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## Jordan Investor Confidence Index

### Update for July 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.

Jordan Strategy Forum's **Jordan Investor Confidence Index®** has declined in July 2017 to reach 93.36 points in comparison to 94.13 points in June and 96.16 points in January of this year.

Confidence in the ASE sub-index observed a 0.81 points decrease to reach 96.43 points in July. The ratio of inflow to outflow of foreign investment in ASE decreased noticeably. ASE index witnessed a decrease also from 2167.40 points in June to reach 2139.82 points in July.

The confidence in the monetary sub-index observed a decrease of 0.92 point from June to reach 78.60 points in July as the CBJ Gross Foreign Reserves decreased by 109.60 Million JDs to reach 11.114 Billion JDs for this month.

The confidence in the real economy sub-index, on the other hand, increased to reach 118.33 points, a 0.96 points increase since June. The manufacturing quantity production index increased from 95.50 points in June to reach 98.60 points in July. Furthermore, the number of construction permits increased to reach 2636 permits in comparison with 2415 permits in June. Tax on the monthly real estate volume increased by 2.0 Million JDs to reach 8.80 Million JDs for this month. The number of companies registered in July has also increased to reach 620 companies in comparison with 367 companies registered in June, The capital of these companies reached 11.2 Million JDs in comparison with 10.0 Million JDs last month.

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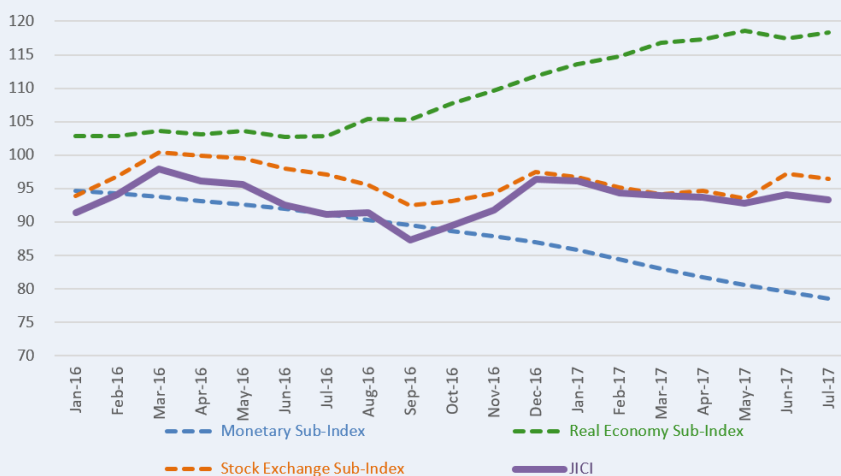
The fact that small and medium-sized establishments constitute a large proportion of the national economy, the increase in these numbers might well result in more employment opportunities, especially when we realize that the construction sector and the industrial production index have also increased. It is known that the industrial production index is important not only for its employment generation, but also because it reflects the business cycle, and if this improves, the Amman Stock Exchange's price index is expected to improve.

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: March 2017 to July 2017

Index Value	May 2017	June 2017	July 2017
<b>JICI</b>	92.76	94.13	93.36
<b>Monetary</b>	80.64	79.52	78.60
<b>Real Economy</b>	118.54	117.37	118.33
<b>Stock Exchange</b>	93.58	97.24	96.43

#### Jordan Investor Confidence Index and its Sub-Indices since January 2016



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