

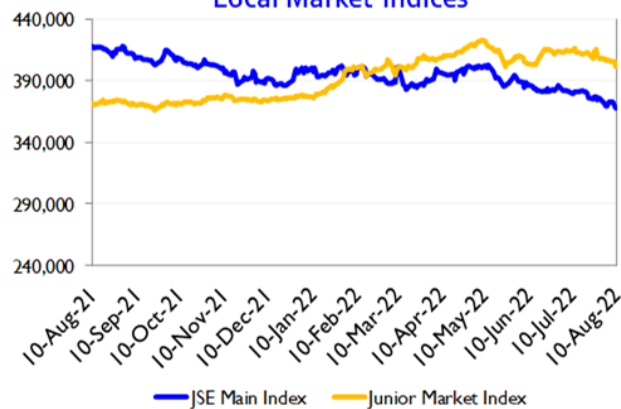
U.S. consumer prices unchanged in July as cost of gasoline falls

U.S. consumer prices were unchanged in July due to a sharp drop in the cost of gasoline, delivering the first notable sign of relief for weary Americans who have watched inflation climb over the past two years. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) was flat last month after advancing 1.3% in June, the Labor Department said on Wednesday in a closely watched report that nevertheless showed underlying inflation pressures remain elevated as the Federal Reserve mulls whether to embrace another super-sized interest rate hike in September. The reading was the largest month-on-month deceleration of price increases since 1973 and follows on the heels of a roughly 20% drop in the cost of gasoline.

Aside from its policy meeting next month, the Fed has indicated that several monthly declines in CPI growth would be needed before it lets up on the aggressive monetary policy tightening it has delivered to tame inflation currently running at a four-decade high. The lower-than-expected CPI data ignited a strong rally in equity markets, with the S&P 500 index rising 1.7% in early trading. U.S. consumer prices have been surging due to a number of factors, including snarled global supply chains, massive government stimulus early in the COVID-19 pandemic and Russia's invasion of Ukraine. In the 12 months through July, the CPI increased by a weaker-than-expected 8.5% following a 9.1% rise in June. The so-called core CPI rose 0.3% in July after climbing 0.7% in June, but still increased 5.9% in the 12 months through July, matching the pace in June.

Source: Reuters

Local Market Indices



Foreign Exchange Market

| Currency | 10-Aug | 9-Aug | DoD % Δ | YTD % Δ |
|----------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| USD:JMD | 153.07 | 153.20 | -0.08% | -1.30% |
| GBP:JMD | 186.18 | 184.65 | 0.83% | -11.4% |
| CAD:JMD | 119.50 | 119.17 | 0.28% | -2.7% |

Caribbean & Latam

- Brazil's retail sales fell 1.4% in June from May, government statistics agency IBGE said on Wednesday, a sharper decline than the 1.0% decrease expected in a Reuters poll of economists.

USA & Canada

- Wall Street rallied more than 1% on Wednesday after data showed U.S. inflation slowed more than expected in July and raised hopes the Federal Reserve will cut back on aggressively boosting interest rates.

Europe

- European stocks closed higher on Wednesday amid easing worries about aggressive monetary tightening by the Federal Reserve after data from the Labor Department showed consumer price inflation in the U.S. slowed more than expected in the month of July.

Asia

- Asian stocks fell on Wednesday as risk appetite remained in check ahead of key U.S. inflation data due out later in the day that could offer clues on the Fed's next move on interest rates.

Local Equity Market

| Stock Index | Today's close | DoD Δ | DoD% Δ | YTD % Δ | YoY% Δ |
|------------------------------|---------------|-----------|--------|---------|---------|
| JSE Combined Index | 379,541.62 | -2,488.12 | -0.65% | -5.38% | -9.64% |
| JSE Index | 367,199.58 | -1,624.03 | -0.44% | -7.31% | -12.16% |
| All Jamaican Composite Index | 416,853.91 | -3,397.23 | -0.81% | -4.90% | -8.86% |
| JSE Select Index | 9,456.18 | -70.27 | -0.74% | -4.32% | -8.55% |
| Junior Market Index | 4,026.34 | -107.82 | -2.61% | 17.44% | 22.47% |

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS

| ADVANCERS | | DECLINERS | |
|-----------|--------|-----------|---------|
| SRFUSD | 19.05% | PURITY | -12.42% |
| JAMT | 11.37% | AFS | -11.68% |
| KREMI | 7.23% | BRG | -11.14% |

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **94** stocks, of which **27** advanced, **59** declined and **8** traded firm.

