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# Amman Stock Exchange Performance In 2015



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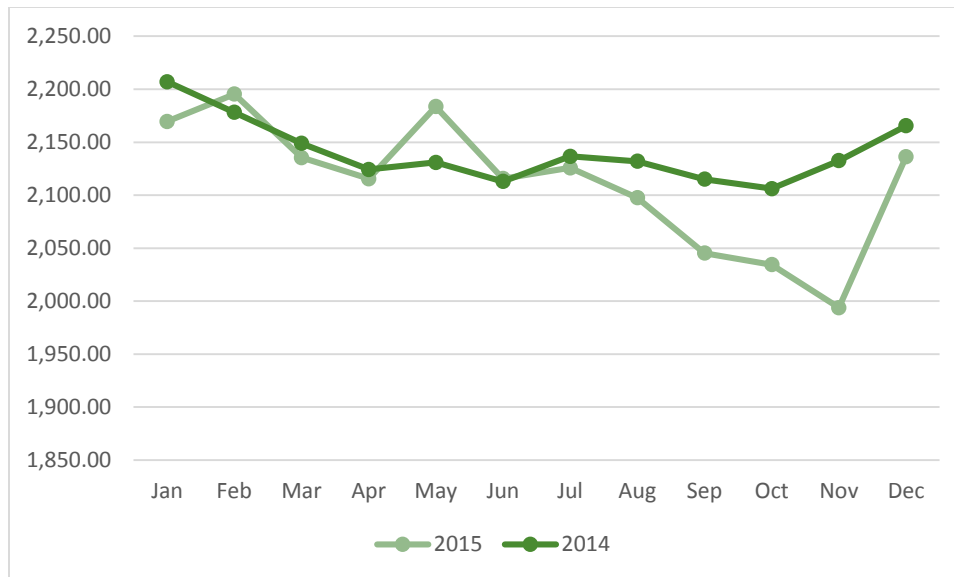
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### A. Share price Index

The ASE price index weighted by free float shares decreased to reach (2136.3) point at the end of 2015 compared with (2165.5) point by the end of 2014; a decrease of (1.35%), despite this decline, the performance of the ASE is considered better than most Arab markets performance. The market capitalization of listed shares at the ASE decreased slightly to JD (18) billion; a decrease of (0.5%), compared with last year 2014 closing, constituting (70.7%) of the GDP.

**Figure No. (1)**

**Price index weighted by market capitalization of free float shares**



### B. Stock Market

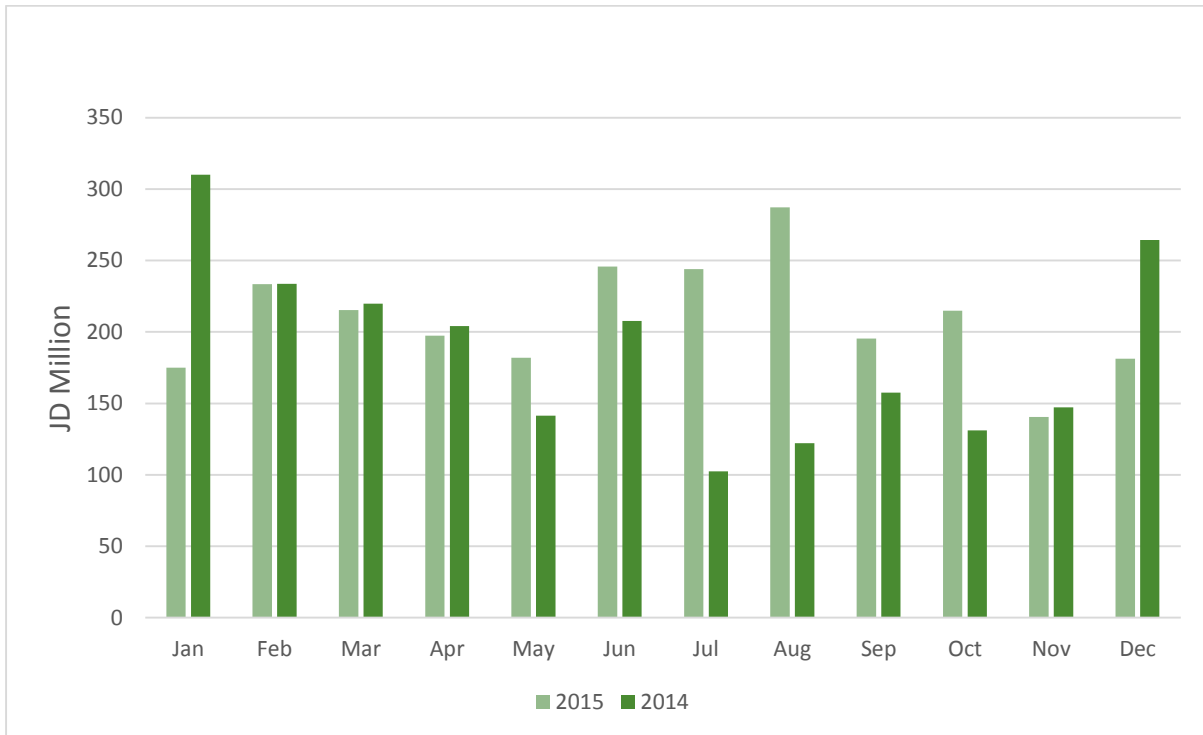
The trading value for the ASE during 2015 reached JD (3.4) billion compared with JD (2.3) billion for the year 2014. The number of traded shares reached (2.6) billion shares, traded through (899) thousand transactions, compared with (2.3) billion shares traded during 2014 through (956) thousand transactions. The average P/E ratio has increased during 2015 reaching (13.108) against (15.906) in 2014.

