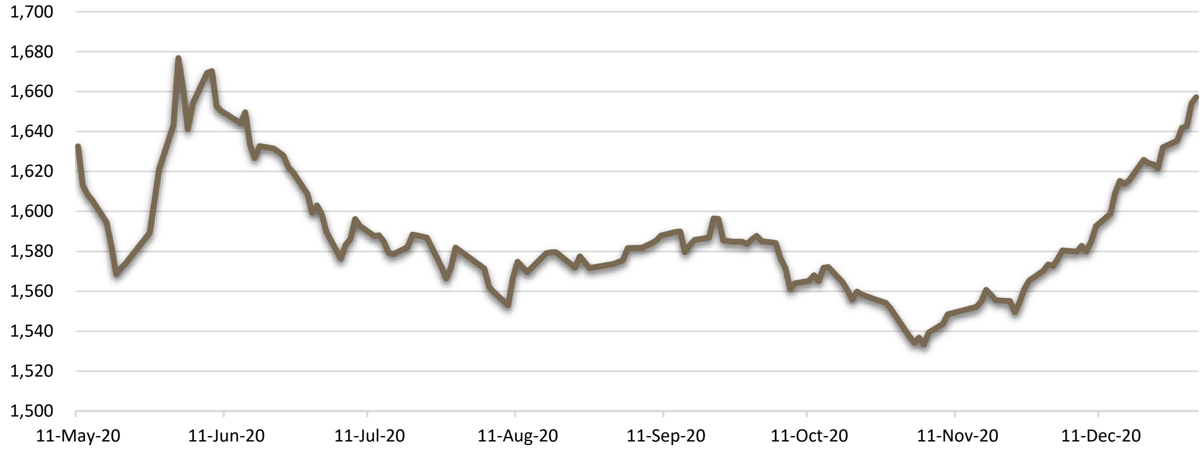
## Amman Stock Exchange 31-Dec-20

| | | Close | % Change | Year-to-Date (YTD) | Daily Volume (shares) | Daily Turnover (JOD) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **AMMAN GENERAL INDEX** | | **1,657.22** | **0.18%** | **-8.70%** | **6,940,130** | **8,330,414** |

### Index Perfomance Graph




**Best Performing Companies**

| | % Change |
|---|---|
| INT'L CARDS CO. | 8.33% |
| SALAM INT TRN TD | 4.92% |
| PETRA EDUCATION | 4.88% |
| FIRST JORDAN | 4.76% |
| PHILADELPHIAPHARMA | 4.38% |

**Worst Performing Companies**

| | % Change |
|---|---|
| NAT/CABL/WIRE/MF | -4.17% |
| MASAKEN | -4.52% |
| METHAQ | -4.69% |
| ARABIAN DEV CO | -5.00% |
| SOUTH ELECTRONICS | -5.88% |

**Top Traded Companies by Volume (Shares)**

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|---|---|
| RUM GROUP | 941,800 |
| UNION INV | 604,920 |
| UNION LAND DEV | 533,629 |
| METHAQ | 474,158 |
| NAT'L ALUM IND | 467,485 |

**Top Traded Companies by Value (JOD)**

| | |
|---|---|
| METHAQ | 1,199,796 |
| UNION LAND DEV | 1,089,203 |
| JOR DUTY FRE SHP | 755,219 |
| UNION INV | 684,391 |
| INJAZ | 464,159 |

## Macroeconomic & Corporate News

### JSF’s investor confidence index remains stable during August-September period

The Jordan Strategy Forum’s (JSF) Jordan Investor Confidence Index remained unchanged at 133.1 points for the August-September period. Confidence in real economy sub-index increased by 0.45 per cent to 121 points in December, while the capital of registered companies dropped from JD14.55 million last August to reach JD1.127 million in September 2020, according to JSF data, cited by the Jordan News Agency, Petra. The number of registered companies saw a decrease from 139 to 105 for the same comparison period, the JSF report showed. The index aims to measure the confidence of investors operating in the Jordanian market through three sub-indices: Confidence in the Jordanian dinar and the monetary system, confidence in the real economy and confidence in the financial system. Meanwhile, confidence in the Jordanian dinar and the monetary system dropped by 1.17 points to reach 190.3 points in September 2020, compared with 191.5 points in August, as the value of the Gross Foreign Reserves of the Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ) remained at JD13.9 billion in the August-September period, 2020, according to the JSF figures. Confidence in the monetary system remained unchanged at 100 points between August and September, where the index of the Amman Stock Exchange (ASE) went up by 38.77 point to 2,981 points in September. The percentage of shares bought by foreign investors in September increased to 84 per cent compared with 71 per cent in the previous month, the JSF said.

### Government to relax curfew as of Saturday, Friday lockdown to stay

The government will ease curfew hours imposed nationwide to curb the spread of the coronavirus as of January 2, 2021, according to Minister of State for Media Affairs Ali Al Ayed. As of Saturday, the partial curfew will be reduced by two hours, starting at 11pm and 12 midnight for institutions and public movement respectively, and ending at 6am. The government announced a new set of measures for the new year in a press conference at the Prime Ministry on Wednesday evening. Ayed said that “in light of the epidemiological developments in the Kingdom, the government was careful to make safe and gradual plans for the reopening of sectors". Direct and indirect flights to and from the United Kingdom will continue to be suspended. Similarly, Friday lockdown and workplace occupancy restrictions will remain in effect, noted Ayed. “Our initial plan was to reopen sectors and allow citizens and the economy to breathe, but with the new strand of the virus in the UK and the new wave of cases in the world, we were careful to balance between the health, social and economic aspects,” added the minister.

* Source: Jordan Times, Zawya