



Economic Highlights and Statistics – September 2021

OVERVIEW

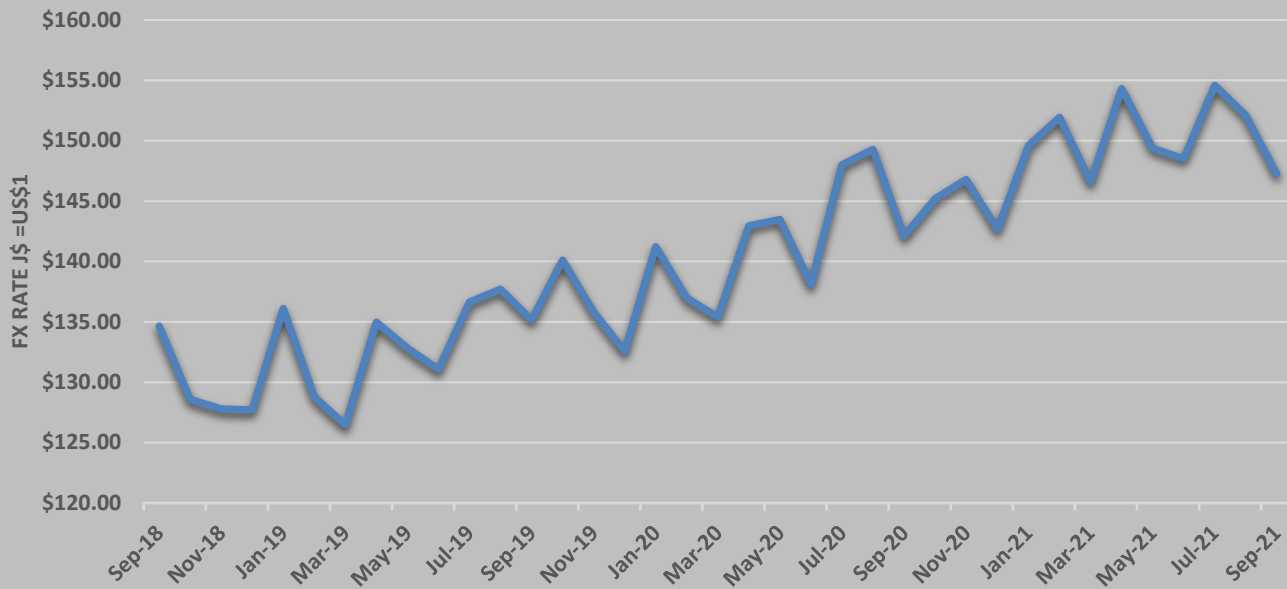
- GOJ's fiscal outturn YTD for the 2021/22 fiscal year recorded revenues above budget by \$17.31B and expenditures underbudget by \$9.69B as at August 31, 2021. The YTD fiscal balance was reported at negative \$14.82B vs. budget of negative \$41.82B.
- In an attempt to curtail inflation, the BOJ policy (overnight lending) rate increased by 100bps to 1.50% in September 2021. The Central Bank hinted at an increase at the next policy decision announcement that is set for November 16, 2021.
- The JA dollar appreciated by \$4.85 against the US dollar during the month to end at US\$1: J\$147.24. Over the past 12 months, the JAD has slid \$5.14 or 3.62% against the USD.
- The NIR increased by US\$75M or 1.94% to US\$3,964.2M. The current level represents 46.62 weeks of goods and services imports and 146.37 percentage of ARA Metric.
- Inflation for the month of August 2021 increased by 0.90 per cent. The calendar year-to-date was 4.70 per cent while the point-to-point rate (year over year) was 6.1 per cent. The point-to-point rate has breached the BOJ's targeted inflation range of 4%-6%.
- The Jamaica Stock Exchange main index ended September at 414,889.96, a decrease of 2,974.95 points or 0.71% over August. Year to date, the index has advanced 4.87%.
- Crude oil price increased by US\$6.53 or 9.53% during September 2021 to US\$75.03 per barrel.
- US unemployment rate declined by 0.4% to 4.8% as nonfarm payroll jobs reported by the US Labor Department for September 2021 totalled 194,000. Notable job gains were recorded in the leisure and hospitality industry, primarily in arts, entertainment, and recreation. Other sectors experiencing significant gains included professional and business services (+60,000), retail trade (+56,000), and transportation and warehousing (+47,000).

FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET

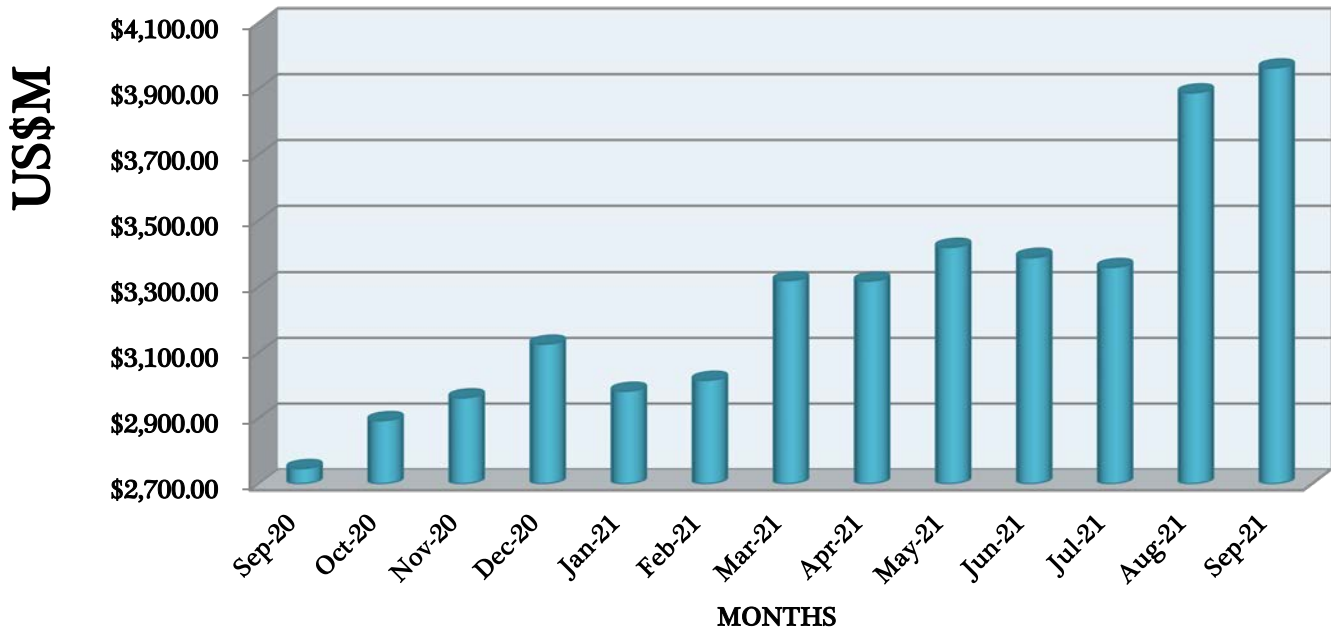
Foreign Exchange

FX Developments	SEP-20	JUL-21	AUG-21	SEP-21	Change(p.m.)
FX Rate - Selling (US\$1: JA\$)	142.1048	154.5879	152.0910	147.2441	3.19%
FX Rate – Selling (£1: JA\$)	185.5508	216.1932	208.7745	202.9298	2.80%
FX Rate – Selling (Can\$1: JA\$)	107.7533	126.2957	120.7915	117.6625	2.59%
Net International Reserves (US\$'M)	2,747.49	3,359.55	3,888.67	3,964.22	1.94%

