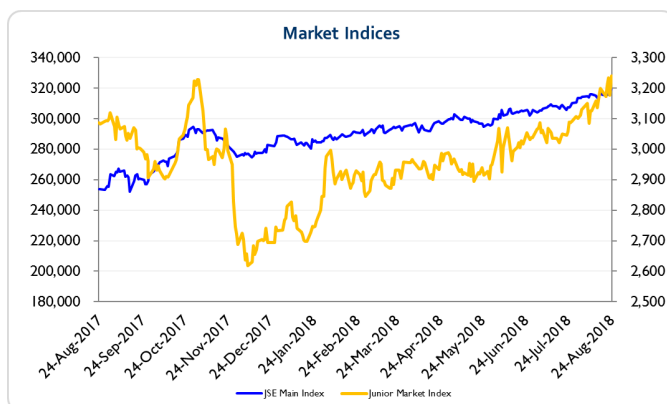


DAILY COMMENTARY

The Governor of Bank of Jamaica (BOJ), Brian Wynter, has indicated that there is more room in which to pursue an accommodative monetary policy and noted that further actions may be needed in order drive private sector expansion at a pace that will generate growth and jobs. According to the governor, inflation, the BOJ's primary macroeconomic target variable, trended lower between April and June 2018. This was largely due to a sharper than expected reduction in agricultural prices and lower than anticipated imported inflation. The Central Bank is forecasting that the inflation rate will remain close to 3.5% in the latter 2 quarters of 2018 and rise to their 5% target by June 2019. This is predicated on an expected increase in agricultural prices, oil prices remaining higher, and on the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) improving; driven in part by lower interest rates.



Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	27-Aug	24-Aug	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	137.90	137.96	-0.04%	10.32%
GBP:JMD	176.39	178.06	-0.94%	5.60%
CAD:JMD	106.28	106.02	0.25%	9.12%

Caribbean & Latam

- The U.S. currency saw weakness vs major rivals and fell versus the Mexican peso Monday as President Donald Trump announced an agreement with Mexico to clear up issues that had stood in the way of a renegotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement.

USA & Canada

- The United States and Mexico agreed on Monday to overhaul the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), putting pressure on Canada to agree to new terms on auto trade and dispute settlement rules to remain part of the three-nation pact.

Europe

- European auto shares surged more than 2% on Monday as news of a U.S.-Mexico agreement on NAFTA added to the bullish sentiment generated by U.S. Federal Reserve chairman Jerome Powell's market-friendly speech.

Asia

- Japan's Nikkei ended at a 10-week high on Monday, taking a positive cue from Wall Street after the U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell affirmed that

Local Equity Market

Stock Index	Today's close	DoD Δ	DoD% Δ	YTD % Δ	YoY% Δ
JSE Combined Index	328,861.39	-69.93	-0.02%	11.48%	33.20%
JSE Index	319,223.81	-641.55	-0.20%	10.69%	25.89%
All Jamaican Composite Index	350,366.88	-704.13	-0.20%	10.69%	36.90%
JSE Select Index	9,205.09	18.41	0.20%	8.09%	24.53%
Junior Market Index	3,239.34	46.92	1.47%	18.57%	4.83%

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS

ADVANCERS		DECLINERS	
DTL	11.10%	MIL	-11.25%
LASD	8.71%	JAMT	-7.06%
XFUND	5.47%	TTECH	-6.80%

In today's combined market activity 49 stocks of which 18 advanced, 21 declined and 10 traded firm.

International Markets

International Equity Markets				
Index	27-Aug	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ	YoY% Δ
S&P 500	2,896.74	0.77%	8.35%	18.51%
Dow Jones	26,049.64	1.01%	5.38%	19.45%
FTSE All Share	4,170.87	0.18%	-1.21%	2.77%
Euro Stoxx 50	3,456.01	0.83%	-1.37%	1.02%
Nikkei 225	22,799.64	0.88%	0.15%	17.22%
MSCI World Index	524.56	0.95%	2.25%	10.35%

International Currency Market				
Currency	27-Aug	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ	YoY% Δ
EUR: USD	1.1682	0.52%	-2.69%	-2.48%
GBP: USD	1.2896	0.39%	-4.57%	-0.29%
USD: CAD	1.2959	-0.51%	3.09%	3.61%
USD: JPY	111.08	-0.14%	-1.43%	1.68%

Global Interest Rates				
Rates	27-Aug	DoD Δbps	YTD Δbps	YoY Δbps
10-Year US Treasury Bond	2.85%	3.61	43.59	68.88
10-Year UK Gilt	1.28%	0.00	8.80	22.50
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	5.07%	4.00	62.90	54.80

Commodities				
Commodity	27-Aug	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ	YoY% Δ
Crude Oil	68.93	0.31%	14.08%	48.01%
Gold	1,210.94	0.46%	-7.05%	-7.57%
Silver	14.8955	0.51%	-12.06%	-14.65%
Aluminium	2,095.00	0.96%	-7.63%	-0.52%



Mutual Funds

JN MUTUAL FUNDS

August 24, 2018

JN Mutual Funds	NAV Price	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)
Global Diversified Income	J\$12.4010	16.61%	5.55%	3.51%
Global Equity	J\$12.4259	16.52%	6.93%	0.00%
Global Fixed Income	J\$11.5118	10.69%	7.34%	4.95%
Global Money Market (US\$)	US\$10.0439	0.77%	0.44%	0.99%
Global Fixed Income (US\$)	US\$9.9185	-	-0.82%	4.14%
Local Money Market	J\$10.3211	4.75%	3.21%	2.24%

	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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