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# DAILY COMMENTARY

In the latest Quarterly Conditions Survey Report published by the Bank of Jamaica (BOJ), during the quarter January to March 2018 overall credit conditions marginally eased, which was evident in both secured and unsecured lending. Credit availability moderated to 102.2 from 104.2 reflecting a slowdown in the growth of credit supply primarily driven by changes in economic sector specific risks, economic outlook, market share objectives and competition. Meanwhile, credit demand for the March quarter declined, primarily due to a reduction in the demand of local currency business loans. The survey also indicated that during the April - June quarter, lenders anticipate an uptick in the amount of credit available. They also indicated that they plan to decrease the interest rate on new local currency loans and increase the interest rates on new foreign currency loans. Despite the slowdown in credit availability, we believe that the low interest rate environment is likely to facilitate sustained credit demand.



## Foreign Exchange Market

| Currency | 9-Aug  | 8-Aug  | <b>DoD %</b> $\Delta$ | <b>YTD%</b> $\Delta$ |
|----------|--------|--------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| USD:JMD  | 136.18 | 135.59 | 0.43%                 | <b>8.94</b> %        |
| GBP:JMD  | 174.92 | 173.24 | 0.97%                 | 4.72%                |
| CAD:JMD  | 104.87 | 105.06 | -0.18%                | 7.67%                |

#### Caribbean & Latam

 Major Latin American currencies fell against the dollar on Thursday amid a strengthening greenback and political uncertainty in Brazil as Latin America's largest economy heads into a presidential election.

#### USA & Canada

 Credit ratings agency Fitch voiced concerns on Thursday that TV Azteca's legal battle with American Tower Corp was "not positive or favourable" for the Mexican broadcaster's credit profile, two days after Reuters reported the lawsuit.

#### **Europe**

• Britain's FTSE 100 index is seen opening eight (8) points lower at 7,768 on Thursday, according to financial bookmakers.

#### <u>Asia</u>

 Japan's Nikkei edged lower on Thursday in choppy trade as a strong yen hurt investor risk appetite, while the auto sector saw a sell-off on news that some automakers improperly conducted vehicle inspections in the domestic market.

| Local Equity Market          |               |                     |                      |                |               |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Stock Index                  | Today's close | <b>DoD</b> $\Delta$ | <b>DoD%</b> $\Delta$ | YTD % $\Delta$ | <b>ΥοΥ%</b> Δ |
| JSE Combined Index           | 324,535.08    | 2294.53             | 0.71%                | 10.02%         | 19.48%        |
| JSE Index                    | 315,879.03    | 2020.55             | 0.64%                | 9.53%          | 25.67%        |
| All Jamaican Composite Index | 346,695.82    | 2217.67             | 0.64%                | 9.53%          | 23.68%        |
| JSE Select Index             | 9,327.70      | 24.47               | 0.26%                | 9.53%          | 15.21%        |
| Junior Market Index          | 3,125.61      | 39.96               | 1.30%                | I 4.40%        | -13.41%       |

|       | BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS |  |      |                |  |  |
|-------|---------------------------|--|------|----------------|--|--|
|       | ADVANCERS                 |  |      | DECLINERS      |  |  |
| MIL   | 21.13%                    |  | JAMT | <b>-4.93</b> % |  |  |
| AFS   | 10.10%                    |  | JBG  | -4.11%         |  |  |
| GENAC | 8.00%                     |  | PULS | <b>-3.68</b> % |  |  |

In today's combined market activity 51 stocks of which 25 advanced, 13 declined and 13 traded firm.

## **International Markets**

| International Equity Markets |           |                 |                |                 |  |  |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|--|--|
| Index                        | 9-Aug     | <b>DoD % A</b>  | <b>YTD% A</b>  | <b>ΥοΥ%</b> Δ   |  |  |
| S&P 500                      | 2,853.58  | -0.14%          | 6.73%          | 15.34%          |  |  |
| Dow Jones                    | 25,509.23 | - <b>0.29</b> % | 3.20%          | I <b>5.69</b> % |  |  |
| FTSE All Share               | 4,248.58  | -0.34%          | 0.63%          | 3.48%           |  |  |
| Euro Stoxx 50                | 3,494.13  | 0.02%           | <b>-0.28</b> % | 0.74%           |  |  |
| Nikkei 225                   | 22,598.39 | -0.20%          | -0.73%         | I <b>4.49</b> % |  |  |
| MSCI World Index             | 522.18    | 0.00%           | 1.78%          | 9.27%           |  |  |

| Global Interest Rates |                                |                                      |   |  |  |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| 9-Aug                 | DoD<br>∆bps                    | YTD<br>∆bps                          |   |  |  |
| 2.93%                 | -3.24                          | 51.76                                | 68.00   |  |  |
| 1.30%                 | -1.70                          | 10.60                                | 18.70   |  |  |
| 4.58%                 | -5.10                          | 14.40                                | -11.80  |  |  |
|                       | <b>9-Aug</b><br>2.93%<br>1.30% | 9-Aug DoD   Δbps -3.24   1.30% -1.70 | 9-Aug DoD YTD   Δbps Δbps   2.93% -3.24 51.76   1.30% -1.70 10.60 |  |  |

| International Currency Market |        |                |               |               |  |
|-------------------------------|--------|----------------|---------------|---------------|--|
| Currency                      | 9-Aug  | <b>DoD % A</b> | <b>ΥΤD%</b> Δ | <b>ΥοΥ%</b> Δ |  |
| EUR: USD                      | 1.1529 | -0.70%         | -3.97%        | -1.96%        |  |
| GBP: USD                      | I.2824 | -0.45%         | -5.10%        | -1.38%        |  |
| USD: CAD                      | I.3048 | 0.19%          | <b>3.79</b> % | 2.74%         |  |
| USD: JPY                      | 111.07 | 0.08%          | -1.44%        | 0.91%         |  |

| Commodities |          |                |                 |                 |  |
|-------------|----------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|
| Commodity   | 9-Aug    | <b>DoD % A</b> | YTD% $\Delta$   | <b>ΥοΥ%</b> Δ   |  |
| Crude Oil   | 66.71    | -0.34%         | 10.41%          | 34.60%          |  |
| Gold        | 1,212.41 | -0.12%         | - <b>6.94</b> % | -5.08%          |  |
| Silver      | 15.4447  | 0.11%          | - <b>8.81</b> % | - <b>8.89</b> % |  |
| Aluminium   | 2,106.00 | 3.34%          | -7.14%          | 3.87%           |  |

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<br>Rate | YTD Growth<br>Rate | Yield<br>(Estimated Yearly<br>Income) |
|----------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Global Diversified Income</b> | J\$12.4285  | l 6.78%                  | 5.79%              | 3.35%                                 |
| Global Equity                    | J\$12.3480  | 16.15%                   | 6.26%              | 0.00%                                 |
| Global Fixed Income              | J\$11.4168  | 10.12%                   | 6.45%              | 4.99%                                 |
| Global Money Market (US\$)       | US\$10.0405 | I.29%                    | 0.41%              | 1.05%                                 |
| Global Fixed Income (US\$)       | US\$9.9110  | -                        | -0.89%             | 4.43%                                 |
| Local Money Market               | J\$10.2928  | 6.68%                    | 2.93%              | 2.61%                                 |

|           | Global Money Market<br>Fund   | Local Money Market<br>Fund    | Global Fixed Income Funds            | Global Diversified<br>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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