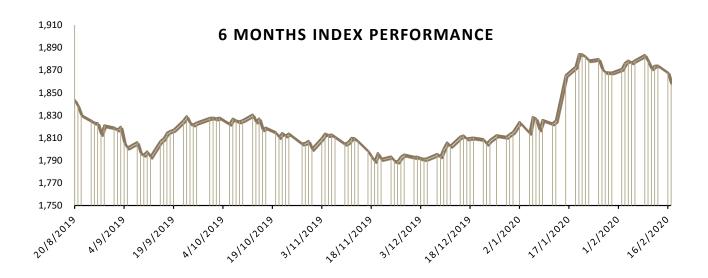


Amman Stock Exchange

12-Mar-20

	Close	% Change	Year-to-Date (YTD)	Daily Volume (shares)	Daily Turnover (JOD)
AMMAN SE GENERAL INDEX	1,754.11	-2.38%	-3.37%	3,954,963	4,692,131



Best Performing Compar	nies	Worst Performing Compani	ies
	% Change		% Change
AL FARIS NATIONAL COMP FOR I	4.69	EMMAR INVESTMENTS & REAL EST	(5.88)
NATIONAL CHLORINE	3.19	ARAB POTASH/THE	(6.99)
ARAB INTERNATIONAL HOTELS	3.00	SPECIALIZED INVESTMENT COMPO	(7.04)
PETRA EDUCATION	2.70	NATIONAL CABLE & WIRE MANUF	(7.14)
MIDDLE EAST INSURANCE	2.27	AL-ISRA FOR EDUCATION & INV	(7.46)
Top Traded Companies by Volun	ne (Shares)	Top Traded Companies by Value	e (JOD)
UNION INVESTMENT CORP	380,378	ARAB BANK PLC	733,952
RUM TOURIST TRANSPORTATION C	331,975	JORDAN PETROLEUM REFINERY CO	645,480
AD-DULAYL INDUSTRIAL PARK CO	316,502	AL EQBAL CO FOR INVESTMENT P	639,032
AL ENTKAEYA FOR INVESTMENT	264,653	UNION INVESTMENT CORP	424,421
JORDAN PETROLEUM REFINERY CO	208,674	AL ENTKAEYA FOR INVESTMENT	192,445
* Source: Bloomberg			



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Strategy forum explores potential outcomes of minimum wage increase

While the government has decided to increase the minimum wage from JD220 to JD260 (effective in January 2021), the Jordan Strategy Forum (JSF) also predicts that the mean wage in the Kingdom will rise from JD545, as measured in 2018, to JD575 in 2021. According to a recent JSF report, the overall mean monthly wage of Jordanians who are actively employed and mandatorily insured has increased over recent years from JD514 (2015) to JD524 (2016), to JD534 (2017) and to JD545 (2018). Department of Statistics (DoS) data reveals that 85.2 per cent of the workforce in Jordan consists of employees, according to the report. The total number of paid Jordanian employees has increased from 531,649 in 2000 to 887,951 in 2017, according to the DoS figures. While there is no data for 2019/2020, this number "has definitely increased, and remains an important part of the Jordanian economy", the report said. Given the coming rise of the minimum wage, the report recommended that relevant stakeholders examine the effects of this increase on a number of issues, including wages, employment levels, the informal economy, the gender pay gap and poverty.

Oil prices slide on Saudi Arabia's supplies' hike, stocks sink

Oil prices slid Wednesday after Saudi Arabia and Gulf partner UAE stepped up a price war with plans to flood the global markets while an early rally in equities evaporated as investors nervously awaited a US relief plan. Crude dived after the UAE joined Saudi Arabia in plans to hike supplies and raise their oil production capacity by millions of barrels a day in response to Russia's refusal to agree output cuts to support prices. A day after the kingdom said it would boost supplies by at least 2.5 million barrels per day to 12.3 million bpd in April, Riyadh said it will further boost capacity to 13 million bpd. UAE national oil company ADNOC said it was ready to raise output by one million bpd to 4 million bpd and increase capacity to 5 million bpd.

* Source: Bloomberg, Jordan Times, Zawya

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