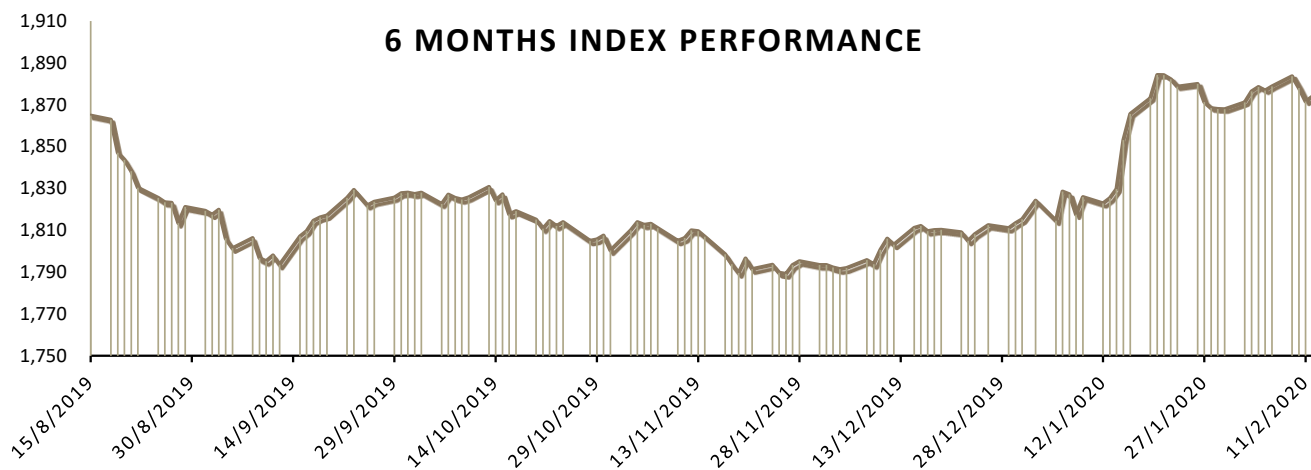


	Close	% Change	Year-to-Date (YTD)	Daily Volume (shares)	Daily Turnover (JOD)
<b>AMMAN SE GENERAL INDEX</b>	<b>1,874.22</b>	<b>0.02%</b>	<b>-1.81%</b>	<b>3,913,148</b>	<b>3,770,402</b>



**Best Performing Companies**

	% Change
ARAB INTERNATIONAL HOTELS	6.52
AL-AMIN FOR INVESTMENT	4.48
UNION TOBACCO & CIGARETTE	4.41
JORDAN NATL SHIPPING LINES	4.37
ARAB EAST FOR REAL ESTATE IN	4.21

**Worst Performing Companies**

	% Change
JORDAN PIPES MANUFACTURING	(4.11)
BARTER CO FOR INVESTMENT & T	(4.17)
SPECIALIZED INVESTMENT COMPO	(4.65)
SABA'EK INVESTMENT	(4.65)
JORDAN WORSTED MILLS/THE	(5.88)

**Top Traded Companies by Volume (Shares)**

SPECIALIZED INVESTMENT COMPO	471,957
CAPITAL BANK OF JORDAN	202,775
UNION INVESTMENT CORP	181,750
BARTER CO FOR INVESTMENT & T	171,899
RUM TOURIST TRANSPORTATION C	134,100

**Top Traded Companies by Value (JOD)**

SPECIALIZED INVESTMENT COMPO	792,039
JORDAN PETROLEUM REFINERY CC	386,080
UNION INVESTMENT CORP	216,278
CAPITAL BANK OF JORDAN	206,543
UNION TOBACCO & CIGARETTE	143,859

## Macroeconomic & Corporate News

### Gov't launches 68 investment opportunities worth \$4.5b

The government on Wednesday launched 68 investment opportunities worth \$4.5 billion across the Kingdom covering various sectors including tourism, industry, health, agriculture and services. Prime Minister Omar Razzaz, during a ceremony held at the Jordan Investment Commission (JIC), said that the tourism sector has the lion share of the opportunities, with investment volume reaching some \$2 billion, including 27 ventures focused on hospitality and entertainment, among others. He also highlighted the need for investing in three-and four-star hotels, stressing that the tourism sector in 2019 grew by 9.9 per cent, while the number of arrivals to the Kingdom increased by 38 per cent in 2019 and hotel bookings climbed by 37 per cent, pointing out that these figures positively affected the economy and employment opportunities.

### New tax incentives by-law for industrial sector positive step'

Approving the by-law on tax incentives for the industrial sector is an important move, Vice President of the Amman Chamber of Industry Ahmed Khudari said on Wednesday. The by-law grants incentives to stakeholders who achieve a 30-per cent local value addition by employing Jordanians, Jordanian female workers and people with disabilities. The incentives also apply to companies that manage to build links with local industries, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, reported in December 2019. According to Khudari, the by-law is considered a "positive step" towards increasing the competitiveness of national industries in local and export markets, according to a statement from the Amman Chamber of Industry. However, it must be followed by support to advance the Jordanian economy, the vice president said, urging that the incentives by-law be applied to all industrial sectors.

### Gov't tax reductions on commodities had 'little to no effect' on real prices

The results of a recent study by the National Society for Consumer Protection revealed that tax reductions imposed on the prices of a number of commodities by the government a few weeks ago have had "little to no effect" on their actual prices, prompting an investigation by the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply. The comparative study, which tracked changes in the prices of 96 commodities, among which were those included in the government's recent decision, showed an almost 8.2-per cent increase in the prices of 18 food and home commodities, no change in the prices of 76 commodities and a decrease in the prices of only two commodities. "It was expected that the prices of all 76 commodities that were included in the reduction decision would decrease, but we were surprised that there was no significant reduction in the prices any of these commodities," President of the society Mohammed Obeidat said in a statement on Wednesday.

\* Source: Bloomberg, Jordan Times, Zawya

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