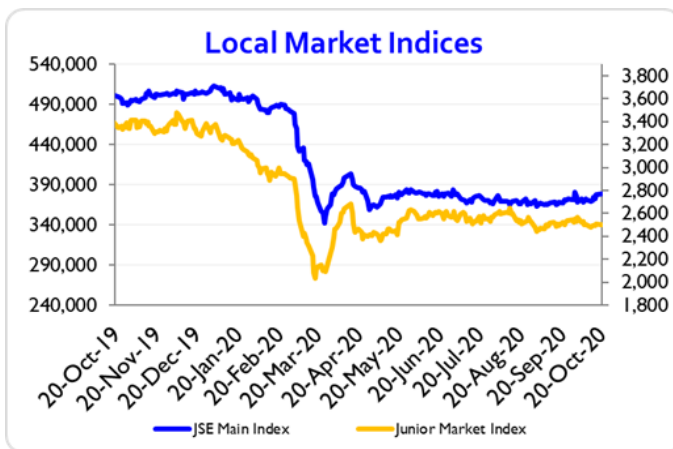


Point to Point Inflation Remains within the BOJ's Target Range

According to the Statistical Institute of Jamaica (STATIN), Jamaica's monthly inflation rate for September 2020 recorded an increase of 0.2%. September's inflation movement was due mainly to the increase in the heaviest weighted division 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages', albeit marginal. Contributing to the overall movement in the division as well was 'Education', which increased by 22.4% during the month as a result of higher tuition fees during the new school year. However, the overall movement in September's inflation was moderated by a 2.2% decline in the divisions 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' and a 0.1% decline in the 'Transport' division. Jamaica's inflation rate for the fiscal year-to-date, calendar year-to-date and point to point was 2.3%, 3.6% and 4.9%, respectively.

Notably, the point to point inflation for the country, at 4.9%, remains within the Central Bank's target range of 4.0% to 6.0%. We anticipate that with COVID-19 cases increasing the social distancing measures currently in place will likely remain or increase. As a consequence, we expect that consumer demand will remain low, especially for non-essential items. Given the expected low consumer demand and high level of unemployment resulting from COVID-19, we anticipate that there will be downward pressure on prices over the short-term. However, as the economy recovers, and restrictions are eased inflation could trend higher due to higher energy and agricultural food prices.



Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	20-Oct	16-Oct	DoD % Δ	YTD % Δ
USD:JMD	146.04	146.65	-0.41%	10.16%
GBP:JMD	190.22	191.75	-0.80%	10.8%
CAD:JMD	111.99	110.81	1.06%	11.8%

Caribbean & Latam

- Colombia's peso rose the most among Latin American currencies on Tuesday after the country approved its largest ever budget for next year, while Brazil's Bovespa stock index led gains in the region.

USA & Canada

- Wall Street opened higher and the dollar hit a one-week low on Tuesday as investors were hopeful of more relief from Washington with U.S. Senate Republicans preparing to vote on a bill to help small businesses hammered by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Europe

- European stocks fell on Tuesday as worries about coronavirus curbs and BREXIT countered optimism generated by strong earnings, including from Swiss bank UBS and consumer giant Reckitt Benckiser. Italy,

Asia

- Philippine shares jumped nearly 2% on Tuesday as an easing of coronavirus restrictions cheered investors, while Thai markets headed for a fifth session of losses as anti-government protests dented hopes for a domestic economic recovery.

Local Equity Market

Stock Index	Today's close	DoD Δ	DoD% Δ	YTD % Δ	YoY% Δ
JSE Combined Index	374,959.06	333.35	0.09%	-25.85%	-24.43%
JSE Index	378,285.93	487.00	0.13%	-25.91%	-24.29%
All Jamaican Composite Index	414,851.29	600.10	0.14%	-26.01%	-24.42%
JSE Select Index	9,182.84	12.71	0.14%	-29.81%	-28.77%
Junior Market Index	2,500.71	-10.79	-0.43%	-25.01%	-26.08%

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS

ADVANCERS		DECLINERS	
PAL	28.59%	PTL	-13.53%
tTech	16.36%	ROC	-12.85%
MEEG	15.08%	AMG	-11.29%

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **79** stocks, of which **39** advanced, **31** declined and **9** traded firm.

International Markets

International Equity Markets					International Currency Market				
Index	20-Oct	DoD % Δ	YTD % Δ	YoY % Δ	Currency	20-Oct	DoD % Δ	YTD % Δ	YoY % Δ
S&P 500	3,443.12	0.47%	6.58%	15.30%	EUR: USD	1.1822	0.45%	5.43%	5.87%
Dow Jones	28,308.79	0.40%	-0.80%	5.75%	GBP: USD	1.2948	0.00%	-2.33%	-0.28%
FTSE All Share	3,315.73	0.12%	-20.99%	-16.20%	USD: CAD	1.3129	-0.48%	1.07%	0.02%
Euro Stoxx 50	3,227.87	-0.45%	-13.81%	-9.82%	USD: JPY	105.50	0.07%	-2.86%	-2.72%
Nikkei 225	23,567.04	-0.44%	-0.38%	4.78%					
MSCI World Index	580.11	0.26%	2.63%	10.44%					
Global Interest Rates					Commodities				
Rates	20-Oct	DoD Δbps	YTD Δbps	YoY Δbps	Commodity	20-Oct	DoD % Δ	YTD % Δ	YoY % Δ
10-Year US Treasury Bond	0.79%	1.67	-113.18	-96.79	Crude Oil	41.46	1.54%	-32.10%	-22.91%
10-Year UK Gilt	0.19%	1.80	-63.50	-52.20	Gold	1,906.95	0.15%	25.68%	27.98%
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	4.12%	0.00	26.80	9.60	Silver	24.64	1.04%	38.03%	40.39%
					Aluminium	1,853.50*	-0.91%	2.40%	6.65%

*As at October 19, 2020



Mutual Funds

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\$13.5376	-4.83%	-7.29%	2.24%
Global Equity	J\$14.0960	-17.13%	-22.04%	0.00%
Global Fixed Income	J\$12.6389	5.86%	5.47%	4.69%
Global Money Market (US\$)	US\$10.5388	3.25%	2.68%	3.74%
Global Fixed Income (US\$)	US\$10.6014	3.03%	2.57%	4.90%
Local Money Market	J\$10.9918	3.88%	3.32%	4.06%

	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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