

## September's Rising Manufacturing PPI Fueled by Surge in Oil Prices

According to the Statistical Institute of Jamaica (STATIN), the Producer Price Index (PPI) for the 'Mining and Quarrying' industry went up by 6.5% year-over-year between September 2022 and September 2023. This was due to an increase in the 'Bauxite Mining & Alumina Processing' Index (up by 6.6%) and was strengthened by an increase in the 'Other Mining and Quarrying' Index (up by 4.4%). The 'Manufacturing' Index increased by 1.9% when compared with September 2022. This increase was mainly due to a rise in the major group 'Food, Beverages & Tobacco' (up by 2.7%), alongside Textile Wearing Apparel and Leather Products (up by 4.9%) and Paper and Paper Products (up by 4.5%) but was tempered by a downturn in the group 'Fabricated Metal Products excluding Machinery & Equipment' (down by 4.3%). The Producer Price Index tracks the average change in selling prices obtained by domestic goods and service producers over time.

Meanwhile, month-over-month the 'Mining and Quarrying' index increased by 0.1%. This reading was primarily as a result of the devaluation of the Jamaican dollar relative to the United States dollar, along with a 0.1% increase in index for the major group 'Bauxite Mining & Alumina Processing'. Similarly, the 'Manufacturing' index increased by 1.2%. This month-over-month increase in Manufacturing was largely driven by an increase of 5.9% in the index for the major group 'Refined Petroleum Products', due mainly to increased fuel prices on the international market. However, the index for the heaviest weighted major group within the industry, 'Food, Beverages & Tobacco', had a negligible change.

### Currency Markets

#### International Currency Market

Currency	27-Oct	20-Oct	DoD % Δ	WoW % Δ	YTD% Δ	YoY% Δ
EUR: USD	1.057	1.059	0.02%	-0.27%	-1.31%	6.03%
GBP: USD	1.212	1.220	-0.06%	-0.35%	0.32%	4.82%
USD: CAD	1.387	1.370	0.28%	1.13%	2.33%	2.25%
USD: JPY	149.660	149.860	-0.49%	-0.13%	14.14%	2.30%

#### Local Foreign Currency Market

Currency	27-Oct	26-Oct	20-Oct	DoD % Δ	WoW % Δ	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	156.60	156.12	155.37	0.31%	0.79%	2.99%
GBP:JMD	189.86	188.43	191.81	0.76%	-1.02%	4.3%
CAD:JMD	113.50	112.26	116.46	1.10%	-2.54%	4.6%

### Global Interest Rates

Rates	27-Oct	20-Oct	DoD Δ bps	WoW Δ bps	YTD Δ bps	YoY Δ bps
10 Year US Treasury Bond	4.83%	4.91%	-1.00	-8.00	96.00	91.00
10 Year UK Gilt	4.54%	4.65%	-6.00	-11.00	87.00	114.00
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	6.83%	6.94%	-2.00	-11.00	279.00	46.00
5 Year US Treasury Bond	4.76%	4.86%	-4.00	-10.00	76.00	70.00
5 Year UK Gilt	4.48%	4.64%	-6.00	-16.00	86.00	100.00

### Week in Review: October 23 - October 27, 2023

#### Local Equity Market

##### BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS

ADVANCERS		DECLINERS	
CHL	22.24%	CAC	-18.70%
SRFJMD	17.36%	ISP	-17.70%
ELITE	16.88%	MTLJA	-15.36%

JSE Main Market activity (excluding preference shares) resulted from trading in **48** stocks of which **26** advanced, **18** declined and **4** traded firm. Market Volume (excluding preference shares) amounted to **36,807,351** units valued at over **\$212,318,848**. JSE Junior Market activity (excluding preference shares) resulted from trading in **47** stocks of which **23** advanced, **22** declined and **2** traded firm. Market volume (excluding preference shares) amounted to **70,978,367** units valued at over **\$142,001,935**.