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It is worth mentioning that the December of 2014 witnessed an improvement in the trading value for the ASE where the average daily trading value for December of 2015 reached JD (28.9) million compared with JD (12.3) million for December 2014.

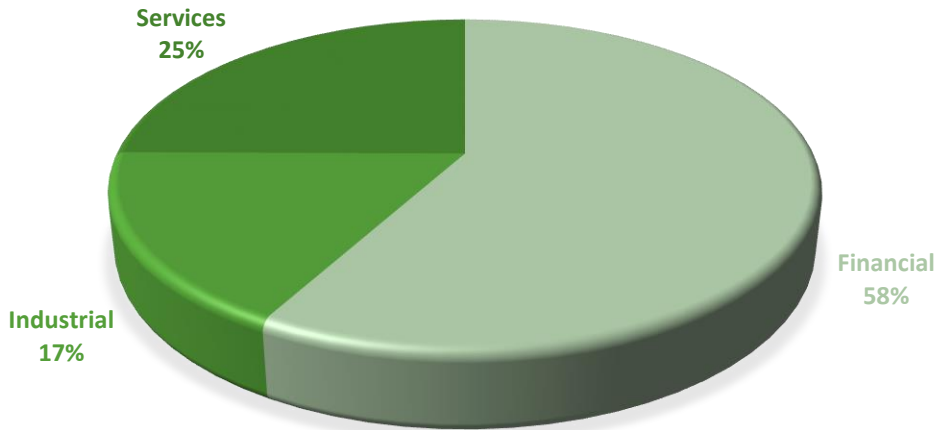
**Figure No. (2)**

### Trading value at the ASE



Sectorial distribution of trading value showed that the financial sector ranked the first followed by the industrial sector, then the services sector. Trading values of Real Estate, Financial Services, Banks and Transportation made up 42.54%, 13.53%, 10.45% and 7.66% respectively of the total trading value.

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As for the performance of the public shareholding companies for the first three-quarters of the year 2015, the financial data for the 219 companies that provided the ASE with its quarterly reports revealed that profits before taxes of these companies have been risen to around JD (1.3) billion for the period from Jan. to Sept. 2015 compared with JD (1.2) billion for the same period of 2014 and an increase of (11.2%)

As for the non-Jordanian investment at the ASE, which is distributed to more than one hundred nationality around the world, the statistics showed that the value of shares bought by non-Jordanian investors since the beginning of the year until the end of November 2015 was JD (500.1) million, representing (18%) of the overall trading value, while the value of shares sold by them amounted to JD (501.7) million. As a result, the net of non-Jordanian investments showed a decrease of JD (1.5) million, compared to an increase by JD (22.2) million for the year 2014.

Accordingly, Non-Jordanian ownership in companies listed at the ASE at the end of November 2015 becomes around (49.2%) of the overall market capitalization, where Arab investors constituting (37.4%), and non-Arab investors constituting (11.8%) of the overall market capitalization of the ASE.

### C. Sub sector Analysis

At the sector level, the financial sector index decreased by 0.50% compared with 2014 due to the decrease of the Financial Services and Banks sub-sector indices, which decreased by 7.65% & 0.86%; while the Real Estate and Insurance sectors increased by 5.89% and 4.47% respectively.

The Services sector index decreased by 3.79% due to the decrease of sub sectors; Media, Hotels & Tourism, Transportation, Commercial Services, Educational Services and Health Care Services by 54.78%, 17.26%, 17.07%, 4.97%, 1.00%, 0.91% respectively. However, Utilities & Energy sector increased by 2.68% and the Media sector did not change.

Finally the industrial sector decreased by 0.17%, due to the decrease in Electric Industries, Engineering & Construction, Paper & Cardboard Industries, Pharmaceutical & Medical Industries, Chemical Industries and Mining & Extraction Industries by 27.01%, 24.74%, 22.73%, 22.59%, 20.27% and 9.06% respectively; while the Tobacco, Food & Beverages, Printing & Packaging, Glass & Ceramic and Textiles, Leather & Clothing Industries increased by 41.43%, 18.9%, 6.16%, 5.98% and 5.41% respectively

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