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Point to Point Inflation declines but Remains within BOJ's Target Range

According to the Statistical Institute of Jamaica (STATIN), Jamaica's monthly inflation rate for August 2020 was 0.2%. August's increase was largely due to a 1.2% increase in the Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels division. Other notable increases were also seen in other divisions including Transport that had declined in the previous month. These increases were however tempered by the 0.5% decline in the index for the heavily weighted division 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages', primarily due to lower vegetable prices. Jamaica's inflation rate for the fiscal year-to-date, point to point and the calendar year-to-date were 2.1%, 5.1% and 3.4%, respectively.

Importantly, the point to point inflation for the country, at 5.1%, remains within the Central Bank's target range of 4.0% to 6.0%. We anticipate that there could be continued downward price pressures over the short to medium from lower international oil prices and lower consumer demand, especially non-essential items. However, this is likely to be tempered by upward price pressures for essential items such as agricultural products which are likely to be impacted by the excessive rainfall and flooding during what is expected to be an active hurricane season.

0.21%

4.18%

10-Year UK Gilt

GOJ 2025 Global Bond

-1.00

0.00

-61.00

33.00



Foreign Exchange Market

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Currency	16-Sep	15-Sep	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	142.76	143.12	-0.25%	7.69 %
GBP:JMD	182.78	183.52	-0.40%	6.5%
CAD:JMD	109.16	108.72	0.40%	9.0 %

Caribbean & Latam

 Brazil's real stayed near six-week peaks on Wednesday ahead of an interest rate decision, while Argentina's peso plunged further into record low territory after the central bank tightened currency controls.

USA & Canada

 The S&P 500 and Dow Jones indexes rose on Wednesday on hopes that the Federal Reserve would continue to keep interest rates low for a prolonged period, while a slide in techrelated stocks weighed on the Nasdaq.

Europe

 A fourth day of gains in retail stocks nudged European equities higher on Wednesday as Zara-owner Inditex posted a quarterly profit, although UK blue-chip stocks came under pressure after a surge in the previous session.

<u>Asia</u>

 China and Hong Kong shares snapped a three-session rally on Wednesday, with consumer and healthcare stocks leading the losses as experts raised safety concerns about Chinese coronavirus vaccines.

Local Equity Market									
Stock I	ndex	Today's close	DoD Δ	DoD% Δ	YTD % Δ	ΥοΥ% Δ			
JSE Combined Index	K	362,270.29	-3,357.11	-0.92%	-27.63%	-28.36%			
JSE Index		364,705.28	-3,312.47	-0.90%	-27.83%	-28.43%			
All Jamaican Compo	osite Index	399,521.22	-3,653.98	- 0.91 %	- 27.99 %	-28.61%			
JSE Select Index		9,049.27	-97.38	-1.06%	- 29.99 %	-31.67%			
Junior Market Index	(2,482.99	-28.78	-1.15%	-25.00%	-27.42%			
		BEST AND W	ORST PERF	ORMERS					
	ADVANO	CERS		DECLINERS					
BRG	7.53%		9	SALF	-13.01%				
DTL	6.23%		В	POW	-11.88%				
CBNY	CBNY 5.88%			ссс	-8.03%				

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **69** stocks, of which **29** advanced, **33** declined and **7** traded firm.

International Markets

Ir	nterna	tional E	quity Marl	kets		Int	ernation	al Currency	Market	
Index	I 6-	Sep		YTD% 🛆	ΥοΥ% Δ	Currency	16-Sep	DoD % ∆	ΥΤD% Δ	ΥοΥ%
S&P 500	3,38	5.49	-0.46%	4.79%	12.93%	Currency	10-0cp			Δ
Dow Jones	28,03	32.38	0.13%	-1.77%	3.53%	EUR: USD	1.1804	-0.36%	5.27%	7.30%
FTSE All Share	3,39	4.89	-0.38%	-19.10%	-15.73%	GBP: USD	1.296	0.55%	-2.24%	4.26%
Euro Stoxx 50	3,33	8.84	0.20%	-10.85%	-5.10%	USD: CAD	1.3171	-0.11%	1.39%	-0.52%
Nikkei 225	23,47	75.53	0.09%	-0.77%	6.76%					
MSCI World Index	574	1.61	-0.18%	1.66%	9.33%	USD: JPY	105.01	-0.41%	-3.31%	-2.88%
	Glo	bal Int	erest Rates	5			C	ommodities	;	
Rates		I 6- S ер			YoY ∆bps	Commodity	y 16-Sep	DoD % A	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ
10 -Year US Treasury	Bond	0.70%	2.00	-122.00	-115.00	Crude Oil	40.23	5.09%	-34.11%	-36.04%

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

-48.00

16.00

Gold

Silver

Aluminium

1,958.54

27.15

1,789.50

0.22%

0.04%

-0.33%

29.08%

52.07%

-1.13%

30.71%

52.08%

-0.20%

Mutual Funds

JN MUTUAL FUNDS

Fund Managers Ltd.

September 15, 2020

JN Mutual Funds		NAV P	rice	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)	
Global Diversified Income		e J\$13.54	121	-4.82%	-7.26%	2.32%	
Global Equity		J\$13.81	20	-21.59%	-23.61%	0.00%	
Global Fixed Income		J\$12.49	95	5.19%	4.27%	4.42%	
Global Money Market (US\$)		S\$) US\$10.5	080	3.08%	2.38%	3.69%	
Global Fixed Income (US\$)		\$) US\$10.5	6437	2.77%	2.01%	5.51%	
Local Money Market		J\$10.91	55	3.44%	2.61%	4.30%	
	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Market Fund	Glob	al 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	return incom throug (i) A Ja	hieve an attractive total n through capital injection and ne growth. This is offered gh two separate Funds: amaican dollar (J\$) and 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	debt s	vest in regional, sovereign ecurities, local and ational corporate bonds.	To invest in fixed income, high dividend yielding stocks REITs and structured produc		

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