The Association of Global Custodians - Questionnaire 2026 - 2027

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-Response Necessary/Eligibility Question- 1. Rule 17f-7, by reference to Rule 17f-4, requires that, for a depository to be eligible to hold securities of U.S. registered investment companies (such depositories hereinafter referred to as “Eligible Securities Depositories”), the depository must be a “system for the central handling of securities where all securities of any particular class or series of any issuer deposited within the system are treated as fungible and may be transferred or pledged by bookkeeping entry without physical delivery of the securities.” Are all securities of a particular class or series of any issuer that are deposited in your institution treated as fungible, and can they be transferred or pledged by bookkeeping entry without physical delivery of the securities?

Answer: **Yes**

1a. Please explain:

Answer:

-Response Necessary/Eligibility Question- 2. Rule 17f-7 also requires that an Eligible Securities Depository “acts as or operates a system for the central handling of securities or equivalent book-entries in the country where it is incorporated,” or “acts as or operates a transnational system for the central handling of securities or equivalent book-entries.” Does your institution: (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Act as or operate a system for the central handling of securities or equivalent book-entries in the country where it is incorporated? , Act as or operate a transnational system for the central handling of securities or equivalent book-entries?, Act in another capacity with respect to the handling of securities or equivalent book-entries?, Not applicable, Other**

2a. Please explain:

Answer:

2b. Please specify the types of securities for which you act as or operate a system for the central handling of securities or equivalent book-entries:

Answer: **Equities, subscription rights, corporate bonds, and Islamic Sukuk.**

3. What type of legal entity is the institution? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Other, Public Company, Central Bank or part thereof, Private Company, Stock Exchange or part thereof**

3a. If other, please explain:

Answer: **The Securities Depository Center (SDC) is a public utility institution, founded by virtue of Securities Law where it is not owned by any entity.**

4. Is the institution operated as a "for profit" or a "not for profit" organization?

Answer: **Not for profit**

4a. If other, please explain:

Answer:

5. Please provide the names of the owners and their ownership interest percentages.

Answer: **The SDC has a unique situation in that it does not have any share capital and does not have an ownership structure.**

6. Please answer the following: What is the date of establishment of the depository (dd/mm/yyyy)?

Answer: **09/05/1997**

6a. What is the date that the depository's operations began (dd/mm/yyyy)?

Answer: **09/05/1999**

7. Under what regulation or statute is the depository established and governed?

Answer: **The SDC was established and governed by virtue of the Securities Law.**

7a. Is the regulation or statute electronically available?

Answer: **Yes**

7b. If regulation or statute is electronically available, please supply web address(es) here or upload document(s) in question 7c.

Answer: **https://www.sdc.com.jo/en/legislation/low/legislation/4458**

7c. Please supply document(s) here:

Answer:

7d. Please provide details of the structure and composition of your Board together with their industry experience and responsibilities in governing the depository. What are the qualifications to become a

board member?

Answer: **The SDC is managed by a Board of Directors of five members that consist of the following: 1. One member representing Brokers and companies licensed to perform custodial activities. 2. One member representing the Issuers. 3. Three members of the private sector with experience in legal, financial and economic fields appointed by the JSC. Both, the chairman and the vice chairman are elected within the board from among the three appointed by the JSC . Board's responsibilities: A-Establish the SDC's general policy to guarantee the management and development of its operations and activities including the following: 1. Adopt all the necessary measures to observe the implementation of the Law in relation to he SDC's operations, the by-laws, instructions and relevant resolutions issued pursuant thereto. 2. Monitor the operations of the SDC to achieve its objectives. 3. Approve the SDC's budget and supervise its execution. 4. Prepare and present the balance sheet and financial statements to the General Assembly. 5. Establish rules regulating the assistance of the necessary experts for the due operation of the SDC. 6. Establish the training policy for the SDC's employees. 7. Appoint an external auditor to audit the SDC's accounts and determine his fees. 8. Appoint a lawyer or more for the SDC and determine his fees. 9. Borrow the necessary funds to manage the SDC and with the approval of the Board. B- Establish the necessary internal by-laws and instructions to direct the SDC's affairs under the Board's approval including those related to the following: 1. The procedures for registration of securities transfer of their ownership, and clearance and settlement of the trading contracts related thereto. 2. Specification of the rights and obligations of the parties involved in the securities clearing, settlement and ownership transfer processes. 3. The time of the vesting of rights of creditors of the parties to securities trades, including rights with respect to both the cash or cash equivalents and the securities involved, as a result of the process of sale, purchase or ownership transfer. 4. Information, data, and records that are considered confidential and the persons authorized to have access thereto, by virtue of their job. 5. Information, data and records that the SDC must disclose and the information, data and records that are accessible to the public for viewing and copying. 6. Standards of professional conduct applicable to the members of the SDC, members of the Board of Directors, to the Chief Executive Officer and the SDC's employees. 7. The administrative organization, organizational structure and the internal by-law of the Centre's proceeds. 8. Determination of the remuneration for the members of the Board of Directors. C-Issue the necessary internal by-laws and instructions to manage the Center's administrative and financial affairs upon the CEO's recommendation in accordance with the above – mentioned paragraph (B) of this article and without conflict with the legislations in force, including the following: 1. Determination of those authorized to sign the accounts of the Center. 2. Financial, supplies, and the employees' by-laws. 3. Eligibility criteria for granting financial incentives and benefits for employees. 4. Instructions for employee housing and saving funds. The Member shall be represented in the Board of Directors by a natural person who must meet the following conditions: A- A chairman, a member of the board of directors, or a chairman or a board member of the management committee or a general manager or a deputy general manager or an assistant general manager at the member. B- Enjoy full legal capacity. C- Be at least thirty years old. D- Have the first university degree at least. E- Have not been convicted of any crime, misdemeanor, punitive penalty involving moral or trust, or his service in any post has been ended or terminated for such reasons. The Board may take all necessary measures to ensure the fulfillment of this condition and its resolution in this regard is considered final.**

7e. What are the election procedures?

Answer: **A. The nomination for the membership of the Board of Directors shall be in the name of the Member.7f. What is the maximum length of time a board member can serve? 7g. How are the**

voting powers distributed amongst the board members (i.e. does each board member have one vote or do certain members have additional voting power)? 7h. Who is responsible for regulating the board members? B. The nomination for the membership of the Board of Directors shall be opened before fifteen days from the date of the General Assembly's meeting specified for the elections and the nomination shall be closed a week before that date. C. Each Member who wishes to be nominated for the Board of Directors' membership shall fill the Center's nomination form and return it to the Board of Directors at least seven days before the General Assembly's meeting. The form is to be signed by the authorized signatory of the Member. D. Each Member which presents its nomination and wishes to withdraw it shall notify the chairman of the Board of Directors in writing. E. The chairman of the Board of Directors shall distribute a list of the member candidates to the Members before three days at least from the date of the General Assembly's meeting. F. The ballot paper shall be divided into two lists, the voter shall name in one of them one candidate to represent the Broker and Custodian and in the other list, the voter shall name one candidate to represent the rest of the SDC's Members who are not licensed as Brokers, Dealers or Custodians. G. The ballot paper which contains more names than the number of seats of the Board of Directors for any of the two categories (Issuers, financial services companies) shall be cancelled. H. The candidates who obtain the highest votes in each category shall be considered the elected member of the Board of Directors, if more than one candidate of the same category obtains the same numbers of votes, re-election is carried out between those members and if the number of votes is the same in the second time, then a lot shall be cast between them.

7f. What is the maximum length of time a board member can serve?

Answer: **The term of the Board of directors shall be three years .No member shall be elected or appointed for more than two consecutive terms.**

7g. How are the voting powers distributed amongst the board members (i.e. does each board member have one vote or do certain members have additional voting power)?

Answer: **The resolutions of the Board of Directors are taken by the majority of the members present and each board member has one vote and if the votes are equal, the side with which the chairman of the meeting votes shall prevail.**

7h. Who is responsible for regulating the board members?

