



Assets in Ant Group's flagship money-market fund plummet

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Assets under management (AUM) at Ant Group Co.'s highly popular money-market fund fell to their lowest level in years after pressure from China's regulators forced the company to shut an industry-wide boom.

Data for the second quarter, released Wednesday, showed that the Tianshong Yu'e Bao money-market fund had the equivalent of \$120.1 billion of assets at the end of June, down 20% from three months earlier to a level last seen in late 2016. Last autumn, before Chinese regulators forced Ant to call off its blockbuster IPO, the fund had more than \$180 billion in assets under management.

Chinese billionaire Jack Ma's Ant is the majority shareholder in Tianshong Asset Management, the company that manages the eight-year-old mutual fund. The fund's name means "left-over treasure," and it is sold on Ant's ubiquitous Alipay app. Close to half of China's population was invested in it at the end of 2020, and many have stashed money in their digital wallets in the money-market fund to earn income before spending it.

with the matter said. In response to the April order, the fund has refrained from chasing better yields or actively promoting itself to investors, the people said.

One concern was that Ant could be weakened by the broader restructuring, and if Ant were to run into trouble, that could spill over through Tianshong Yu'e Bao platform that managed a total of 1.7 trillion yuan as of July 20, according to financial data provider Wind. These funds haven't been told to downsize, according to people familiar with the matter. Some of the other funds are also sold through other distribution channels.

The bigger a fund is, the more troublesome it could potentially be if it runs into problems, said Aidan Shevlin, head of International global equity portfolio fund management at JPMorgan Asset Management. He said China's biggest funds tied to e-wallets were also very widely owned. "So if anything were to happen, that would be very concerning," he said.

Ant is at a disadvantage even as the mutual-fund industry, which it helped bring into the mainstream in China, is enjoying rapid growth. After a boom in equity funds, money-market funds have enjoyed renewed interest recently as investors fled into safer investments and sought shelter from volatile stock prices. Overall assets in money-market mutual funds rose to a record

\$1.49 trillion at the end of May, up 14% from a year ago, according to the most recent available official data. Chinese households have become more focused on saving money since the pandemic.

"Chinese mutual funds have potential to further grow," said Li Huang, an analyst with Fitch Ratings. She said the industry's assets, compared with the size of the economy, still lagged behind markets in the U.S. and Europe. Stronger regulation and less concentration among a few major fund providers would be good for market growth, she said.

Money-market funds invest primarily in certificates of deposit issued by banks, as well as other short-term debts. They make up nearly 42% of China's overall mutual-fund industry, a much higher proportion than in the U.S. and other markets.

These funds offer more-attractive yields in China than in developed markets, thanks partly to higher benchmark interest rates. As of 20 July, the average seven-day annualized yield of 688 money-market funds tracked by Wind stood at 2.09%. Meanwhile, tech companies including Ant and Tencent Holdings Ltd. have made it easy to buy and sell money-market funds through their e-wallets.

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A probe led by the Paris-based Forbidden Stories has alleged that Pegasus has been used for hacking smartphones.

Israel sets up panel to look into NSO spyware charges

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Israel has set up a senior inter-ministerial team to look into growing allegations that spyware sold by an Israeli cyber firm has been abused on a global scale, an Israeli source said on Wednesday, while adding that an expert review was unlikely.

The team is headed by Israel's National Security Council, which answers to Prime Minister Naftali Bennett and has broader areas of expertise than the Defence Ministry, which oversees exports of NSO Group's Pegasus software, the source said. This event is beyond the Defence Ministry purview, the source said, referring to potential diplomatic blowback after prominent media reports this week of suspected abuses of Pegasus in France, Mexico, India, Morocco and Iraq.

On Wednesday, French prime minister Jean Castex said president Emmanuel Macron had called for a series of investigations to be carried out into the Pegasus spyware case. Macron's phone was among potential targets for possible surveillance on behalf of Morocco in the Pegasus case, France's *Le Monde* newspaper said on Tuesday. The source, who has first-hand knowledge

of the Israeli team and requested anonymity due to the sensitivity of the issue, deemed it "doubtful" that new curbs would be placed on Pegasus exports.

Stopping short of describing the team's task as a formal investigation, the source said: "The objective is to find out what happened, to look into this issue and learn lessons."

Commenting on the development, an NSO spokesperson said: "We welcome any decision made by the government of Israel, and we are convinced that the company's activities are without fault." Bennett's office declined comment. NSO has rejected the reporting by the media partners, saying it was "full of wrong assumptions and uncorroborated theories". Pegasus is intended for use only by government intelligence and law enforcement agencies to fight terrorism and crime, NSO said.

