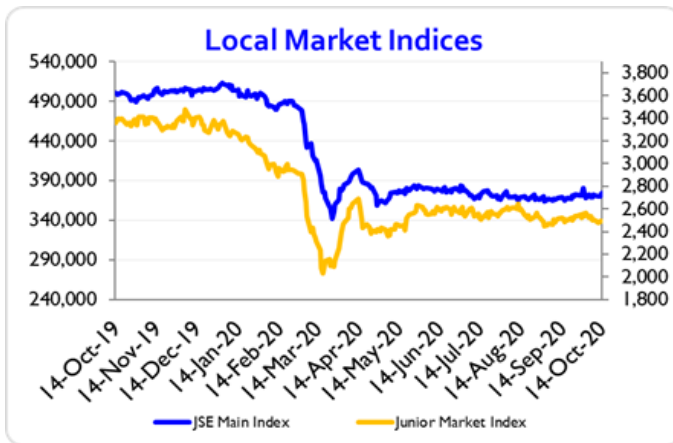


US' Inflation Increases at a Slower Pace in September 2020

According to the United States' (US) Bureau of Labor Statistics, inflation rose to 0.2% in September 2020, the fourth consecutive month of increase following the three months of deflation during the peak of the pandemic. September's inflation outturn was also in line with market expectations but was lower than the 0.4% recorded in August. The main driver to September's uptick was higher prices for used cars and trucks, which increased by 6.7% during the month, the largest rise for the category since 1969. Prices for shelter, new vehicles and recreation also increased during the period, albeit at a marginal pace. However, these gains were offset by declines in prices for motor vehicle insurance, airfares and apparel. The 12 months inflation rate at 1.4% at the end of September was slightly higher than the 1.3% recorded for the 12 months up to the end of August 2020. Core inflation, which excludes volatile food and energy prices increased by 0.2% month over month in September and was up by 1.7% for the 12 months.

Given the ongoing rise in COVID-19 cases, the high unemployment levels that leave workers with limited bargaining power for higher wages and reduced purchasing power in terms of goods and services, we anticipate that inflation is likely to remain muted over the short-term. The risk of the rising COVID-19 cases has had multi-layered effects thus far and will continue to do so until there is a significant reduction in the number of cases, or a vaccine is found. Additionally, the uncertainty surrounding the second stimulus plan will continue to affect consumer demand and place further downward pressures on prices. However, this may be tempered by the anomaly of rising used cars and trucks prices that has been the case for the last two months.



Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	14-Oct	13-Oct	DoD % Δ	YTD % Δ
USD:JMD	146.62	145.38	0.85%	10.60%
GBP:JMD	191.07	191.76	-0.36%	11.3%
CAD:JMD	110.82	111.74	-0.83%	10.6%

Caribbean & Latam

- Most major Latin American currencies edged higher on Wednesday, bouncing back from declines in the previous session as the dollar lost ground, while Chile's peso fell for the third straight session.

USA & Canada

- Wall Street finished weaker on Wednesday, led lower by Amazon and Microsoft, as investors lost hope that a U.S. fiscal stimulus would be approved before the presidential election in November.

Europe

- European nations are closing schools, cancelling operations and enlisting legions of student medics as overwhelmed authorities face the nightmare scenario of a COVID-19 resurgence at the onset of winter.

Asia

- South Korean, Indian and Thai shares led declines in Asia on Wednesday, as a halt in more COVID-19 vaccine trials and concerns over China's property sector added to potential headwinds for the region's emerging markets.

Local Equity Market

Stock Index	Today's close	DoD Δ	DoD% Δ	YTD % Δ	YoY% Δ
JSE Combined Index	371,488.99	4,057.79	1.10%	-27.28%	-26.47%
JSE Index	374,598.05	4,377.44	1.18%	-27.40%	-26.43%
All Jamaican Composite Index	410,812.72	4,994.49	1.23%	-27.51%	-26.59%
JSE Select Index	9,109.19	76.13	0.84%	-30.86%	-30.78%
Junior Market Index	2,493.72	2.56	0.10%	-25.61%	-26.83%

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS

ADVANCERS		DECLINERS	
PTL	17.24%	EPLY	-18.23%
ISP	14.42%	PURITY	-12.84%
TJHUSD	12.36%	BPOW	-11.56%

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **74** stocks, of which **35** advanced, **33** declined and **6** traded firm.

International Markets

International Equity Markets					International Currency Market				
Index	14-Oct	DoD % Δ	YTD % Δ	YoY % Δ	Currency	14-Oct	DoD % Δ	YTD % Δ	YoY % Δ
S&P 500	3,488.62	-0.66%	7.99%	17.61%	EUR: USD	1.175	0.03%	4.79%	6.56%
Dow Jones	28,514.00	-0.58%	-0.09%	6.45%	GBP: USD	1.3022	0.66%	-1.77%	3.28%
FTSE All Share	3,337.64	-0.40%	-20.47%	-16.02%	USD: CAD	1.3146	0.05%	1.20%	-0.66%
Euro Stoxx 50	3,273.28	-0.18%	-12.60%	-7.96%	USD: JPY	105.14	-0.32%	-3.19%	-3.01%
Nikkei 225	23,626.73	0.11%	-0.13%	8.39%					
MSCI World Index	586.88	-0.35%	3.83%	12.72%					
Global Interest Rates					Commodities				
Rates	14-Oct	DoD Δbps	YTD Δbps	YoY Δbps	Commodity	14-Oct	DoD % Δ	YTD % Δ	YoY % Δ
10-Year US Treasury Bond	0.72%	-1.00	-120.00	-101.00	Crude Oil	41.02	2.04%	-32.82%	-23.46%
10-Year UK Gilt	0.22%	-2.00	-60.00	-42.00	Gold	1,900.79	0.50%	25.28%	27.30%
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	4.16%	0.00	31.00	14.00	Silver	24.24	0.43%	35.79%	37.30%
					Aluminium	1,852.00	-0.32%	2.32%	7.67%



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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\$13.5177	-4.90%	-7.42%	2.69%
Global Equity	J\$13.8917	-18.78%	-23.17%	0.00%
Global Fixed Income	J\$12.6324	6.00%	5.42%	4.71%
Global Money Market (US\$)	US\$10.5365	3.26%	2.65%	3.77%
Global Fixed Income (US\$)	US\$10.6072	3.13%	2.62%	4.89%
Local Money Market	J\$10.9834	3.85%	3.25%	4.11%

	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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