



## Jordan Investor Confidence Index

### Update for December 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 life for all Jordanians.

Jordan Strategy Forum's **Jordan Investor Confidence Index**® has slightly increased in December 2017 to reach 90.94 points in comparison to 90.22 points in November, as it increased by 0.72 point.

As for the sub-indicators; confidence in the **Real Economy Sub-Index** witnessed an increase by 2.47 points, to reach 125.03 points, as the number of construction permits increased noticeably to reach 7868 permits in comparison with 4065 permits in November. In addition, the capital of companies' registered witnessed an increase as it reached 78.7 Million JDs in December, in comparison with 20.5 Million JDs in November. The manufacturing quantity production index slightly increased from 96.3 points in November to reach 96.8 points in December. However, tax on the monthly real estate volume decreased slightly by 0.9 Million JDs to reach 8.20 Million JDs for this month. The number of companies registered in December also decreased slightly and reached 415 companies in comparison with 491 companies registered in November.

On the other hand, confidence in the **ASE Sub-Index** observed a 1.43 points decrease to reach 89.9 points in December, as the ratio of inflow to outflow of foreign investment in ASE decreased to reach 99% in comparison to 199% in November. However, the ASE index increased by 4.31 points to reach 2126.78 points in December.

Confidence in the **Monetary Sub-Index** also observed a slight decrease of 0.32 point to reach 76.02 points in December, despite that CBJ Gross Foreign Reserves increased by 610.9 Million JDs to reach 12171.9 Million JDs for this month. On the other hand, the interest rate differential increased from 3.75% in November to 4% in December 2017.

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: October 2017 to December 2017

Index Value	October 2017	November 2017	December 2017
JICI	88.74	90.22	90.94
Monetary	76.69	76.33	76.02
Real Economy	121.43	122.56	125.03
Stock Exchange	90.61	91.32	89.89

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