International Markets

| International Equity Markets | | | | | International Currency Market | | | | |
|------------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------------------------|----------|---------|---------|---------|
| Index | 10-Aug | DoD % Δ | YTD % Δ | YoY % Δ | Currency | 10-Aug | DoD % Δ | YTD % Δ | YoY % Δ |
| S&P 500 | 4,210.24 | 2.13% | -11.66% | -5.11% | EUR: USD | 1.0302 | 0.87% | -9.39% | -12.10% |
| Dow Jones | 33,309.51 | 1.63% | -8.33% | -5.54% | GBP: USD | 1.22 | 1.13% | -9.72% | -11.75% |
| FTSE All Share | 4,150.68 | 0.52% | -1.36% | 0.98% | USD: CAD | 1.28 | -0.88% | 1.09% | 2.04% |
| Euro Stoxx 50 | 3,749.35 | 0.91% | -12.77% | -10.47% | USD: JPY | 132.91 | -1.58% | 15.49% | 20.20% |
| Nikkei 225 | 27,819.33 | -0.65% | -3.38% | -0.25% | | | | | |
| MSCI World Index | 649.08 | 1.78% | -14.01% | -11.33% | | | | | |
| Global Interest Rates | | | | | Commodities | | | | |
| Rates | 10-Aug | DoD Δbps | YTD Δbps | YoY Δbps | Commodity | 10-Aug | DoD % Δ | YTD % Δ | YoY % Δ |
| 10 -Year US Treasury Bond | 2.79% | 1.00 | 128.00 | 144.00 | Crude Oil | 91.57 | 1.18% | 21.75% | 34.09% |
| 10-Year UK Gilt | 1.95% | -2.00 | 98.00 | 136.00 | Gold | 1,791.46 | -0.16% | -2.06% | 3.62% |
| GOJ 2025 Global Bond | 5.55% | -23.00 | 151.00 | 200.00 | Silver | 20.59 | 0.30% | -11.67% | -11.80% |
| | | | | | Aluminium | 2,489.50 | -0.04% | -11.33% | -3.30% |



Mutual Funds



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JN MUTUAL FUNDS

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| JN Mutual Funds | NAV Price | 12 Months Growth Rate | YTD Growth Rate | Yield (Estimated Yearly Income) |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| Global Diversified Income | J\$12.9571 | -7.85% | -8.79% | 1.16% |
| Global Equity | J\$14.7051 | -9.32% | -6.40% | 0.00% |
| Global Fixed Income | J\$13.4264 | 2.72% | 1.20% | 3.94% |
| Global Money Market (US\$) | US\$11.1953 | 3.24% | 1.89% | 3.94% |
| Global Fixed Income (US\$) | US\$11.2795 | 0.81% | -0.55% | 3.74% |
| Local Money Market | J\$11.7471 | 3.02% | 1.40% | 4.96% |

| | Global Money Market Fund | Local Money Market Fund | Global Fixed Income Funds | Global Diversified Income Fund | Global Equity Fund |
|------------------|---|---|--|--|--|
| Objective | To preserve capital whilst providing US dollar (US\$) money market returns | To preserve capital whilst providing Jamaican Dollar (J\$) money market returns | To achieve an attractive total return through capital injection and income growth. This is offered through two separate Funds: (i) A Jamaican dollar (J\$) and (ii) A US dollar (US\$) fund. | To provide long-term investment growth through exposure to a diversified range of asset classes. | To provide long-term capital growth and risk diversification. |
| Strategy | To invest in local and global money market instruments for safety, liquidity and yield. | To invest in local and global money market instruments for safety and liquidity and yield | To invest in regional, sovereign debt securities, local and international corporate bonds. | To invest in fixed income, high dividend yielding stocks, REITs and structured products | To invest in the shares of local and international companies which offer strong growth possibilities and consistent income |

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