

Jamaica's Net International Reserves Increase in June

According to the Bank of Jamaica (BoJ), Jamaica's Net International Reserves (NIR) increased by US\$74.74 million, or 1.78 per cent to US\$4.28 billion in June 2023, up from the US\$4.21 billion reported for the previous month. The rise in reserves was due to an increase of US\$55.91 million in foreign assets and a US\$18.84 million decline in foreign liabilities. The growth in foreign assets was attributable to increases in 'Currency & Deposits' (up by US\$61.49 million), and to a lesser extent 'Special Drawing Rights' (up by US\$0.22 million), and 'IMF Reserve Position' (up by \$0.07 million) but was offset by a decrease in Securities (down by US\$5.88 million). At the level reported in June, Jamaica's NIR represents approximately 26 weeks of goods and services imports, which is more than double the 12-week benchmark.

In June, the NIR increased despite four central bank interventions during the month, totalling US\$110 million offered to the market. This follows increases in both April and May 2023. Looking ahead, we anticipate further moderate increases in the NIR over the short-term. However, this is contingent on the Jamaican dollar's continued appreciation, having appreciated by 0.78% for the month of June.



Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	10-Jul	7-Jul	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	155.21	155.46	-0.15%	2.08%
GBP:JMD	197.80	199.67	-0.94%	8.63%
CAD:JMD	116.81	116.76	0.04%	7.67%

Caribbean & Latam

 Brazil likely registered mild deflation in June in monthly terms from lower fuel costs and cheaper foodstuffs, adding to the case for a potential start of a monetary easing cycle awaited by global investors as soon as next month, a Reuters poll showed.

USA & Canada

 U.S. stocks ended higher on Monday following last week's losses, but caution prevailed ahead of Wednesday's consumer prices report and the start of second-quarter earnings later this week.

Europe

 Investor morale in the euro zone sank more than expected in July, hitting a low not seen since Europe's energy crisis last November, as the currency union remains in recession mode with no indications things will improve, a survey showed on Monday.

<u>Asia</u>

 Asian share markets turned mixed on Monday as a surprisingly low reading on Chinese inflation highlighted the troubles in its economy, ahead of data on U.S. inflation and corporate earnings later in the week.

Local Equity Market

Stock Index	Today's close	DoD Δ	$\mathbf{DoD\%}\ \Delta$	YTD % ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ
JSE Combined Index	340,233.71	-1,248.89	-0.37%	-7.69%	-13.68%
JSE Index	325,201.53	-1,424.39	-0.44%	-8.62%	-14.34%
All Jamaican Composite Index	363,379.58	91.60	0.03%	-9.85%	-16.35%
JSE Select Index	7,933.87	-4.94	-0.06%	-10.82%	-19.12%
Junior Market Index	4,019.99	8.76	0.22%	0.84%	-7.74%

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS							
ADVANCERS DECLINERS							
ISP	21.71%		PTL	-18.57%			
KREMI	13.41%		FIRSTROCKJMD	-16.00%			
LASD	10.86%		CBNY	-12.77%			

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **93** stocks, of which **42** advanced, **39** declined and **12** traded firm.

International Markets

International Equity Markets					International Currency Market				
Index	I 0-Jul	DoD % Δ	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ	Currency	I 0-Jul	DoD % ∆	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ
S&P 500	4,409.53	0.24%	14.85%	14.40%	EUR: USD	1.1001	0.31%	2.77%	9.57%
Dow Jones	33,944.40	0.62%	2.40%	8.89%	CDD LICD	1.20	0.170/		0.150/
FTSE All Share	3,965.80	0.22%	-2.68%	0.17%	GBP: USD	1.29	0.17%	6.44%	8.15%
Euro Stoxx 50	4,256.51	0.47%	12.20%	22.61%	USD: CAD	1.33	0.05%	-2.02%	2.10%
Nikkei 225	32,189.73	-0.61%	11.80%	20.06%	USD: IPY	141.31	-0.63%	7.77%	2.82%
MSCI World Index	674.94	0.22%	11.49%	12.34%	· J · ·				

Global Interest Rates						Cor	nmodities												
Rates	10-Jul	DoD ∆bps	YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps	Commodity	10-Jul	DoD % Δ	YTD% ∆	YoY % <i>D</i>										
10 -Year US Treasury Bond	3.99%	-7.00	12.00	100.00	Crude Oil	73.22	-0.87%	-8.77%	-29.66%										
	4.64%	-1.00	97.00	246.00	Gold	1,925.35	0.02%	5.56%	11.04%										
10-Year UK Gilt													77.00		Silver	23.13	0.18%	-3.44%	20.96%
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	6.78%	-7.00	274.00	42.00	Aluminium	2,147.00	0.07%	-9.71%	-9.77%										

Sources: Bloomberg, Reuters, Jamaica Stock Exchange, Bank of Jamaica, Jamaica Observer, Jamaica Gleaner, Nasdaq, Investing.com





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\$13.4503	0.15%	3.88%	2.99%
Global Equity	J\$14.4141	-3.78%	-1.15%	0.00%
Global Fixed Income	J\$14.5119	7.97%	5.29%	6.69%
Global Money Market (US\$)	US\$11.6055	4.06%	1.84%	4.16%
Global Fixed Income (US\$)	US\$11.6320	2.87%	1.66%	5.02%
Local Money Market	J\$12.8855	10.19%	6.72%	7.68%

	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
37	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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