Answer: **The board's decisions (only those related to the capital market policies and procedures) are subject to the JSC's revision. Whereas no other entity regulates the board.**

-Response Necessary/Eligibility Question- 8. Rule 17f-7 requires that an Eligible Securities Depository "is regulated by a foreign financial regulatory authority as defined under section 2(a)(50) of the Act", with section 2(a)(50) establishing that "'foreign financial regulatory authority' means any (A) foreign securities authority, (B) other governmental body or foreign equivalent of a self-regulatory organization empowered by a foreign government to administer or enforce its laws relating to the regulation of fiduciaries, trusts, commercial lending, insurance, trading in contracts of sale of a commodity for future delivery, or other instruments traded on or subject to the rules of a contract market, board of trade or foreign equivalent, or other financial activities, or (C) membership organization a function of which is to regulate the participation of its members in activities listed above." Who regulates the activities of the depository? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **A governmental body or regulatory organization empowered to administer or enforce laws related to securities matters.**

8a. If other, please explain:

Answer:

9. Please provide the name of regulatory authority(ies) identified in question 8:

Answer: **Jordan Securities Commission (JSC).**

-Response Necessary/Eligibility Question- 10. Rule 17f-7 requires that an Eligible Securities Depository "is subject to periodic examination by regulatory authorities or independent accountants."Is the depository subject to periodic examination by: (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Regulatory authorities?, Independent accountants?**

10a. If other, please explain:

Answer:

11. What enforcement actions are available to the regulatory authority(ies) for breach of applicable statute or regulatory requirements? Name of Authority #1 (please answer 11a):

Answer: **JSC**

11a. (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Other**

11b. If other, please explain:

Answer: **The SDC is an institution established by virtue of the Securities Law and performs its responsibilities in accordance with the Securities Law. All the by-laws and instructions governing of the SDC are approved by the JSC before becoming effective.**

Name of Authority #2 (please answer 11c):

Answer:

11c. (Choose all that apply)

Answer:

11d. If other, please explain:

Answer:

12. Has there been any use of such enforcement actions in the last three years?

Answer: **No**

12a. If yes or other, please explain:

Answer:

13. Are annual financial statements publicly disclosed?

Answer: **Yes**

13a. If yes, the AGC requests a copy of the institution's annual report. Is the annual report available electronically? (if no, please send a copy of the annual report to the Washington office of Baker & McKenzie, 815 Connecticut Ave., NW,Washington, DC 20006, Attn: Robin Truesdale)

Answer: **Yes**

13b. If yes, please upload the document(s) here or insert web link(s) in question 13d:

Answer:

13c. If more than one document for 13b, please upload the additional document here:

Answer:

13d. Please insert web link(s) for 13b here:

Answer: **https://sdc.com.jo/en/international-standards**

13e. If no, and annual report and/or financial statements are not disclosed, please state your share capital, reserves, and retained earnings (or equivalents as determined under local accounting standards). Share Capital (then please answer 13f):

Answer:

13f. Reserves (then please answer 13g):

Answer:

13g. Retained Earnings:

Answer:

13h. If other, please explain:

Answer:

14. Is an internal audit undertaken in your depository?

Answer: **Yes**

14a. If yes, what areas does the audit cover (financials, operations, etc.) and which department in your depository handles it?

Answer: **Administrative, financial, and technical audits (operations and systems) are to be carried out by the SDC Internal Audit Department.**

14b. Please list the date of your last internal audit: (dd/mm/yyyy)

Answer: **12/10/2026**

Please list the period that the audit covered: (dd/mm/yyyy)

Answer: **01/07/2026**

To: (dd/mm/yyyy)

Answer: **30/09/2026**

14c. How frequently does the internal audit occur? (Choose one)

Answer: **Two or more times a year**

Link:

Answer:

14d. If less than annually, please explain:

Answer:

14e. Are the results of the internal audit publicly available?

Answer: **No**

If Yes, provide a link or share.

Answer:

14f. Please select the statement that most accurately characterizes the results of the last internal audit: (Choose one.)

Answer: **No material exceptions found.**

14g. If minor or material exceptions were found, what actions were taken? Please describe:

Answer:

15. Is a financial audit performed by an Audit Firm, Regulatory Authority, or other external party?

Answer: **Yes**

15a. If yes, please state the name(s) of the entity(ies) who perform the financial audit.

Answer: **Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Global company.**

15b. Please list the date of your last financial audit performed by an Audit Firm, Regulatory Authority, or other external party: (dd/mm/yyyy)

Answer: **27/08/2026**

15c. Please list the period that the audit covered: (dd/mm/yyyy)

Answer: **01/01/2026**

To: (dd/mm/yyyy)

Answer: **30/06/2026**

15d. How frequently does the financial audit occur? (Choose one)

Answer:

15e. If less than annually, please explain:

Answer:

15f. Are the results of the financial audit publicly available?

Answer:

If Yes, provide link or share.

Answer:

15g. Please select the statement that most accurately characterizes the results of the last financial audit: (Choose one)

Answer: **No material exceptions found.**

15h. If minor or material exceptions were found, what actions were taken? Please describe:

Answer:

16. Is an operational audit performed by an Audit Firm, Regulatory Authority, or other external party?

Answer: **No**

16a. If yes, please state the name(s) of the entity(ies) who perform the operational audit.

Answer: **The regulatory authority (JSC) can perform operational audits on a daily basis through (SCORPIO)'s electronic surveillance system that the SDC provided to JSC.**

16b. Please list the date of your last operational audit performed by an Audit Firm, Regulatory Authority, or other external party:(dd/mm/yyyy)

Answer:

16c. Please list the period that the audit covered: (dd/mm/yyyy)

Answer:

To: (dd/mm/yyyy)

Answer:

16d. How frequently does the operational audit occur? (Choose one)

Answer: **Two or more times a year**

16e. If less than annually, please explain:

Answer:

16f. Are the results of the operational audit publicly available?

Answer: **No**

If yes, provide link or share.

Answer:

16g. Please select the statement that most accurately characterizes the results of the last operational audit: (Choose one)

Answer: **No material exceptions found.**

16h. If minor or material exceptions were found, what actions were taken? Please describe:

Answer:

17. What types of entities are eligible to become participants and how many of each type are there currently? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Banks, Brokers, Other entities**

17a. How many Bank participants are there currently? (then please answer 17b)

Answer: **14**

17b. Please select the features included in the eligibility requirements for Banks. (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Financial Thresholds, Regulatory Oversight**

17c. Where can a description of the specific eligibility requirements for Bank participants be found?

Answer: **Central Bank of Jordan**

17d. If other, please explain:

Answer:

17e. How many Broker participants are there currently? (then please answer 17f)

Answer: **50**

17f. Please select the features included in the eligibility requirements for Brokers. (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Financial Thresholds, Regulatory Oversight**

17g. Where can a description of the specific eligibility requirements for Broker participants be found?

Answer: **JSC Licensing Instructions.**

17h. If other, please explain:

Answer:

17i. How many Individual participants are there currently? (then please answer 17j)

Answer:

17j. Please select the features included in the eligibility requirements for Individual participants. (Choose all that apply)

Answer:

17k. Where can a description of the specific eligibility requirements for Individual participants be found?

Answer:

17l. If other, please explain:

Answer:

17m. How many Foreign Institution participants are there currently?

Answer:

17n. Please select the features included in the eligibility requirements for Foreign Institution participants. (Choose all that apply)

Answer:

17o. Where can a description of the specific eligibility requirements for Foreign Institution participants be found?

Answer:

17p. If other, please explain:

Answer:

17q. If you have selected "Other entities" above, please explain:

Answer: **Public Shareholding Companies as issuers of securities, Custodians and any other entity determined by the Board of Commissioners of the JSC.**

17r. Indicate how many "Other entities" are currently participants?

Answer: **(201) Public Shareholding Companies and (16) Custodians.**

17s. Please select the features included in the eligibility requirements for the participants referred to above as "Other entities". (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Financial Thresholds, Regulatory Oversight**

17t. Where can a description of the specific eligibility requirements for participants described above as "Other entities" be found?

Answer: **Public Shareholding Companies at the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Supply (The Jordanian Companies Law) . Custodians: Jordan Securities Commission (Custodian Licensing Instructions).**

17u. If other, please explain:

Answer:

18. Are participants required to contribute capital to the depository that would result in ownership of the depository?

Answer: **Not applicable**

18a. If yes, what fixed amount is required or what formula is used to determine the appropriate contribution level?

Answer:

18b. If other, please explain:

Answer:

19. Are prospective participants subject to an initial review and approval process regarding compliance with eligibility requirements?

Answer: **Yes**

19a. If other, please explain:

Answer:

20. What governs the relationship between the depository and the participants? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Relevant law and regulation, By-laws of the depository, Rules of the depository**

20a. If other, please explain:

Answer:

20b. Please provide a link to the rulebook.

