

DAILY COMMENTARY

The United States (US) Trade Deficit rose by 9.5% in July to US\$50.1B. When adjusted for inflation, the deficit increased to a five-month high of US\$82.5B, its biggest monthly widening since 2015. The widening was attributed to a decline in exports of soybeans, as its largest buyer, China, imposed retaliatory tariffs; coupled with imports hitting a record high. We believe that the tax cuts implemented under the Trump Administration, is likely to boost consumer and business spending on imports. This coupled with a stronger US dollar and slowing global economic growth outside the US, may result in a continued widening of the deficit. If this trend is to continue in August and September, then this would place downward pressure on fourth quarter gross domestic product (GDP) for the US.



Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	5-Sep	4-Sep	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	136.94	137.09	-0.11%	9.55%
GBP:JMD	177.13	177.14	-0.01%	6.05%
CAD:JMD	104.39	103.59	0.77%	7.18%

Caribbean & Latam

- Currency weakness tends to push up inflation more during crises such as the one currently ravaging through Brazilian financial markets, a central bank study showed, suggesting a deeper-than-expected impact from the Brazilian real's recent slump .

USA & Canada

- The U.S. economy is expanding at a 4.4 percent annualized rate in the third quarter, the Atlanta Federal Reserve's GDPNow forecast model showed on Wednesday, following the latest data on trade and auto sales.

Europe

- European shares traded lower on Wednesday as trade tensions and growing worries about emerging market currencies cut investor appetite for risky assets.

Asia

- Japanese shares fell on Wednesday as worries that a tariff war between China and the United States could escalate weighed on sentiment, while concerns that tourists will shop less due to a typhoon flooding a major airport hit shares in cosmetic makers.

Local Equity Market

Stock Index	Today's close	DoD Δ	DoD% Δ	YTD % Δ	YoY% Δ
JSE Combined Index	342,905.03	992.25	0.29%	16.24%	38.89%
JSE Index	333,856.42	732.84	0.22%	15.77%	27.20%
All Jamaican Composite Index	366,427.00	804.34	0.22%	15.77%	43.18%
JSE Select Index	9,444.13	-18.60	-0.20%	10.89%	27.76%
Junior Market Index	3,294.63	28.89	0.88%	20.59%	8.65%

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS

ADVANCERS		DECLINERS	
CBNY	9.09%	SCIJA	-16.76%
AFS	6.79%	I38SL	-11.42%
FOSRICH	6.79%	SSLVC	-10.59%

Today's combined market activity resulted in trading of 60 stocks, of which 34 advanced, 20 declined and 6 traded firm.

International Markets

International Equity Markets				
Index	5-Sep	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ	YoY% Δ
S&P 500	2,888.60	-0.28%	8.04%	17.53%
Dow Jones	25,974.99	0.09%	5.08%	19.41%
FTSE All Share	4,074.62	-0.94%	-3.49%	0.74%
Euro Stoxx 50	3,315.62	-1.30%	-5.38%	-3.08%
Nikkei 225	22,580.83	-0.51%	-0.81%	16.48%
MSCI World Index	519.30	0.00%	1.22%	8.83%

Global Interest Rates				
Rates	5-Sep	DoD Δbps	YTD Δbps	YoY Δbps
10 –Year US Treasury Bond	2.90%	0.00	49.00	84.00
10-Year UK Gilt	1.44%	1.00	25.00	41.00
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	5.11%	1.00	67.00	72.00

International Currency Market				
Currency	5-Sep	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ	YoY% Δ
EUR: USD	1.163	0.41%	-3.12%	-2.38%
GBP: USD	1.2905	0.39%	-4.50%	-0.98%
USD: CAD	1.3178	-0.08%	4.83%	6.50%
USD: JPY	111.53	0.11%	-1.03%	2.50%

Commodities				
Commodity	5-Sep	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ	YoY% Δ
Crude Oil	68.65	-1.75%	13.62%	41.08%
Gold	1,196.73	0.44%	-8.14%	-10.67%
Silver	14.19	0.23%	-16.23%	-20.68%
Aluminium	2,062.00	-2.96%	-9.08%	-1.62%



# 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\$12.6198	18.81%	7.42%	3.22%
Global Equity		J\$12.7581	14.37%	9.79%	0.00%
Global Fixed Income		J\$11.4932	10.37%	7.17%	4.99%
Global Money Market (US\$)		US\$10.0524	0.84%	0.52%	0.97%
Global Fixed Income (US\$)		US\$9.9004	-	-1.00%	4.02%
Local Money Market		J\$10.3212	4.67%	3.22%	2.42%

	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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