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STATEMENT OF STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30th JUNE, 2021

(Figures in INR in Lakhs, Unless Otherwise Stated)

Sr. No.	PARTICULARS	STANDALONE RESULTS			CONSOLIDATED RESULTS				
		For the Quarter ended			For the Quarter ended				
		30 th June 2021	31 st March 2021	30 th June 2020	31 st March 2021	30 th June 2021	31 st March 2021		
1	Total Income from Operations (net)	87,899.12	102,585.84	30,028.17	326,887.27	89,318.83	103,785.63	38,841.01	331,187.13
2	Net Profit/(loss) for the period/ year (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	8,873.12	13,732.32	(9,593.13)	30,910.45	9,540.17	13,807.47	(9,769.70)	30,617.41
3	Net Profit/(loss) for the period/ year before Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	8,314.68	13,732.32	(9,593.13)	30,910.45	8,981.73	13,807.47	(9,769.70)	30,617.41
4	Net Profit/(loss) for the period/ year after Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items) (Refer Note 5)	6,255.34	10,429.89	(7,262.81)	23,368.64	6,906.27	10,530.42	(7,447.91)	23,052.17
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period/ year (Comprising Profit for the period/ year after Tax and Other Comprehensive Income after Tax)	18,741.76	18,466.41	(7,663.69)	31,174.47	19,194.08	18,258.84	(7,786.08)	30,522.24
6	Equity Share Capital	13,196.90	13,196.90	13,196.90	13,196.90	13,196.90	13,196.90	13,196.90	13,196.90
7	Reserves excluding Revaluation Reserve as at Balance Sheet date			136,516.16					129,485.78
8	Earnings per share (after exceptional items) (of INR 10/- each)								
a)	Basic (in INR)	4.74	7.90	(5.50)	17.71	5.27	7.99	(5.60)	17.55
b)	Diluted (in INR)	4.74	7.90	(5.50)	17.71	5.27	7.99	(5.60)	17.55

Notes:
1. These unaudited financial results have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement principles as laid down in the Indian Accounting Standards (referred to as "Ind AS") prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules as amended from time to time. The above unaudited standalone and consolidated financial results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at their meetings held on 21st July 2021. The statutory auditor's report on review of quarterly unaudited standalone and consolidated financial results for the quarter ended 30th June 2021 is being filed with the BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited.
2. The Company's business activity falls within a single business segment i.e. Food and Beverages in terms of Ind AS 108 Segment Reporting.
3. The figures for the quarter ended 31st March, 2021 in the previous financial year, as reported in these unaudited financial results, are the balancing figures between audited figures in respect of the full previous financial year and the published year-to-date figures upto the end of third quarter of the previous financial year. Also, the figures upto the end of the third quarter of the previous financial year had only been reviewed and not subjected to audit.
4. The COVID-19 situation across the country affected the normal day-to-day operations of the restaurants resulting in lower sales. However, the Company has taken various measures to protect profit margins. The Company has made detailed assessments of its liquidity position for the next one year and of the recoverability and carrying values of all its assets and liabilities as at 30th June 2021 and on the basis of evaluation based on the current estimates has concluded that no material adjustments is required in the financial results.
5. Given the uncertainties associated with nature, condition and duration of COVID-19, the impact assessment on the Company's financial statements will be continuously made and provided for as required.
6. Excepted items therein are INR 558.44 lakhs incurred by the Company to support its employees, associates and their dependents during the 1st pandemic. These include assistance to families of deceased employees and associates, vaccination of employees, associates and their dependents, quarantine facilities for COVID impacted employees and associates, etc.
6. The above is an extract of detailed format of unaudited financial results for the quarter ended 30th June 2021 filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the unaudited financial results are available on the Stock Exchanges websites (www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com) and on Company's website (www.jubilantfoodworks.com).

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors of JUBILANT FOODWORKS LIMITED
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JPMorgan awards CEO stock options as retention bonus

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JPMorgan Chase & Co.'s board gave chief executive officer (CEO) Jamie Dimon new stock options as a retention bonus, signaling that the largest US bank wants its chief executive to stay for several more years.

The L5 million options will increase in value so long as JPMorgan's stock price rises and become exercisable in five years, the bank said in a regulatory filing. JPMorgan's shares closed at \$149.70 on Tuesday, after rising about 18% this year.

"This special award reflects the board's desire for Mr. Dimon to continue to lead us for a further significant number of years," the bank said. "In making the special award, the board considered the importance of Mr. Dimon's continuing, long-term stewardship of the firm, leadership continuity, and management succession planning amid a highly competitive landscape for executive leadership talent," the bank said.

seven years, people familiar with the matter have told *The Wall Street Journal*. The new options are in addition to his regular compensation, the bank said.

The chief executive has had two significant health scares in recent years. He was diagnosed with throat cancer in 2014 and made a full recovery. Then in March 2020 he rushed to hospital in New York to have emergency heart surgery to repair an acute aortic dissection.

In May, JPMorgan appointed two potential successors to Mr. Dimon: lead its sprawling consumer banking operation, Marianne Lake and Jennifer Piesych took the reins of its corporate and community bank. The move came two years after the bank established them as front-runners one day lead the company. Mr. Dimon will be able to continue to exercise the new options if he leaves the bank for an elected or unelected government job.

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