



# China's Manufacturing PMI Improves Slightly in September 2021

According to IHS Markit, the Caixin China General Manufacturing Purchasing Managers Index (PMI), which measures manufacturing activities, increased slightly to 50 in September from 49.2 in August. Noteworthy, a reading of 50 or higher signals an expansion in the sector. September's reading was the second-lowest in 17 months, although it improved month-over-month supported by a renewed upturn in total sales and a softer reduction in output. During the month, reports of supply chain delays persisted due to continuous material shortages. As a result, inflation accelerated at the fastest pace seen in four months as both input costs and output prices increased. Notwithstanding, overall business confidence strengthened, boosted by expectations for the end of the pandemic, planned company expansions, rising customer demand, and new product launches.

China's economy is currently experiencing severe power shortages, a slump in the property sector and periodic outbreaks of COVID-19's highly contagious Delta variant. The ongoing uncertainty surrounding COVID-19 is likely to continue weighing on demand and supply chains over the short term. As a result, we anticipate that the pace of manufacturing activity will slow during the period, especially since China has enacted a zero-tolerance policy in their fight against COVID-19.

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# Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	<b>30-S</b> ep	29- <b>S</b> ep	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	147.24	147.42	-0.12%	3.22%
GBP:JMD	202.93	201.92	0.50%	4.8%
CAD:JMD	117.66	118.78	-0.94%	5.6%

#### Caribbean & Latam

 Mexico's peso hit near six-week lows on Wednesday as the country's financial stability council warned the coronavirus pandemic still posed risks, while most other Latam currencies slipped as the dollar strengthened.

### **USA & Canada**

 Stocks have come under pressure over the course of the trading day on Thursday, with the major averages all sliding into negative territory after turning in a mixed performance earlier in the session. The tech-heavy Nasdaq has fallen to its lowest intraday level in over a month.

#### **Europe**

 The dollar hit a one-year high against a basket of currencies on Thursday on growing expectations the U.S. Federal Reserve will tighten policy in coming months, and stock futures were indicating a stronger Wall Street open as the quarter ends.

#### **Asia**

 Asian stock markets are trading mostly higher on Thursday, following the mixed cues overnight from Wall Street and as traders looked to snap up stocks at a bargain following the recent sell-off.

## **Local Equity Market**

Stock Index	Today's close	DoD Δ	DoD% ∆	YTD % ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ
JSE Combined Index	417,203.03	4,085.16	0.99%	6.31%	10.51%
JSE Index	414,889.96	3,991.06	0.97%	4.87%	9.06%
All Jamaican Composite Index	456,691.93	4,591.49	1.02%	5.34%	9.54%
JSE Select Index	10,019.88	34.20	0.34%	2.84%	9.06%
Junior Market Index	3,296.35	38.99	1.20%	24.70%	28.98%

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS								
ADVANCERS DECLINERS								
SILUS	22.22%		PAL	-23.68%				
PBS	18.73%		AFS	-14.24%				
CAC	15.63%		SSLVC	-10.00%				

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **85** stocks, of which **52** advanced, **26** declined and **7** traded firm.

## **International Markets**

	International Equity Markets						nal Currenc	y Market	
Index	30- <b>S</b> ep	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ	Currency	30-Sep	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% A	<b>YoY</b> % <b>\</b>
S&P 500	4,307.44	-1.19%	14.68%	28.08%	Currency	30-Зер	<b>DOD</b> /8 A		101/6 Δ
Dow Jones	33,843.92	-1.59%	10.58%	21.82%	EUR: USD	1.1578	-0.17%	-5.22%	-1.22%
FTSE All Share	4,058.96	-0.34%	10.49%	23.66%	GBP: USD	1.35	0.36%	-1.42%	4.30%
Euro Stoxx 50	4,048.08	-0.79%	13.95%	26.76%	LICD CAD	1.27	0.710/	0.440/	4.000/
Nikkei 225	29,452.66	-0.31%	7.32%	27.03%	USD: CAD	1.27	-0.71%	-0.46%	-4.90%
MSCI World Index	711.99	-0.28%	10.17%	25.98%	USD: JPY	111.30	-0.59%	7.80%	5.52%

Glo	Commodities								
Rates	30- <b>S</b> ep	DoD ∆bps	YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps	Commodity	30- <b>S</b> ep	<b>DoD</b> % <b>\( \Delta \)</b>	YTD% ∆	<b>YoY</b> % ∆
10 -Year US Treasury Bond	1.51%	-0.86	59.49	82.41	Crude Oil	75.01	0.24%	54.60%	86.50%
	1.02%	3.10	82.50	79.30	Gold	1,756.76	1.76%	-7.46%	-6.84%
10-Year UK Gilt					Silver	22.17	2.94%	-16.03%	-4.59%
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	3.60%	-2.10	14.70	-58.20	Aluminium	2,858.50	-1.82%	44.41%	61.95%

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



# JN MUTUAL FUNDS



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JN Muti	ual Funds	NAV Pri	ce	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield Estimated Yearly Income)	
Global	Diversified Incom	e J\$13.857	77	2.83%	-0.12%	2.22%	
Global	Equity	J\$15.513	32	11.19%	3.04%	0.00%	
Global	Fixed Income	J\$13.07	78	4.55%	3.33%	4.74%	
Global	Money Market (U	<b>S\$)</b> US\$10.75	555	2.30%	1.29%	2.40%	
Global Fixed Income (US\$)		<b>\$)</b> US\$11.26	614	7.49%	2.25%	3.15%	
Local M	loney Market	J\$11.383	35	4.23%	3.20%	4.17%	
	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Market Fund	Globa	I 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 income through (i) A Jai	ieve an attractive total through capital injection and growth. This is offered th two separate Funds: maican dollar (J\$) and JS dollar (US\$) fund.	To provide long-term investment growth through exposure to a diversified range of asset classes.	To provide long-term capita 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 se	est in regional, sovereign curities, local and tional corporate bonds.	To invest in fixed income, high dividend yielding stocks REITs and structured produc		

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