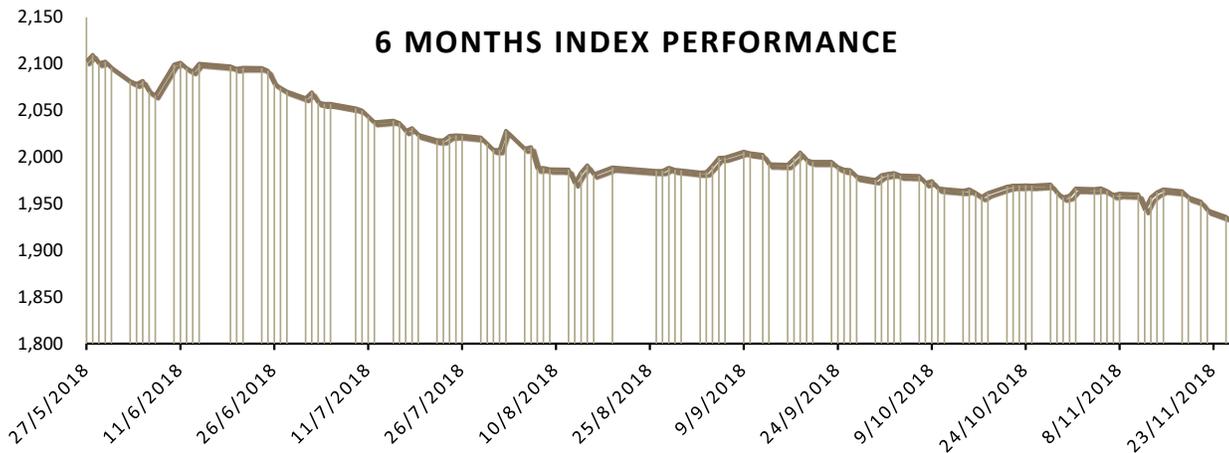


	Close	% Change	Year-to-Date (YTD)	Daily Volume (shares)	Daily Turnover (JOD)
AMMAN SE GENERAL INDEX	1,863.13	-0.67%	-12.40%	3,365,139	4,226,692



Best Performing Companies

	% Change
METHAQ REAL ESTATE INVESTMEN	3.56
RUMM FINANCIAL BROKERAGE	3.40
JORDANIAN PHARMACEUTICAL MAN	2.56
JORDANIAN ELECTRIC POWER	1.69
ARAB EAST FOR REAL ESTATE IN	1.49

Worst Performing Companies

	% Change
AL AMAL FINANCIAL INVESTMENT	(6.38)
REAL ESTATE & INVESTME/THE	(6.74)
JORDAN COMMERCIAL BANK	(7.06)
FIRST FINANCE CORP	(7.14)
AL EQBAL CO FOR INVESTMENT P	(7.43)

Top Traded Companies by Volume (Shares)

SURA DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTM	543,693
CAPITAL BANK OF JORDAN	204,943
UNION LAND DEVELOPMENT CORP	200,516
DEERA INVESTMENT & REAL ESTA	151,000
AD-DULAYL INDUSTRIAL PARK CO	132,207

Top Traded Companies by Value (JOD)

ARAB BANK PLC	746,315
UNION LAND DEVELOPMENT CORF	347,014
JORDAN PETROLEUM REFINERY CC	280,506
JORDAN ISLAMIC BANK	279,903
AL EQBAL CO FOR INVESTMENT P	245,071

Macroeconomic & Corporate News

Trade balance deficit drops by 1.5% in first nine months of 2018

To mitigate the rising costs of importing oil, Jordan should look to boost renewable energy contributions to the national energy mix, as a more sustainable, cost-effective alternative, pundits said on Wednesday. Meanwhile, a Department of Statistics (DoS) report on the first nine months of 2018 shows oil import costs have increased by 41 per cent as compared with the same period last year. Overall, national imports grew by 0.3 per cent to a total of JD10.6 billion, as exports hiked by 3.4 per cent to JD4 billion, according to the DoS report. Re-exported goods also grew by JD633.7 million by approximately 5.5 per cent compared with the same period of 2017.

Gov't readies 2019 state budget law with estimated JD646m deficit

The 2019 draft state budget law saw a rise in domestic revenues to cover 100 per cent of current expenditure, up from 90.8 per cent reestimated value this year. The Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Omar Razzaz, on Wednesday endorsed the draft state budget law for 2019 and budgets of independent public institutions, to be referred to the two Houses of Parliament, estimating total domestic revenues at JD8.610 billion. Domestic sources are forecast to cover JD8.010 billion of the revenues while JD600 million would be contributed from foreign grants, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, reported. The deficit in the 2019 budget amounted to JD646 million after grants, constituting 2 per cent of GDP, down from JD814 million in the reestimated value for 2018 at 2.7 per cent of GDP.

EY Jordan announces winners of 2018 entrepreneur competitions

Deputising for His Majesty King Abdullah, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State Rajai Muasher attended EY Jordan's annual Entrepreneur of the Year award ceremony on Tuesday, according to a statement sent by EY Jordan.

During the ceremony, held at the Four Seasons hotel in Amman, Wasef Jabshah, founder and CEO of International General Insurance (IGI), was announced as the winner of the Entrepreneur Of The Year award, while Nour Al Hassan, founder of Tarjama, was named winner in the Emerging Entrepreneur of the Year category. Muasher presented the awards to the winners during the ceremony.

* Source: Bloomberg, Jordan Times, Zawya

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