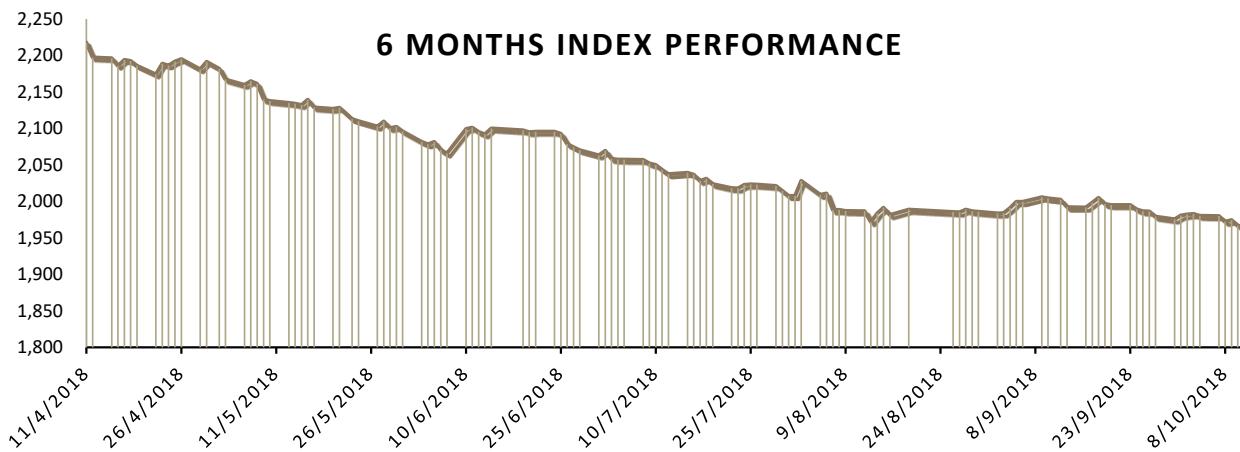


Amman Stock Exchange

15-Oct-18

	Close	% Change	Year-to-Date (YTD)	Daily Volume (shares)	Daily Turnover (JOD)
AMMAN SE GENERAL INDEX	1,965.48	-0.09%	-7.58%	4,168,717	4,221,346



Best Performing Companies

	% Change
SOUTH ELECTRONICS	7.69
EMMAR INVESTMENTS & REAL EST	6.25
JORDAN STEEL	4.88
TUHAMA FOR FINANCIAL INVESTM	4.76
INJAZ FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PR	4.63

Worst Performing Companies

	% Change
FUTURE ARAB INVESTMENT CO	(2.78)
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JORDAN COMMERCIAL BANK	(2.86)
UNION LAND DEVELOPMENT CORP	(2.90)
ARABIAN STEEL PIPES	(4.12)

Top Traded Companies by Volume (Shares)

SPECIALIZED INVESTMENT COMPO	863,197
FIRST FINANCE CORP	294,278
INTERMEDIATE PETROCHEMICALS	225,660
SURA DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTM	177,770
JORDAN PIPES MANUFACTURING	151,775

Top Traded Companies by Value (JOD)

SPECIALIZED INVESTMENT COMPO	1,022,437
JORDAN PIPES MANUFACTURING	368,248
ARAB BANK PLC	303,855
UNION LAND DEVELOPMENT CORP	216,149
AFAQ FOR ENERGY CO PLC	204,706

* Source: Bloomberg

Macroeconomic & Corporate News

Jordan, Syria to reopen border today

Minister of State for Media Affairs and Government Spokesperson Jumana Ghunaimat on Sunday announced that the Jaber/Nasib border crossing between Jordan and Syria will be reopened on Monday. Ghunaimat pointed out that the Jordanian-Syrian technical committees agreed on the final measures necessary to reopen the border crossing between the two countries during the meeting, which was held on Sunday at the Jaber Border Centre. The meetings led to an agreement to open the border crossing as of Monday, October 15, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, reported. Officials recently said that there were still issues hanging between the two sides and the crossing would be reopened only when they are resolved. Billions of dollars in annual trade with Europe and the Gulf moved through the crossing until fighting erupted in 2011. It was captured by rebels in 2015 and its closure hurt the economy of Syria and neighbouring states.

Inflation rate rises by 4.6 per cent compared with same period in 2017

The inflation rate of the first nine months of 2018 rose by 4.6 per cent, compared with the same period of last year, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, reported on Sunday. The Department of Statistics (DoS) on Sunday said the increases were due to rising costs in transportation by 1.34 per cent, cereals by 0.99 per cent and tobacco and cigarettes by 0.65 per cent. The DoS also added that decreases in price occurred in beans and vegetables by 0.19 per cent, clothes by 0.05 per cent and shoes by 0.01 per cent.

Tourism sector says visitor numbers beginning to bounce back after years of safety concerns

Irish tourist, Terence Killeen, is among the many visitors who flocked to Petra during the first eight months of this year, and he cited safety as one of the main reasons he chose to travel. "We heard so much about Petra and we wanted to see it. Coming to Petra was a great experience and we wanted to see other places," he said, adding that Jordan is seen as a safe place to visit and danger exists whenever you go. Dazzling destinations such Petra, Mount Nebo, Amman Citadel and bustling downtown Amman have received a great number of visitors since the beginning of this year, according to the Jordan Tourism Board (JTB).

* Source: Bloomberg, Jordan Times, Zawya

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