Answer:

-Response Necessary/Eligibility Question- 21. Rule 17f-7 requires that an Eligible Securities Depository "holds assets for the custodian that participates in the system on behalf of the Fund under safekeeping conditions no less favorable that the conditions that apply to other participants." Please confirm that assets of foreign investors held by custodians as participants in the depository are held under safekeeping conditions no less favorable than the conditions that apply to other participants.

Answer: **Yes**

21a. If no, other or not applicable, please explain:

Answer:

21b. Please confirm the basis for the arrangements in place to ensure that the assets you hold for custodians receive the same level of safekeeping protection as the assets held for other categories of participants. (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Relevant law and regulation, By-laws of the depository, Rules of the depository**

21c. If other, please explain:

Answer:

21d. For each item in Question 21b that you checked, please briefly supply references or citations to the law(s), regulation(s), or depository rule(s), participation condition(s), or participant contract provision(s), as applicable.

Answer: **All items mentioned below are available on the SDC's website. The Securities Law for the Year 2017 : https://sdc.com.jo/en/legislation/low/legislation/4458 The by-laws of the Membership and Code of Conduct https://sdc.com.jo/en/legislation/by-Laws/legislation/4556 The instruction of the SDC is the Registration, Deposit and Settlement of Securities: https://sdc.com.jo/en/legislation/Instructions/legislation/4564 Bylaw of the Settlement Guarantee Fund https://sdc.com.jo/en/legislation/by-Laws/legislation/4464 These regulations indicate that the**

assets (shares) held for Custodians just like all other SDC participants are held in dematerialized manner, and no differentiation occurs between Custodians and other participants on this regard. The Custodian System enables the custodians to identify and establish accounts for his clients, safe-keep their securities, transfer deposited securities between accounts, enquire about the movements and balances of his clients' deposited securities and release securities to the selling broker and receive securities from the buying broker on behalf of his clients. This system also allows the custodians to settle the trades of their clients directly with the SDC on a delivery-versus-payment (DvP) basis.

22. How does the depository notify participants of material changes to the conditions of participation? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **By email, By public announcement, By press release, Other**

22a. If other, please explain:

Answer: **Also, published at the SDC website (www.sdc.com.jo)**

23. Who enforces compliance with the depository's conditions of participation? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **The depository, The depository's regulator**

23a. If other, please explain:

Answer:

24. What enforcement actions are available to the enforcement authority? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Fines, Restrictions on participation, Suspension of participation, Termination of participation**

24a. If other, please explain:

Answer:

25. Has there been any such enforcement actions in the last three years?

Answer: **Yes**

25a. If yes, please explain, including information relative to any suspensions of depository participants:

Answer: **Enforcement measures have been imposed against participants of brokers such as fines, suspension due to violations of the SDC's legislations.**

25b. If other, please explain:

Answer:

26. For which of the following security types do you serve as a depository or clearing system? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Equities, Corporate bonds, Other**

26a. Please name the other security types:

Answer: **Islamic sukuk, and subscription rights, it is worth mentioning that since 04/08/2024 the**

SDC has introduced the delivery versus payment (DvP) settlement for block trades.

27-1. For all instrument types eligible for settlement in your depository, please confirm if settlement is compulsory by law or compulsory by market practice, or both? (Choose all that apply)

Answer:

27-1a(i). Please list the instrument types for which it is not compulsory by law to: (i)settle in your depository

Answer:

27-1a(ii). safekeep in your depository:

Answer:

27-1b(i). Please list the instrument types for which it is not compulsory by market practice to: (i)settle in your depository

Answer:

27-1b(ii). safekeep in your depository:

Answer:

27-1c. Please specify:

Answer: **Equities and Islamic sukuk are safekept by 100%, government securities 0% (Currently, government securities are traded over-the-counter through the central bank and commercial banks and these trades are not settled by the SDC, however, the process is in progress to transfer the registers of government securities to the SDC to be safekept and settled through the SDC), corporate bonds 100% (if they are traded on the Amman stock exchange)**

27-2. For all instrument types eligible for safekeeping in your depository, please confirm if safekeeping is compulsory by law or compulsory by market practice, or both? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Varies by instrument, please specify**

27-2a(i). Please list the instrument types for which it is not compulsory by law to: (i)settle in your depository

Answer:

27-2a(ii). safekeep in your depository:

Answer:

27-2b(i). Please list the instrument types for which it is not compulsory by market practice to: (i)settle in your depository

Answer:

27-2b(ii). safekeep in your depository:

Answer:

27-2c. Please specify:

Answer: **Equities and Islamic sukuk are safekept by 100%, government securities 0% (Currently, government securities are traded over-the-counter through the central bank and commercial banks and these trades are not settled by the SDC, however, the process is in progress to transfer the registers of government securities to the SDC to be safekept and settled through the SDC), corporate bonds 100% (if they are traded on the Amman stock exchange)**

28. Settlement and Safekeeping Percentages 28a. Please list by instrument type the percentage of the total market in your jurisdiction (either volume or value) settled within your depository, exclusive of your links with third parties. (e.g. 60% of all bonds in the total market is settled within your depository, whereas 40% is settled outside of your depository.)

Answer: **Please refer to Q 27-1c**

28b. Please list by instrument type the percentage of the total market in your jurisdiction (either volume or value) safekept within your depository, exclusive of your links with third parties. (e.g. 60% of all bonds in the total market is safekept within your depository, whereas 40% is safekept outside of your depository.)

Answer: **Please refer to Q 27-2c**

29. Are there any settlement/operational activities performed by a third party on behalf of the depository for the depository participants?

Answer:

29b. If third parties are employed, does the depository assume liability for losses incurred by participants as a result of the actions/inactions of the third parties?

Answer:

29c. If you acknowledge responsibility, please indicate whether your responsibility is assumed (Choose all that apply)

Answer:

29d. If you acknowledge responsibility for agents, your responsibility is assumed for losses (Choose all that apply)

Answer:

29f. Please specify limit:

Answer:

29g. Please specify limit:

Answer:

29h. If other, please explain:

Answer:

29e. If other, please explain:

Answer:

29a. If third parties are employed, please indicate which services they supply (select all applicable):

Answer:

29-1. Please describe:

Answer:

30. Has any participant suffered any losses in the past three years due to the depository's performance?

Answer: **No**

30a. If yes, please select all of the following in which loss has occurred. You will be prompted to enter the number of instances and total loss in USD thereafter. (Choose all that apply)

Answer:

30b. Corporate Action. Please specify number of instances:

Answer:

30c. Corporate Action. Please specify total loss in USD:

Answer:

30d. Settlement Process - Securities. Please specify number of instances:

Answer:

30e. Settlement Process - Securities. Please specify total loss in USD:

Answer:

30f. Settlement Process - Cash. Please specify number of instances:

Answer:

30g. Settlement Process - Cash. Please specify total loss in USD:

Answer:

30h. System Outage. Please specify number of instances:

Answer:

30i. System Outage. Please specify total loss in USD:

Answer:

30j. If other, please explain:

Answer:

30k. For Other, please specify number of instances:

Answer:

30l. For Other, please specify total loss in USD:

Answer:

30m. If other, please explain

Answer:

31. Who accepts cash deposits (or makes payment credit accommodations) for depository transactions? (Choose all that apply)

Answer:

31a. Please name banks:

Answer:

31b. If neither/others, please explain: (e.g. credit lines used)

Answer:

32. Who processes cash clearing (or draws on credit lines, if applicable) for depository transactions? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Depository**

32a. Please name banks appointed by depository:

Answer:

32b. If others, please explain:

Answer:

33. Who manages the movement of cash for cash deposits (or draws on credit lines, if applicable)? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Depository**

33a. Please name banks appointed by depository:

Answer:

33b. If others, please explain:

Answer:

34. Who manages the movement of cash for cash clearing (or for draws on credit lines, if applicable)? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Depository**

34a. Please name banks appointed by depository:

Answer:

34b. If others, please explain:

Answer:

35. Please indicate services you provide. (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Collateral handling in support of activities including securities lending, overdraft coverage, cash management, repurchase agreements, etc., Same day turnaround settlements., Information on distribution of new issues (IPO, Privatization)., Other**

35a. Automatic securities lending facility is provided for: (Choose all that apply.)

