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IMF Tells UK to Rethink Tax Cuts as Moody's Says Rating at Risk

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) urged the United Kingdom (UK) government to reconsider the massive unfunded tax cuts announced last week, while Moody's Investors Service (Moody's) said the plan could do permanent damage to the public finances. The IMF said fiscal stimulus is inappropriate given the inflation pressures in the UK economy, and the package risks making life harder for the Bank of England. Moody's forecasts that it will lower economic growth - contradicting the view from Chancellor of the Exchequer, Kwasi Kwarteng - by pushing up interest rates. Moody's said that large unfunded tax cuts are "credit negative," raising the prospect of the UK's rating being downgraded.

The warnings come amid dramatic moves in UK asset prices in the wake of the government's mini-budget. The pound touched a record low against the dollar on Monday after Kwarteng brushed off criticism of his economic vision and said he has more tax cuts in the works. Borrowing costs have jumped across the UK financial system since his announcement last Friday and banks have started pulling mortgages deals, triggering a collapse in home sales. Traders have braced for further tightening from the Bank of England in response to the stimulus plan, wagering at one point, on the central bank's key rate hitting 6.25% in 2023, which would be the highest level since 1999.



Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	28-Sep	27-Sep	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	152.96	152.58	0.25%	-1.37%
GBP:JMD	166.94	163.52	2.09 %	-20.6%
CAD:JMD	116.43	.93	4.02 %	-5.2%

Caribbean & Latam

 Currencies in commodity-heavy Latin American countries ticked up on Wednesday, outperforming their emerging market peers, as crude and metal prices firmed and the U.S. dollar slipped from a 20-year peak.

USA & Canada

 The Dow closed higher as the Bank of England's intervention calmed investor worries, triggering a slump in U.S. Treasury yields and stoking investor appetite to resume bets on stocks.

Europe

The major European stocks closed higher on Wednesday, as investors reacted positively to the Bank of England's announcement that it would suspend its U.K. gilt selling next week and engage in temporary purchase of long-dated bonds for a couple of weeks, aiming to calm the market that has taken a hit after the government's mini-budget.

<u>Asia</u>

 Asian stocks tumbled on Wednesday as hawkish Fed talk added to worries about a looming recession. Concerns over Europe's energy crisis and unfunded U.K. tax cuts also kept investors nervous.

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•		Local	Equity M	arket		
Stock Inde	x	Today's close	DoD Δ	DoD% Δ	YTD % Δ	ΥοΥ% Δ
SE Combined Index		370,525.10	-1,520.41	-0.41%	-7.63 %	-9.78 %
JSE Index		356,047.27	-2,103.56	-0.59%	-10.12%	-12.78%
All Jamaican Composite I	Index	408,412.37	-388.89	-0.10%	-6.83%	-8.96 %
JSE Select Index		9,107.07	-13.78	-0.15%	-7.85%	-8.02%
unior Market Index		4,182.77	49.01	1.19%	22.01%	28.17%
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ROC	21.21%		ŀ	KLE	-13.16%	
CAC 15.759			E	BRG	-6.47 %	
FIRSTROCKUSD	I 4.92%		MA	ILPAC	-5.96%	

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **96** stocks, of which **39** advanced, **43** declined and **14** traded firm.

International Markets

lı	International Currency Market								
Index	28-Sep	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ	ΥοΥ% Δ	Currency	28-Sep	DoD % 	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ
S&P 500	3,730.49	2.28%	-21.73%	-1 4.29 %					
Dow Jones	29,744.75	2.09%	-18.14%	-13.28%	EUR: USD	0.9735	1.47%	-14.38%	-16.67%
FTSE All Share	3,820.23	0.26%	-9.22 %	-5.33%	GBP: USD	1.09	1.42%	-19.56%	-19.59%
Euro Stoxx 50	3,335.30	0.20%	-22.41%	-17.83%		1.07	1.72/0	-17.50%	-17.37/0
Nikkei 225	26,173.98	-1.50%	-9.09%	-13.29%	USD: CAD	1.36	-0.74%	7.79%	7.37%
MSCI World Index	568.10	1.50%	-24.74%	-20.60%	USD: JPY	144.09	-0.49 %	25.21%	29.23%

Gle	Commodities								
Rates	28-Sep	DoD Abps	YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps	Commodity	28-Sep	DoD % A	YTD% 🛆	ΥοΥ% Δ
10 -Year US Treasury Bond	3.71%	-24.00	220.00	217.00	Crude Oil	82.04	4.51%	9.08%	8.97 %
	4.01% -50.00	-50.00	304.00	302.00	Gold	1,660.97	I.97%	-9.20%	-4.21%
10-Year UK Gilt				Silver	18.93	2.97%	-18.79%	-15.71%	
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	6.46%	3.00	242.00	279.00	Aluminium	2,141.00	I.28%	-23.74%	-27.29%

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

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September 27, 2022

JN Mutual Funds	NAV Price	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)
Global Diversified Income	J \$12.8934	-6.96%	-8.87%	1.51%
Global Equity	J\$14.5150	-6.43%	-7.61%	0.00%
Global Fixed Income	J\$13.5056	3.27%	1.79%	4.72%
Global Money Market (US\$)	US\$11.2882	3.62%	2.74%	3.95%
Global Fixed Income (US\$)	US\$11.3380	0.68%	-0.03%	3.92%
Local Money Market	J\$11.8571	4.16%	2.35%	5.99%

	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Market Fund	Global Fixed Income Funds	Global Diversified Income Fund	Global Equity Fund
Objective	To preserve capital whilst	To preserve capital whilst	To achieve an attractive total	To provide long-term	To provide long-term capital
	providing US dollar (US\$)	providing Jamaican Dollar	return through capital injection and	investment growth through	growth and risk
	money market returns	(J\$) money market returns	income growth. This is offered	exposure to a diversified	diversification.
			through two separate Funds:	range of asset classes.	
			(i) A Jamaican dollar (J\$) and		
			(ii) A US dollar (US\$) fund.		
Strategy	To invest in local and global	To invest in local and global	To invest in regional, sovereign	To invest in fixed income,	To invest in the shares of
	money market instruments	money market instruments	debt securities, local and	high dividend yielding stocks,	local and international
	for safety, liquidity and	for safety and liquidity and	international corporate bonds.	REITs and structured products	companies which offer
	yield.	yield			strong growth possibilities
					and consistent income

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