**FX Selling Rate J\$ vs US\$
SEP 2018 - SEP 2021**



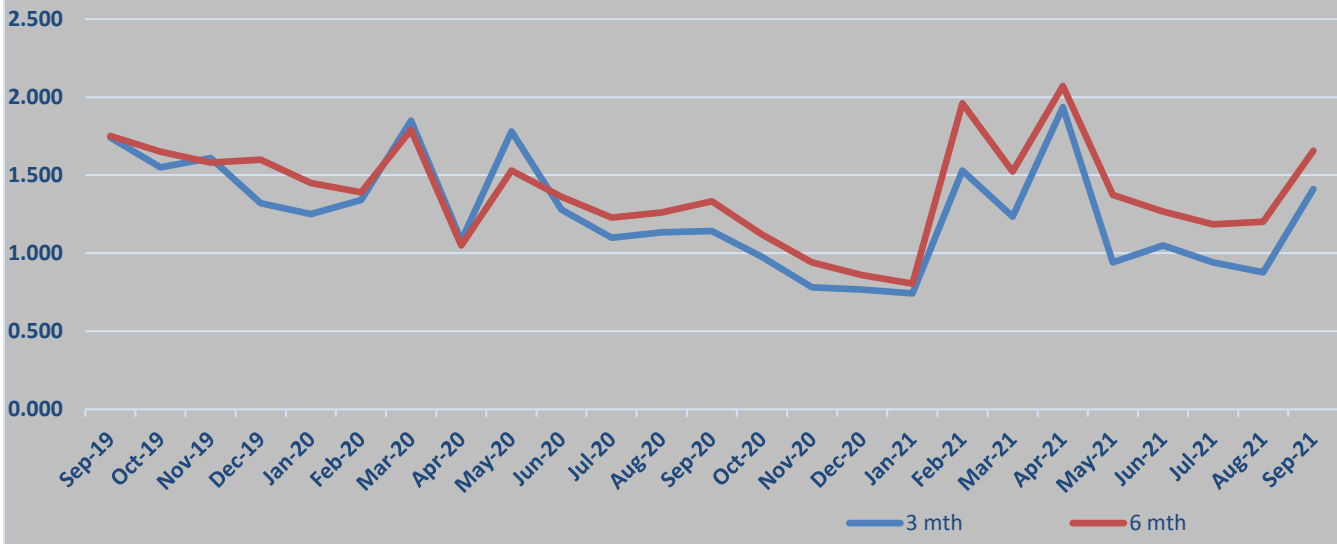
NIR SEP 2020 - SEP 2021



BOND AND MONEY MARKET

J\$ - BOJ Open Market Operation	Sep -20	Jul-21	Aug -21	Sep -21	% pts Change (p.m.)
Overnight (Policy) Rate	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%	1.50%	1.00
30-days	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	-
Treasury Bills					% pts Change (p.m.)
3-Mth T-Bill	1.14%	0.94%	0.88%	1.41%	0.53
6-Mth T-Bill	1.33%	1.18%	1.20%	1.66%	0.46
9-Mth T-Bill	n/a	n/a	1.31%	n/a	-
J\$ - Repo Rates JSDA Bid Yield Curve					% pts Change (p.m.)
30-days	1.50%	1.25%	1.50%	1.75%	0.25
90-days	1.90%	1.70%	1.90%	2.25%	0.35
180-days	2.25%	2.125%	2.25%	2.60%	0.35
US\$ - Repo Rates JSDA Bid Yield Curve					% pts Change (p.m.)
30-days	2.35%	2.35%	2.35%	2.35%	-
90-days	2.58%	2.58%	2.58%	2.58%	-
180-days	2.80%	2.80%	2.80%	2.80%	-