Answer:

35b. If other, please explain:

Answer:

35c. Collateral Handling: please provide details:

Answer: **The SDC holds collaterals to cover cash deficit of the brokers and custodians who do not pay the due cash amounts to the settlement account within the period specified on the settlement date. The collaterals consist of the contributions of the Settlement Guarantee Fund's members (brokers and custodians) The collaterals provided to the SDC by: 1. Broker: cash contributions and Non-conditional bank guarantees. 2. Custodian: • The Fund's Board of Directors shall determine the Guarantees that the Custodians should provide the Center of for the benefit of the Fund. • The Fund's Board decided that the custodians of banks have to provide the SDC with Standing Instructions upon agreement with the Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ) to transfer the defaulted amount from their accounts with CBJ to the SDC upon the request of the SDC, while non-bank custodians shall provide the SDC with bank guarantees which is not less than JOD 100,000 and subject to revision by the Board or standing instructions as the case required.**

35d. If other services, please explain:

Answer: **1. Holding the ownership register of the issuers. 2.Clearing and settlement for securities traded on the market. At the beginning of the year 2026, SDC has implemented a new settlement corporate bonds that include accrued interest of payable to the selling investor. 3. Executing the transfers of securities excluded from trading mainly including family transfer and inheritance transfer. 4. Corporate actions processing including Increase/ Decrease of capital, Stock Splits and Merger. 5. Placing and releasing the pledge. 6. Providing investors with many services including identification in the SDC's systems, account set-up, statements of securities ownership, and the ability to freeze the securities in the central registry. 7. Providing e-services: e-portfolio, electronic initial public offering (e-IPO), web services for extracting statistical data, members' services including mailbox and members' area, 8. Real time dissemination of information that is updated on daily basis such as board members' names, holdings and trades, major shareholders, financial figures and statistical data. 9. Allocating ISIN, CFI, and FISN for all issued securities. 10. SDC enables direct access to securities ownership through the local government services application "Sanad". It is worth mentioning that the SDC participated in the launch of the cross-border connectivity between the Amman Stock Exchange (ASE) and the Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange (ADX), marking a significant milestone in strengthening cooperation between the capital markets of Jordan and the United Arab Emirates.**

36. What procedures are in place for the processing of corporate action entitlements? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Other**

36a. Credited to the securities account: (Choose all that apply)

Answer:

36b. If other, please explain:

Answer:

36c. Name of entity:

Answer:

36d. If other, please explain:

Answer: **The SDC shall make the necessary changes to the registered securities and to the accounts of the owners of securities whether at the SDC or under the control of any of its Members in accordance to the corporate actions (Increase, Decrease of capital, Mergers, and Stock split). The private placement (subscription) is notified to the SDC by the issuer through the (SCORPIO)'s electronic issuer system that the SDC provided to issuers.**

37. What procedures are in place for the processing of interest and dividends? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Income and dividend collection is handled by an entity separate from the depository.**

37a. Credited to the cash account: (Choose all that apply)

Answer:

37b. If other, please explain:

Answer:

37c. Name of entity:

Answer: **Cash dividends and interest payments are sent directly to beneficial owners by securities issuers.**

37d. If other, please explain:

Answer:

38. Please list all depositories or settlement systems to which you have an electronic link (note: this excludes institutions where you only hold accounts without further system linkage).

Answer: **The SDC is electronically linked to the Central Bank of Jordan's Real-Time Gross Settlement System (RTGS-JO) through the SWIFT/ VPN network. This integration enables the exchange of ISO 20022 MX messages for securities-related financial settlement.**

39. Are procedures and controls in place to avoid systemic collapse or contamination if one of the depositories and settlement systems should experience business interruptions for whatever reason?

Answer: **Yes**

39a. Please explain:

Answer: **SDC has implemented Diverse routing connecting to SWIFT using different ISP's with 2 redundant VPN on secured leased line and dedicated telephone; also a Backup Swift server in place.**

40. Has a business interruption recovery plan been developed in the event the linkages should become inoperable for any reason?

Answer: **Yes**

40a. If no, please explain:

Answer:

40a. If other, please explain:

Answer:

41. Are participants permitted to maintain more than one account at the depository?

Answer: **Not applicable**

41a. If yes, please indicate number: (Choose one)

Answer:

41b. If more than one account what is the maximum?

Answer:

41c. If other, please explain:

Answer:

41d. If other, please explain:

Answer:

42. Are participants required/permitted to segregate assets held for their own benefit from those they hold for their clients?

Answer: **Yes**

42a. If yes, is segregation required or simply permitted?

Answer: **Required**

42b. How does segregation occur? (Choose all that apply.)

Answer: **Segregated (By separately designated beneficial owner accounts.)**

42c. If other, please explain:

Answer:

42e. If other, please explain:

Answer:

42d. If other, please explain:

Answer:

43-1. Is the nominee account concept being recognised in your market?

Answer:

43-2. If yes, does the depository permit its participants to open accounts in the participant's own nominee name(s)?

Answer:

43a. If yes, do laws exist, which define as well as protect the rights of beneficial owners with respect to securities registered in nominee name?

Answer:

43b. If other, please explain:

Answer:

44 - 44a. In the event a participant's single or main account is blocked for any reason (e.g., insolvency, penalties, violations, liens), would securities held in any account or accounts on behalf of the participant's clients be accessible: By the participant's clients?

Answer: **No**

44b. If yes, please describe briefly how clients of participants would access their securities and whether there would be any delay in their ability to do so:

Answer:

44c. If other, please explain:

Answer:

44d. By the intervening authorities controlling insolvency or other proceedings?

Answer: **No**

44e. If yes, please describe briefly under what conditions access would be granted to the intervening authorities:

Answer:

44f. If other, please explain:

Answer:

44g. By the participant's creditors?

Answer: **No**

44h. If yes, please describe briefly under what conditions access would be granted to the participant's creditors:

Answer:

44i. If other, please explain:

Answer:

44j. By the depository's creditors?

Answer: **No**

44k. If yes, please describe briefly under what conditions access would be granted to the depository's creditors:

Answer:

44l. If other, please explain:

Answer:

45. In what form does the depository maintain records identifying the assets of each participant? (Choose all that apply. Question 45 Help: What technical method is used by the CSD to log investors positions in the CSDs operational system?)

Answer: **Computer file**

45a. If other, please explain:

Answer:

45b. In which format is the source data maintained?

Answer: **Secured Data Base**

-Response Necessary/Eligibility Question- 46. Rule 17f-7 requires that an Eligible Securities Depository “provides periodic reports to its participants with respect to its safekeeping of assets, including notices of transfers to or from any participant's account.” Does the depository make available periodic safekeeping reports to participants, including notices of transfers to or from the participant's account?

Answer: **Yes**

46a. If no or other, please explain:

Answer:

46b. If yes, please indicate the scheduled frequency.

Answer:

46c. If other, please explain:

Answer: **The participants are able to view updated safekeeping reports on a daily basis through (SCORPIO)'s electronic systems provided to each participant.**

47. What is your document and record retention policy for documents and records described above in this section? (Choose one)

Answer: **Other**

47a. If other, please explain:

Answer: **15 years for hard copies of data, however, no retention policy is applied for electronic records.**

48. The Committee on Payment and Settlement Systems of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) has identified three common structural approaches or models for linking delivery and payment in a securities settlement system. Please indicate which model your procedures most closely resemble (Please refer to details on the models within the "Help" section located below this question): (Choose all that apply) -----> Question 48 Help: Model 1 - Gross, Simultaneous Settlements of Securities and Funds Transfers. These systems settle transfer instructions for both securities and funds simultaneously on a trade-by-trade (gross) basis, with final (irrevocable and unconditional) transfer of securities from the seller to the buyer (delivery) occurring at the same time as final transfer of funds from the buyer to the seller (payment). The securities settlement system maintains securities accounts and funds accounts for participants. Transfer of securities and cash are made by bookentry. Model 2 - Gross Settlements of Securities Transfers Followed by Net Settlement of Funds Transfers. These systems settle securities transfer instructions on a trade-for-trade (gross) basis, with final transfer of securities from the seller to the buyer (delivery) occurring throughout the processing cycle, but settle funds transfer instruction on a net basis, with final transfer of funds from the buyer to the seller (payment) occurring at the end of the processing cycle. The securities settlement system maintains securities accounts for participants, but funds accounts are usually held by another entity (often a commercial bank or the central bank). Securities are transferred by book-entry, such transfer being final at the instant the entries are made on the securities settlement system's books. The corresponding funds transfers are irrevocable, but not final. During the processing cycle, the system calculates running balances of funds debits and credits, the balance being settled at the end of the processing cycle when the net debit and net credit positions are posted on the books of the commercial bank or central bank that maintains the funds accounts. Settlement of funds accounts may occur once a day or several times a day. Model 3 - Simultaneous Net Settlement of Securities and Funds Transfers. These systems settle transfer instructions for both securities and funds on a net basis, with final transfer of both occurring at the end of the processing cycle. Settlement may occur once a day or several times a day. The securities settlement system maintains securities accounts for participants. Funds accounts may be maintained by another entity, either a commercial bank or the central bank. During a processing cycle, running balances of debits and credits to funds and securities accounts are calculated. All funds and securities transfers are provisional until the end of the processing cycle, at which time book-entry transfer of securities take place. If and only if all participants have sufficient balances of funds and securities, final transfers of the net securities balances and net funds balances are executed.

