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DAILY COMMENTARY

The United States' (US) Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose by 0.2% in July month-overmonth, driven by higher fuel prices. This brought year-over-year (YoY) inflation to 2.9%. YoY Core CPI which excludes volatile commodities such as food and energy prices, was unchanged at 2.4%, its strongest reading since 2008. We believe as wage growth trends upwards, this and other underlying inflationary pressures in the US economy, underpinned by fiscal stimulus and rising raw material costs, may lead to a further rise in inflation.



Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	I 3-Aug	10-Aug	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	136.44	136.18	0.19%	9.15 %
GBP:JMD	174.13	175.17	-0.59%	4.25%
CAD:JMD	104.91	104.97	-0.06%	7.71%

Caribbean & Latam

 Argentina increased its benchmark interest rate to 45 percent from 40 percent, the central bank said on Monday, after the peso currency tumbled in response to a local corruption scandal and Turkey's currency crisis.

USA & Canada

• U.S. stocks dropped on Monday as global jitters due to Turkey's plummeting currency spread to Wall Street.

Europe

 Banks dragged European shares down on Monday as the Turkish currency crisis shook investor confidence in lenders exposed to the country, while pharmaceuticals group Bayer sank 11 percent after its subsidiary Monsanto lost a key lawsuit.

<u>Asia</u>

 China's new yuan loans exceeded expectations in July while growth of broad money supply rebounded to a five-month high, as the central bank sought to step up policy support for the economy amid a growing trade battle with the United States.



Local Equity Market					
Stock Index	Today's close	DoD Δ	DoD% Δ	YTD % Δ	ΥοΥ% Δ
JSE Combined Index	324,407.77	-393.75	-0.12%	9.97%	19.48%
JSE Index	315,354.54	-802.56	-0.25%	9.35%	24.31%
All Jamaican Composite Index	346,120.15	-880.86	-0.25%	9.35%	23.68%
JSE Select Index	9,352.92	-22.13	-0.24%	9.82%	15.21%
Junior Market Index	3,158.00	31.40	1.00%	15.59%	-12.80%

	BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS					
	ADVANCERS			DECLINERS		
HONBUN	I 4.62 %		MEEG	-10.06%		
ссс	11.73%		MIL	-7.15%		
CBNY	9.09%		BIL	-5.94%		

In today's combined market activity 50 stocks of which 24 advanced, 17 declined and 9 traded firm.

International Markets

International Equity Markets						
Index	I3-Aug	DoD % A	YTD% A	ΥοΥ% Δ		
S&P 500	2,821.93	-0.40%	5.55%	14.44%		
Dow Jones	25,187.70	-0.50%	I.90%	I 4.52%		
FTSE All Share	4,196.13	-0.35%	-0.61 %	4.00%		
Euro Stoxx 50	3,409.68	-0.48%	-2.69 %	-1.1 9 %		
Nikkei 225	21,857.43	- 1.98 %	-3.99%	11.88%		
MSCI World Index	515.61	0.00%	0.50%	8.53%		

G	ilobal Inte	erest Rate	es	
Rates	13-Aug	DoD ∆bps	YTD ∆bps	
10 –Year US Treasury Bond	2.88%	1.00	47.00	66.00
10-Year UK Gilt	1.25%	1.00	6.00	18.00
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	4.63%	0.00	19.00	-5.00

International Currency Market					
Currency	13-Aug	DoD % A	YTD% Δ	ΥοΥ% Δ	
EUR: USD	1.1408	-0.04%	-4.97 %	-3.16%	
GBP: USD	1.2762	0.03%	-5.56%	-1.56%	
USD: CAD	1.3134	-0.05%	4.48%	3.24%	
USD: JPY	110.69	-0.13%	-1.77%	0.97%	

Commodities					
Commodity	I3-Aug	DoD % A	YTD% Δ	ΥοΥ% Δ	
Crude Oil	67.39	-0.35%	11.54%	41.61%	
Gold	1,194.11	-1.36%	-8.34 %	-6.87 %	
Silver	15	-2.01%	-11.41%	-12.16%	
Aluminium	2,105.00	1.30%	-7.1 9 %	4.05%	

Sources: Bloomberg, Reuters, Jamaica Stock Exchange, Bank of Jamaica, Jamaica Observer, Jamaica Gleaner, Wall Street Journal



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\$12.3803	17.82%	5.38%	3.35%
Global Equity	J\$12.3165	16.38%	5.99%	0.00%
Global Fixed Income	J\$11.4216	10.10%	6.50%	4.99%
Global Money Market (US\$)	US\$10.0414	1.30%	0.41%	I.05%
Global Fixed Income (US\$)	US\$9.8956	-	-1.04%	4.43%
Local Money Market	J\$10.2972	6.72%	2.97%	2.61%

	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

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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