

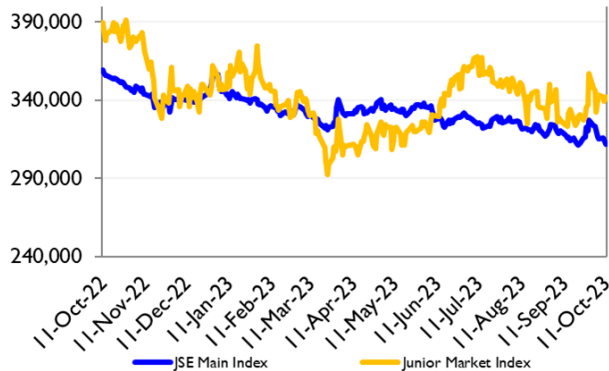
## US Producer Prices Increase in September on Higher Energy Costs

US producer prices increased more than expected in September amid higher costs for energy products, but underlying inflation pressures at the factory gate continued to moderate. The producer price index for final demand rose 0.5% last month, the Labor Department said on Wednesday. Data for August was unrevised to show the PPI accelerating 0.7%. Economists polled by Reuters had expected the PPI to gain 0.3%. In the 12 months through September, the PPI increased 2.2% after advancing 2.0% in August. The narrower measure of PPI, which strips out food, energy and trade services, gained 0.2% after rising by the same margin in August. In the 12 months through September, the core PPI increased 2.8% after climbing 2.9% in August.

The report was published ahead of the release on Thursday of September's consumer price data, which is being closely watched for clues on whether the Federal Reserve will raise or keep interest rates unchanged against the backdrop of rising US Treasury yields and conflict in the Middle East. The economy continues to forge ahead despite hefty rate hikes, creating 336,000 jobs in September, the most in eight months and almost double the amount economists had expected in a Reuters survey. Financial markets overwhelmingly anticipate the US central bank will leave rates unchanged at its October 31- November 1 policy meeting, according to CME Group's FedWatch tool. Top ranking Fed officials indicated on Monday that soaring yields on long-term US government bonds could steer the central bank from further rate hikes. Since March 2022, the Fed has raised its benchmark overnight interest rate by 525 basis points to the current 5.25%-5.50% range.

Source: Reuters

### Local Market Indices



### Foreign Exchange Market

| Currency | 11-Oct | 10-Oct | DoD % Δ | YTD % Δ |
|----------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| USD:JMD  | 156.22 | 155.79 | 0.27%   | 2.74%   |
| GBP:JMD  | 188.82 | 189.54 | -0.38%  | 3.70%   |
| CAD:JMD  | 115.25 | 115.06 | 0.17%   | 6.23%   |

### Caribbean & Latam

- Brazil's inflation rate accelerated in September due to a hike in gasoline prices and a slower decline in food costs. The Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE) reported a 0.26% consumer price increase from August and a year-on-year rise of 5.19% on Wednesday.

### USA & Canada

- The Dow closed higher Wednesday, shrugging off data pointing to an uptick in the pace of inflation as investor focus shifted to consumer inflation data for September that will likely seal the Federal Reserve's decision on whether to stand pat on rate hikes next month.

### Europe

- European stocks inched higher on Wednesday as Novo Nordisk shares jumped after a positive update on its diabetes drug Ozempic, though underwhelming results from French luxury giant LVMH capped gains.

### Asia

- Asia's stock markets rose on Wednesday, helped by stimulus hopes in China and strong earnings in South Korea, while the dollar beat a retreat as a dovish shift in tone from Federal Reserve officials had traders paring U.S. interest rate expectations.

