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DAILY COMMENTARY

United States (US) producer prices fell marginally in August 2018, recording its first decline in 18 months. The US producer-price index (PPI), a measure of the prices businesses received for their goods and services, declined by 0.1% month-over-month (MoM) and was below market expectations of a 0.2% MoM gain. This decline was largely driven by a decline in the prices of food and a range of trade services which offset an increase in the cost of energy products. However, the core PPI which excludes food, energy and trade increased by 0.1% month over month, which resulted in the annualized core PPI increasing to 2.9%. Despite the marginal decline in producer prices, the annual inflation rate for core PPI and Consumer Price Index (CPI) continues to be at a steady level. It is anticipated that inflationary pressures linked to the strengthening US economy and low unemployment levels, will likely lead to higher prices in the shortterm. Additionally, the ongoing trade war between the US and China, is also anticipated to impact prices as producers continue to see declining margins as a result of higher input costs associated with the recent tariffs.

GOJ 2025 Global Bond

5.07%

-0.50



Foreign Exchange Market

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Currency	12-Sep	II-Sep	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	136.91	137.06	-0.11%	9.53%
GBP:JMD	178.91	178.28	0.35%	7.11%
CAD:JMD	104.25	104.83	-0.55%	7.04%

Caribbean & Latam

Center-left populist presidential candidate Ciro Gomes vowed on Wednesday to reduce concentration in Brazil's banking sector if elected in October, warning that he would open the sector up to more foreign competition if necessary.

USA & Canada

The Trump administration has reached out to China for a new round of trade talks as it prepares to activate punitive U.S. tariffs on \$200 billion worth of Chinese goods, two people familiar with the matter said on Wednesday.

Europe

Robust oil and mining stocks drove European shares up on Wednesday as investors shrugged off a weaker session in Asia amid rising tensions between the United States and China.

Asia

Japan's Nikkei fell on Wednesday as chip-related stocks tracked weakness in their U.S. counterparts overnight and as machine tool makers weakened after downbeat industry data.

****	Local E	quity Ma	r <mark>ket</mark>		
Stock Index	Today's close	DoD Δ	DoD% Δ	YTD % Δ	ΥοΥ% Δ
JSE Combined Index	353,911.56	1398.25	0.40%	19.98 %	43.35%
JSE Index	345,102.94	1676.85	0.49%	19.67%	31.80%
All Jamaican Composite Index	378,770.70	1840.44	0.49%	I 9.67%	48.00%
JSE Select Index	9,553.41	-54.47	-0.57%	12.18%	29.24%
Junior Market Index	3,356.37	-12.75	-0.38%	22.85%	10.24%

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS							
	ADVANCERS			DECLINERS			
SCIUSD	9.09%		DTL	-11.01%			
ROC	9.03%		VMIL	-6.34%			
PULS	5.66%		PTL	-5.09 %	-		

Today's combined market activity resulted in trading of 55 stocks, of which 21 advanced, 24 declined and 10 traded firm.

International Markets

International Equity Markets						Internatio		
Index	1	2- S ep	DoD % A	YTD% A	ΥοΥ% Δ	Currency	12-Sep	
S&P 500	2,	888.92	0.04%	8.05%	15.72%	EUR: USD	1.1629	
Dow Jones	25	,998.92	0.11%	5.18%	17.54%		1.1027	
FTSE All Share	4,	042.22	0.57%	-4.25%	-0.31%	GBP: USD	1.3053	
Euro Stoxx 50	3,	326.60	0.45%	-5.06%	-5.29%	USD: CAD	1.3000	
Nikkei 225	22	,604.61	-0.27%	-0.70%	I 4.30%			
MSCI World Index	5	19.30	1.03%	I.22%	7.01%	USD: JPY	111.24	
	G	lobal Int	erest Rate	es			C	
Rates		12-Sep	DoD ∆bps	YTD ∆bps		Commodity	I 2-Sep	
	JS	2.96%	-1.29	55.26	79.54	Crude Oil	70.29	
Treasury Bond						Gold	1,206.4	
10-Year UK Gilt		1.48%	-1.60	29.40	34.90	Silver	14.25	

62.70

International Currency Market								
Currency	12-Sep	DoD % A	YTD% Δ	ΥοΥ% Δ				
EUR: USD	1.1629	0.20%	-3.13%	-2.82%				
GBP: USD	1.3053	0.15%	-3.40%	-1.73%				
USD: CAD	1.3000	-0.51%	3.41%	6.68%				
USD: JPY	111.24	-0.35%	-1.29%	0.97%				
	Со	mmodities						
Commodity	12-Sep	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ	ΥοΥ% Δ				
Crude Oil	70.29	1.50%	16.34%	45.74%				
Gold	1,206.41	0.65%	-7.40%	-9.42%				
Silver	14.25	0.77%	-15.86%	-20.42%				
Aluminium	2,044.00	-2.43%	-9.88%	-4.35%				

Sources: Bloomberg, Reuters, Jamaica Stock Exchange, Bank of Jamaica, Jamaica Observer, Jamaica Gleaner, CNBC

66.80

Mutual Funds

		JN MUTUAL FU September 11, 2			Managed b	ed by Fund Managers Ltd. A member of the Croup	
JN Mu	tual Funds	NAV	/ Price	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)	
Globa	Diversified Incon	ne J\$12	2.7576	l 8.67%	8.38%	3.20%	
Globa	l Equity	J\$ 12	2.9882	16.61%	11.77%	0.00%	
Globa	l Fixed Income	J\$11	.4914	10.05%	7.15%	4.80%	
Global Money Market (US\$)		JS\$) US\$1	0.0532	32 0.85%	0.85%	0.97%	
Globa	l Fixed Income (U	S\$) US\$9	9.8874	-	-1.13%	4.08%	
Local	Money Market	J\$10).3263	4.72%	3.26%	2.34%	
	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Mar Fund	ket Glo	bal Fixed Income Funds	Global Diversified Income Fund	Global Equity Fund	
Objective	To preserve capital whilst	To preserve capital w		chieve an attractive total	To provide long-term	To provide long-term capita	
	providing US dollar (US\$)	providing Jamaican Do		rn through capital injection and		-	
	money market returns	(J\$) money market ret		me growth. This is offered	exposure to a diversified	diversification.	
				ugh two separate Funds:	range of asset classes.		
				. Jamaican dollar (J\$) and A US dollar (US\$) fund.			
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Strategy	To invest in local and global	To invest in local and global	To invest in regional, sovereign	To invest in fixed income,	To invest in the shares of	
	money market instruments	money market instruments	debt securities, local and	high dividend yielding stocks,	local and international	
	for safety, liquidity and	for safety and liquidity and	international corporate bonds.	REITs and structured products	companies which offer	
	yield.	yield			strong growth possibilities	
					and consistent income	

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