



Jordan Investor Confidence Index

Update for February 2017

The **Jordan Investor Confidence Index®** is a monthly-issued index published by the **Jordan Strategy Forum** that aims to measure the confidence of investors operating in the Jordanian market through three aspects: confidence in the Jordanian Dinar and the monetary system, confidence in the real economy, and confidence in the Amman Stock Exchange (ASE).

The index measures the impact of policy decisions and exogenous developments on investor confidence. Furthermore, it aims to facilitate a better understanding for investors and promote a strong decision-making process, be it in policy-making by the public sector or investing decisions by the private sector.

The production of this index complements Jordan Strategy Forum's consistent effort to promote higher levels of investment in Jordan, and a more competitive business environment that can facilitate higher quality of living for all Jordanians.

February 2017: Jordan Strategy Forum's **Jordan Investor Confidence Index®** witnessed a slight decline in February 2017 to reach 94.4 points in comparison to 96.16 points in January.

Confidence in the ASE sub-index observed a 1.65 points decrease to reach 95.12 points in January. The ratio of inflow to outflow of foreign investment in ASE decreased from 94% to 58% this month. On the other hand, ASE index witnessed an increase by 51.3 points to reach 2,212.76 points in February.

In the confidence in the monetary system sub-index there was a fall, with 84.48 points this month compared to 85.58 points last month. CBJ's foreign reserves decreased by a further JD394 million to reach JD11.252 billion in February.

The confidence in the real economy sub-index, on the other hand, continued to increase as it reached 114.8 points. The capital of registered companies increased to reach JD15.9 million in comparison to JD9.8 million last month; although the number of these companies decreased from 720 companies to 654 companies in February. Tax on the monthly real estate volume decreased this month by JD1.4 million to reach JD8.5 million. Moreover, the number of construction permits has also decreased to reach 2,919 permits in comparison to 3,370 permits last month. The manufacturing quantity production index also decreased from 94.8 points to reach 91.3 points in February.

It is worth mentioning that the Investor Confidence Index aims to measure the level of confidence investors have in its three sub-indices based on the sub-indices expected values according to its trends since 2007 up until now. A decrease in the value of one of the sub-indices despite increases in its indicators means that the indicators values fell below its expected values according to the trend. Similarly, an increase in any sub-index despite decreases in its indicators means that the indicators' values stay above its expected values according to the trend.



Changes in JICI and its Sub-Indices: December 2016 to February 2017

Index Value	December 2016	January 2017	February 2017
JICI	96.37	96.16	94.40
Monetary	86.99	85.85	84.48
Real Economy	111.86	113.54	114.80
Stock Exchange	97.52	96.77	95.12

Jordan Investor Confidence Index and its Sub-Indices since January 2015

