



US Weekly Jobless Claims Above Market Expectations

According to the US Department of Labour, initial claims for state unemployment benefits in the United States (US) totalled 860,000 for the week ended September 12, 2020, compared to 893,000 recorded in the previous week. The number of jobless claims in the last week was above market expectations for 850,000 claims and represented the third consecutive week that the number of claims received was less than one million. Initial claims under the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance for persons who were not eligible under the regular unemployment assistance programme fell by 209,577 to record 658,737 for the week ending September 12, 2020.

Despite this reduction in unemployment claims, jobless claims have remained elevated and likely to see a further increase in the coming months as approximately US\$25 billion in government assistance for airlines' payroll is set to expire this month. With no plans yet in place to continue with this stimulus plan for airline workers, they may join the other millions of workers that are uncertain as to whether their employer will displace them amid waning profitability from lower consumer demand. In light of this, we anticipate that US unemployment could spike in the near term but still remain lower than the levels seen during the peak of the pandemic in the second quarter of this year.



Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	17- S ep	16- S ep	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	142.76	142.76	0.00%	7.69%
GBP:JMD	182.90	182.78	0.06%	6.6%
CAD:JMD	105.65	109.16	-3.21%	5.5%

Caribbean & Latam

 Latin American currencies fell on Thursday after U.S. weekly jobless claims data pointed to a sluggish economic recovery, while Argentine assets plummeted in the wake of fresh capital controls.

USA & Canada

 U.S. stocks dropped more than 1% on Thursday as technology -related shares extended a recent decline and as data showed high levels of weekly jobless claims.

Europe

 Carbon costs for Europe's businesses could double this decade under European Union plans to deliver deeper emissions reductions by 2030, according to analysis of European Commission modelling.

Asia

 The Asia-Pacific region risks a damaging financial crisis from a surge of non-performing loans caused by rising insolvencies, a senior official from the World Bank Group's private sector arm said on Thursday.

Local Equity Market

Stock Index	Today's close	DoD Δ	DoD% ∆	YTD % ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ			
JSE Combined Index	363,533.47	1,263.18	0.35%	-28.05%	-28.66%			
JSE Index	365,783.55	1,078.27	0.30%	-28.27%	-28.76%			
All Jamaican Composite Index	400,646.11	1,124.89	0.28%	-28.44%	-28.98%			
JSE Select Index	8,981.60	-67.67	-0.75%	-31.25%	-32.83%			
Junior Market Index	2,508.27	25.28	1.02%	-25.10%	-27.26%			
BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS								

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ADVANCERS DECLINERS							
AMG	15.38%		PURITY	-10.00%			
PULS	13.33%		EFRESH	-8.45%			
SALF	11.92%		KPREIT	-6.80%			

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **74** stocks, of which **39** advanced, **28** declined and **7** traded firm.

International Markets

International Equity Markets								
Index	I7-Sep	DoD % Δ	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ				
S&P 500	3,346.89	-1.14%	3.60%	11.35%				
Dow Jones	27,901.58	-0.47%	-2.23%	2.92%				
FTSE All Share	3,380.28	-0.43%	-19.45%	-16.07%				
Euro Stoxx 50	3,316.57	-0.67%	-11.44%	-5.81%				
Nikkei 225	23,319.37	-0.67%	-1.43%	5.99%				
MSCI World Index	570.16	-0.84%	0.87%	8.33%				

International Currency Market								
Currency	1 7-S ep	DoD % Δ	YTD% ∆	YoY% Δ				
EUR: USD	1.1847	0.26%	5.65%	6.99%				
GBP: USD	1.2972	0.04%	-2.15%	3.78%				
USD: CAD	1.3154	-0.18%	1.26%	-0.68%				
USD: JPY	104.70	-0.24%	-3.60%	-3.17%				

Global Interest Rates				Commodities					
Rates	17- S ep	DoD ∆bps	YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps	Commodity	I7-Sep	DoD % \(\Delta \)	YTD% ∆	YoY% ∆
10 -Year US Treasury Bond	0.69%	-1.00	-123.00	-111.00	Crude Oil	41.03	2.17%	-32.80%	-30.86%
10-Year UK Gilt	0.19%	-2.00	-63.00	-51.00	Gold	1,948.08	-0.57%	28.39%	29.75%
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	4.20%	-1.00	35.00	27.00	Silver	27.10	-0.22%	51.80%	50.42%
-					Aluminium	1,795.50	0.81%	-0.80%	0.20%

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



JN MUTUAL FUNDS



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JN Mutu	al Funds	NAV P	rice	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)
Global I	Diversified Income	J\$13.53	327	-4.74%	-7.32%	2.32%
Global I	Equity	J\$13.86	640	-20.84%	-23.32%	0.00%
Global I	Fixed Income	J\$12.50	032	5.29%	4.34%	4.47%
Global I	Money Market (US	5\$) US\$10.5	086	3.07%	2.38%	3.67%
Global I	Fixed Income (US	US\$10.5	430	2.71%	2.00%	5.47%
Local M	loney M arket	J\$10.91	165	3.43%	2.62%	4.33%
	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Market Fund	Globa	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	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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