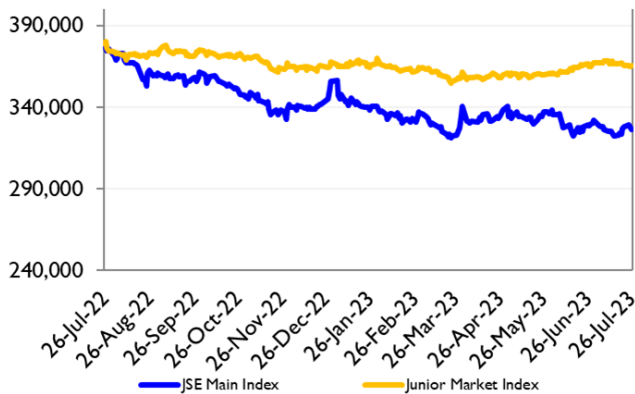


Fed raises interest rates, leaves door open to another hike

The Federal Reserve raised interest rates by a quarter of a percentage point on Wednesday, citing still elevated inflation as a rationale for what is now the highest U.S. central bank policy rate in 16 years. The rate hike, the Fed's 11th in its last 12 meetings, set the benchmark overnight interest rate in the 5.25%-5.50% range, and the accompanying policy statement left the door open to another increase. As it stated in June, the Fed said it would watch incoming data and study the impact of its rate hikes on the economy "in determining the extent of additional policy firming that may be appropriate" to reach its 2% inflation target. Though inflation data since the Fed's meeting in June has been weaker than expected, policymakers have been reluctant to alter their hawkish stance until there is more progress in reducing price pressures.

Key measures of inflation remain more than double the Fed's target, and the economy by many measures, including a low 3.6% unemployment rate, continues to outperform expectations given the rapid increase in interest rates. Job gains remain "robust," the Fed said, while it described the economy as growing at a "moderate" pace, a slight upgrade from the "modest" pace seen as of the June meeting. The U.S. government on Thursday is expected to report the economy grew at a 1.8% annual pace in the second quarter, according to economists polled by Reuters. However, with about eight weeks until the next Fed meeting, a longer-than-usual interlude, continued moderation in the pace of price increases could make this the last rate hike in a process that began with a cautious quarter-percentage-point increase in March of 2022 before accelerating into the most rapid monetary tightening since the 1980s.

Local Market Indices



Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	26-Jul	25-Jul	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	155.64	155.35	0.18%	2.36%
GBP:JMD	200.32	199.62	0.35%	10.01%
CAD:JMD	117.85	117.29	0.48%	8.63%

Caribbean & Latam

- Currencies of most Latin American countries edged higher versus a weak dollar on Wednesday ahead of a widely-expected rate hike by the U.S. Federal Reserve later in the day, while a Fitch ratings upgrade gave an added boost to Brazil's real.

USA & Canada

- U.S. stocks ended Wednesday little changed following a Federal Reserve rate hike that left the door open for future hikes, but the Dow scored a 13-day winning streak.

Europe

- Europe's major banks, including Deutsche Bank and Lloyds Banking Group, on Wednesday pointed to the rising risk of bad loans as the global economy struggles with slow growth and high inflation.

Asia

- Asian markets were trading mostly weaker on Wednesday ahead of an expected U.S. Federal Reserve interest rate rise later in the day, and as investors awaited details of China's economic stimulus package.

Local Equity Market

Source: Reuters

Stock Index	Today's close	DoD Δ	DoD% Δ	YTD % Δ	YoY% Δ
JSE Combined Index	340,211.46	-1,691.96	-0.49%	-7.70%	-13.15%
JSE Index	326,202.92	-1,843.86	-0.56%	-8.34%	-13.51%
All Jamaican Composite Index	363,298.68	-2,254.10	-0.62%	-9.87%	-15.73%
JSE Select Index	8,254.04	-26.59	-0.32%	-7.22%	-15.47%
Junior Market Index	3,915.47	3.11	0.08%	-1.78%	-9.82%

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS

ADVANCERS		DECLINERS	
DOLLA	16.39%	CHL	-18.78%
KEY	16.00%	PAL	-16.67%
LUMBER	12.92%	CABROKERS	-13.87%

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **91** stocks, of which **41** advanced, **40** declined and **10** traded firm.

International Markets

International Equity Markets					International Currency Market				
Index	26-Jul	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ	YoY% Δ	Currency	26-Jul	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ	YoY% Δ
S&P 500	4,566.75	-0.02%	18.94%	16.47%	EUR: USD	1.1086	0.28%	3.56%	9.58%
Dow Jones	35,520.12	0.23%	7.16%	11.83%	GBP: USD	1.29	0.30%	7.10%	7.59%
FTSE All Share	4,188.48	-0.14%	2.78%	3.84%	USD: CAD	1.32	0.27%	-2.55%	2.49%
Euro Stoxx 50	4,346.15	-1.03%	14.56%	21.56%	USD: JPY	140.24	-0.47%	6.96%	2.43%
Nikkei 225	32,668.34	-0.04%	13.46%	18.13%					
MSCI World Index	701.98	-0.02%	15.96%	14.66%					

Global Interest Rates					Commodities				
Rates	26-Jul	DoD Δbps	YTD Δbps	YoY Δbps	Commodity	26-Jul	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ	YoY% Δ
10 -Year US Treasury Bond	3.87%	-1.00	0.00	106.00	Crude Oil	78.95	-0.85%	-1.63%	-16.88%
10-Year UK Gilt	4.28%	1.00	61.00	236.00	Gold	1,972.07	0.36%	8.12%	14.83%
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	6.62%	-1.00	258.00	43.00	Silver	24.93	0.98%	4.08%	33.85%
					Aluminium	2,213.00	-1.21%	-6.94%	-8.61%



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July 25, 2023

JN Mutual Funds	NAV Price	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)
Global Diversified Income	J\$13.3199	0.54%	2.87%	2.99%
Global Equity	J\$14.2262	-5.00%	-2.44%	0.00%
Global Fixed Income	J\$14.5842	8.23%	5.81%	6.69%
Global Money Market (US\$)	US\$11.6519	4.23%	2.25%	4.16%
Global Fixed Income (US\$)	US\$11.7181	4.02%	2.42%	5.02%
Local Money Market	J\$12.9553	10.31%	7.30%	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 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

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