T- BILL RATES SEP 2019 - SEP 2021



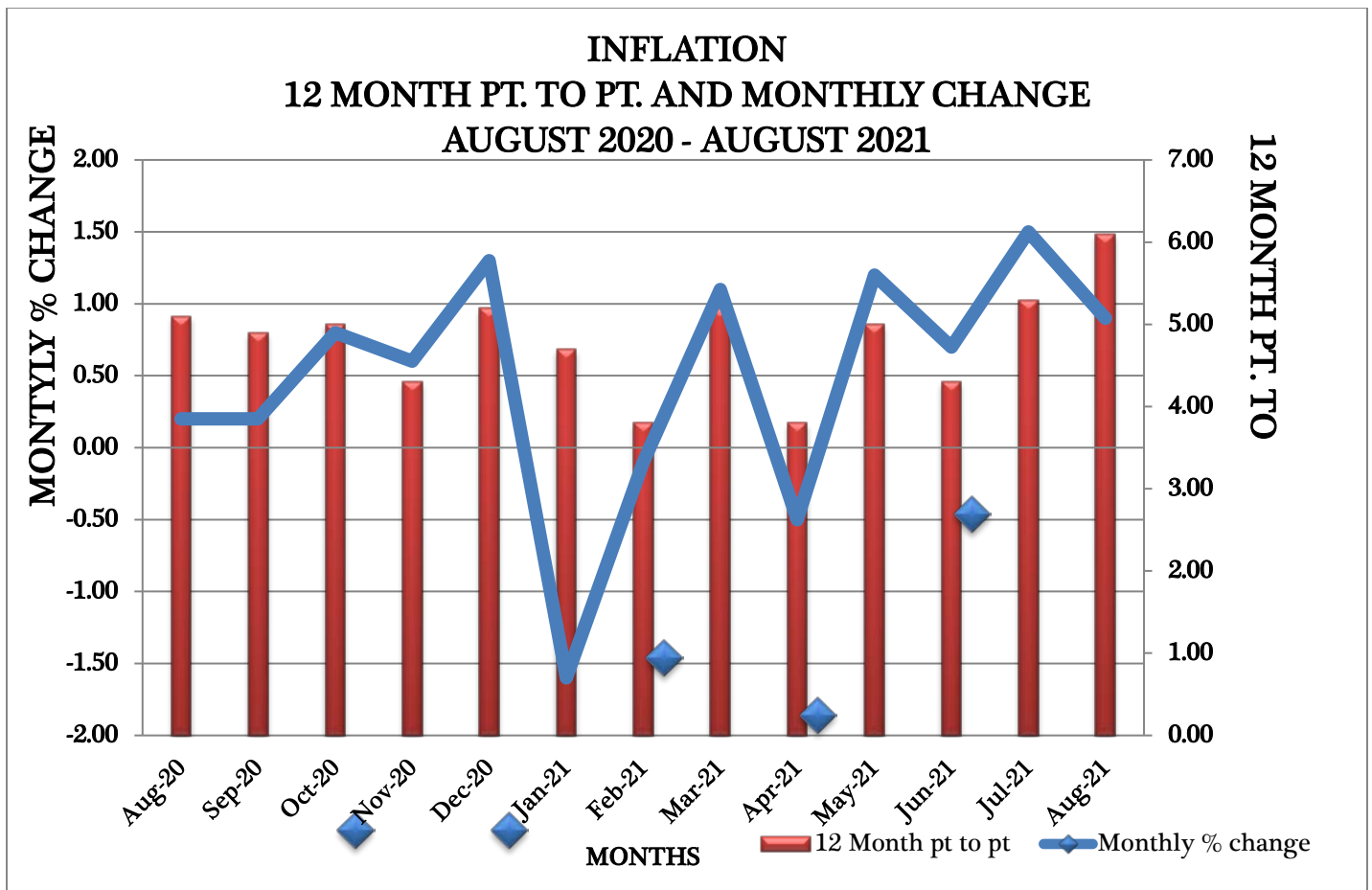
GOJ Global Bonds	BID LEVEL		COUPON	BID YIELD	
	AUG -21	SEP -21		AUG -21	SEP -21
2025	114.55	114.10	7.625%	2.310%	2.313%
2025	121.00	119.90	9.25%	3.710%	3.876%
2028	117.85	116.45	6.75%	3.261%	3.468%
2036	138.80	139.50	8.50%	4.762%	4.694%
2045	142.15	139.20	7.875%	4.871%	5.031%

GOJ FISCAL REPORT

	Actual Aug 20' \$B	Actual Aug 21' \$B	Budget Aug 21' \$B	Difference' \$B
Revenue	38.31	43.83	43.78	0.48
Expenditure	58.40	54.34	56.70	-2.36
Fiscal Balance	(20.09)	(10.51)	(12.92)	2.41
Fiscal YTD - Revenue	200.06	269.36	252.05	17.31
Fiscal YTD - Expenditure	271.05	284.18	293.87	(9.69)
Fiscal Balance YTD	(70.99)	(14.82)	(41.82)	27.00

Source: Ministry of Finance website (www.mof.gov.jm)

- Revenue for the month of August 2021 exceeded the targeted budget by \$0.48B.
- Expenditure for August 2021 totalled \$54.3B, which represents government saving of \$2.36B when compared to budget of \$56.7B.
- YTD, the fiscal balance outperformed budget by \$27B.

