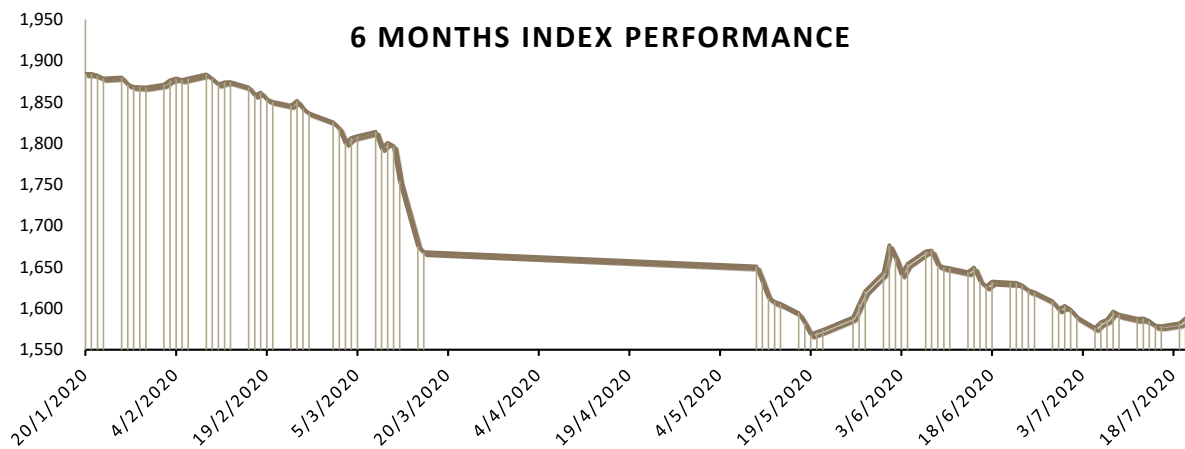


	Close	% Change	Year-to-Date (YTD)	Daily Volume (shares)	Daily Turnover (JOD)
AMMAN SE GENERAL INDEX	1,591.48	0.19%	-12.32%	5,618,256	5,350,623



Best Performing Companies

	% Change
EMMAR INVESTMENTS & REAL EST	5.56
UNION TOBACCO & CIGARETTE	5.00
DAR AL DAWA DEVELOPMENT & INV	5.00
COMPREHENSIVE LAND DEVELOPME	4.76
SPECIALIZED INVESTMENT COMPO	4.76

Worst Performing Companies

	% Change
AL-TAHDITH FOR REAL ESTATE	(4.17)
AMMOUN INTERNATIONAL FOR INV	(4.48)
JORDAN STEEL	(4.55)
JORDAN MASAKEN FOR LAND & IN	(4.83)
NATIONAL CABLE & WIRE MANUF	(6.67)

Top Traded Companies by Volume (Shares)

UNION INVESTMENT CORP	787,140
SPECIALIZED INVESTMENT COMPO	346,362
JORDANIAN ELECTRIC POWER	306,112
NATIONAL CABLE & WIRE MANUF	255,539
JORDANIAN REAL ESTATE FOR DE	242,492

Top Traded Companies by Value (JOD)

UNION INVESTMENT CORP	888,671
ARAB BANK PLC	642,349
SPECIALIZED INVESTMENT COMPO	450,075
ARAB INVESTORS UNION CO.	422,240
JORDANIAN ELECTRIC POWER	372,600

Macroeconomic & Corporate News

Loans worth JD380.8 million approved for SMEs — CBJ

The Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ), since the onset of the pandemic until July 16, has approved 3,942 loan requests at a value of JD380.8 million, within the JD500 million COVID-19-hit SMEs support programme. The CBJ on Monday said that the approved requests received 76.2 per cent of the total amount allocated for the support programme, noting that the average amount of approved loans reached JD96,600, while the value of 95 per cent of approved loans is less than JD250,000. Regarding the distribution of loans approved within the JD500 million programme among various sectors, the wholesale and retail sector received 36.5 per cent of the approved loans, followed by the manufacturing sector at 19.8 per cent, while the value of loans offered within the programme to cover salaries and workers' wages reached 43 per cent of the approved applications, at a value of approximately JD163 million, serving 79,000 employees who are still working, the CBJ said. In addition to the JD500 million programme, the CBJ, since the onset of COVID-19 crisis, has provided facilities valued at JD144.2 million, offered through the JD1.2 billion soft financing programme, which has contributed in providing salaries for about 38,100 workers, bringing the total for salaries to JD208.4 million, that served nearly 117,200 workers on the job, Petra added. The CBJ's JD1.2 billion soft financing programme has so far contributed to financing 1,272 projects at a value of around JD915 million, creating around 12,116 new job opportunities across the Kingdom.

Investments in date palm industry stand at \$500m

The volume of investments in the date palm industry has reached some \$500 million, according to Jordan Dates Association (JODA) President Anwar Haddad. The total area of date palm cultivation covers around 35,000 dunums, mainly in the Jordan Valley, with some 550,000 palms, Haddad said. Speaking during a lecture titled "Date: A national strategic product" via the videoconferencing platform Zoom, organised by the Jordan Society for Scientific Research, Entrepreneurship and Creativity on Sunday, Haddad said that the Kingdom's palm sector employs more than 8,000 people, of which 35 per cent are women.

Budget cuts take toll on Irbid schools

The reduction of the Irbid Governorate Council's budget for the second time this year from JD24 million to JD4 million will "lead to the cancellation of important projects, most important of which is the construction of new schools", according to the head of the Irbid Governorate Council Omar Magableh. Magableh said in a phone interview with The Jordan Times that the building of new schools instead of existing schools that "fall on children's heads and have been renovated more than once without success" is his biggest concern regarding the budget cuts. The governorate's budget was reduced for the first time this year due to the coronavirus crisis from JD24 million to JD8 million, and then it was reduced again to JD4 million, he said.

* Source: Bloomberg, Jordan Times, Zawya

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