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US consumer confidence rises to two-year high in July

U.S. consumer confidence increased to a two-year high in July amid continued optimism about the labour market, though worries about a recession persisted, a survey showed on Tuesday. The Conference Board said its consumer confidence index rose to 117 this month, the highest reading since July 2021, from 110.1 in June. Economists polled by Reuters had expected the index to increase to 111.8.

Consumer confidence appears to have broken out of the sideways trend that prevailed for much of the last year, and greater confidence was evident across all age groups, and among both consumers earning incomes less than \$50,000 and those making more than \$100,000. Consumers' perceptions of the likelihood of a recession over the next 12 month ticked up, but remained below the recent peak earlier in the year. About 70.6% of consumers this month said a recession was "somewhat" or "very likely," up from 69.9% in June.



Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	25-Jul	24-Jul	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	155.35	155.26	0.06%	2.17%
GBP:JMD	199.62	197.82	0.91%	9.63%
CAD:JMD	117.29	118.19	-0.76%	8.11%

Caribbean & Latam

 Brazil's government issued an executive order on Tuesday to initiate taxation on sports betting, in line with a measure announced by President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva's economic team to increase revenues.

USA & Canada

 The Dow extended its win streak Tuesday as tech reigned supreme ahead key week of earnings for the sector and the upcoming Federal Reverse decision due Wednesday.

Europe

 Euro zone firms' demand for loans dropped to the lowest on record last quarter and a further decline is likely over the summer as lenders continue to tighten access to credit, the European Central Bank said on Tuesday based on a survey of big banks.

<u>Asia</u>

 Asian shares jumped and the yuan rose on Tuesday as investors cheered China's pledge to step up support for its sputtering economy, with the heaviest buying in Hong Kong's beaten-down property sector while the dollar dipped against key rivals.

						Source: Reuters
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Stock In	dex	Today's close	DoD Δ	DoD% Δ	YTD % Δ	YoY% Δ
JSE Combined Index		341,903.42	-1,264.68	-0.37%	-7.24%	-11 .9 1%
JSE Index		328,046.78	-1,300.23	-0.39%	-7.83%	-1 2.46 %
All Jamaican Compos	site Index	365,552.78	114.21	0.03%	-9.31%	-14.55%
JSE Select Index		8,280.63	26.31	0.32%	-6.92 %	-14.48%
Junior Market Index		3,912.36	-5.62	-0.14%	-1.86%	-6.77 %
		BEST AND WO	ORST PERFO	ORMERS		
	ADVANC	ERS		DEC	CLINERS	
CHL	16.56%		R	oc	-16.00%	
DOLLA	11.74%		۲	1DS	-14.43%	
SRFJMD	11.38%		LU	MBER	-13.59%	

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **94** stocks, of which **41** advanced, **39** declined and **14** traded firm.

International Markets

International Equity Markets					International Currency Market				
Index	25-Jul	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ	ΥοΥ% Δ	Currency	25-Jul	DoD % A	YTD% Δ	ΥοΥ% Δ
S&P 500	4,567.46	0.28%	18.96%	15.14%	EUR: USD	1.1054	-0.09%	3.26%	8.16%
Dow Jones	35,438.07	0.08%	6.91%	10.78%	GBP: USD	1.29	0.55%	6.76%	7.12%
FTSE All Share	4,194.39	0.16%	2.93%	3.79%	GBF. 03D	1.27	0.33%	0.70/0	1.12/0
Euro Stoxx 50	4,391.30	0.19%	15.75%	21.84%	USD: CAD	1.32	0.04%	-2.81%	2.55%
Nikkei 225	32,682.51	-0.06%	13.51%	17.99%	USD: JPY	140.95	-0.37%	7.50%	3.12%
MSCI World Index	702.43	0.47%	16.03%	13.74%					

Global Interest Rates					Commodities				
Rates	25-Jul	DoD Abps	YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps	Commodity	25-Jul	DoD % A	YTD% Δ	ΥοΥ% Δ
10 -Year US Treasury Bond	3.89%	2.00	2.00	109.00	Crude Oil	79.64	1.14%	-0.77%	-17.64%
	4.27%	1.00	60.00	233.00	Gold	1,964.74	0.51%	7.71%	14.24%
10-Year UK Gilt				Silver	24.68	1.35%	3.01%	33.82%	
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	6.63%	0.00	259.00	47.00	Aluminium	2,240.00	I.40%	-5.80%	-7.00%

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

Mutual Funds

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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\$13.3846	1.16%	3.37%	2.99%
Global Equity	J\$14.2819	-4.59%	-2.06%	0.00%
Global Fixed Income	J\$14.5707	8.20%	5.71%	6.69%
Global Money Market (US\$)	US\$11.6499	4.24%	2.23%	4.16%
Global Fixed Income (US\$)	US\$11.7153	4.03%	2.39%	5.02%
Local Money Market	J\$12.9409	10.29%	7.18%	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
	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

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