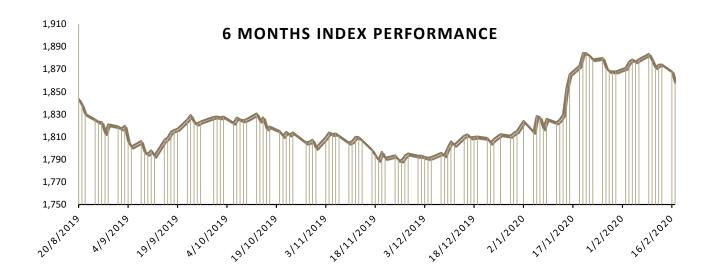


**Amman Stock Exchange** 

9-Mar-20

	Close	% Change	Year-to-Date (YTD)	Daily Volume (shares)	Daily Turnover (JOD)
AMMAN SE GENERAL INDEX	1,793.99	-1.10%	-1.17%	4,790,369	4,826,778



Best Performing Compa	nies	Worst Performing Companies	
	% Change		% Change
AL EQBAL CO FOR INVESTMENT P	7.45	NATL PORTFOLIO SECURITIES	(4.69)
NOOR CAPITAL MARKETS FOR DIV	4.74	INTERMEDIATE PETROCHEMICHALS	(4.76)
AL SANABEL INTERNATIONAL CO	3.57	JORDAN PHOSPHATE MINES	(4.86)
UNITED CABLE INDUSTRIES CO	2.78	EMMAR INVESTMENTS & REAL EST	(5.56)
AL-ISRA FOR EDUCATION & INV	2.22	HOUSING BANK FOR TRADE AND F	(6.39)
Top Traded Companies by Volur	ne (Shares)	Top Traded Companies by Value	e (JOD)
UNION INVESTMENT CORP	424,070	ARAB BANK PLC	773,675
JORDANIAN ELECTRIC POWER	268,232	JORDAN PETROLEUM REFINERY CO	533,626
ARAB EAST INVESTMENT	260,000	UNION INVESTMENT CORP	486,840
CAPITAL BANK OF JORDAN	248,784	JORDANIAN ELECTRIC POWER	332,755
BARTER CO FOR INVESTMENT & T	239,300	JORDAN PHOSPHATE MINES	280,841
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## **Macroeconomic & Corporate News**

### **Unemployment rose slightly in Q4 2019**

The unemployment rate in the fourth quarter of 2019 went up by 0.3 per cent to 19 per cent, compared with the same quarter of 2018, the Department of Statistics (DoS) announced on Sunday. In the October-December period of 2019, unemployment stood at 17.7 per cent and 24.1 per cent among men and women respectively, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, reported, citing a DoS statement. Unemployment among holders of university degrees went up to 22.4 per cent, the department noted. The DoS also indicated that 50.7 per cent of unemployed individuals hold a Tawjihi (general secondary education certificate examination) certificate or higher, while 49.3 per cent had qualifications lower than Tawjihi.

### No plans' to raise water prices despite supply challenges — minister

Water Minister Raed Abul Saud said on Thursday that there are "no plans" to increase water prices throughout 2020 and 2021, as the ministry has various programmes in place to face supply challenges. The minister delivered his remarks during an interview on Jordan TV's "This Evening" programme, in an episode titled "Water and the National Security Strategy", according to a ministry statement sent to The Jordan Times on Saturday. Abul Saud said in the statement that Jordan faces a difficult water situation that is "becoming more difficult each year", adding that a rise in the population, refugee influxes, climate change and other factors have caused a decrease in water resources in the Kingdom, highlighting the high cost of desalinating seawater, especially as the sea is far from most cities.

#### Mideast Stocks: Gulf stocks plunge deeper as oil prices plummet on OPEC+ deal

Gulf stock markets dived in early trade on Monday, extending their losses from the previous session amid falling oil prices after Saudi Arabia opened the taps in a price war with Russia. Saudi Arabia slashed its official selling price (OSP) for crude for April and plans to raise its production significantly next month after the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries' pact with Russia to curb oil output fell apart on Friday. The kingdom's move sent oil prices plummeting around 30%.

\* Source: Bloomberg, Jordan Times, Zawya

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