Answer: **Model 1 - Gross, Simultaneous Settlements of Securities and Funds Transfers. , Model 2 - Gross Settlements of Securities Transfers Followed by Net Settlement of Funds Transfers.**

48a. Please briefly describe your settlement process, including how your settlement procedures may vary from the model chosen above (and as described above in the Help section)?

Answer: **The settlement model is the BIS model 2 with a slight variation which is gross Settlements of securities transfers is simultaneous with net settlement of funds transfers. The transfer of funds and securities occur simultaneously on an irrevocable basis on settlement date (T+2). For Block Trades settled on the same trading day (T+0), Model 1. The SDC has introduced the delivery versus payment (DvP) settlement for block trades to improve the efficiency and security of large trade settlement by ensuring that securities and cash are exchanged simultaneously.**

48b. If other, please explain:

Answer:

49. Are the cash and security movements simultaneous (i.e. immediately with no time gap)?

Answer: **Yes**

49a. If cash and security movements are not simultaneous, please indicate the duration of the timing gap. (Choose one)

Answer:

49b. If other, please explain:

Answer:

49c. If other, please explain:

Answer:

50. How are depository eligible securities held by the depository?

Answer:

50a. If other, please explain and identify amount held in this other form as a percentage of total depository holdings:

Answer:

51. If depository eligible securities are certificated, can depository eligible securities be held outside of the depository?

Answer: **Not applicable**

51a. If certain designated securities are held outside the depository, please indicate under which conditions these securities would be held outside the depository:

Answer:

51b. If depository eligible securities are required to be centrally immobilized at the depository, where and with whom are the certificates safekept? (then please answer 51c)

Answer:

51h. If depository eligible securities may be held either in or out of the depository, are these certificates:

Answer:

51i. What are the control features for receipt of certificates to the depository (e.g., authentication procedures, re-registration)? Please describe:

Answer:

51j. If other, please explain:

Answer:

51k. If other, please explain:

Answer:

51c. Are these certificates:

Answer:

52. If securities are dematerialized: May dematerialized security positions be re-certificated and held outside the depository?

Answer: **No**

52a. Are the securities held: (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Through book-entry at the depository**

51d. If registered, how are the depository eligible securities registered?

Answer:

52b. Please identify which types of entities may act as registrars: (Choose all that apply)

Answer:

51e. If other, please describe:

Answer:

52c. If other, please explain:

Answer:

52k. If other, please explain:

Answer:

51f. If in the name of a separate nominee, please identify by name the nominee used:

Answer:

52j. If other, please explain:

Answer:

51g. If other, please explain:

Answer:

52d. If the securities held by the depository are recorded by book entry at the registrar, are the securities registered only to the depository, with the depository providing the function of recording ownership on a centralized basis for the market? (Choose all that apply)

Answer:

52e. If yes, how are securities held at the registrar for the account of the depository? (Choose one)

Answer:

52f. If other, please describe:

Answer:

52g. If the securities held with the depository are recorded by book-entry at the registrar but are not registered exclusively to the depository, may they be registered to:

Answer:

52h. If other, please describe:

Answer:

52l. If other, please explain:

Answer:

52i. If the securities held with the depository are recorded by book-entry at the registrar, what are the control features at the registrar for transfer of registrar positions to and from the depository (e.g., authentication procedures, reconciliation, confirmation of position at registrar)? Please describe:

Answer:

-Response Necessary/Eligibility Question- 53. Rule 17f-7 requires that an Eligible Securities Depository “maintains records that identify the assets of each participant and segregate the system's own assets from the assets of participants.” Does the depository maintain records that identify the assets of each participant and segregate the system's own assets from the assets of participants?

Answer: **Yes**

53a. If not applicable or other, please explain:

Answer:

54. Does the law protect participant assets from claims and liabilities of the depository?

Answer: **Yes**

54a. If other, please explain:

Answer:

55. Can the depository assess a lien on participant accounts? (A lien would entitle the depository to take and hold or sell the securities of the participant in payment of a debt.) (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Yes, for proprietary accounts (please answer 55a)**

55a. If yes, for what reasons are liens or similar claims imposed for proprietary accounts? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Other (please answer 55c)**

55b. If yes, for what reasons are liens or similar claims imposed for client designated accounts? (Choose all that apply)

Answer:

55c. Please describe highlighting any difference in approach between proprietary and client designated accounts.

Answer: **The Depository is entitled to impose a lien over the participants' accounts in securities as one of the procedures enforced over participants due to failure to settle their trading contracts and after using their collaterals in settlement Guarantee Fund, and later to taking the Buy in / Sell out measures by the Fund.**

55d. Please indicate the limits of this lien as indicated below: (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Other**

55g. If other, please explain:

Answer: **The lien is limited to securities in the participant's proprietary accounts.**

55e. If a lien is placed on a participant's account which has been designated for its clients, will the depository select certain securities to be subject to the lien?

Answer: **Other**

55f. If yes, please indicate whether: (Choose one)

Answer:

55g-1. Please explain:

Answer:

55h. If no, please indicate whether the entire account will be subject to the lien.

Answer:

55i. If other, please describe:

Answer:

55n. If other, please explain:

Answer: **This case does not apply; the ownership structure in Jordan is a beneficial owner structure.**

55j. For accounts designated as client accounts, do procedures exist to restrict the placement of liens only to obligations arising from safe custody and administration of those accounts?

Answer:

55k. If yes, are the restrictions accomplished by:

Answer:

55l. Please explain:

Answer:

55m. If other, please explain:

Answer:

56. Transfer of Legal Ownership - Does the depository have legal authority to transfer title to securities?

Answer: **Yes**

56a. When does title or entitlement to depository securities pass between participants? (Choose one)

Answer: **When corresponding money or other consideration is transferred.**

56b. If other, please describe:

Answer:

56c. Where does title or entitlement to depository securities pass between participants? (Choose one)

Answer: **On the depository books**

56d. If other, please describe:

Answer:

56e. If other, please explain:

Answer:

57. How are eligible securities lodged (that is, placed) in the depository system? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Not applicable**

57a. Please describe:

Answer:

58. When are securities lodged into the depository reflected in a participant's depository account? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Not applicable**

58a. Please explain:

Answer:

59. How long does it usually take to lodge securities with the depository? (Choose one)

Answer: **Not applicable**

59a. Please specify:

Answer:

59b. If other, please explain:

Answer:

60. During the process of lodging securities into the depository, can the securities: Be traded?

Answer: **Not applicable**

60c. If they cannot be traded, or if you answered other, please explain:

Answer:

60a. During the process of lodging securities into the depository, can the securities: Be settled?

Answer: **Not applicable**

60d. If they cannot be settled, or if you answered other, please explain:

Answer:

60b. During the process of lodging securities into the depository, can the securities: Have ownership transferred?

Answer: **Not applicable**

60e. If ownership cannot be transferred, or if you answered other, please explain:

Answer:

61. Are securities immediately available for delivery upon transfer to the depository?

Answer: **Not applicable**

61a. If no: Securities are unavailable for:

Answer:

61b. If more than 4 weeks, please specify:

Answer:

61c. If other, please explain:

Answer:

61d. If other, please explain:

Answer:

62. Please describe briefly the arrangements/procedures/facilities you maintain to ensure that eligible securities held at the depository are handled at least as efficiently as compared to securities held outside the depository, particularly in relation to income, corporate actions and proxy services."

