

JORDAN

DOING BUSINESS IN JORDAN

Reducing the Barrier to Entry

Minimum Capital Requirement for starting a business in Jordan has been reduced from **JD 1000 to JD 1**.

JD 1 = \$1.41**

Ease of Trade and Transport

2 Days
Export

3 Days
Import

Approximately

95%

of foreign imports are free of duty and import fees

Most net profits* are income tax exempt through 2015

*exemptions include fertilizer, phosphates and potash and exports governed by specific trade protocols and foreign repayment agreements.

Boosting Small and Medium Enterprises

The Overseas Private Investment Corporation has committed to a

\$250 Million

loan guarantee program to support SMEs in Jordan.

Jordan has launched a donor-supported national SME Program aimed at supporting SMEs through loan guarantees and targeted grants

JORDAN'S FINANCIAL PROFILE

CAPITAL MARKETS

JORDAN
SECURITIES
COMMISSION

SECURITIES
DEPOSITORY
CENTER

AMMAN
STOCK
EXCHANGE

\$27.9 B

Market Cap

247

Companies Listed

53%

Shares held by
Jordanians

47%

Shares held by
non-Jordanians



BANKING

27

Banks Currently
Operating in
Jordan



Jordanian banks directed to maintain minimum capital of **JD 100M**; Foreign banks directed to maintain minimum of **JD 50M**

CENTRAL BANK OF JORDAN



2011

- **\$3.8 billion** in treasury bonds issued locally
- **\$1.4 billion** in treasury bills issued locally

2010

1st and only international bond offering:

- **5 year bond** at 3.875%
- **220** international investors totaling **\$750 million**



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