

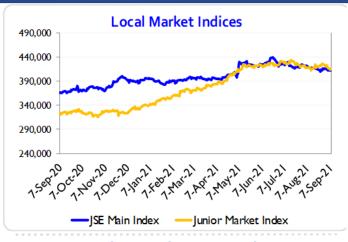


China's Manufacturing PMI Contracted in August 2021

According to IHS Markit, the Caixin China General Manufacturing Purchasing Managers Index (PMI), which measures manufacturing activities, eased to 49.0 in August from 50.3 in July. Noteworthy, a reading below 50 signals a deterioration in the health of the sector. Although the decline is marginal, it is the first time that business conditions have deteriorated since April 2020. The lower reading was attributable to a decline in output, the first since February 2020, and a continuous drop in new work as a result of the resurgence of the COVID-19 virus both locally and globally. Supplier performance was impacted when measures to curb the spread of the virus were implemented, and resulting shortages led to a significant increase in cost burdens and prices charged. Market demand also fell during the month, causing firms to marginally cut their purchasing activities and employment levels. Despite this, overall business confidence remained strong, but concerns over how long it would take to get the pandemic under control globally weighed on overall sentiment.

China has taken a zero-tolerance approach in its fight against COVID-19 by closing off areas where cases are discovered for contact tracing and testing. Given that China is one of the world's largest exporters of goods, the ongoing uncertainty surrounding COVID-19's path and the implementation of tighter restrictions as a result of the spread in some parts of China and globally is likely to weigh on demand and impact the country's manufacturing sector and overall economy over the short term. Nonetheless, increased vaccination in China and some of the main trading partner countries could temper some of the pressures within the sector.

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Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	7-S ep	6-Sep	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	151.06	151.29	-0.15%	5.90%
GBP:JMD	208.76	210.81	-0.97%	7.8%
CAD:JMD	120.26	121.13	-0.72%	7.9%

Caribbean & Latam

Latin American currencies weakened on Tuesday as rising U.S.
 Treasury yields sent the dollar rallying, while El Salvador became the first country in the world to adopt bitcoin as legal tender.

USA & Canada

 The S&P 500 closed lower on Tuesday while the Nasdaq reached a record high, as investors balanced worries about the slowing pace of economic recovery with expectations that the Federal Reserve will maintain its accommodative monetary policy.

Europe

 European stocks ended lower on Tuesday after a cautious session amid signs of a slowdown in global economic recovery due to the surge in coronavirus cases of the Delta variant.

<u>Asia</u>

 Equities in most emerging Asian markets saw modest gains on Tuesday after China's August exports grew faster than expected, while currencies in the region were mixed against a weaker dollar.

Local Equity Market

Stock Index	Today's close	DoD Δ	DoD% ∆	YTD % ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ
JSE Combined Index	414,303.20	154.41	0.04%	5.53%	13.67%
JSE Index	411,889.80	-135.29	-0.03%	4.15%	12.24%
All Jamaican Composite Index	453,152.80	-197.40	-0.04%	4.57%	12.70%
JSE Select Index	10,163.30	19.21	0.19%	4.12%	10.90%
Junior Market Index	3,284.23	28.14	0.86%	23.18%	31.83%

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS						
	ADVANCERS			DECLINERS		
PTL	12.00%		JP	-9.20%		
RJR	11.95%		PROVEN	-7.97%		
CBNY	9.76%		sos	-6.43%	-	

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of 81 stocks, of which 40 advanced, 29 declined and 12 traded firm.

International Markets

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Index	7-S ep	DoD % Δ	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ	Cumonsy	7- S ep	D
S&P 500	4,520.03	-0.34%	20.34%	31.90%	Currency	7- 3 ep	
Dow Jones	35,100.00	-0.76%	14.68%	24.76%	EUR: USD	1.1841	
FTSE All Share	4,122.43	-0.53%	12.22%	23.94%	GBP: USD	1.38	
Euro Stoxx 50	4,225.01	-0.50%	18.93%	27.49%	LICD CAD	1.24	
Nikkei 225	29,916.14	0.86%	9.01%	29.56%	USD: CAD	1.26	
MSCI World Index	746.07	-0.29%	15.44%	29.87%	USD: JPY	110.30	

Glo	Global Interest Rates						
Rates	7-S ep	DoD ∆bps	YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps			
10 -Year US Treasury Bond	1.37%	5.09	46.00	65.52	(
10-Year UK Gilt	0.74%	4.30	54.00	48.90	- (
GOI 2025 Global Bond	3.51%	3.50	5.70	-66.80	-		

	Commodities								
	Commodity	7-S ep	DoD % Δ	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ % Δ				
	Crude Oil	68.39	-1.30%	40.95%	71.96%				
-	Gold	1,793.86	-1.61%	-5.50%	-7.23%				
	Silver	24.32	-1.45%	-7.87%	-9.35%				
	Aluminium	2,757.00	-0.58%	39.28%	53.38%				

-0.24%

-0.38%

0.91%

0.40%

Currency Market

YTD% A YoY% A

0.20%

4.69%

-3.44%

3.79%

-3.07%

0.83%

-0.61%

6.83%

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	ice	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield Estimated Yearly Income)	
Global Diversified Income		e J\$13.993	36	3.83%	1.10%	2.22%	
Global	Equity	J\$16.08	58	15.37%	6.84%	0.00%	
Global	Fixed Income	J\$13.08	15	4.50%	3.36%	4.76%	
Global	Money Market (U	S\$) US\$10.87	72 I	3.56%	2.39%	2.40%	
Global Fixed Income (US\$)		\$) US\$11.27	745	7.00%	2.37%	3.17%	
Local M	loney Market	J\$11.382	20	4.18%	3.19%	4.17%	
	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Market Fund	Globa	l 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 t income through (i) A Jar	eve an attractive total chrough capital injection and growth. This is offered two separate Funds: naican dollar (J\$) and S 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	st 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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