

Press release

In order to maintain the objective of achieving monetary stability in the Kingdom, and in light of rising interest rates in the global and regional financial markets, the open market operations committee at the CBJ decided to raise the interest rates on all monetary policy instruments by 25 basis points, effective June 18,2017.

This decision came in line with the Bank's policy framework which aims at maintaining the competitiveness of the Jordanian Dinar on one hand, and providing adequate volume of loanable funds at rates that meet the requirements of the economic activity in the Kingdom, on the other hand. In this context, the CBJ will continue to monitor local, regional and global economic developments, and will stand ready to act proactively to support monetary stability.

In order to guarantee the availability of appropriate financing for vital sectors in the economy, especially Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), the CBJ decided to keep the refinancing programs' interest rates unchanged to stand at 1.75% for projects located in Amman governorate and 1.00% for projects located in other governorates, while also keeping the current

maturities of 10 years. CBJ refinancing programs particularly target the sectors of industry, tourism, agriculture, renewable energy and information technology. The amount of funds available under this program is about 1.1 billion dinars (equivalent to 5% of the direct facilities granted by banks). The total amount of funding granted to the targeted sectors to date reached JD 400 million (36.4% of the total amount available), benefiting around 535 projects and creating 6000 employment opportunities.