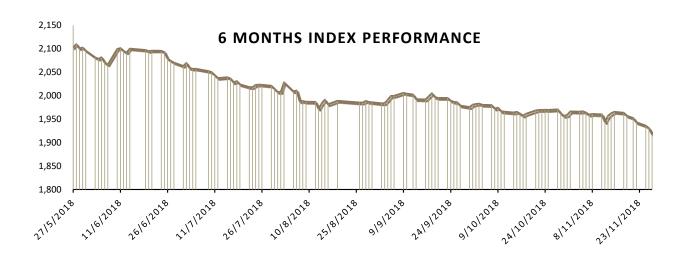


Amman Stock Exchange

4-Dec-18

	Close	% Change	Year-to-Date (YTD)	Daily Volume (shares)	Daily Turnover (JOD)
AMMAN SE GENERAL INDEX	1,869.87	0.11%	-12.08%	2,099,240	2,846,285



Best Performing Companies		Worst Performing Companies		
	% Change		% Change	
SOUTH ELECTRONICS	7.69	UNION TOBACCO & CIGARETTE	(2.86)	
JORDAN COMMERCIAL BANK	6.49	PROFESSIONAL FOR REAL ESTAT	(3.13)	
ARAB ALUMINIUM INDUSTRY	5.79	JORDAN PETROLEUM REFINERY CO	(3.45)	
JORDAN STEEL	5.00	CENTURY INVESTMENT GROUP	(4.61)	
METHAQ REAL ESTATE INVESTMEN	4.96	FIRST FINANCE CORP	(7.02)	
Top Traded Companies by Volume (Shares)		Top Traded Companies by Value (JOD)		
RUM TOURIST TRANSPORTATION C	224,100	AL EQBAL CO FOR INVESTMENT P	598,457	
SABA'EK INVESTMENT	221,740	ARAB BANK PLC	452,399	
INTERMEDIATE PETROCHEMICHALS	204,100	JORDAN PETROLEUM REFINERY CC	243,826	
SPECIALIZED INVESTMENT COMPO	162,000	JORDAN PIPES MANUFACTURING	206,509	
SURA DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTM	135,157	INTERMEDIATE PETROCHEMICHAL	172,821	
* Source: Bloomberg				



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Razzaz opens Bashir Hospital's new \$25m emergency building

Prime Minister Omar Razzaz on Monday said that the government will conduct periodical and surprise visits to Al Bashir Hospital as a measure to ensure that it becomes "an icon public hospital and a model for public health in the Kingdom". During a ceremony to unveil a plaque marking the opening of a new emergency building, Razzaz stressed that developing the services of the healthcare sector, including the Amman-based Al Bashir and other public hospitals, is at the top of the government's priorities, adding that Jordanians will be continuously updated on efforts to improve the quality of provided health services. The new 2,000-square-metre emergency building, constructed at a cost of \$23 million and funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), will be equipped with the latest and most advanced equipment, with a capacity of 147 beds, the Jordan

'Taxing stock profits will ward off already small investments in Kingdom's market'

A sharp sell-off in the Amman Stock Exchange (ASE) over the past few days is due to a decision to tax stock profits ensuing from trading, experts and brokers said on Monday. Market capitalisation of subscribed shares in the Amman bourse fell from around JD29 billion in 2007 to around JD16.2 billion in 2016, according to the experts who said that imposing taxes on stock profits would only worsen the situation. "Imposing taxes on trading profits is a ridiculous and unstudied move that has already made scores of clients sell all their shares in spite of accumulating losses over the years," Jawad Al Kharouf, general manager and director at Al Amal Financial Investments Company, told The Jordan Times.

Petra sees more visitors in November, hotels cite 70% rise in occupancy rates

This year saw the "best" November in the history of Petra in terms of number of visitors, according to officials. The total number of Petra visitors increased by 49 per cent in November, compared to the same duration last year, acting chief commissioner of the Petra Development and Tourism Regional Authority (PDTRA) Suleiman Farajat said on Sunday. The commissioner attributed the rise in numbers to the collective efforts of stakeholders and the new low-cost flights to Kingdom. In total, the ancient city received 100,210 visitors in November, compared with 75,383 during the same month last year, according to PDTRA figures sent to The Jordan Times.

* Source: Bloomberg, Jordan Times, Zawya

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