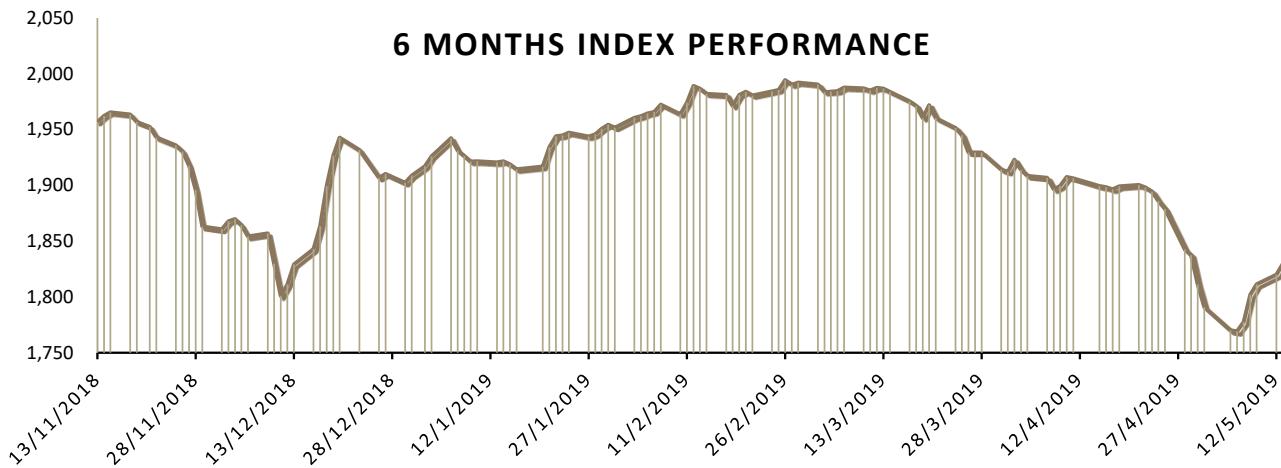


Amman Stock Exchange

15-May-19

	Close	% Change	Year-to-Date (YTD)	Daily Volume (shares)	Daily Turnover (JOD)
AMMAN SE GENERAL INDEX	1,825.26	-0.49%	0.43%	4,074,143	3,421,957



Best Performing Companies

	% Change
FIRST FINANCE CORP	7.41
EL-ZAY READY WEAR MANUF CO	6.67
EMMAR INVESTMENTS & REAL EST	4.55
AL-AMIN FOR INVESTMENT	4.41
AL-MANARA INSURANCE	4.35

Worst Performing Companies

	% Change
ARAB EAST INVESTMENT	(3.77)
HIGH PERFORMANCE REAL ESTAT	(4.00)
METHAQ REAL ESTATE INVESTMEN	(4.62)
JORDAN PIPES MANUFACTURING	(4.65)
HOUSING BANK FOR TRADE AND F	(7.48)

Top Traded Companies by Volume (Shares)

INTERMEDIATE PETROCHEMICALS	594,117
RUM TOURIST TRANSPORTATION C	487,427
JORDAN STEEL	407,800
UNION INVESTMENT CORP	259,540
ARAB EAST INVESTMENT	211,200

Top Traded Companies by Value (JOD)

JORDAN VEGETABLE OIL INDUSTR	396,565
INTERMEDIATE PETROCHEMICAL	345,824
UNION INVESTMENT CORP	310,037
RUM TOURIST TRANSPORTATION C	272,960
METHAQ REAL ESTATE INVESTMEN	148,685

* Source: Bloomberg

Macroeconomic & Corporate News

Japan disburses first \$100m of \$300m loan to Jordan

The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) on Tuesday disbursed \$100 million to Jordan, as the first tranche of a \$300 million loan, JICA Chief Representative Miyahara Chie announced. JICA will continue to support the Kingdom, which is leading serious austerity measures that are well recognised by the donor community, she told The Jordan Times in an exclusive interview on Tuesday. The second tranche of the loan agreement, which was signed in 2018 during His Majesty King Abdullah's visit to Japan, will be transferred in October this year, Chie added. According to the chief, the third instalment will be disbursed in late 2020. "The loan is linked to a matrix of prior actions, and in this matrix, we focus on business environment, trade and employment," she underlined. Disbursement of the loan is tied to indices that the government has to meet, Chie continued. In the meantime, Japan also provides "technical support for the Jordanian government so [as to enable it] to attain these goals", the Japanese official said.

Jordan Press Foundation's revenues reach around JD10 million in 2018

The total 2018 revenues of the Jordan Press Foundation (JPF) reached JD10.1 million, compared with JD12.2 million in 2017. The value of the JPF's assets, which publishes The Jordan Times and Al Rai, totalled JD35.7 million in 2018, down from JD39.2 million in 2017, while the net intellectual property valued at some JD19.9 in 2018, compared with JD25.5 million in 2017, according to the foundation's financial report. During the annual ordinary meeting of the JPF general assembly to discuss the report, JPF Chairman Ayman Majali expressed optimism in the future of the foundation, noting that its losses in the first quarter of this year dropped by JD700,000 when compared with last year's results. Majali noted that the JPF has recently signed a memorandum of understanding to establish a radio station without incurring any financial costs, as the partner company will equip the station with the necessary tools and equipment for broadcasting in return of sharing profits by half.

Inflation up 0.6% in first four months of 2019

The inflation rate in the first third of 2019 rose by 0.6 per cent, compared with the same period of last year, the Department of Statistics (DoS) reported on Tuesday. The increase was attributed to rising prices of beans and vegetables by 0.5 per cent, cereals and lentils by 0.32 per cent for each, education by 0.12 per cent and fuel and electricity by 0.08 per cent. The DoS also added that price declines were witnessed in meat and poultry by 0.45 per cent, dairy products, eggs and transportation by 0.12 per cent and garments by 0.06 per cent.

* Source: Bloomberg, Jordan Times, Zawya

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