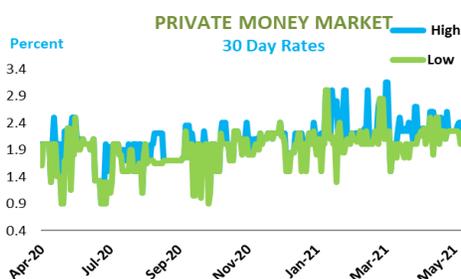


# Market Roundup

LOCAL MARKETS September 02, 2021



BOJ's collation from commercial banks and the fifteen designated Bank of Jamaica primary dealers.

## FX Market

### Authorized Dealers Spot Rates (Avg)

	USD	CAD	GBP
Sep 2, 2021	152.31	122.30	211.06
Sep 1, 2021	152.55	122.10	211.11

In Thursday's USD FX market, authorized dealers daily spot price traded at a high and low of J\$152.99 and J\$151.27 respectively.

Traded volumes amounted to US\$ 42 million relative to US\$ 29 million in the previous trading day.

Stock Index	Index Value		Change (%)	Volume
	Sep 2, 2021	Sep 1, 2021		
Combined-Index	416,504	419,954	(0.8%)	18,580,036
JSE-Index	413,912	417,468	(0.9%)	12,931,119
All-Jamaican	454,819	458,791	(0.9%)	12,881,651
JSE-Select	10,121	10,247	(1.2%)	1,579,380
JSE-Junior	3,317	3,333	(0.5%)	5,648,917

Market activity was driven by trading in 94 stocks, of which 28 advanced, 52 declined and 14 traded firm. Today's volume leaders:

- ❖ Wigton Windfarm Limited - (15.59%)
- ❖ Future Energy Source Company Limited - (17.20%)
- ❖ Pulse Investments Limited - (24.98%)

Company	Volume	Change	Change %	Close Price
<b>The Biggest Advancers</b>				
SSLVC	28,050	J\$0.10	15.6%	J\$0.74
SCIUS	7,772	J\$0.02	15.3%	J\$0.14
PAL	2	J\$134.01	13.9%	J\$1,100.00
<b>The Biggest Decliners</b>				
PTL	5,000	(J\$0.15)	(13.0%)	J\$1.00
MTLJA	634	(J\$1.66)	(11.1%)	J\$13.29
SOS	300	(J\$0.75)	(10.4%)	J\$6.45

## Construction boom continues

The local building and construction sector continued on a positive growth trajectory, expanding 18.3 per cent up to the end of the June quarter this year.

The Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ) last week in its review of quarterly performance for the April-June period reported that total sales from construction inputs grew by 57 per cent as a result of increased upticks in building and other construction projects up from 32.8 per cent during the first quarter of this year. The large outturns in this sector also contributed to an overall 7.8 per cent expansion of output from the goods-producing sector and a 12.9 per cent growth in gross domestic product (GDP) output for the economy.

The sector which has been outperforming its fellow counterparts in the goods-producing industry since the outbreak of the novel coronavirus pandemic last year, is said to have seen continued growth momentum due to exemptions it has enjoyed from restrictions used to curtail the spread of the virus.

Director general of the PIOJ Dr Wayne Henry said that growth in building projects flowed from a large number of residential and non-residential construction activities across the country. This, he said contributed to a 35.2 per cent increase in the total value of mortgages and an almost 30 per cent increase in the number of mortgages disbursed by the National Housing Trust (NHT). Growth in the other construction components was however attributed to increased capital expenditure stemming from some major civil engineering activities.