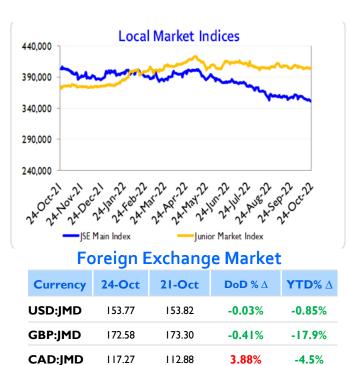
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U.S. Business Activity Weakens Again in October - S&P Global survey

U.S. business activity contracted for a fourth straight month in October, with manufacturers and services firms in a monthly survey of purchasing managers both reporting weaker client demand, the latest evidence of an economy softening in the face of high inflation and rising interest rates. S&P Global (NYSE:SPGI) said on Monday its flash U.S. Composite PMI Output Index, which tracks the manufacturing and services sectors, fell to 47.3 this month from a final reading of 49.5 in September. A reading below 50 indicates contraction in the private sector. Outside the slump during the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic in the spring of 2020, business output is retreating at the swiftest pace since the 2007-2009 global financial crisis, by S&P Global's measure.

Though Gross Domestic Product (GDP) contracted in the first and second quarters, the income side of the growth ledger showed the economy growing at a moderate pace over that period, and overall expansion likely resumed in the third quarter. Estimates among economists polled by Reuters for the first reading of third-quarter GDP, due from the Commerce Department on Thursday, range from an annual growth rate of 0.8% to 3.7%, with a median estimate of 2.4%. That said, the economy is slowing as the Federal Reserve aggressively tightens monetary policy to cool demand and bring inflation back to the U.S. central bank's 2% target. The survey's measure of prices paid by businesses for inputs edged up to 67.8 from 67.3, which had been the lowest since January 2021, reflecting the uneven pace of easing in supply bottlenecks. Businesses are also not raising prices for their products as much as they did earlier in the year, in part because of slowing demand.



Caribbean & Latam

 Brazil's real slumped 2.7% Monday with all eyes on the presidential run-off over the weekend, while most other emerging market currencies deepened losses amid volatility after Rishi Sunak was set to become the UK's new prime minister.

USA & Canada

 U.S. stocks advanced on Monday, extending last week's gains as signs of economic softness suggested the effects of the Fed's aggressive policy aimed at cooling the economy, thereby curbing decades-high inflation, are beginning to take root.

Europe

 European stocks were mostly higher on Monday amid hopes for a Fed pause in policy tightening.

<u>Asia</u>

The Chinese yuan led declines among Asian currencies on Monday to hit a 14-year low, as the currency remained pressured from President Xi Jin Ping's decision to pick a governing body filled with loyalists while securing a third leadership term.

| | | | | | | Source |
|------------------------|-----------|---------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 5 4 ^{4 4 4 1} | | Local | Equity M | arket | | |
| Stock In | dex | Today's close | DoD Δ | DoD% Δ | YTD % Δ | ΥοΥ% Δ |
| JSE Combined Index | | 365,231.52 | -2,400.92 | -0.65% | - 8.95 % | -9.59 % |
| JSE Index | | 351,425.37 | -2,003.28 | -0.57% | -11.29% | -12.27% |
| All Jamaican Composi | ite Index | 401,361.75 | -3,122.55 | -0.77% | -8.43% | -9.53 % |
| JSE Select Index | | 8,919.27 | -66.32 | -0.74% | -9.75% | -8.36% |
| Junior Market Index | | 4,075.14 | -58.39 | -1.41% | 18.87% | 23.41% |
| | | BEST AND WO | ORST PERFO | ORMERS | | |
| | ADVANC | ERS | | DE | CLINERS | |
| tTech | 21.85% | | ŀ | KEY | -15.11% | |
| SILUS | 15.26% | | SR | FJMD | -12.71% | |
| TROPICAL | 9.05% | | | ISP | -11.52% | |

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **98** stocks, of which **36** advanced, **50** declined and **12** traded firm.

International Markets

| In | ternationa | Equity Ma | International Currency Market | | | | | | |
|-------------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|----------|--------|----------------|---------------|----------|
| Index | 24-Oct | DoD % Δ | YTD% Δ | ΥοΥ% Δ | Currency | 24-Oct | DoD % Δ | ΥΤD% Δ | ΥοΥ% Δ |
| S&P 500 | 3,797.34 | 1.19% | -20.33% | -16.45% | Currency | | | | |
| Dow Jones | 31,499.62 | 1.34% | -13.32% | -11.71% | EUR: USD | 0.9874 | 0.12% | -13.16% | -15.19% |
| FTSE All Share | 3,820.96 | 0.63% | -9.20 % | -7.01% | GBP: USD | 1.13 | -0.20% | -16.64% | -17.99% |
| Euro Stoxx 50 | 3,527.79 | 1.47% | -17.93% | -15.78% | | 1.15 | -0.20% | -10.04/8 | -17.77/0 |
| Nikkei 225 | 26,974.90 | 0.31% | -6.31 % | -6.35% | USD: CAD | 1.37 | 0.51% | 8.49 % | 10.87% |
| MSCI World Index* | 569.93 | 0.00% | -24.50% | -23.22% | USD: JPY | 149.08 | 0.97% | 29.54% | 31.35% |

*Using Previous Day's Result

| Global Interest Rates | | | | | Commodities | | | | |
|---------------------------|--------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Rates | 24-Oct | DoD Abps | YTD ∆bps | YoY ∆bps | Commodity | 24-Oct | DoD % A | YTD% 🛆 | ΥοΥ% Δ |
| 10 -Year US Treasury Bond | 4.25% | 3.00 | 274.00 | 262.00 | Crude Oil | 84.76 | -0.34% | 12.70% | I.I 9 % |
| | 3.75% | -30.00 | 278.00 | 260.00 | Gold | 1,649.11 | -0.52% | -9.85 % | -8.01% |
| 10-Year UK Gilt | | | | | Silver | 19.22 | -1.05% | -17.55% | -20.99% |
| GOJ 2025 Global Bond | 6.47% | -5.00 | 243.00 | 283.00 | Aluminium | 2,182.50 | -1.07% | -22.26% | -23.90% |

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

<u>Mutual Funds</u>

JN MUTUAL FUNDS

October 21, 2022

Fund Managers Ltd.

| JN Mutual Funds | | NAV Prie | ce 12 Months Growth Rate | YTD Growth Rate | Yield (Estimated Yearly Income) | |
|----------------------------|--|--|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| Global I | Diversified Income | J\$12.923 | ·9.35% | -8.66% | 1.71% | |
| Global I | Equity | J \$14.544 | -7.15% | -7.42% | 0.00% | |
| Global I | -ixed Income | J \$13.630 | 3.56% | 2.71% | 4.76% | |
| Global Money Market (US\$) | | \$) US\$11.31 | 53 3.65% | 2.98% | 3.87% | |
| Global Fixed Income (US\$) | |) US\$11.32 | .38 0.41% | -0.16% | 4.02% | |
| Local Money Market | | J \$11.933 | 4.06% | 3.02% | 5.67% | |
| | Global Money Market Fund | Local Money Market Fund | Global Fixed Income Fur | nds 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 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 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, sovereig debt securities, local and international corporate bonds. | high dividend yielding stoc | | |

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