#### Global Equity Indices

Index	30-Dec	20-Oct	27-Oct	WoW % Δ	YTD% Δ	YoY% Δ
S&P 500	3,839.50	4,224.16	4,117.37	-2.53%	7.24%	8.14%
Euro Stoxx 50	3,793.62	4,024.68	4,014.36	-0.26%	5.82%	11.37%
MXWD Index	605.38	642.07	629.46	-1.96%	3.98%	8.12%
JSE Main Market Index	355,896.64	311,499.58	315,399.16	1.25%	-11.38%	-9.90%
JSE Junior Market Index	3,986.44	3,889.52	3,920.71	0.80%	-1.65%	-4.93%
JSE Combined Index	368,591.98	326,221.77	330,149.24	1.20%	-10.43%	-9.40%

### Upcoming Week: October 30 — November 3, 2023

Country	Report	Period	Forecast	Prior
US	Change in Nonfarm Payrolls	Oct	190,000	336,000
US	Initial Jobless Claims	28-Oct	210,000	210,000
US	FOMC Rate Decision	1-Nov	5.50%	5.50%
US	ISM Manufacturing	Oct	49	49
UK	Bank of England Bank Rate	2-Nov	5.25%	5.25%
UK	S&P Global/CIPS MFG. PMI	Oct F	45.2	45.2
CA	Unemployment Rate	Oct	5.60%	5.50%
JN	Jobless Rate	Sep	2.60%	2.70%

# LOCAL STOCK RECOMMENDATIONS

COMPANY NAME	PRICE MOVEMENTS	J\$	STATISTICS	COMPANY VITALS	INDUSTRY VITALS		
October 27, 2023							
Grace Kennedy Ltd (GK)	Current Price	\$71.99	EPS	\$7.59	ROE	9.88%	
	52 Week High	\$90.00	BVPS	\$76.78	ROE	18.46%	
	53 Week Low	\$70.00	T12M Div.	\$2.06	P/E	9.49	
	WoW %	-3.17%	Div. Yield %	2.34%	P/B	0.94	
BUY	YTD %	-13.49%				P/B	1.36
Jamaica Producers Group (JP)	Current Price	\$19.06	EPS	\$11.89	ROE	42.52%	
	52 Week High	\$28.00	BVPS	\$27.97	ROE	18.46%	
	53 Week Low	\$17.27	T12M Div.	\$0.30	P/E	1.60	
	WoW %	-1.85%	Div. Yield %	1.69%	P/B	0.68	
BUY	YTD %	-13.17%				P/B	1.36
Wisynco Ltd (WISYNCO)	Current Price	\$20.35	EPS	\$1.27	ROE	22.99%	
	52 Week High	\$22.00	BVPS	\$5.51	ROE	12.96%	
	53 Week Low	\$16.00	T12M Div.	\$0.42	P/E	16.07	
	WoW %	2.99%	Div. Yield %	2.34%	P/B	3.69	
BUY	YTD %	15.17%				P/B	2.44
JMMB Group Ltd (JMMBGL)	Current Price	\$27.21	EPS	\$5.58	ROE	20.08%	
	52 Week High	\$38.50	BVPS	\$27.77	ROE	5.37%	
	53 Week Low	\$25.01	T12M Div.	\$0.00	P/E	4.88	
	WoW %	0.00%	Div. Yield %	0.00%	P/B	0.98	
BUY	YTD %	-17.42%				P/B	1.21




