURE ARAB INVESTMENT CO	(2.56)
SPECIALIZED INVESTMENT COMPO	(2.56)
ARAB JORDAN INVESTMENT BANK	(4.19)

Top Traded Companies by Volume (Shares)

RUM TOURIST TRANSPORTATION C	268,061
UNION INVESTMENT CORP	202,850
SURA DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTM	202,700
UNION LAND DEVELOPMENT CORP	174,485
JORDAN PHOSPHATE MINES	102,255

Top Traded Companies by Value (JOD)

ARAB BANK PLC	510,654
UNION LAND DEVELOPMENT CORP	317,022
JORDAN PHOSPHATE MINES	311,206
HOUSING BANK FOR TRADE AND F	256,817
UNION INVESTMENT CORP	243,184

Macroeconomic & Corporate News

Drop in fuel prices announced

The government's fuel pricing committee on Wednesday decided to lower the prices of unleaded 90-octane gasoline and diesel by JD0.005 per litre and unleaded 95-octane gasoline by JD0.015 as of Thursday. The committee also decided to maintain the price of kerosene at JD0.520 per litre and the price of gas cylinders at JD7, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, reported. The price of one litre of unleaded 90-octane gasoline will go down during March to JD0.760, down by 0.7 per cent from February's price, which stood at JD0.765 per litre. The price of unleaded 95-octane gasoline will mark a 1.5-per cent drop, selling at JD0.985 per litre, compared to JD1 last month. The price of diesel will drop to JD0.560 per litre, down by 0.9 per cent, compared to JD0.565 in February.

Unemployment rate remains at 18.5% in last quarter of 2017

The unemployment rate reached 18.5 per cent during the last quarter of last year, the Department of Statistics (DoS) said on Wednesday. The joblessness rate remained unchanged compared with the third quarter of last year, according to a statement from the DoS. Unemployment among males stood at 16 per cent, while among females it was 27 per cent. Taking gender into consideration, data shows that the rate among males rose by 0.7 per cent while it decreased among females by 2.5 per cent during the last quarter of 2017 compared to the previous quarter.

Electricity tariffs to go up as crude oil prices soar

Electricity prices will be increased as of Thursday for all sectors and segments, excluding households that consume 300 kilowatt-hours (kWh) and less per month, an official said Wednesday. Price of kWh will increase from 12 to 14 fils on all sectors as of March 1st until the end of the month, Farouq Hiyari, chief commissioner of the Energy and Minerals Regulatory Commission told The Jordan Times on Wednesday, attributing the decision to the hike in prices of crude oil over the past three months. The average price of a crude oil barrel in February, January and December of last year rose to \$66.2 per barrel, exceeding the \$55 cap set by the government to keep electricity tariffs unchanged, he said over the phone. Electricity prices are announced at the end of each month and are based on the average price of crude oil over the previous three months, according to Hiyari.

* Source: Bloomberg, Jordan Times, Zawya

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