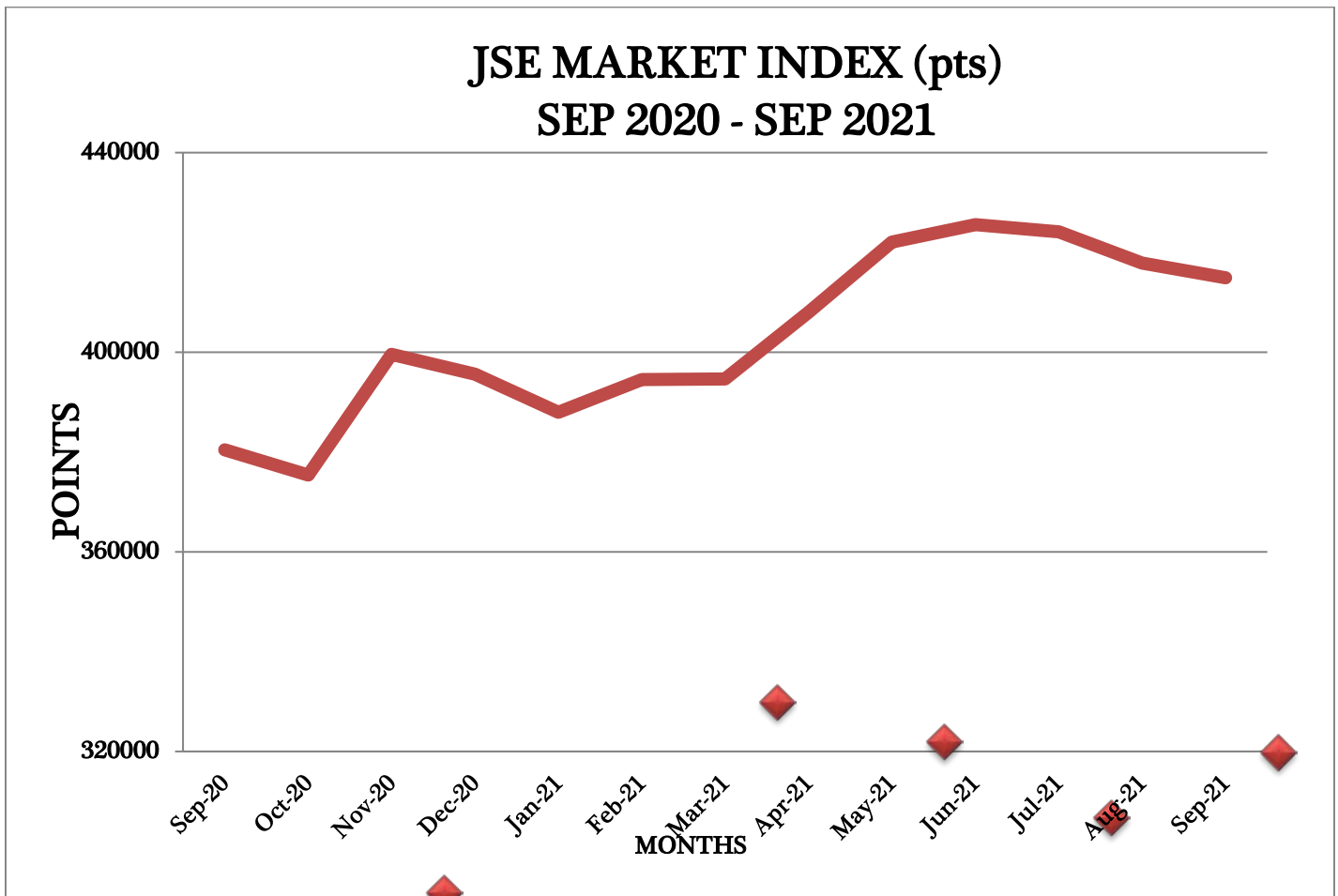


STOCK MARKET

Jamaica Stock Exchange

	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	% Change (mth.)
JSE Market Index (pts)	424,135.01	417,864.91	414,889.96	-0.71
Volume Traded (units – M)	353.921	477.209	374.271	-21.57
Value Traded - J\$M	16,605.196	8,514.822	8,370.596	-1.69
Market Capitalization (J\$B)	1,816.60	1,789.74	1,791.26	0.08
Junior Stock Exchange Index (pts)	3,322.77	3,308.60	3,296.35	-0.37
Junior Stock Market Cap. -J\$M	152,691.37	152,039.95	151,477.23	-0.37
USD Equities Market Index (pts)	186.75	185.29	195.60	5.56
USD Equities Market Cap. –US\$M	520.38	516.32	597.68	15.76

