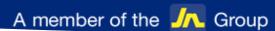
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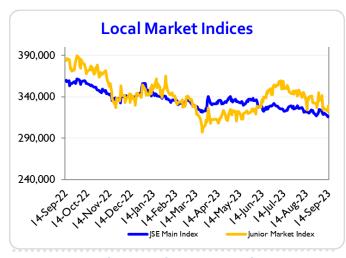


US producer prices accelerate in August on gasoline

U.S. producer prices increased by the most in more than a year in August as the cost of gasoline surged, the latest indication that the road to low inflation would be uneven. The Producer Price Index (PPI) for final demand rose 0.7% last month, the largest gain since June 2022, the Labor Department said on Thursday. Data for July was revised slightly up to show the PPI advancing 0.4% instead of the previously reported 0.3%. Economists polled by Reuters had expected the PPI to increase 0.4%. In the 12 months through August, the PPI gained 1.6% after climbing 0.8% in July. The report followed news on Wednesday that consumer prices increased by the most in 14 months in August on higher gasoline prices.

Wholesale goods prices jumped 2.0% last month, with a 20.0% surge in gasoline accounting for 60% of the increase. Goods prices rose 0.3% in July. Food prices fell 0.5% last month. Excluding the volatile food and energy components, the core goods prices nudged up 0.1% after being unchanged in July.

The cost of services increased 0.2% after rising 0.5% in July. They were lifted by a 1.1% increase in residential real estate services. The cost of moving goods by road increased as did machinery, equipment, parts and supplies wholesaling. There were also increases in the costs securities brokerage and dealing as well as residential real estate loans. But margins for chemicals and allied products wholesaling fell 4.7 percent. The narrower measure of PPI, which strips out food, energy and trade services components, rose 0.3% after a similar gain in July. In the 12 months through August, the core PPI increased 3.0% after rising 2.9% in July.



Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	14- S ep	13- S ep	DoD % Δ	YTD% ∆
USD:JMD	155.82	155.47	0.23%	2.48%
GBP:JMD	196.28	195.36	0.47%	7.79%
CAD:JMD	115.66	114.87	0.69%	6.62%

^{*}Using Midday Rates

Caribbean & Latam

Most Latin American currencies advanced on Thursday as expectations of the Federal Reserve pausing rate hikes next week stayed intact despite robust economic data, with the Brazilian real leading gains after a strong services activity report.

USA & Canada

 The S&P 500 ended higher on Thursday as hotter-than-expected economic data eased worries about a recession without raising fears of a Federal Reserve rate hike next week, while Arm Holdings soared in its stock market debut.

Europe

 The European Central Bank raised its key interest rate to a record high of 4% on Thursday but, with the euro zone economy in the doldrums, signalled that the hike, its 10th in a 14-month-long fight against inflation, was likely to be its last.

<u>Asia</u>

 Asian emerging currencies and stocks gained ground on Thursday as a falling greenback fuelled risk appetite, while U.S. inflation data created optimism around a rate hike pause from the Federal Reserve.

Local Equity Market

Stock Index	Today's close	DoD Δ	DoD% ∆	YTD % ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ
JSE Combined Index	329,903.48	511.00	0.16%	-10.50%	-11.78%
JSE Index	316,174.86	128.65	0.04%	-11.16%	-12.06%
All Jamaican Composite Index	349,133.32	-1,390.33	-0.40%	-13.38%	-14.53%
JSE Select Index	7,777.35	-24.47	-0.31%	-12.58%	-15.42%
Junior Market Index	3,811.57	42.71	1.13%	-4.39%	-9.30%

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS							
	ADVANCERS	DECLINERS					
ISP	22.25%		PTL	-11.00%			
CHL	20.06%		EFRESH	-10.14%			
FIRSTROCKUSD	12.63%		SML	-10.11%			

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of 91 stocks, of which 39 advanced, 35 declined and 17 traded firm.

International Markets

International Equity Markets				International Currency Market					
Index	I4-Sep	DoD % Δ	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ	Currency	I 4-Sep	DoD % ∆	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ
S&P 500	4,505.10	0.84%	17.34%	14.17%	EUR: USD	1.0644	-0.80%	-0.57%	6.64%
Dow Jones	34,907.11	0.96%	5.31%	12.12%	CDD: LICD	1.24	0.430/	2.710/	7.540/
FTSE All Share	4,175.91	1.90%	2.47%	4.48%	GBP: USD	1.24	-0.63%	2.71%	7.56%
Euro Stoxx 50	4,279.75	1.33%	12.81%	19.96%	USD: CAD	1.35	-0.29%	-0.32%	2.62%
Nikkei 225	33,168.10	1.41%	15.20%	19.23%	USD: IPY	147.43	-0.02%	12.44%	3.04%
MSCI World Index	685.30	0.82%	13.20%	12.54%					

Global Interest Rates								
Rates	14- S ep	DoD ∆bps	YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps				
10 -Year US Treasury Bond	4.28%	3.00	41.00	88.00				
10-Year UK Gilt	4.28%	-7.00	61.00	115.00				
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	6.82%	-2.00	278.00	114.00				

Commodities							
Commodity	14- S ep	DoD % Δ	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ % Δ			
Crude Oil	90.53	2.27%	12.80%	2.32%			
Gold	1,910.11	0.10%	4.72%	12.54%			
Silver	22.64	-0.86%	-5.48%	15.35%			
Aluminium	2,224.50	0.32%	-6.46%	-2.03%			

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



JN MUTUAL FUNDS



September 13, 2023

JN Mutu	al Funds	NAV Pri	ce	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)	
Global Diversified Income		J\$13.326	J\$13.3263		2.92%	3.09%	
Global E	Equity	J\$13.921	I -4.86%		-4.53%	0.00%	
Global F	ixed Income	J\$14.699	96	8.77%	6.65%	7.03%	
Global 1	Money Market (US	S\$11.68	807	3.62%	2.50%	4.16%	
Global F	ixed Income (US\$) US\$11.69	US\$11.6993		2.25%	5.22%	
Local Money Market		J\$13.079	J\$13.0798		8.33%	7.66%	
	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 produc		

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