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Jamaica's Inflation Rate above BOJ's Target Range in September

According to the Statistical Institute of Jamaica (STATIN), the All-Jamaica Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased by 2.3% in September 2021, following a 0.9% increase in August. The main driver of September inflation was a 3.0% increase in the heaviest weighted division 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages' due to higher agriculture produce prices. The divisions 'Transport', 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels', and 'Education', all had increases of 8.1%, 0.8%, and 2.4%, respectively. The increase in the 'Transport' division was primarily due to the government's approval of a 15.0% increase in bus, route taxi, and hackney carriage fares. However, lower petrol prices tempered the overall movement for the division. Higher electricity, sewage, and water rates contributed to the increase in 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels', and increased tuition fees at the start of the 2021/22 academic year contributed to the increase in the 'Education' division. The calendar year-to-date, fiscal-year-to-date and point-to-point inflation rates as of August 2021 were 7.1%, 6.6%, and 8.2%, respectively.

Jamaica's point-to-point inflation at 8.2% is higher than the Bank of Jamaica's (BOJ) target range of 4% to 6%. The BOJ stated at the last Monetary Policy meeting held in September that inflation had breached the upper limit of the bank's target range in August and that the risks of inflation continuing to breach the target over the next year had intensified. This outlook prompted the bank to raise the policy rate to reduce demand pressures and encourage saving. With supply chain disruptions expected to persist, resulting in higher shipping and input costs, customers are likely to see higher prices. Based on this outlook and the possibility of higher agricultural and energy prices, inflationary pressures could persist over the short term.

Currency Markets

International Currency Market

Currency	22-Oct	15-Oct	DoD % Δ	WoW % Δ	YTD% Δ	YoY% Δ
EUR: USD	1.164	1.160	0.17%	0.36%	-4.69%	-1.48%
GBP: USD	1.376	1.380	-0.26%	0.04%	0.64%	5.15%
USD: CAD	1.237	1.240	0.04%	0.04%	-2.77%	-5.81%
USD: JPY	113.470	114.220	-0.46%	-0.66%	9.90%	8.21%

Local Foreign Currency Market

Currency	22-Oct	21-Oct	15-Oct	DoD % Δ	WoW % Δ	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	154.19	153.96	151.58	0.15%	1.72%	8.09%
GBP:JMD	212.78	212.47	209.03	0.15%	1.80%	9.9%
CAD:JMD	125.51	126.99	123.36	-1.16%	1.75%	12.7%

Global Interest Rates

Rates	22-Oct	15-Oct	DoD Δ bps	WoW Δ bps	YTD Δ bps	YoY Δ bps
10 Year US Treasury Bond	1.64%	1.57%	-6.00	7.00	73.00	78.00
10 Year UK Gilt	1.15%	1.11%	-5.00	4.00	95.00	87.00
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	3.64%	3.62%	5.00	2.00	19.00	-53.00
5 Year US Treasury Bond	1.20%	1.13%	-4.00	7.00	84.00	83.00
5 Year UK Gilt	0.83%	0.77%	-3.00	6.00	92.00	86.00

Week in Review: Oct 18 - Oct 22, 2021

Local Equity Market

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS

ADVANCERS		DECLINERS	
CBNY	40.91%	DCOVE	-20.00%
ROC	15.15%	CAC	-12.86%
XFUND	13.62%	PURITY	-11.56%

JSE Main Market activity (excluding preference shares) resulted from trading in **48** stocks of which **23** advanced, **20** declined and **5** traded firm. Market volume (excluding preference shares) amounted to **34,581,618** units valued at over **\$291,438,393**. JSE Junior Market activity (excluding preference shares) resulted from trading in **40** stocks of which **18** advanced, **19** declined and **3** traded firm. Market volume (excluding preference shares) amounted to **24,342,941** units valued at over **\$81,894,233**.
















