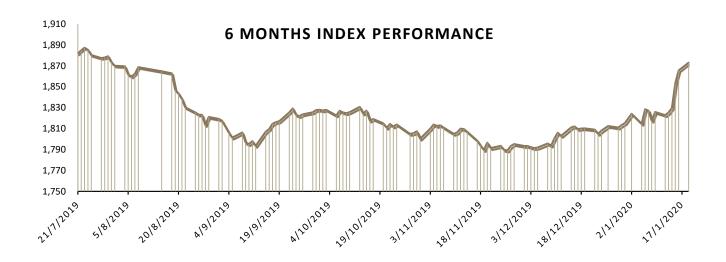


# **Amman Stock Exchange**

#### 19-Jan-20

	Close	% Change	Year-to-Date (YTD)	Daily Volume (shares)	Daily Turnover (JOD)
AMMAN SE GENERAL INDEX	1,873.10	0.40%	-1.87%	4,922,479	6,178,501



Best Performing Companies		Worst Performing Companies	
	% Change		% Change
AL-ISRA FOR EDUCATION & INV	7.07	HIGH PERFORMANCE REAL ESTAT	(3.70)
ORDAN PRESS FOUNDATI/AL-RAI	4.17	COMPREHENSIVE MULTIPLE TRANS	(3.90)
AMMOUN INTERNATIONAL FOR INV	4.05	JORDAN EMIRATES DIMENSIONS	(5.00)
JNITED FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS	3.92	JORDANIAN REAL ESTATE FOR DE	(5.00)
SURA DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTM	3.85	FIRST FINANCE CORP	(6.25)
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PECIALIZED INVESTMENT COMPO	759,018	JORDAN PETROLEUM REFINERY CC	1,670,678
PECIALIZED INVESTMENT COMPO RAB PHOENIX HOLDINGS	759,018 752,610	JORDAN PETROLEUM REFINERY CC SPECIALIZED INVESTMENT COMPO	1,670,678 1,451,176

\* Source: Bloomberg



## **Macroeconomic & Corporate News**

#### Agriculture ministry sees potential yields from storage sector investments in 2020

Important investment opportunities in the field of agricultural-product storage could bring "ample financial returns" for stakeholders, Minister of Agriculture Ibrahim Shahahdeh recently said. In a coordination meeting with representatives of the industrial and agricultural sectors at the Amman Chamber of Industry headquarters, Shahahdeh revealed that the ministry's vision for next year is to "focus on enhancing the role of the storage sector as a high added value for Jordanian agricultural products". In a statement, Shahahdeh said that the ministry will study ways to help enhance investment in the storage sector and will seek to address the obstacles hindering it. "The potential of this sector constitutes a national interest in enhancing food security, the stability of agricultural prices in the Kingdom and the protection of both farmer and citizen interests," he added. Pointing to achievements in warehousing operations last year, especially in the case of onions and potatoes, the minister said that the two commodities were made available outside their season of harvest and at affordable prices.

### SSIF assets grew by 7.8% to reach JD10.98b in 2019 — chief

The Social Security Investment Fund's (SSIF) total assets grew by 7.8 per cent at the end of 2019 to reach JD10.98 billion, compared with JD10.19 billion at the beginning of 2019, according to the preliminary financial statements, SSIF CEO Kholoud Saqqaf has said. The SSIF's income also increased to reach JD559 million by the end of 2019, compared with JD434 million at the end of 2018, marking a 29-per cent growth. According to Saqqaf, this was due to the growth of dividends, returns on fixed income instruments, financial lease loans and real estate investments, according to a statement from the fund. Based on its strategy, the SSIF expanded its real estate investments portfolio during 2019 by purchasing properties at an estimated cost of JD70 million.

### Tourism sector contributed 53,489 jobs in 2019 — ministry

The Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities in 2019 celebrated Petra's millionth visitor and a general increase in tourism activity, which contributed to the local economy and saw the employment of a total of 53,489 persons. The sector employed individuals in hotels, travel agencies, tourism restaurants, tourism shops, guide centres, diving centres, car rental offices, water sports resorts and tourist transportation companies, according to data published on the ministry's website. The majority of people employed in the tourism sector worked in hotels and tourism restaurants, each accounting for 39 per cent of the field's personnel, according to the website. The ministry also published the number of visitors to Jordan's main tourism sites, categorising them according to nationality and length of stay in the Kingdom. This information showed that most tourists come from European countries, especially Spain, Italy, France and Germany.

\* Source: Bloomberg, Jordan Times, Zawya

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