Answer: **All securities held at the depository, whereas by law only deposited securities held at the depository are the ones that can be traded, pledged, and considered eligible to ownership property rights.**

63. What transfer process steps are involved when eligible securities are withdrawn from the depository for safekeeping? (Choose one)

Answer: **Not applicable**

63a. Please specify:

Answer:

64. How long does it usually take to remove securities from the depository? (Choose one)

Answer: **Not applicable**

64a. Please specify:

Answer:

64b. If other, please explain:

Answer:

65 - 65a. While the securities are being removed from the depository, can they: Be traded?

Answer: **Not applicable**

65b. Please explain:

Answer:

65c. Be settled?

Answer: **Not applicable**

65d. Please explain:

Answer:

65e. Have ownership transferred?

Answer: **Not applicable**

65f. Please explain:

Answer:

66. Does the depository accept liability (independent of any insurance coverage) for the following: 66a. Reconciliation errors with the registrar and/or the issuer that result in direct damages or losses to participants?

Answer: **Other**

66b. If yes, please check all of the following that apply:

Answer:

66c. If other, please explain:

Answer:

66d. If other, please explain:

Answer: **Reconciliation of damage or losses shall take place in the case where the depository is held responsible for such errors as per a court order, and in accordance with the relevant laws in force.**

66e. Theft of securities (either physical certificate or electronically from accounts at the depository) from the depository that result in direct damages or losses to participants?

Answer: **Yes**

66f. If yes, please check all of the following that apply:

Answer: **The depository assumes liability for direct losses**

66g. If other, please explain:

Answer:

66h. If other, please explain:

Answer:

66i. Failure of the depository's systems that result in direct damages or losses to participants because they cannot use either securities or funds?

Answer: **Yes**

66j. If yes, please check all of the following that apply:

Answer: **The depository assumes liability for direct losses**

66k. If other, please explain:

Answer:

66l. If other, please explain:

Answer:

66m. Any direct damages or losses to participants caused by the depository due to its errors, omissions or fraud?

Answer: **Yes**

66n. If yes, please check all of the following that apply:

Answer: **The depository assumes liability for direct losses**

66o. If other, please explain:

Answer:

66p. If other, please explain:

Answer:

66q. Any direct damages or losses to participants caused by the depository in its capacity as a central counterparty?

Answer: **Not applicable**

66r. If yes, please check all of the following that apply:

Answer:

66s. If other, please explain:

Answer:

66t. If other, please explain:

Answer:

66u. Does the depository guaranty settlement?

Answer: **Other**

66v. Please explain how this is accomplished. What are the procedures and safeguards that permit the depository to guaranty settlement?

Answer:

66w. If other, please explain:

Answer: **Settlement of traded securities is conducted through an electronic environment, and is governed by a legal framework and strict timings and collaterals management for guarantees to eliminate risks related to settlement, where no failure in the securities side is possible, and although the cash side is not fully controlled, but there has been no failure trades since the depository overtook the settlement process. However, in case the transactions failed to be settled, they will be resolved through the Settlement Guarantee Fund through buy-in or sellout process.**

66x. Any direct damages or losses to participants caused by the depository as a result of force majeure events, acts of God, or political events, etc.?

Answer: **No**

66y. If yes, please check all of the following that apply:

Answer:

66z. If other, please explain:

Answer:

66-1. If other, please explain:

Answer:

66-2. In all cases where the depository assumes responsibility for direct or indirect or consequential losses, is the depository's liability limited by a standard of care determination?

Answer: **No**

66-3. Please define the standard of care applied:

Answer:

66-4. If other, please explain:

Answer:

67 - 67a. Do the depository's written contracts, rules, or established practices and procedures provide protection against risk of loss of participant assets by the depository in the form of? Indemnification

Answer: **No**

67b. Please explain (then please answer 67c):

Answer:

67c. Please provide details of the relevant sections of the contracts, rules or practices where this information is found.

Answer:

67d. Insurance

Answer: **No**

67e. Please explain (then please answer 67f):

Answer:

67f. Please provide details of the relevant sections of the contracts, rules or practices where this information is found.

Answer:

67g. Acknowledgement of liability for losses caused by depository's own actions.

Answer: **No**

67h. Please explain (then please answer 67i):

Answer:

67i. Please provide details of the relevant sections of the contracts, rules or practices where this information is found.

Answer:

67j. Other

Answer: **No**

67k. Please explain (then please answer 67l):

Answer:

67l. Please provide details of the relevant sections of the contracts, rules or practices where this information is found.

Answer:

68. Is the depository immune from legal action in its own jurisdiction?

Answer: **No**

68a. If other, please explain:

Answer:

69. How do participants receive information (view actual settlement of trades, movement of securities on their accounts, etc.) and see the status of their accounts? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **By direct electronic link, By receipt of physical account holding statements, Other**

69a. Please explain:

Answer: **To enhance communication with investors and expand its digital services, the Securities Depository Center (SDC) provides the following services: 1. E-Portfolio: Available through web and mobile applications, enabling investors to monitor their securities holdings, view account transactions, and obtain ownership statements. Jordanian investors can subscribe electronically, while non-Jordanian investors can register through the SDC. 2. SMS Notification Service: Provides investors with notifications regarding trading activities, securities transfers, corporate actions, and other account-related transactions, using their registered mobile numbers. 3. Sanad Government Application: Through integration with Jordan's government digital identity application, Sanad, Jordanian investors can securely access and view their securities ownership information in real time without additional registration or procedures**

70. Do participants have access to affect their holdings, including confirming and affirming trades, movement of securities on their accounts, etc.?

Answer: **Yes**

70a. How is access given to participants? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **By direct electronic link**

70b. Please select type of electronic link:

Answer: **Secured, leased, dedicated telephone line**

70c. Please explain:

Answer:

70d. If other, please explain:

Answer:

71 - 71a. Regarding data security: Are passwords used by participants to access their accounts?

Answer: **Yes**

71b. If other, please explain:

Answer:

71c. Does each user have a unique user ID?

Answer: **Yes**

71d. If other, please explain:

Answer:

71e. Are passwords regularly changed?

Answer: **Yes**

71f. How often?

Answer: **Once every month**

71g. If other, please explain:

Answer:

71h. Is there a user lock-out after a pre-set number of unsuccessful User ID attempts?

Answer: **Yes**

71i. How many?

Answer: **Three times**

71j. If other, please explain:

Answer:

72. Does the depository communicate with other market entities such as stock exchanges, payment systems, clearing houses, etc., by secured linkages? (if no or not applicable, please proceed to 74)

Answer: **Yes**

72a. Please explain:

Answer: **Stock Exchange: Secure VLAN and tight coupling environment. Jordan Securities Commission through secure VLAN. Settlement system: RTGS-JO through SWIFT/ VPN secure channel.**

73. - 73a. How does the depository communicate with other market entities? Stock Exchanges (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Secured, leased, dedicated telephone line, Paper/other**

73b. Payment Systems (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Secured, leased, dedicated telephone line, Fax, Paper/other**

73c. Clearing Houses (Choose all that apply.)

Answer: **Not applicable**

73d. Registrars (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Not applicable**

74. How is access to the physical building controlled? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **By guards, By electronic keys/personal ID card, By alarm system**

74a. Please explain:

Answer:

75. What are the vault security procedures for the safekeeping of physical paper? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Dual access control, Visitor logs, Fire alarms, Guards**

75a. Please indicate frequency of vault counts:

Answer:

75b. Please explain:

Answer:

76. If a participant defaults, how and by whom is the loss covered? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **The depository guaranty fund covers the loss**

76a. Please explain the process:

Answer:

76b. Please explain the process of how the loss is shared: (Choose one)

Answer:

76c. If other, please explain:

Answer:

76d. Please explain:

Answer:

77. During the past three years, has there been a situation where a participant defaulted which resulted in a significant loss?

Answer: **No**

77a. How was the situation resolved? Or if you answered "Other," then please explain:

Answer:

78. Does the depository have a guaranty fund independent of stock exchange or other market guarantees? (If no or not applicable, proceed to question 79)

Answer: **Yes**

78a. If yes, please respond to the following questions: What is the size of the fund (then please answer 78b)?

