



## Jordan Investor Confidence Index

### Update for July 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 increased in July 2019 to reach 130.6 points in comparison to 108.7 points in June 2019 (21.95 points).

Confidence in the **Real Economy Sub-Index** observed an increase of 42.49 points, to reach 142.5 points, as the capital of companies' registered witnessed an increase from 8.50 to reach 54.40 Million JDs in July 2019, and the manufacturing quantity production index increased by 5.00 points to reach 93.40 points. The number of companies registered in July 2019 increased to reach 505 companies in comparison with 311 registered companies in June 2019. In addition, the number of construction permits increased to reach 1,866 permits in July 2019 in comparison with 1,289 permits in June 2019, and the revenues from tax on the monthly real estate volume increased by 2.40 to reach 7.50 Million JDs in July 2019.

The **Monetary Sub-Index** increased by 3.90 points to reach 137.6 points in July 2019, as the CBJ Gross Foreign Reserves increased by 182.6 Million JDs to reach 11,717 Million JDs for this month, after decreasing by 34.4 in the previous month. In addition, the interest rate differential between the Jordanian Dinar and the US Dollar decreased from 2.37% to 2.35% since June 2019. As for returned cheques, the value experienced a 0.5 Million JD increase from the previous month to reach 135.7 Million JDs in July 2019.

Confidence in the **Financial Sub-Index** observed a decrease by 1.05 to reach 100.0 points in July 2019, as the ASE Weighted Index decreased by 1.74 points to reach 3,638.96 points in July 2019. In addition, the growth in credit to private sector has decreased by 0.3%, in comparison to the previous month in which the growth rate was equal to 0.4%, The ratio of inflows to outflows of foreign investment in ASE decreased to reach 88% in July 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. (2) Monetary System. (3) Financial System. For these sub-indices, a value of 100 entails the minimum level of confidence in comparison to the previous months since 2007, while a value of 200 entails the maximum level of confidence in comparison to the previous months since 2007.



### Changes in JICI and its Sub-Indices: May 2019 to July 2019

Index Value	May 2019	June 2019	July 2019
JICI	115.6	108.7	130.6
Real Economy	104.4	100.0	142.5
Monetary	135.8	133.7	137.6
Financial	117.9	101.1	100.0

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

