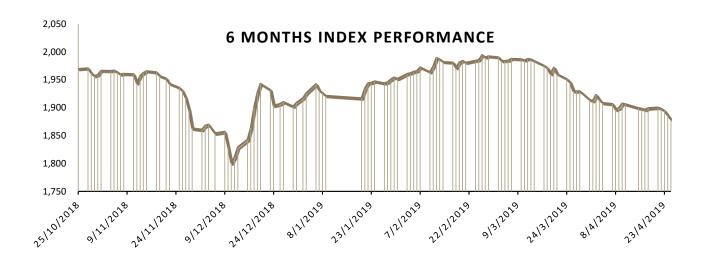


**Amman Stock Exchange** 

28-Apr-19

	Close	% Change	Year-to-Date (YTD)	Daily Volume (shares)	Daily Turnover (JOD)
AMMAN SE GENERAL INDEX	1,842.60	-1.94%	0.43%	23,912,485	18,190,274



Best Performing Companies		Worst Performing Companies		
	% Change		% Change	
EMMAR INVESTMENTS & REAL EST	5.26	JORDANIAN ELECTRIC POWER	(6.50)	
NATL PORTFOLIO SECURITIES	4.26	EL-ZAY READY WEAR MANUF CO	(6.67)	
FIRST FINANCE CORP	3.64	ARAB INTERNATIONAL CO FOR IN	(7.28)	
RUM TOURIST TRANSPORTATION C	3.45	HOUSING BANK FOR TRADE AND F	(7.37)	
	2.70	LODD AN DETROLEUNA DEFINIEDY CO	(7.42)	
AL-RAKAEZ INVESTMENT CO	2.78	JORDAN PETROLEUM REFINERY CO	(7.42)	
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# **Macroeconomic & Corporate News**

#### Arab Bank Group announces positive results for Q1

The Arab Bank Group said its net profit after tax for the first quarter of 2019 grew by 5.2 per cent as it reached \$231.8 million, compared with \$220.3 million in 2018, according to a statement of the bank. Its net income before tax rose by 9.1 per cent to reach \$312.8 million, according to the statement. The group equity's stood at \$8.5 billion while loans and deposits went up to \$25.8 billion and \$33.7 billion, respectively. In the statement, Sabih Masri, chairman of the board of directors, said the performance of the Arab Bank Group confirms its success in generating strong results despite the backdrop of the challenging operating environment. Nemeh Sabbagh, chief executive officer, said the strong performance was driven by growth in core banking income with net interest income increasing by 7 per cent as well as by lower provisions. Sabbagh added that the Arab Bank Group enjoys high liquidity and strong and robust capitalisation. Its capital adequacy ratio stood at 15.5 per cent as of March 31, he said.

## Housing Bank to distribute 15% of share nominal value in dividend

The Housing Bank for Trade and Finance (Housing Bank) will distribute cash dividend to shareholders at a rate of 15 per cent of the share nominal value, according to a statement by the bank. The bank's general assembly on Thursday approved a recommendation by the board of directors in this regard. During the general assembly meeting, which was presided over by Abdel Elah Al Khatib, chairman of the board of directors, the assembly approved the board of directors' report and the financial results for 2018, as well as the bank's plan for 2019. Despite increasing competition and economic challenges, the bank was able to register balanced financial growth in 2018, Khatib indicated. He said the bank's total income grew by 7 per cent to reach JD 348.8 million in 2018 due to an increase in net interest income, commission income and other key indicators. However, the bank's net profit recorded in 2018 was less than that of 2017.

## Jordan, Turkey to sign health, medical agreement soon

Jordan and Turkey on Thursday agreed to sign cooperation agreements in the health and medical sectors soon, and encouraged joint ventures in health fields, mainly in establishing hospitals. During a meeting between Minister of Health Ghazi Zaben and Turkish counterpart Fahrettin Koca, on the sidelines of the comprehensive health coverage and preliminary healthcare conference in Turkey, both ministers agreed to exchange expertise in the medical tourism, paramedic and emergency services sectors and the conveyance of health services to refugees and displaced people. Zaben reviewed the health development process in the Kingdom and the achievements Jordan has achieved over the past years, which contributed to improving health indicators, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, reported.

\* Source: Bloomberg, Jordan Times, Zawya

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