



Jordan Investor Confidence Index

Update for April 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®** witnessed a slight decline in April 2017 to reach 93.69 points in comparison to 93.96 points in March.

The confidence in the monetary system sub-index witnessed a decrease to reach 81.72 points this month as CBJ's foreign reserves decreased by JD153.7 million to reach JD11.154 billion in April.

On the other hand, confidence in the ASE sub-index observed a 0.51 points increase to reach 94.71 points in April. The ratio of inflow to outflow of foreign investment in ASE increased from 76% to 120% this month. The ASE index however remained constant at 2,185.26 points between the months of March and April.

The confidence in the real economy sub-index has continued to increase as it reached 117.26 points in April comparing to 116.75 points in March. Tax on the monthly real estate volume increased by JD0.1 million to reach JD9.6 million, despite the decrease in the number of construction permits to reach 2,548 permits in comparison to 3,077 permits in March. For the companies registered, the capital of these companies decreased to reach JD10 million in comparison to JD29.6 million last month; in addition to a decrease in the number of these companies from 705 companies in March to reach to 576 companies in April. The manufacturing quantity production index has also witnessed a decrease from 95.13 points to reach 93 points.

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: February 2017 to April 2017

Index Value	February 2017	March 2017	April 2017
JICI	94.40	93.96	93.69
Monetary	84.48	83.01	81.71
Real Economy	114.80	116.75	117.26
Stock Exchange	95.12	94.20	94.71

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

