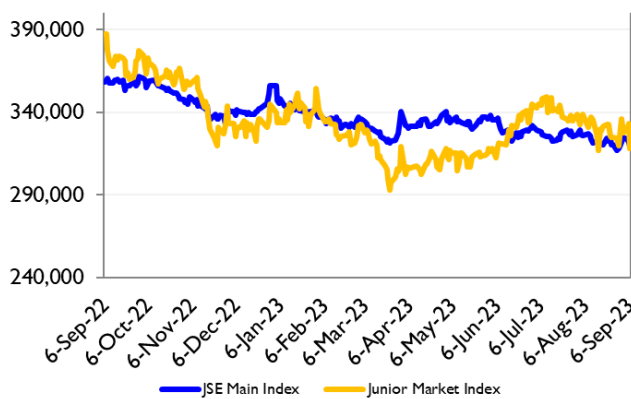


## Bank of Canada holds rates, says it could hike further if inflation persists

The Bank of Canada (BoC) on Wednesday held its key overnight interest rate at 5%, noting that the economy had entered a period of weaker growth, but said it could raise borrowing costs again should inflationary pressures persist. The central bank hiked rates by a quarter point in both June and July in a bid to tame stubbornly high inflation, which has remained above the bank's 2% target for 27 months. Canada's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) unexpectedly shrank an annualized 0.2% in the second quarter, a sign the economy could have already entered a recession. But inflation accelerated in July to 3.3% and core measures stayed at about 3.5%. The bank said it was prepared to hike rates further should inflationary pressures persist, but analysts said the hawkish stance is not likely to mean more increases in the short term.

The Bank of Canada said that due to a recent increase in gasoline prices, which are higher than was assumed when it made its last round of economic forecasts in July, inflation would increase in the near term before easing again. On the other hand, interest rates at a 22-year high are restraining spending among a wider range of borrowers and the economy has entered a period of weaker growth, which is needed to relieve price pressures. Inflation hit a four-decade high of 8.1% last year, and the BoC has hiked 10 times since March 2022 to try to get it back down to target. Liberal Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau's support has sagged amid high inflation as his Conservative rival, Pierre Poilievre, hammered him for fueling inflation with government spending and driving up rates during a housing crisis.

### Local Market Indices



### Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	6-Sep	5-Sep	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	155.45	155.33	0.08%	2.24%
GBP:JMD	197.88	195.24	1.35%	8.67%
CAD:JMD	114.00	114.36	-0.31%	5.08%

\*Using Midday Rates

### Caribbean & Latam

- Latin American currencies hit a three-week low on Wednesday in volatile trading driven by losses in Mexican peso, while the dollar held its six-month peak weighed by China and global growth jitters.

### USA & Canada

- Wall Street's three major averages closed lower on Wednesday with the Nasdaq's 1% loss leading declines after stronger-than-expected services sector data fueled concerns that still sticky inflation would mean that interest rates stay higher for longer.

### Europe

- European stocks extended losses to a sixth consecutive session on Wednesday as worries about slowing global growth dented risk appetite, while rising bond yields also pressured equities.

### Asia

- Asia stocks fell on Wednesday after weak economic data in China and Europe heightened concerns over global growth, while the dollar firmed as investors weighed the outlook for U.S. interest rates.

### Local Equity Market

Stock Index	Today's close	DoD Δ	DoD% Δ	YTD % Δ	YoY% Δ
JSE Combined Index	332,514.90	-3,399.58	-1.01%	-9.79%	-10.99%
JSE Index	319,240.94	-2,522.83	-0.78%	-10.30%	-10.86%
All Jamaican Composite Index	353,792.21	-1,333.01	-0.38%	-12.23%	-13.01%
JSE Select Index	7,877.61	-39.04	-0.49%	-11.45%	-14.20%
Junior Market Index	3,784.32	-114.23	-2.93%	-5.07%	-12.07%

### BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS

ADVANCERS		DECLINERS	
AMG	7.66%	CHL	-14.99%
CABROKERS	5.79%	AFS	-14.68%
ELITE	4.55%	MIL	-13.45%

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **94** stocks, of which **28** advanced, **58** declined and **8** traded firm.

### International Markets

International Equity Markets					International Currency Market				
Index	6-Sep	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ	YoY% Δ	Currency	6-Sep	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ	YoY% Δ
S&P 500	4,465.48	-0.70%	16.30%	14.26%	EUR: USD	1.0724	0.02%	0.18%	8.28%
Dow Jones	34,443.19	-0.57%	3.91%	10.59%	GBP: USD	1.25	-0.47%	3.49%	8.55%
FTSE All Share	4,048.70	-0.17%	-0.65%	1.08%	USD: CAD	1.36	-0.01%	0.63%	3.70%
Euro Stoxx 50	4,238.26	-0.72%	11.72%	21.09%	USD: JPY	147.65	-0.05%	12.61%	3.40%
Nikkei 225	33,241.02	0.62%	15.45%	20.32%					
MSCI World Index	680.18	-0.55%	12.36%	12.93%					

Global Interest Rates					Commodities				
Rates	6-Sep	DoD Δbps	YTD Δbps	YoY Δbps	Commodity	6-Sep	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ	YoY% Δ
10 -Year US Treasury Bond	4.29%	3.00	42.00	94.00	Crude Oil	87.55	0.99%	9.08%	0.77%
10-Year UK Gilt	4.53%	0.00	86.00	143.00	Gold	1,916.85	-0.48%	5.09%	12.61%
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	6.82%	4.00	278.00	121.00	Silver	23.17	-1.58%	-3.28%	28.58%
					Aluminium	2,193.50	0.02%	-7.76%	-2.96%



# Mutual Funds



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## JN MUTUAL FUNDS

September 5, 2023

JN Mutual Funds	NAV Price	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)
<b>Global Diversified Income</b>	J\$13.3529	3.79%	3.13%	3.19%
<b>Global Equity</b>	J\$13.9654	-4.42%	-4.23%	0.00%
<b>Global Fixed Income</b>	J\$14.6782	8.64%	6.49%	7.02%
<b>Global Money Market (US\$)</b>	US\$11.6760	3.67%	2.46%	4.36%
<b>Global Fixed Income (US\$)</b>	US\$11.6998	3.14%	2.26%	5.22%
<b>Local Money Market</b>	J\$13.0659	10.84%	8.22%	7.60%

	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Market Fund	Global Fixed Income Funds	Global Diversified Income Fund	Global Equity Fund
<b>Objective</b>	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.
<b>Strategy</b>	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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