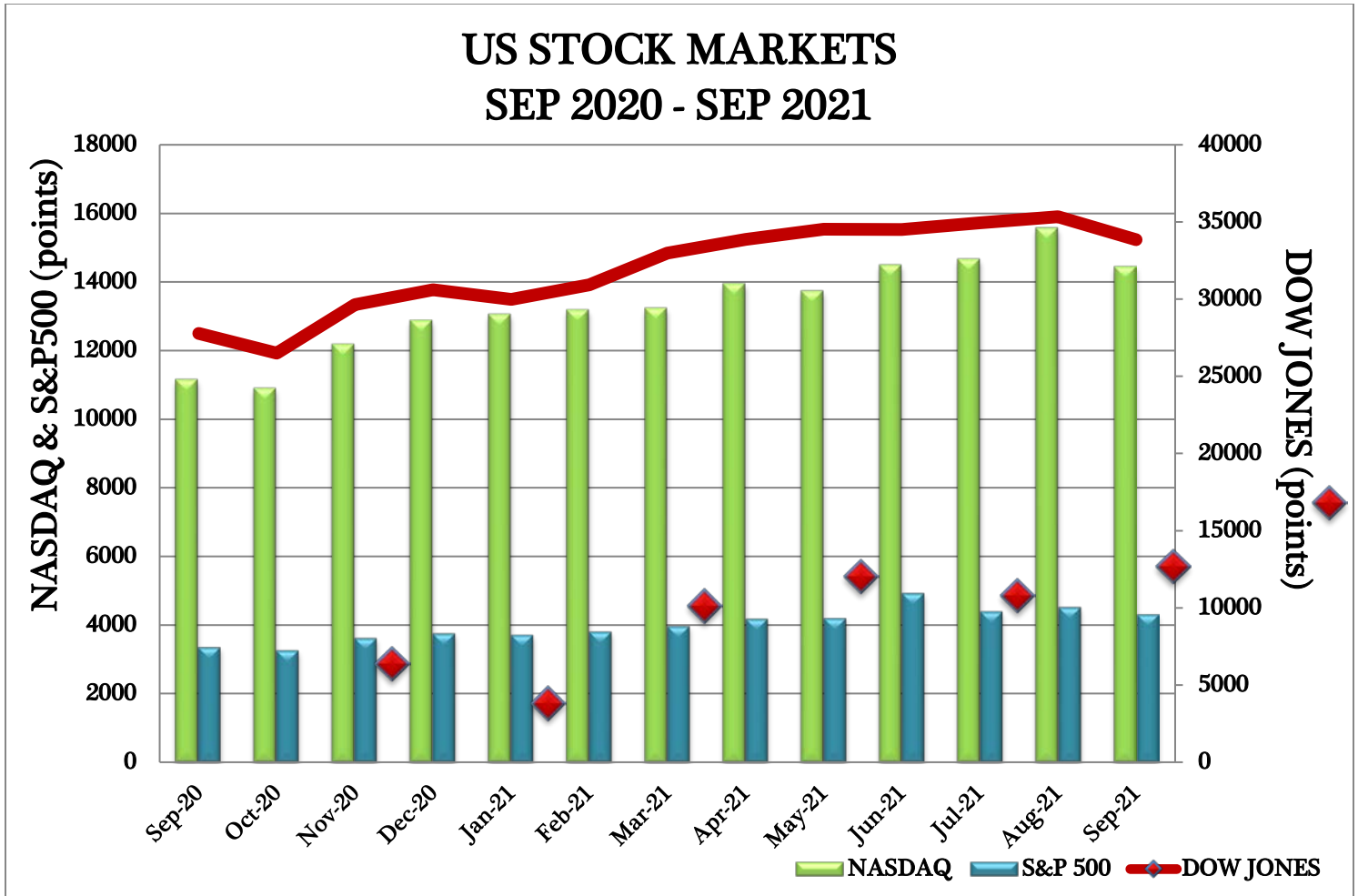
Source: Jamaica Stock Exchange Website (www.jamstockex.com)



- Trading on the main index took place with 374.3M units changing hands at a value of \$8.3B as the market index decreased by 2,974.95 points or 0.71% to 414,889.96 points.
- The junior market index decreased by 12.25 points (-0.37%) to close at 3,296.35 points.
- The USD equities index increased by 10.31 points (5.56%) to close at 195.60 points.

