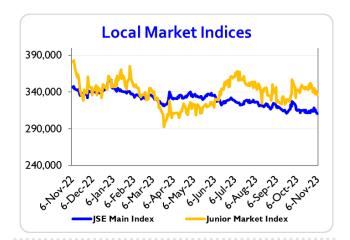
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### UK construction sector shrinks again as house-building slumps - PMI

Britain's construction industry suffered a second month of shrinkage in October as higher borrowing costs hit housebuilders and worries about the weak economy put clients off new investment, a survey showed on Monday. The S&P Global/CIPS UK construction Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) improved only marginally to 45.6 from September's 45.0, which was the lowest reading since May 2020 when Britain was under a COVID-19 lockdown. October's reading remained well below the 50.0 growth threshold.

The all-sector PMI, which includes surveys for services and manufacturing, which were released last week, as well as construction inched up to 48.4 from September's 48.2, its lowest reading since January 2021. The construction sector has been the most obvious victim so far of the Bank of England's run of interest rate increases between December 2021 and August this year. Last week, another survey showed the sector shrank in the three months to September at its fastest pace since the start of the pandemic. The house-building component of Monday's PMI improved only fractionally and remained deep in contraction territory. Civil engineering firms also reported a shrinkage. As new work dried up, confidence levels hit their lowest so far in 2023 on concern about the economy and high borrowing costs. Jobs in the sector grew at the slowest pace since June. The weakness translated into the biggest fall in prices paid by building firms since August 2009 and rates charged by sub-contractors fell for the first time in over three years, potentially easing some inflation pressure in the economy.



Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	6-Nov	3-Nov	<b>DoD %</b> Δ	<b>YTD%</b> $\Delta$
USD:JMD	157.22	157.18	0.03%	3.40%
GBP:JMD	193.64	191.15	I.30%	6.34%
CAD:JMD	115.55	114.72	0.72%	<b>6.5</b> 1%

\*Using Midday Rates

#### Caribbean & Latam

 Most Latin American stocks opened the week higher on Monday, in a rally driven by Mexican shares, on hopes of an end to the U.S. Federal Reserve's rate hiking cycle.

#### USA & Canada

 The Dow closed slightly higher Monday as a resurgence in Treasury yields kept upside momentum in check ahead of remarks from Fed officials and a slew of corporate earnings due this week.

#### **Europe**

 European shares were lacklustre on Monday after the benchmark index posted its biggest weekly jump since March, with the real estate sector losing steam, while Ryanair hit a one-month high following a forecast of a record annual profit.

#### <u>Asia</u>

Asian shares rallied for a fourth straight session on Monday after markets priced in earlier rate cuts in the United States and Europe, bullish wagers that will be tested by a swarm of central bank speakers this week.

						Source: Reuters
. e <sup>e e e e e e</sup>		Local	Equity M	larket		
Stock In	dex	Today's close	<b>DoD</b> $\Delta$	<b>DoD%</b> $\Delta$	YTD % $\Delta$	<b>ΥοΥ%</b> Δ
JSE Combined Index		325,025.49	-2,329.48	-0.71%	-11.82%	-10.04%
JSE Index		310,694.99	-2,171.72	-0.69%	-12.70%	-10.47%
All Jamaican Composi	te Index	345,658.79	-2,074.28	-0.60%	-14.25%	-12.86%
JSE Select Index		7,719.09	-49.36	-0.64%	-13.23%	-12.66%
Junior Market Index	Junior Market Index		-33.28	-0.86%	<b>-3.68</b> %	<b>-6.2</b> 1%
		BEST AND WO	ORST PERF	ORMERS		
	ADVANC	ERS		DE	CLINERS	
MPCCEL	<b>I 8.46</b> %		FIRST	ROCKJMD	-1 <b>3.98</b> %	
SRFJMD	SRFJMD I 4.46%			PTL	-11.90%	
EFRESH	11.25%		CAB	ROKERS	-10.97%	

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **93** stocks, of which **32** advanced, **49** declined and **12** traded firm.

### **International Markets**

I	International Currency Market								
Index	6-Nov	<b>DoD %</b> $\Delta$	YTD% $\Delta$	<b>ΥοΥ%</b> Δ	Currency	6-Nov	<b>DoD % A</b>	<b>YTD%</b> $\Delta$	<b>ΥοΥ%</b> Δ
S&P 500	4,365.98	0.18%	13.71%	I 4.69%	EUR: USD	1.0717	-0.13%	0.11%	6.96%
Dow Jones	34,095.86	0.10%	2.86%	3.87%	GBP: USD	1.22	-0.33%	2 1 2 9/	7.17%
FTSE All Share	4,020.77	-0.18%	-1.33%	0.69%	GBP: USD	1.23	-0.33%	2.12%	1.17%
Euro Stoxx 50	4,158.64	-0.38%	<b>9.62</b> %	12.13%	USD: CAD	1.37	0.33%	1.10%	1.55%
Nikkei 225	32,708.48	2.37%	13.60%	18.82%	USD: JPY	150.06	0.45%	14.44%	2.34%
MSCI World Index	665.03	0.34%	9.85%	13.31%					

Glo	Commodities								
Rates	6-Nov	DoD Abps	YTD ∆bps		Commodity	6-Nov	<b>DoD % A</b>	<b>YTD% A</b>	<b>ΥοΥ%</b> Δ
10 -Year US Treasury Bond	4.65%	8.00	78.00	44.00	Crude Oil	80.83	0.40%	0.71%	-11 <b>.94</b> %
	4.38% 9.00	9.00	71.00	74.00	Gold	1,977.56	-0.76%	8.42%	<b>18.02%</b>
10-Year UK Gilt				Silver	23.01	<b>-0.87</b> %	<b>-3.93</b> %	10.64%	
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	6.72%	-4.00	268.00	24.00	Aluminium	2,285.50	I.40%	-3.89%	-2.20%

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 Pri	ce	Months wth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)	
Globa	Diversified Income	e J\$13.237	77	2.54%	2.24%	3.23%	
Globa	l Equity	J\$14.017	79 -	3.42%	-3.87%	0.00%	
Globa	Fixed Income	J\$14.830	07 8	8.39%	7.60%	7.10%	
Globa	Money Market (US	<b>\$\$)</b> US\$11.40	)67	0.68%	0.10%	4. 9%	
Globa	Fixed Income (US	<b>\$)</b> US\$11.23	- 307	1.03%	-1.84%	5.21%	
Local	Money Market	J\$12.90	19	7.54%	6.86%	7.65%	
	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Market Fund	Global Fixed	d Income Funds	Global Diversified Income Fund	Global Equity Fund	
Objective	e To preserve capital whilst providing US dollar (US\$) money market returns (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 d investment growth throug exposure to a diversified range of asset classes.	To provide long-term capit gh 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	debt securities	gional, sovereign local and orporate bonds.	To invest in fixed income high dividend yielding sto REITs and structured prov	cks, local and international	

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