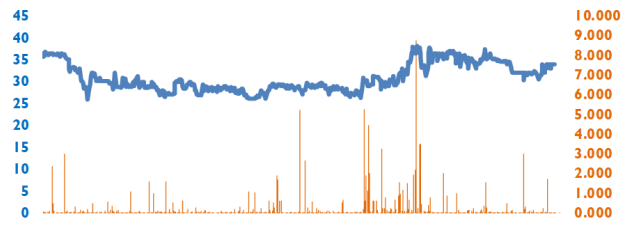



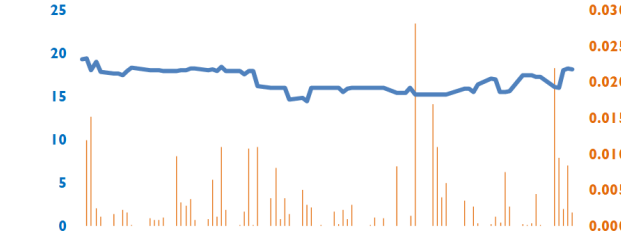



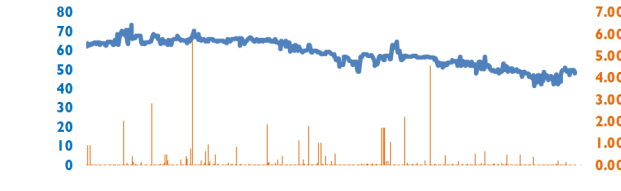
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# LOCAL STOCK RECOMMENDATIONS

COMPANY NAME	PRICE MOVEMENTS	J\$	STATISTICS	COMPANY VITALS	INDUSTRY VITALS	
October 27, 2023						
Jamaica Broilers Group Ltd (JBG)	<b>Current Price</b>	<b>\$32.73</b>	<b>EPS</b>	<b>\$3.85</b>	 <b>ROE 17.21%</b>	<b>ROE 12.96%</b>
	<b>52 Week High</b>	<b>\$39.99</b>	<b>BVPS</b>	<b>\$22.35</b>	 <b>P/E 8.51</b>	<b>P/E 12.31</b>
	<b>53 Week Low</b>	<b>\$26.03</b>	<b>T12M Div.</b>	<b>\$0.78</b>	 <b>P/B 1.46</b>	<b>P/B 2.44</b>
	<b>WoW %</b>	<b>0.52%</b>	<b>Div. Yield %</b>	<b>2.77%</b>		
	<b>YTD %</b>	<b>5.58%</b>				
<b>BUY</b>						
Sygnus Real Estate Finance Limited (SRFJMD)	<b>Current Price</b>	<b>\$11.90</b>	<b>EPS</b>	<b>\$1.30</b>	 <b>ROE 5.97%</b>	<b>ROE 7.07%</b>
	<b>52 Week High</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>	<b>BVPS</b>	<b>\$21.82</b>	 <b>P/E 9.14</b>	<b>P/E 19.83</b>
	<b>53 Week Low</b>	<b>\$9.00</b>	<b>T12M Div.</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	 <b>P/B 0.55</b>	<b>P/B 0.78</b>
	<b>WoW %</b>	<b>17.36%</b>	<b>Div. Yield %</b>	<b>0.00%</b>		
	<b>YTD %</b>	<b>19.00%</b>				
<b>BUY</b>						
Scotia Group Jamaica Ltd (SGJ)	<b>Current Price</b>	<b>\$33.80</b>	<b>EPS</b>	<b>\$5.50</b>	 <b>ROE 15.05%</b>	<b>ROE 5.37%</b>
	<b>52 Week High</b>	<b>\$36.99</b>	<b>BVPS</b>	<b>\$36.58</b>	 <b>P/E 6.14</b>	<b>P/E 7.52</b>
	<b>53 Week Low</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>	<b>T12M Div.</b>	<b>\$1.30</b>	 <b>P/B 0.92</b>	<b>P/B 1.21</b>
	<b>WoW %</b>	<b>-1.97%</b>	<b>Div. Yield %</b>	<b>3.67%</b>		
	<b>YTD %</b>	<b>-1.26%</b>				
<b>BUY</b>						

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JN Mutual Funds	NAV Price	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)
<b>Global Diversified Income</b>	J\$13.3393	2.98%	3.02%	3.23%
<b>Global Equity</b>	J\$13.9861	-4.02%	-4.08%	0.00%
<b>Global Fixed Income</b>	J\$14.7964	8.19%	7.35%	7.10%
<b>Global Money Market (US\$)</b>	US\$11.6903	3.27%	2.59%	4.19%
<b>Global Fixed Income (US\$)</b>	US\$11.6498	2.71%	1.82%	5.21%
<b>Local Money Market</b>	J\$13.1456	10.05%	8.88%	7.65%

	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Market Fund	Global Fixed Income Funds	Global Diversified Income Fund	Global Equity Fund
<b>Objective</b>	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.
<b>Strategy</b>	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

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