INTERNATIONAL MARKETS

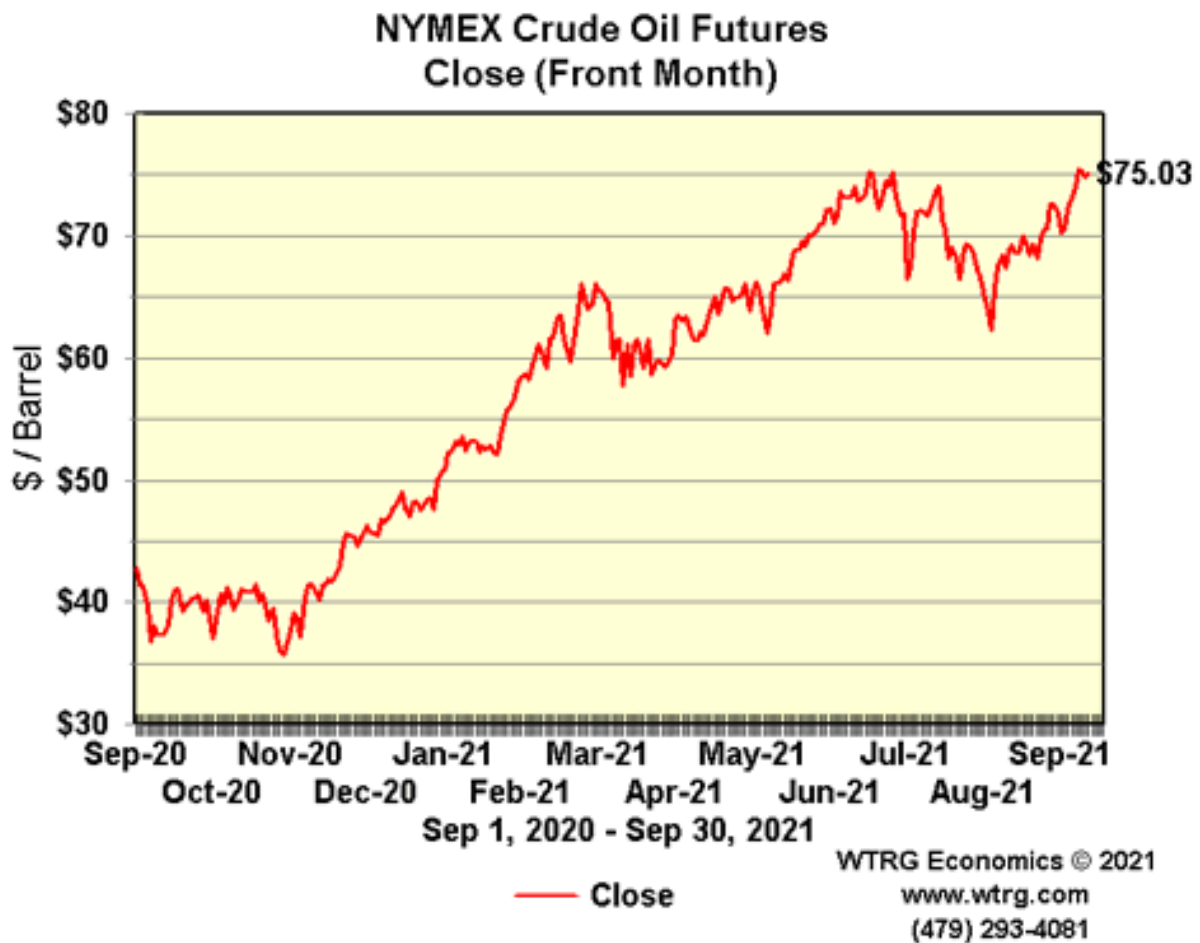
International Rates	JUL-21	AUG-21	SEP-21	% pts Change (p.m.)
1-Mth Libor	0.092%	0.086%	0.084%	-0.002
US Prime Rate	3.25%	3.25%	3.25%	Nil
FED Rate	0.10%	0.08%	0.08%	Nil



Oil & Gold Prices (US\$)

Index	Jul 2021	Aug 2021	Sep 2021	Month % change
Crude Oil	73.95	68.50	75.03	9.53
Gold	1,812.60	1,815.00	1,755.30	-3.29

- Crude Oil price increased by US\$6.53 over the previous month to close at US\$75.03 per barrel.
- Gold futures increased by US\$59.70 to close the month at US\$1,755.30 per troy ounce.



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