

Jamaica Consumer and Business Confidence Decline Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

According to Jamaica Chamber of Commerce (JCC), for the second quarter ended June 2020, both the consumer and business confidence indexes declined amid the economic fallout brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Consumer Confidence index closed the second quarter at 165.2 points, down from 172.9 points in the first quarter, reflecting the increased pessimism brought on by the huge job losses, reduced income and movement restrictions. However, the report indicated that consumers have remained optimistic about future expectations for the economy particularly in relation to business conditions and jobs. At the same time, the Business Confidence index moved down to 115.4 points in the second quarter from the 129.2 points recorded during the first quarter. This decline reflects the ongoing concerns about the current investment climate, particularly for expansion and profitability. During the period businesses reported revenue losses, increased layoffs and salary cuts. The JCC indicates that businesses are anticipating a recovery, driven by the anticipation that businesses will return to full operations within the next 12 months coupled with a recovery in tourist flows to the country following the pandemic, among other things.

Given that the uncertainty surrounding the duration of the coronavirus remains high, coupled with possibility of other external shocks such as the current hurricane season and the resurgence of trade tensions between the US and China, we anticipate that both indexes could see further declines over the short-term.



Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	22-Jul	21-Jul	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	145.94	147.06	-0.76%	10.09%
GBP:JMD	187.58	186.44	0.61%	9.3%
CAD:JMD	111.23	110.47	0.68%	11.1%

Caribbean & Latam

Brazil's real jumped on Wednesday as tax reform proposals to congressional leaders were well-received by investors in the face of improving industrial confidence in Latin America's largest economy, even as U.S.-China tensions rose.

USA & Canada

Wall Street ended higher on Wednesday after a see-saw session as investors digested mixed quarterly results and contentious stimulus negotiations in Washington.

Europe

European shares fell on Wednesday as escalating U.S.-China tensions and a surge in coronavirus cases dented sentiment after an EU-wide debt deal sent the region's markets to fourmonth highs in the previous session.

Asia

Asia's cash premiums for 10 ppm gasoil fell on Wednesday, hurt by weaker buying interest for physical cargoes, while the front-month spread for the industrial fuel narrowed its backwardated structure.

Local Equity Market

Stock Ir	ndex	Today's close	DoD Δ	DoD% ∆	YTD % ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ
JSE Combined Index		371,029.15	-372.52	-0.10%	-26.49%	-23.97%
JSE Index		373,295.78	-911.96	-0.24%	-26.61%	-24.30%
All Jamaican Compo	site Index	409,309.09	-1,098.40	-0.27%	-26.69%	-24.40%
JSE Select Index		9,312.80	64.04	0.69%	-29.21%	-27.52%
Junior Market Index		2,562.54	43.57	1.73%	-24.78%	-19.42%
		BEST AND W	ORST PERF	ORMERS		
	ADVANC	ERS		DE	CLINERS	
PURITY	27.05%	•	S	SLVC	-12.36%	
KLE	14.81%		9	SALF	-10.81%	
EPLY	11.90%			1834	-9.09%	

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference shares) resulted in trading of 73 stocks, of which 37 advanced, 26 declined and 10 traded firm.

International Markete

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International Equity Markets					International Currency Market				
Index	22-Jul	DoD % A	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ	Currency	22-Jul	DoD % Δ	ΥΤΟ % Δ	YoY%
S&P 500	3,276,42	0.59%	1.42%	9.76%	Currency	22-jui	D0D /6 A	110% Δ	
	<u> </u>				EUR: USD	1.1574	0.41%	3.22%	3.26%
Dow Jones	27,005.84	0.62%	-5.37%	-0.61%					
FTSE All Share	3,439.24	-0.85%	-18.04%	-16.16%	GBP: USD	1.274	0.07%	-3.90%	2.12%
Euro Stoxx 50	3,370.76	-1.02%	-10.00%	-3.41%					
Nikkei 225	22,751.61	-0.58%	-3.83%	6.23%	USD: CAD	1.3412	-0.35%	3.25%	2.23%
MSCI World Index	555.81	0.57%	-1.67%	5.37%	USD: JPY	107.18	0.36%	-1.32%	-0.64%
Global Interest Rates						Co	mmodities	;	
Rates	22-J u	ıl DoD ∆bp	s YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps	Commodi-	22-Jul	DoD % Δ	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ

Global Interest Rates					Commodities				
Rates	22-Jul	DoD ∆bps	YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps	Commodi- ty	22-Jul	DoD % Δ	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ % Δ
10 -Year US Treasury Bond	0.60%	0.00	-132.00	-145.00	Crude Oil	41.84	-0.29%	-31.48%	-25.58%
10-Year UK Gilt	0.12%	-2.00	-70.00	-59.00	Gold	1.867.90	1.41%	23.11%	31.09%
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	4.61%	10.00	76.00	20.00	Silver	22.96	7.75%	28.58%	40.28%
					Aluminium	1,691.00	-0.32%	-6.57%	-6.88%

Sources: Bloomberg, Reuters, Jamaica Stock Exchange, Bank of Jamaica, Jamaica Observer, Jamaica Gleaner, Nasdaq, Investing.com



JN MUTUAL FUNDS

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JN Mutual Funds		NAV Pı	rice	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)	
Global I	Diversified Income	s J\$13.58	388	-2.58%	-6.94%	2.30%	
Global I	Equity	J\$14.15	524	-13.78%	-21.73%	0.00%	
Global I	Fixed Income	J\$12.45	515	5.52%	3.91%	4.65%	
Global I	Money Market (U	S\$) US\$10.4	544	2.89%	1.85%	3.69%	
Global Fixed Income (US\$)		\$) US\$10.4	423	1.95%	1.03%	5.16%	
Local Money Market		J\$10.86	57 I	3.42%	2.15%	3.86%	
	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Market Fund	Globa	al 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	return income throug (i) A Ja	nieve an attractive total through capital injection and e growth. This is offered th two separate Funds: Imaican dollar (J\$) and JS 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 produc		

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