Global Equity Indices

Index	31-Dec	15-Oct	22-Oct	WoW % Δ	YTD% Δ	YoY% Δ
S&P 500	3,756.07	4,471.37	4,544.90	1.64%	21.00%	31.60%
Euro Stoxx 50	3,552.64	4,182.91	4,188.81	0.14%	17.91%	32.08%
MXWD Index	646.27	732.95	742.26	1.27%	14.85%	27.99%
JSE Main Market Index	395,614.93	403,998.83	400,578.43	-0.85%	1.25%	6.55%
JSE Junior Market Index	2,643.38	3,325.40	3,302.13	-0.70%	24.92%	34.83%
JSE Combined Index	392,435.92	407,389.83	403,988.89	-0.83%	2.94%	8.53%

Upcoming Week: Oct 25 - Oct 29, 2021

Country	Report	Period	Forecast	Prior
US	Initial Jobless Claims	23-Oct	290,000	290,000
US	GDP Annualized QoQ	3Q A	2.80%	6.70%
US	U. of Mich. Sentiment	Oct F	71.40	71.40
US	Conf. Board Consumer	Oct	108.50	109.30
CA	Bank of Canada Rate Decision	27-Oct	0.25%	0.25%
JN	Industrial Production MoM	Sep P	-2.50%	-3.60%
JN	Jobless Rate	Sep	2.80%	2.80%
JN	Tokyo CPI Ex-Fresh Food YoY	Oct	0.30%	0.10%

LOCAL STOCK RECOMMENDATIONS

COMPANY NAME	PRICE MOVEMENTS	J\$	STATISTICS	COMPANY VITALS	INDUSTRY VITALS	RATIONALE		
October 22, 2021								
Guardian Holdings Ltd. (GHL)	Current Price	\$520.52	EPS	\$80.71	ROE	18.20%	 ROE 14.29%  P/E 15.39  P/B 2.03	<p>Guardian is one of the region's leading financial institutions with a long history of delivering strong revenue growth and profitability. The company operates in most of the countries in the Caribbean and is rated among the top five in the major markets in which it operates. Like most companies regionally, the Guardian Group was severely challenged in 2020. However, in 2020, the Group delivered operational and financial results which were creditable along several metrics and especially when taken in the context of the pandemic. While we are very aware that the COVID-19 pandemic is not over, it is very likely that the worst is behind us. With vaccination programme being rolled out regionally and as respective governments continue to ease out of the pandemic the companies within the region continue to gradually recover from the crisis. This recovery is also evident for Guardian Group which posted revenues and profits in Q1 2021 which are significantly above its previous year's.</p>
	52 Week High	\$1,134.90	BVPS	\$443.33	P/E	6.45		
Derrimon Trading Co Ltd (DTL)	53 Week Low	\$500.01	T12M Div.	\$4.04	P/B	1.17	 ROE 7.36%  P/E 25.24  P/B 1.86	<p>Derrimon is vertically integrated whereby it manufactures and distributes through its own channels such as Sampars and its Select grocers retail outlets. Over the last five years the company has gone through a tremendous transformation driven by its organic growth in its primary distribution segment and through acquisitions. Consequently, it has delivered expansion which has seen its revenue more than double in five years and profits more than tripled. Although the coronavirus pandemic has slowed business activity in Jamaica generally, and has slowed Derrimon's revenue growth by approximately 1.0% up to September 2020, DTL has remained very profitable. Over the period, the Group delivered profit growth of 27.0% which is a signal of its strength and resiliency given the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>
	WoW %	-5.79%	Div. Yield %	0.69%	P/B	2.03		
Derrimon Trading Co Ltd (DTL)	YTD %	-10.64%					 ROE 15.47%  P/E 16.80  P/B 2.60	<p>With the onset of COVID-19, restaurants, supermarkets, bakeries and corner shops in communities have been forced to operate within restricted parameters or have completely shuttered. Although the COVID-19 pandemic has had a negative impact on Seprod's operations, the Group's diversified portfolio has proven to be resilient thus far. Looking ahead, there are still risks that could negatively impact global supply chains and ultimately affect raw material prices, consumer income and economic growth. Notwithstanding, given our estimate that the worst part of the covid-19 restrictions may be behind us, we are expecting that the companies good performance could likely continue into at least the short term. Over the last five years, the group has invested significantly in strengthening its operations and its resiliency. The investments include consolidating aspects of its business where costs were being duplicated, which is a move to position itself for continued resilience and competitiveness in face of the uncertainty which lies ahead. Over the medium-term, the group has further investments plans to improve its distribution, warehousing and logistics efforts that are expected to augment the Groups' profitability over time.</p>
	Current Price	\$2.30	EPS	\$0.09	ROE	15.68%		
Seprod Ltd (SEP)	52 Week High	\$2.88	BVPS	\$1.24	P/E	23.61	 ROE 15.06%  P/E 9.34  P/B 1.41	<p>Undoubtedly, COVID-19 has had a negative impact on aspects of the business and is likely to continue to weigh on those segments for the remainder of this year, even as the company adjusts its operations to deal with the pandemic. Some segments have remained strong however, the pandemic has created opportunities for new retail channels to offset the downturn seen in some segments. Importantly, JP is further seeking to strengthen its business over the medium term to improve its capacity, to drive long term growth at the same time it continues to invest in strong food and logistics businesses. Despite COVID-19, JP remains strong with several key financial metrics, including its large and growing cash and securities balance, providing the group with the flexibility to manage and execute on strategies of acquiring undervalued assets.</p>
	53 Week Low	\$2.00	T12M Div.	\$0.01	P/B	2.88		
Jamaica Producers Group (JP)	WoW %	-0.73%	Div. Yield %	0.47%			 ROE 12.38%  P/E 12.23  P/B 1.49	
	YTD %	-3.22%						
Jamaica Producers Group (JP)	Current Price	\$63.61	EPS	\$3.79	ROE	18.51%	ROE 12.38% P/E 23.61 P/B 4.11	
	52 Week High	\$85.00	BVPS	\$24.48	P/E	16.80		
Jamaica Producers Group (JP)	53 Week Low	\$53.79	T12M Div.	\$0.80	P/B	2.60	ROE 15.06% P/E 9.34 P/B 1.41	
	WoW %	2.01%	Div. Yield %	1.28%	P/B	4.11		
Jamaica Producers Group (JP)	YTD %	-1.98%					ROE 12.38% P/E 12.23 P/B 1.49	
	Current Price	\$20.22	EPS	\$2.17	ROE	12.38%		
Jamaica Producers Group (JP)	52 Week High	\$31.00	BVPS	\$14.38	P/E	9.34	ROE 12.38% P/E 12.23 P/B 1.49	
	53 Week Low	\$19.60	T12M Div.	\$0.20	P/B	1.41		
Jamaica Producers Group (JP)	WoW %	-7.66%	Div. Yield %	0.97%				
	YTD %	-3.70%						




