



## Jordan Investor Confidence Index

### Update for November 2019

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 Financial System.

The index measures the impact of policy decisions and exogenous developments on investor confidence. Furthermore, it aims to facilitate a better understanding of investors' challenges and promote a strong decision-making process, be it in policymaking 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 life for all Jordanians.

Jordan Strategy Forum's **Jordan Investor Confidence Index** has decreased in November 2019 to reach 114.4 points in comparison to 139.9 points in October 2019 (25.51 points).

Confidence in the **Real Economy Sub-Index** saw a decrease of 13.34 points, to reach 105.6 points, as the manufacturing quantity production index decreased by 5.98 points to reach 80.09 points. The number of companies registered in November 2019 decreased to reach 431 companies in comparison with 464 registered companies in October 2019. In addition, the number of construction permits decreased to reach 1,598 permits in November 2019 in comparison with 2,025 permits in October 2019, and the revenues from tax on the monthly real estate volume decreased by 1.20 Million JDs to reach 5.60 Million JDs in November 2019. On the other hand, the capital of registered companies witnessed an increase from 14.40 to reach 20.50 Million JDs in November 2019.

The **Monetary Sub-Index** decreased by 10.66 points to reach 146.3 points in November 2019, as the CBJ Gross Foreign Reserves dropped by 148.5 Million JDs to reach 11,668 Million JDs for this month. In addition, the interest rate differential between the Jordanian Dinar and the US Dollar increased from 2.17% to 2.45% since October 2019. As for returned cheques, the value experienced a 25.4 Million JD decrease from the previous month to reach 95.5 Million JDs in November 2019.

Confidence in the **Financial Sub-Index** observed a decrease by 64.69 to reach 100.0 points in November 2019, as the growth in credit to the private sector has decreased by 0.8%, in comparison to the previous month. The ratio of inflows to outflows of foreign investment in ASE also decreased this month to reach 278%. In addition, the ASE Weighted Index increased by 21.46 points to reach 3,479.50 points in November 2019.

The Investor Confidence Index measures the level of confidence investors have in the national economy. The index is composed of three sub-indices: (1) Real Economy (50%). (2) Monetary System (25%). (3) Financial System (25%). For these sub-indices, a value of 100 entails the minimum level of confidence in comparison to the previous months of the last four years, while a value of 200 entails the maximum level of confidence in comparison to the previous months of the last four years.



### Changes in JICI and its Sub-Indices: September 2019 to November 2019

Index Value	September 2019	October 2019	November 2019
JICI	116.4	139.9	114.4
Real Economy	108.6	119.0	105.6
Monetary	148.5	157.0	146.3
Financial	100.0	164.7	100.0

### Jordan Investor Confidence Index and its Sub-Indices since January 2017