### Local Equity Market

| Stock Index                  | Today's close | DoD Δ     | DoD% Δ | YTD % Δ | YoY% Δ  |
|------------------------------|---------------|-----------|--------|---------|---------|
| JSE Combined Index           | 326,549.17    | -2,421.64 | -0.74% | -11.41% | -12.54% |
| JSE Index                    | 311,981.16    | -2,768.86 | -0.88% | -12.34% | -13.22% |
| All Jamaican Composite Index | 344,012.32    | -3,204.87 | -0.92% | -14.65% | -16.13% |
| JSE Select Index             | 7,645.45      | -216.78   | -2.76% | -14.06% | -15.51% |
| Junior Market Index          | 3,875.73      | 18.93     | 0.49%  | -2.78%  | -6.43%  |

### BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS

| ADVANCERS |        | DECLINERS |         |
|-----------|--------|-----------|---------|
| CPFV      | 22.52% | MEEG      | -10.94% |
| CPJ       | 12.12% | ELITE     | -10.73% |
| CABROKERS | 10.47% | GWEST     | -9.09%  |

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **92** stocks, of which **31** advanced, **41** declined and **20** traded firm.

### International Markets

| International Equity Markets |           |         |         |         | International Currency Market |        |         |         |         |
|------------------------------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|-------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| Index                        | 11-Oct    | DoD % Δ | YTD % Δ | YoY % Δ | Currency                      | 11-Oct | DoD % Δ | YTD % Δ | YoY % Δ |
| S&P 500                      | 4,376.95  | 0.43%   | 14.00%  | 21.96%  | EUR: USD                      | 1.0618 | 0.12%   | -0.81%  | 9.37%   |
| Dow Jones                    | 33,804.87 | 0.19%   | 1.98%   | 15.61%  | GBP: USD                      | 1.23   | 0.21%   | 1.90%   | 12.26%  |
| FTSE All Share               | 4,118.20  | -0.16%  | 1.06%   | 9.83%   | USD: CAD                      | 1.36   | 0.08%   | 0.30%   | -1.47%  |
| Euro Stoxx 50                | 4,200.80  | -0.11%  | 10.73%  | 25.76%  | USD: JPY                      | 149.19 | 0.32%   | 13.78%  | 2.28%   |
| Nikkei 225                   | 31,936.51 | 0.60%   | 10.92%  | 20.97%  |                               |        |         |         |         |
| MSCI World Index             | 666.63    | 0.50%   | 10.12%  | 20.74%  |                               |        |         |         |         |

| Global Interest Rates     |        |          |          |          | Commodities |          |         |         |         |
|---------------------------|--------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|---------|---------|---------|
| Rates                     | 11-Oct | DoD Δbps | YTD Δbps | YoY Δbps | Commodity   | 11-Oct   | DoD % Δ | YTD % Δ | YoY % Δ |
| 10 -Year US Treasury Bond | 4.56%  | -9.00    | 69.00    | 61.00    | Crude Oil   | 83.2     | -3.22%  | 3.66%   | -6.88%  |
| 10-Year UK Gilt           | 4.33%  | -10.00   | 66.00    | -11.00   | Gold        | 1,873.61 | 0.71%   | 2.72%   | 12.44%  |
| GOJ 2025 Global Bond      | 7.08%  | -5.00    | 304.00   | 64.00    | Silver      | 22.01    | 0.78%   | -8.11%  | 14.94%  |
|                           |        |          |          |          | Aluminium   | 2,214.00 | 0.07%   | -6.90%  | -0.98%  |



# 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) |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Global Diversified Income</b>  | J\$13.2852  | 2.78%                 | 2.60%           | 3.23%                           |
| <b>Global Equity</b>              | J\$14.0501  | -3.86%                | -3.65%          | 0.00%                           |
| <b>Global Fixed Income</b>        | J\$14.7839  | 8.81%                 | 7.26%           | 7.10%                           |
| <b>Global Money Market (US\$)</b> | US\$11.6622 | 3.17%                 | 2.34%           | 4.19%                           |
| <b>Global Fixed Income (US\$)</b> | US\$11.6189 | 2.42%                 | 1.55%           | 5.21%                           |
| <b>Local Money Market</b>         | J\$13.1291  | 10.15%                | 8.74%           | 7.65%                           |

|                  | Global Money Market Fund  | Local Money Market Fund   | Global Fixed Income Funds  | Global Diversified Income Fund   | Global Equity Fund   |
|------------------|---|---|--|--|--|
| <b>Objective</b> | 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:<br>(i) A Jamaican dollar (J\$) and<br>(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.  |
| <b>Strategy</b>  | 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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