Answer: **The following table outlines the Settlement Guarantee Fund Contributions provided by financial brokers as of 30/09/2026: Financial Brokers Payment Orders JOD 5,938,000 (8,363,380**

USD) Cash Contributions JOD 3,608,000 (5,081,690 USD) Total JOD 9,546,000 (13,445,070 USD) Whereas the custodians of banks (12) custodians provided the SDC with standing instructions upon agreement with the Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ) to transfer the defaulted amount from their accounts with CBJ to the SDC upon the request of the SDC, while non-bank custodians provided bank guarantees to the SDC with a value of JOD 400,000 (563,380 USD).

78l. If other, please explain:

Answer:

78b. How is the size of the fund determined? (Choose one)

Answer: **By participant volume**

78c. If other, please explain:

Answer:

78d. How is the fund financed? (Choose one)

Answer: **Contributions from participants**

78e. If so, what is the amount or percentage per owner?

Answer:

78f. If so, what is the amount or percentage per participant?

Answer: **The contributions of the brokers of the Fund are calculated based on specific formulas and are periodically re-calculated. While the contributions of the custodians are determined by the decision of the Fund's Board of Directors. For brokers: 1. Non-conditional Bank Guarantee: calculated on the basis of the average net amounts due to be paid by the Broker in favor of settlement as a result of his trading transactions throughout a period of twelve months with a minimum of (50,000) JOD. The bank guarantee amounts shall be re-calculated once every twelve months for brokers that have been trading in securities for twelve months. 2. Cash contribution: calculated on the basis of the net amounts due to be paid by the Broker in favor of settlement as a result of his trading in securities through the Market for the last three months not being less than (25,000) JOD. The cash contribution amounts shall be re-calculated every three months at the end of March, June, September and December of each year. For custodians: 1. Open Standing Instructions (limited to Bank Custodians) Bank-Custodians shall provide the SDC with Standing Instructions upon agreement with the Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ) to transfer the defaulted amount from their accounts with CBJ to the SDC upon the latter's request. Bank guarantee (Limited to Non-bank custodians) 2. Non-bank custodians shall provide the SDC with a bank guarantee of a minimum of (100,000) JOD which is subject to annual revision or when required as the case may be. The formula and the method of calculation are stated in the internal by law of the Settlement Guarantee Fund for the year 2017. This bylaw is available on the SDC's website at: https://sdc.com.jo/en/legislation/by-Laws/legislation/4464**

78g. If other, please explain:

Answer:

78h. Who is covered by the fund? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Other**

78i. If other, please explain:

Answer: **Operating Brokers and Custodians**

78j. When is the guaranty fund used? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Other**

78k. If other, please explain:

Answer: **When the broker and / or custodian defaults**

79. Does the depository have forms of oversight management for assessing and monitoring of the following? (Choose all that apply) (If not applicable, please answer follow up question)

Answer: **Participant eligibility requirements, Settlement controls that minimize or eliminate the risk of default by a participant, Participant volumes, Blocking of securities movement before receipt of payment, Blocking payment until securities are moved, Collateral requirements for participants**

79a. Please explain other loss or default protections:

Answer:

79b. Please explain the requirements:

Answer: **The Settlement Guarantee Fund which was established by virtue of Article (88) of the Securities Law No. (18) of 2017. Its objectives include: 1.Covering the cash deficit of a Fund member in connection with his purchases of securities. 2.Covering the deficits in the securities account of a Fund member in connection with his sales of securities on the market. The Fund has a legal personality with financial autonomy and is managed by the SDC Board of Directors and the chief executive officer. The contributions of the members of the Fund (Brokers and Custodians) are mentioned earlier in Q78a. For more information about the SGF includes formulas, please visit the SDC's website on the following link (Internal By-Law of the SGF): https://sdc.com.jo/en/legislation/by-Laws/legislation/4464**

79c. Please explain how these debit caps work:

Answer:

79d. What type or types of settlement controls (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Blocking or freezing of securities positions, Simultaneous DVP**

79e. Please explain:

Answer: **Securities are blocked in the seller's account prior to trade execution and shown in the records as pending-in for purchases and pending-out for sales. The SDC updates ownership immediately upon completion of cash and securities settlement on T+2. As for block trades, the SDC settles block trades transactions on the same settlement date (T+0).**

79f. Please explain:

Answer:

79g. Please explain:

Answer: **Simultaneous delivery upon Delivery versus Payment method where the SDC adopt BIS Model 2, to give effect to a transfer of securities in exchange for the receipt of the stipulated payment amount securities in such a way will be delivered only if the corresponding delivery of the cash occurs, avoiding settlement risk.**

79h. Please identify and explain:

Answer:

79i. Please explain briefly how these work:

Answer:

79-2: Please provide the risk management framework (attachment, link etc.)

Answer:

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Answer:

URL Link:

Answer: **https://sdc.com.jo/en/risk-management**

80. Does the stock exchange have default protections that extend to the depository, such as the following? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **No**

80a. Please explain:

Answer:

81. Do you have a formal business recovery plan?

Answer: **Yes**

81a. Does your Business Recovery Plan include: (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Back-up of all computer files, Off-site operations facility, Off-site data storage, Back-up files stored and locked**

81h. If other, please explain:

Answer:

81b-1. Please identify the frequency of testing for the following third party: - Depository participants/members:

Answer: **Annual**

81b-2. Please identify the last date of testing for the following third party: - Depository participants/members:

Answer: **06-2026**

81c-1. Please identify the frequency of testing for the following third party: - Stock exchange:

Answer: **Annual**

81c-2. Please identify the last date of testing for the following third party: - Stock exchange:

Answer: **06-2026**

81d-1. Please identify the frequency of testing for the following third party: - Central bank:

Answer: **Annual**

81d-2. Please identify the last date of testing for the following third party: - Central bank:

Answer: **07-2026**

81e-1. Please identify the frequency of testing for the following third party: - Local brokers:

Answer: **Annual**

81e-2. Please identify the last date of testing for the following third party: - Local brokers:

Answer: **06-2026**

81f-1. Please identify the frequency of testing for the following third party: - Any other third party:

Answer:

81f-2. Please identify the last date of testing for the following third party: - Any other third party:

Answer:

81g. If other, please explain:

Answer:

82. How quickly can the main system be reactivated in the event of an outage? (Choose one)

Answer: **1 - 4 hours**

82a. If other, please explain:

Answer:

83. If a back-up system exists, how quickly can the back-up system be activated in the event of the main system failing? (Choose one)

Answer: **1 - 4 hours**

83a. If other, please explain:

Answer:

84. Will the depository publicly announce any system interruption?

Answer: **Yes**

84a. To whom will the depository disclose any system interruptions? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **To the depository regulators, To all direct participants, To direct and indirect participants, To the public via the internet**

84b. If so, please list webpage address:

Answer: **www.sdc.com.jo**

84c. If so, please list all publications:

Answer:

84d. Please explain:

Answer:

84g. If other, please explain:

Answer:

84e. How will the depository disclose any system interruptions? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **By e-mail, Other**

84f. Please explain:

Answer: **Fax, and casting system.**

85. In the past three years, has it been necessary to activate the recovery plan in a live situation?

Answer: **No**

85a. If yes, how much time was needed to implement the recovery plan? (Choose one)

Answer:

85b. How much time was needed to recover and restore business to normal operations? (Choose one)

Answer:

85c. What was the impact to the market? (Choose all that apply)

Answer:

85d. If other, please explain:

Answer:

85e. If other, please explain:

Answer:

86. Has there been any material loss by the depository during the past three years?

Answer: **No**

86a. If there has been a loss, please describe the cause, the final impact and the action taken to prevent

a recurrence:

Answer:

86b. If other, please explain:

Answer:

87. Has the depository been subject to any litigation involving a participant during the past three years?

Answer: **No**

87a. Please explain the circumstances and resolution:

Answer:

87b. If other, please explain:

Answer:

88. Has the depository realized revenues sufficient to cover expenses during the past three years? (Choose one)

Answer: **Yes, for all three years**

88a. If other, please explain:

Answer:

89. Does the depository maintain a reserve for operating losses?

Answer: **No**

89a. Please describe and indicate reserve amount:

Answer:

89b. If other, please explain:

Answer:

90. Has the regulatory body with oversight responsibility for the depository issued public notice that the depository is not in current compliance with any capital, solvency, insurance or similar financial strength requirements imposed by such regulatory body?