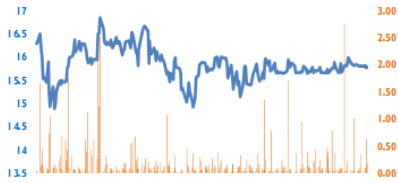



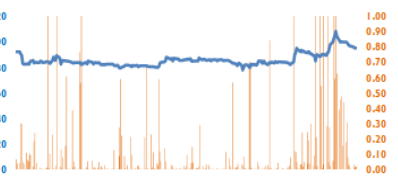








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COMPANY NAME	PRICE MOVEMENTS	J\$	STATISTICS	COMPANY VITALS	INDUSTRY VITALS	RATIONALE
October 22, 2021						
Wisynco Ltd (WISYNCO)	Current Price	\$15.78	EPS \$0.82	 ROE 20.41%	ROE 18.51%	Wisynco's customers typically include restaurants, supermarkets retail and wholesale outlets, schools and other food service outlets. As a result of the social distancing orders being enforced by the Government to curb the spread of the virus, the operations of the Company's customers base have been severely disrupted. We acknowledged, however, that the Company's strong brand presence in the food manufacturing and distribution sector, strong balance sheet and distribution network will go a far way to ensure that Wisynco remain resilient over the long-term. We believe that the Management's experience in distribution and the Company's investment in Innovation will be huge drivers of equity return over time. Notwithstanding, over the short to medium term (up to three years) Wisynco's profitability will be challenged as over 95% of the Company's revenues are generated locally and local consumer demand has declined and likely to remain subdued over the short to medium terms. In our scenario, the Company is projected to return to pre-COVID state in the FY 2024/FY 2025.
	52 Week High	\$17.50	BVPS \$4.01	 P/E 19.26	P/E 23.61	
	53 Week Low	\$13.00	T12M Div. \$0.30	 P/B 3.93	P/B 4.11	
	WoW %	-0.12%	Div. Yield % 1.84%			
	YTD %	-6.32%				
BUY						
Barita Investments Ltd (BIL)	Current Price	\$94.97	EPS \$3.63	 ROE 14.62%	ROE 14.29%	In the most recently concluded 9-month period, up to June 30, 2021, Barita continued to deliver recordbreaking growth and profitability for its shareholders. Undoubtedly, the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted financial markets locally and globally and is likely to pose significant challenges for businesses going forward. So far, however, BIL has responded well to the pandemic from a social and operational perspective. Over the period, the Group posted net profits, which was 83% above the amount generated over a similar period in the previous year and already ~22% above the amount generated in the entire 12 months in FY 2020. Following its successful APO in September 2020, BIL bolstered its investment banking underwriting capabilities, upgraded its technology - including the implementation of its BOSS platform, seeded alternative investment strategies, widened its footprint and expanded its trading operations. So far, the early indications are that the company has seen further operational improvement and is experiencing accelerated revenue and profit growth.
	52 Week High	\$109.50	BVPS \$24.79	 P/E 26.20	P/E 15.39	
	53 Week Low	\$75.00	T12M Div. \$3.78	 P/B 3.83	P/B 2.03	
	WoW %	-1.83%	Div. Yield % 4.10%			
	YTD %	15.98%				
BUY						
Grace Kennedy Ltd (GK)	Current Price	\$100.24	EPS \$7.09	 ROE 11.11%	ROE 12.38%	Going forward, we expect the GK's strong resiliency to continue despite COVID-19, even as the company make significant changes to ensure its products and services are delivered to its customers across the various channels. These include ensuring its international supply chains remain strong, active, and efficient. Its recent agreement with Nestle is one such initiative that GK has implemented to improve its distribution as the Group moves closer to achieving its goal of creating a wider wingspan in the global arena. We believe that GK is poised for further sustainable growth given