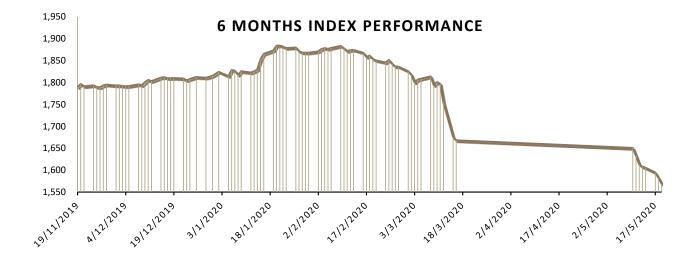


Amman Stock Exchange

19-May-20

	Close	% Change	Year-to-Date (YTD)	Daily Volume (shares)	Daily Turnover (JOD)
AMMAN SE GENERAL INDEX	1,568.60	-0.87%	-13.59%	2,633,762	2,236,777



Best Performing Companies				
	% Change			
EMMAR INVESTMENTS & REAL EST	6.67			
ARAB EAST INVESTMENT	2.50			
AD-DULAYL INDUSTRIAL PARK CO	2.50			
NATIONAL CHLORINE	2.02			
CONTEMPORARY FOR HOUSING PRO	1.47			

Top Traded Companies by Volume (Shares)

NATIONAL ALUMINUM INDUSTRIAL	414,900
AL-TAJAMOUAT FOR TOURISTIC P	385,150
JORDAN PIPES MANUFACTURING	363,625
JORDAN POULTRY PROCESSING &	360,934
CAPITAL BANK OF JORDAN	200,414

* Source: Bloomberg

	% Change
MASAFAT FOR SPECIALIZED TRAN	(3.03)
ALIA THE ROYAL JORDANIAN AIR	(3.45)
SURA DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTM	(4.17)
JORDAN STEEL	(4.55)
BARTER CO FOR INVESTMENT & T	(4.76)

Top Traded Companies by Value (JOD)

ARAB BANK PLC	446,976
JORDAN PETROLEUM REFINERY CO	308,773
JORDAN POULTRY PROCESSING &	298,126
NATIONAL ALUMINUM INDUSTRIAL	224,096
JORDAN PIPES MANUFACTURING	207,266



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King urges bolstering exports, controlling government expenditure to ease pressure on economy

His Majesty King Abdullah on Monday stressed the need to develop plans to bolster exports, ease the burden on the economy, control government expenditure and capitalise on opportunities available during the ongoing exceptional circumstances around the world. Chairing a National Policies Council (NPC) meeting attended by HRH Crown Prince Hussein, King Abdullah emphasised the importance of clarifying media messages and instructions regarding the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) related to closures to the public to prevent violations, according to a Royal Court statement. During the meeting, attended by HRH Prince Feisal, adviser to His Majesty and NPC chairperson, His Majesty noted the need to designate three sites in Jordan's northern, central and southern regions to be equipped as sites suitable for large gatherings in cases of crises or natural disasters. The King also reviewed measures implemented at the borders to control movement and prevent the spread of COVID-19, the statement said.

JPRC reports 20% hike in 2019 profits

The Jordan Petroleum Refinery Company (JPRC) on Monday announced that its profits by the end of 2019 went up by 20 per cent to reach JD44.2 million after tax, compared with JD36.9 million by the end of 2018. According to figures announced by the JPRC and cited by the Jordan News Agency, Petra, profits covered various company activities. Refinement and gas cylinder filling accounted for JD14.7 million of the total profits, while oil factory activity generated JD7.6 million and marketing and selling oil derivatives generated JD21.9 million. The JPRC said that the net sales values from refinement, filling gas cylinders, oils and marketing oil derivatives before deducting sales costs, expenses and tax reached JD1.35 billion in 2019, compared with JD1.62 billion in 2018. Despite the exceptional circumstances the global economy is witnessing due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the JRPC-owned Jordan Petroleum Products Marketing Company (JoPetrol) has continued its efforts to open new stations, the company said.

Housing Bank total income increased during Q1 2020 to reach JD95.2m

The Housing Bank for Trade and Finance reported that its total income increased by 5.7 per cent to reach JD95.2 million in the first quarter of 2020, compared with JD90.1 million reported during the same period last year, the bank said in a statement on Monday. Total credit facilities increased by 1.7 per cent to reach JD4.7 billion at the end of March 2020, the statement said. As a result of the bank's "commitment to hedge" against the COVID-19 pandemic, the bank has booked additional provisions as a precautionary measure, which has resulted in reporting a net profit of JD16.6 million for the first three months of 2020, compared with JD25.0 million recorded during same period last year, according to the statement. Commenting on these results, Abdel Elah Al Khatib, chairman of the board of directors, said that the bank continued to perform "strong" operational results before the pandemic crisis despite the challenging local and regional economic distress, noting that the virus crisis will negatively affect the whole world economy. The results are a "testament of the bank's strong and well-balanced performance" and its ability to sustain a solid financial position, Khatib added.

* Source: Bloomberg, Jordan Times, Zawya

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