Answer: **No**

90a. Please describe:

Answer:

90f. If other, please explain:

Answer:

90b. In the case of such a notice having been issued, has such notice been withdrawn, or, has the remedy of such noncompliance been publicly announced by the depository?

Answer:

90c. If yes, please describe:

Answer:

90d. If no, why not?

Answer:

90e. If other, please explain:

Answer:

91. Please confirm whether you maintain insurance policies to cover any liabilities and indemnities that you may incur in connection to the services you provide.

Answer: **Insurance for the Premises, Other type of insurance**

91a. What is the amount of the coverage and the amount of deductable? Please also indicate the currency.

Answer:

91b. What is the amount of the coverage and the amount of deductible? Please also indicate the currency.

Answer:

91c. What is the amount of the coverage and the amount of deductible? Please also indicate the currency.

Answer:

91d. What is the amount of the coverage and the amount of deductible? Please also indicate the currency.

Answer: **1,500,000 in JOD**

91e. Please describe the nature of the coverage, the amount of the coverage and the amount of deductible. Please also indicate the currency.

Answer: **Fixed Assets insurance (1,800,000 JOD) and cash and cash on the way insurance (15,000 JOD/ per day)**

92. Who is the insurance carrier? If more than one insurance carrier, please list each carrier here and provide your responses to questions 92a and 92b in corresponding order.

Answer: **• Al-NISR Al-ARABI Insurance for premises and Fixed assets insurance. • The Islamic Insurance Group for cash and cash on the way insurance.**

92a. Who is the insurance carrier's parent company, if applicable? (If inapplicable, simply type n/a.)

Answer: **N/A**

92b. What is the term of the policy?

Answer: **Insurance for the Premises from 1/7/2026 to 30/6/ 2027 Fixed assets insurance (devices, machines, computers, and furniture) from 1/7/ 2026 to 30/6/ 2027 Cash and cash on the way insurance from 16/9/ 2026 to 15/9/ 2027**

92c. Who does the insurance cover? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Not applicable**

92d. If other, please identify:

Answer:

93. If you feel that you would like to provide additional details on any of the given answers, feel free to provide any additional comments here (maximum of 5,000 characters) or prepare an additional document identifying the question(s) you are commenting on and upload the document under 93a:

Answer:

93a. Upload document here:

Answer:

94. The AGC encourages respondents/depositories to make their answers to this questionnaire publicly available. Will you be making your response publicly available? (The AGC suggests that you consider making your completed questionnaire available to the public - either in response to requestor, if possible, by posting it on a website. The information provided in response to the questionnaire will be used by the member banks of the Association in compiling Rule 17f-7 risk analysis and may also be furnished by members to U.S. investment companies. The information may also be furnished to other types of institutional investors, or to other parties who have an interest in the securities markets of various countries. However, the Association does not intend to release questionnaire responses directly to the general public. (For these reasons, the members of the Association cannot assure that responses will be treated as confidential or that responses will not become public.))

Answer: **Yes**

94a. If yes, how will you be making it publicly available: (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **Website, By individual request with depository**

94b. Please provide web site address of publicly available questionnaire:

Answer: **www.sdc.com.jo**

94c. Please provide name of contact at depository who has been designated to receive such requests (then please answer 94d).

Answer: **Mrs. Sarah Tarawneh (CEO)**

94d. How would they prefer to be contacted? (Choose all that apply)

Answer: **By telephone, Facsimile, By mail/air courier, By e-mail**

94e. Please provide telephone number:

Answer: **+962 6 5672550**

94f. Please provide facsimile number:

Answer: **+962 6 5672622**

94g. What is the preferred street address for mailing requests?

Answer: **Capital Market Building, Al- Mansour Bin Abi Amer Street, Al-Madina Al - Riyadiya District Al-Abdali Area, Amman, Jordan P.O.Box. (212465) Amman 11121 Jordan**

94h. What is the preferred e-mail address for such requests:

Answer: **info@sdc.com.jo**

94i. If other, please describe how you will be making the questionnaire publicly available:

Answer:

95. Association members from time to time receive requests from their direct investor-clients for an informational copy of a depository's completed questionnaire. Such requests typically lead to interactions between personnel at the depository in question and member personnel or client personnel, or both. Those interactions take time and impose costs on both members and depositories. Do you approve of Association members delivering a copy of your completed questionnaire to the member's direct client in response to the client's request?

Answer: **Yes**

96. Does your organization have a documented cybersecurity policy in place? If so, please provide a copy or overview.

Answer: **Yes**

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Answer:

Comments:

Answer: **SDC has a documented Information Security/Cybersecurity Policy aligned with ISO/IEC 27001 standards and the Jordan National Cybersecurity Framework.**

97. Please confirm that your staff receive relevant training about this policy:

Answer: **Yes**

Comments:

Answer:

98. Please confirm what topics are covered by your policy for continuity of business in the event of a large data breach or cyber attack against your organization.

Answer: **IT Asset & Inventory Management, IT Protective Security Technology, Cyber Event Detection, Access Management, Incident Response and Recovery, Logging, Monitoring, and Alerting, Security Awareness & Training**

Comments:

Answer:

99. In the last 12 months have there been any changes to the policy? If yes, please detail.

Answer: **No**

Comments:

Answer:

100. Please advise how often you review the policy.

Answer: **Annually**

Comments:

Answer:

101. Please provide (as an attachment) a diagram showing where your cybersecurity function resides and who it reports to.

Answer:

Comments:

Answer:

102. How does your organization identify cyber risks to business functions?

Answer: **Risk and Control Assessments, Other**

Comments:

Answer: **SDC is implementing the Jordan National Cyber Security Framework to identify and assess cyber risks across critical business functions. This includes regular risk assessments, external reviews, and continuous monitoring to ensure emerging threats are promptly detected and addressed.**

103. Do you conduct ongoing testing and monitoring processes to ensure that all internal and external connectivity and system configurations are not at risk of cybersecurity breaches? If yes, please provide details and indicate frequency.

Answer: **Yes**

Comments / frequency:

Answer: **SDC performs ongoing monitoring of connectivity and system configurations, including vulnerability scans and log reviews. Critical systems are monitored continuously, with full security assessments conducted quarterly.**

104. What technological controls and protections are in place for your systems and networks?

Answer: **Encryption of data at rest, Intrusion detection systems, Patch Management, Encryption of data in transit, Intrusion prevention systems, User Access Controls, Anti-virus software, Firewalls, Other**

Comments:

Answer: **The other technology is the Web Application Firewall.**

105. Does your organization use multi-factor authentication?

Answer: **Yes**

Comments:

Answer: **All SDC electronic systems published on the Internet are protected by Two-Factor Authentication (2FA). In addition to username and password authentication, users are required to enter a One-Time Password (OTP) as an additional security layer before accessing these systems.**

106. Where your organization has outsourced activities or functions to a third-party provider, is your cyber risk exposure documented?

Answer: **Yes**

107. What measures does your organization have to ensure early detection of a cyber attack? If other, please answer 107a

Answer: **Incident Response Plan, Logging of IT systems, Other**

107a. Other

Answer: **SIEM Solution SoC Solution Threat intelligent Dark web**

108. What is the agreed resumption time for critical operations following a cyber attack? If other, please answer 108a

Answer: **1 - 4 hours**

108a. Other

Answer:

109. How would you advise clients of a successful cyber attack against your organization? If other, please answer 109a

Answer:

109a. Other

Answer:

110. In the last 12 months has your organization been subject to a cyber attack that impacted the service you provide to us? If yes, please provide details.

Answer: **No**

Comments:

Answer:

111. Are the following elements of your cybersecurity framework tested pre deployment of changes?

Answer: **Vulnerability**

111a. Are the following elements of your cybersecurity framework tested post deployment of changes?

Answer: **Vulnerability, Scenario based penetration tests**

112. For cloud technology and associated cybersecurity risks, please confirm: (i) that you have procedures and controls in place to protect our information from mishandling or theft (ii) how these procedures and controls tie back to your record retention policy

Answer: **Not applicable as cloud not used**

113. Does your organisation have a cyber threat intelligence programme to understand and protect against a potential threat actor's motives, targets, and attack behaviors?

Answer: **Yes**

Comments:

Answer:

114. Is your organization aware of SWIFT’s Customer Security Program (CSP)?

Answer: **Yes**

Comments:

Answer:

115. Does your organization ensure compliance with SWIFT’s CSP controls?

Answer: **Yes**

Comments:

Answer: