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## The ASE slides back into red; Banks weigh

- Jordanian stocks lost 8 points last week amid slightly higher volumes as falling share prices of leading banks including Arab Bank (ARBK, -0.83%), The Housing Bank (THBK, -0.48%), and Jordan Islamic Bank (JOIB, -0.93%) dragged the market lower. Heavyweight Al-Eqbal Investment Company (EICO) helped partly offset broader market losses after advancing by 2.5% for the week. The ASE General Index closed the week at 2156.4 points, down by 0.39% WoW.
- On the sectoral front, all sector indices closed the week in red except for the industrial sector (+0.59%) with the diversified financial services sector recording the biggest loss of 0.92% WTD.
- Jordanians & Arabs were net buyers while foreigners were net sellers.
- Institutions were net buyers while Retail investors were net sellers.

Regional Markets	Index	WTD	MoM	YTD
Amman SE (ASE)	2,156.4	-0.4%	-1.4%	-0.6%
Dubai FM (DFM)	3,327.1	-1.5%	-3.1%	-5.8%
Abu Dhabi SE (ADX)	4,516.8	-1.4%	-1.0%	-0.6%
Saudi SE (TASI)	6,871.7	-1.0%	-0.6%	-4.7%
Kuwait SE (KSE)	402.2	-0.4%	-0.7%	5.8%
Doha SM (DSM)	10,060.5	-0.4%	-1.0%	-3.6%
Bahrain SE (BAX)	1,314.2	0.4%	-1.7%	7.7%
Muscat SM (MSM)	5,403.1	-0.2%	-1.2%	-6.6%

Source : Reuters

Sector Indices	Value Traded (JD)	No. of Shares	Close	% Chg.
Financial	13,471,145	13,671,939	2,925	-0.65
Banks	3,008,038	954,652	4,334	-0.64
Insurance	167,783	167,344	1,987	-0.46
Diversified Fin. S	3,820,693	4,296,840	1,729	-0.92
Real Estate	6,474,685	8,253,103	1,955	-0.7
Services	5,696,293	5,907,716	1,548	-0.3
Industrial	5,732,917	3,161,442	2,123	0.59

Source : ASE

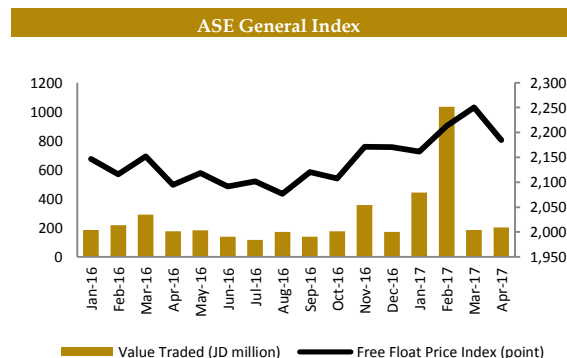
## Economic News

### Jordan and Iraq discuss the Basra-Aqaba pipeline

The Jordanian Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources announced that its Minister Ibrahim Seif met with the Iraqi Minister of Oil Jabbar al-Allaibi and discussed the draft of the Iraqi oil pipeline through the Kingdom's lands to the Gulf of Aqaba. The Ministry said that the two sides stressed the importance of the project and the subsequent steps required after Iraq agreed with the developer of the project on the tariff of oil transport pipeline and the duration of the project agreement, which is 25 years. Moreover, technical teams from both sides will hold meetings on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of June to finalize the agreements of the project. The agreements will give Jordan priority for 150,000 barrels of oil per day, out of the 1 million barrels per day that will be exported through the port of Aqaba to international markets. Jordan, Iraq and Egypt signed in November 2015 a memorandum on the project, which will cost around \$5.6 billion. (National Iraqi News Agency)

### Jordan to join reconstruction efforts in Iraq, Libya & Yemen

Jordan is joining reconstruction efforts in war-ravaged countries in the region, a World Bank official said earlier this month, while urging the Kingdom's private sector to build alliances with counterparts in the Arab world. Abdullah Dardari, senior advisor on reconstruction in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) division of the World Bank, also said that Jordan has been working to join the reconstruction efforts in neighboring countries, adding that the World Bank is engaged in a bid to attract investments within the Jordan Compact, adopted after the London conference last year. More specifically, Dardari said



Trading Activity	
Average Daily Value	JD 6.7 million
Average Daily Volume	5.9 million

Source : ASE

Market Breadth		
Gainers	Losers	Unchanged
36	78	38

Top Gainers	Price	% Chg
Resources Com for Dev & Inv	0.23	21.05%
Rum Group for Tran& Tour Inv	1.80	18.42%
Noor Cap Markets for Div Inv	0.44	15.79%

Source : ASE

Top losers	Price	%Chg
Rumm Financial Brokerage	0.90	-17.43%
Al-Sanabel Int for Islamic Fin & Inv	0.86	-13.13%
Al-Sharq Inv Projects	1.66	-7.78%

Source : ASE

Most Active	Price	%Chg
Rum Group for Tran& Tour Inv	0.90	18.42%
Al-Antkaeya for Inv & Real Dev Co	0.63	5.00%
Arab East Investment	0.76	-1.30%

Source : ASE

Top Value Traded	Price	%Chg
Al-Eqbal Inv Company	25.36	2.46%
Rum Group for Tran& Tour Inv	0.90	18.42%
Arab Bank	6.00	-0.83%

Source : ASE

Trading by Investor Type ( 21 May - 24 May 2017)		
	Buy	Sell
Retail	63.3%	72.3%
Institutional	36.7%	27.7%

Source :SDC

Trading by Nationality ( 21 May - 24 May 2017)		
	Buy	Sell
Jordanians	90.6%	85.4%
Arab	9.01%	8.72%
Foreigners	0.40%	5.87%

Source :SDC

that Jordan will participate in the reconstruction of three countries and that dialogue is under way with Iraq, Libya and Yemen. Dardari also emphasized the importance of Jordan's participation in the reconstruction efforts in the MENA region, referring to the Kingdom's skilled human resources. (*Jordan Times*)

#### ▪ Ministry of Water & Irrigation to distribute Red-Dead RFP

The secretary general of the Jordan Valley Authority and head of the Red-Dead national steering committee, Saad Abu Hammour, announced that the Red Sea-Dead Sea project's request for proposal (RFP) has been finalized and will be distributed to the five shortlisted consortiums before the end of this month. Construction on the project's first phase will commence before the end of the first half of next year. Under the first phase, a total of 300 million cubic metres (mcm) of water will be pumped each year. In the second phase, the Red-Dead project will see up to 2 billion cubic metres of sea water transferred from the Red Sea to the Dead Sea annually. (*Jordan Times*)

## Corporate News

#### ▪ Royal Jordanian appoints veteran executive as CEO

Royal Jordanian Airlines' (RJAL) board of directors has appointed Stefan Pichler as GM & CEO of RJAL as of the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2017. The new CEO has an experience of 30 years in air transport. His last position was CEO of Air Berlin. Prior to that he served as General Director of Fiji Airways, CEO of Kuwaiti Aljazeera Airlines, Deputy CEO of Australian Virgin Airlines and CEO of the Norwegian travel group, Thomas Cook. (*Jordan Times*)

#### ▪ JCBK gets JSC approval to register new shares

The Jordan Securities Commission (JSC) has approved the registration of the 7.125 million new shares in the capital of Jordan Commercial Bank (JCBK). Earlier this year, the bank's general assembly approved the BOD recommendation to increase JCBK's paid-up capital to JD 120.0 million through the capitalization of JD 8.750 million from retained earnings. (*Company Disclosure*)

#### ▪ EXFB approves a JD 0.05 DPS

Capital Bank's (EXFB) general assembly approved the BOD's recommendation to distribute JD 10.0 million in cash dividends for the year 2016, a dividend per share of JD 0.05. (*Company Disclosure*)

#### ▪ JOIB gets JSC approval to register new shares

The Jordan Securities Commission (JSC) has approved the registration of the 30.0 million new shares in the capital of the Jordan Islamic Bank (JOIB). Earlier this year, the bank's general assembly approved the BOD recommendation to increase JOIB's paid-up capital to JD 180.0 million through the capitalization of JD 30.0 million from retained earnings. (*Company Disclosure*)

#### ▪ SNRA gets JSC approval to register new shares

The Jordan Securities Commission (JSC) has approved the registration of the 4.0 million new shares in the capital of the Siniora Food Industries (SNRA). Earlier this year, the company's general assembly approved the BOD recommendation to increase SNRA's paid-up capital to JD 22.0 million through the capitalization of JD 4.0 million from retained earnings. (*Company Disclosure*)

#### ▪ THBK capital increase listed on ASE

The 63.0 million new shares in the capital of the Housing Bank for Trade & Finance (THBK) were listed on the ASE last Monday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May, with a reference price of JD8.40 for the bank's shares. (*Company Disclosure*)

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