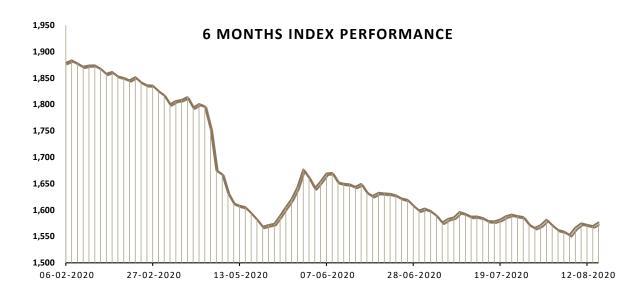


Amman Stock Exchange

16-Aug-20

	Close	% Change	Year-to-Date (YTD)	Daily Volume (shares)	Daily Turnover (JOD)
AMMAN GENERAL INDEX	1,576.47	0.44%	-13.14%	4,575,090	4,292,936



Best Performing Companies		Worst Performing Companies	3
	% Change		% Change
NATIONAL CABLE & WIRE MANUFACTURIN	7.14%	JORDAN COMMERCIAL BANK	-3.75%
SPECIALIZED INVESTMENT COMPOUNDS	4.86%	ARAB PHOENIX HOLDINGS	-4.17%
IHDATHIAT CO-ORDINATES	4.55%	EMMAR INVESTMENTS & REALESTATE DI	-4.35%
AL-FARIS NATIONAL COMPANY FOR INVES	4.41%	METHAQ REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT	-4.68%
THE REAL ESTATE & INVESTMENT PORTFO	4.41%	SOUTH ELECTRONICS	-5.26%
Top Traded Companies by Volume (S	Shares)	Top Traded Companies by Value (JOD)
UNION INVESTMENT CORPORATION	1,339,500	UNION INVESTMENT CORPORATION	1,435,895
THE ISLAMIC INSURANCE	609,104	THE ISLAMIC INSURANCE	647,798
AL-AMAL FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS CO.	354,700	SPECIALIZED INVESTMENT COMPOUNDS	486,726
SPECIALIZED INVESTMENT COMPOUNDS	324,901	AL-AMAL FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS CO.	262,514
RUM GROUP FOR TRANSPORTATION & TOI	313,493	INJAZ FOR DEVELOPMENT & PROJECTS	216,272
* Source: Bloomberg			



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Demand for gold drops drastically — Jordan Jewellers Association

This year local demand for gold fell by 80 per cent compared with last year and the volume sold is estimated at around JD14 million, Jordan Jewellers Association's Secretary General Ribhy Allan told The Jordan Times on Thursday. "The world is going through several crises and the ongoing pandemic is one of them, therefore Jordan and all nations have been significantly affected," Allan expressed. Currently the primary drivers affecting the price of gold hitting a record high are the COVID-19 crisis and US presidential election in November, Allan further said. This year, central banks, provident and investment funds, as well as major powers have gone on a gold buying spree as the pandemic deepened globally, according to Allan. Meanwhile, President of the Centre for Defending Freedom of Journalists (CDFJ) Nidal Mansour tweeted: "People may be selling their gold given that gold prices have surged, but more importantly they are going through tough times and are left stranded." Sara Hussein, 33, told The Jordan Times over the phone on Thursday that gold has been always viewed as a safe haven during crises and downturns, therefore whenever she had the chance she bought gold dinars, adding "gold has always had great value and has always glittered in times of crises".

Spike in local infections may prompt gov't to extend curfew hours'

Minister of State for Media Affairs Amjad Adaileh said on Friday that the government might resort to isolate any governorate and extend curfew hours as of Monday in light of the increase of local COVID-19 infections as the public have "failed" to adhere to preventive measures. He also urged citizens to comply with the regulations stipulated in Defence Order No.11. The minister added that public security personnel and specialised inspection teams "will not be lenient" in imposing penalties, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, reported.

* Source: Bloomberg, Jordan Times, Zawya

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