its well diversified businesses across its two segments which will likely be boosted by inorganic growth from acquisitions. GraceKennedy Limited has initiated its multi-year transformational strategy in which it seeks to achieve (i) sustainable efficiency, (ii) greater agility and (iii) revenue growth. To achieve these goals, the Group has made changes to its organisational and cost structure as well as its business processes which have so far resulted in an upswing in its margins and profitability, and which augurs well for the Group's future. With growth in all segments, the Group outperformed its prior year results, posting arguably its strongest financial results since inception. GK is well positioned financially and has displayed the ability to continue growing despite the economic downturn caused by the effects of COVID-19.
	52 Week High	\$105.99	BVPS \$63.83	 P/E 14.13	P/E 12.23	
	53 Week Low	\$56.98	T12M Div. \$1.93	 P/B 1.57	P/B 1.49	
	WoW %	1.26%	Div. Yield % 3.34%			
	YTD %	59.92%				
BUY						
Sygnus Real Estate Finance Limited (SRFJMD)	Current Price	\$18.01	EPS \$7.18	 ROE 37.39%	ROE 24.21%	Sygnus Real Estate Finance Limited is a speciality real estate investment company, dedicated to providing flexible financing to unlock value in real estate assets across the Caribbean region. SRF is an alternative investment firm that is solely dedicated to the real estate asset class, by providing customized financing solutions in various forms across the credit and equity spectrum. Through the application of flexible financing, and with careful screening, managing and assessment of its highly experienced Real Estate Investment Advisory Committee, SRF will seek to earn attractive risk-adjusted returns with downside protection. We believe that Sygnus Real Estate Finance's offer is a good investment opportunity given the business model of active management, track record of the Investment Manager, robust governance structure and the pipeline of opportunities on the table. Given the present economic environment and market dynamics characterised by low-interest rates and high liquidity, we anticipate that real estate could continue to perform well as a leading growth sector. Additionally, the low-interest rate may enable the use of financial leverage to enhance returns which could further enhance the value proposition of SRF.
	52 Week High	\$22.20	BVPS \$19.19	 P/E 2.51	P/E 12.77	
	53 Week Low	\$17.00	T12M Div. \$0.00	 P/B 0.94	P/B 0.85	
	WoW %	-2.13%	Div. Yield % 0.00%			
	YTD %	-0.19%				
BUY						

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Mutual Funds

JN MUTUAL FUNDS

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JN Mutual Funds	NAV Price	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)
Global Diversified Income	J\$14.2555	5.49%	2.99%	2.18%
Global Equity	J\$15.6645	11.77%	4.04%	0.00%
Global Fixed Income	J\$13.1612	3.99%	3.99%	4.66%
Global Money Market (US\$)	US\$10.9166	3.54%	2.81%	2.42%
Global Fixed Income (US\$)	US\$11.2775	6.35%	2.40%	3.15%
Local Money Market	J\$11.4686	4.23%	3.97%	4.13%

	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Market Fund	Global 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 products	To invest in the shares of local and international companies which offer strong growth possibilities and consistent income

With a suite of six investment portfolios, each with a distinct financial profile, JN Mutual Funds offers a premium opportunity for investors to align their personal financial strategy with their goals, time horizons and risk profile.

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