

IMF warns deeper financial turmoil would slam global growth

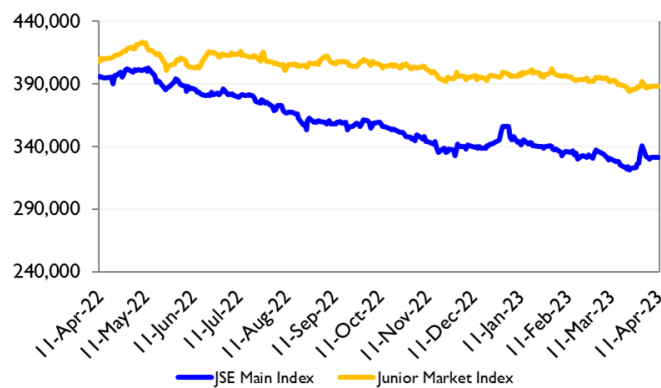
The International Monetary Fund (IMF) on Tuesday trimmed its 2023 global growth outlook slightly as higher interest rates cool activity but warned that a severe flare-up of financial system turmoil could slash output to near recessionary levels. The IMF said in its latest World Economic Outlook report that banking system contagion risks were contained by strong policy actions after the failures of two U.S. regional banks and the forced merger of Credit Suisse. But the turmoil added another layer of uncertainty on top of stubbornly high inflation and spill overs from Russia's war in Ukraine.

The IMF is now forecasting global real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth at 2.8% for 2023 and 3.0% for 2024, marking a sharp slowdown from 3.4% growth in 2022 due to tighter monetary policy. Both the 2023 and 2024 forecasts were marked down by 0.1 percentage point from estimates issued in January, partly due to weaker performances in some larger economies as well as expectations of further monetary tightening to battle persistent inflation.

The IMF's U.S. outlook improved slightly, with growth in 2023 forecast at 1.6% versus 1.4% forecast in January as labour markets remain strong. But the Fund cut forecasts for some major economies including Germany, now forecast to contract 0.1% in 2023 and Japan, now forecast to grow 1.3% this year instead of 1.8% forecast in January. The IMF raised its 2023 core inflation forecast to 5.1%, from a 4.5% prediction in January, saying it had yet to peak in many countries despite lower energy and food prices.

Source: Reuters

Local Market Indices



Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	11-Apr	6-Apr	DoD % Δ	YTD % Δ
USD:JMD	153.17	152.71	0.30%	0.73%
GBP:JMD	188.83	191.69	-1.49%	3.70%
CAD:JMD	113.09	118.43	-4.52%	4.24%

Caribbean & Latam

- Latin American currencies touched a five-year high on Tuesday as the dollar slid ahead of Wednesday's U.S. inflation data that could offer more clarity on the Federal Reserve's future monetary policy path.

USA & Canada

- The Dow closed higher Tuesday, driven by cyclical corners of the market including energy and financial stocks, though investor sentiment remained cautious ahead of the fresh inflation data due Wednesday.

Europe

- Euro zone inflation is at risk of getting entrenched above 2% so the European Central Bank will keep fighting excessive price growth, even as its policy response is shifting gears, French central bank chief Francois Villeroy de Galhau said.

Asia

- Asia stock prices rose on Tuesday, boosted by investor optimism that the region's central banks will continue to pause or end interest rate increase cycles, whatever action the U.S. Federal Reserve takes.

Local Equity Market

Stock Index	Today's close	DoD Δ	DoD % Δ	YTD % Δ	YoY % Δ
JSE Combined Index	342,943.76	-132.03	-0.04%	-6.96%	-15.98%
JSE Index	331,205.50	-187.51	-0.06%	-6.94%	-16.37%
All Jamaican Composite Index	369,321.94	-1,193.69	-0.32%	-8.38%	-17.91%
JSE Select Index	8,056.41	84.57	1.06%	-9.44%	-21.48%
Junior Market Index	3,703.49	4.58	0.12%	-7.10%	-12.04%

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS

ADVANCERS		DECLINERS	
MTLJA	11.54%	EPLY	-11.84%
PURITY	11.44%	ISP	-11.77%
KLE	10.06%	LAB	-11.24%

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of 101 stocks, of which 44 advanced, 46 declined and 11 traded firm.

International Markets

International Equity Markets					International Currency Market				
Index	11-Apr	DoD % Δ	YTD % Δ	YoY % Δ	Currency	11-Apr	DoD % Δ	YTD % Δ	YoY % Δ
S&P 500	4,108.94	0.10%	-13.79%	-6.88%	EUR: USD	1.0912	-0.09%	-4.03%	0.26%
Dow Jones	33,684.79	0.60%	-7.30%	-1.82%	GBP: USD	1.24	-0.13%	-8.19%	-4.65%
FTSE All Share	4,229.53	0.61%	0.51%	-0.07%	USD: CAD	1.35	-0.19%	6.57%	6.63%
Euro Stoxx 50	4,333.29	0.55%	0.81%	12.86%	USD: JPY	133.68	1.44%	16.16%	6.63%
Nikkei 225	27,923.37	1.64%	-3.02%	4.11%					
MSCI World Index	648.35	0.35%	-14.11%	-6.41%					

Global Interest Rates					Commodities				
Rates	11-Apr	DoD Δbps	YTD Δbps	YoY Δbps	Commodity	11-Apr	DoD % Δ	YTD % Δ	YoY % Δ
10-Year US Treasury Bond	3.43%	12.00	192.00	65.00	Crude Oil	81.53	1.03%	8.40%	-13.53%
10-Year UK Gilt	3.54%	11.00	257.00	169.00	Gold	2,003.62	-0.21%	9.54%	2.56%
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	6.65%	-1.00	261.00	158.00	Silver	25.06	0.33%	7.52%	-0.15%
					Aluminium	2,304.00	-1.26%	-17.93%	-29.06%



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JN Mutual Funds	NAV Price	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)
Global Diversified Income	J\$12.8759	-9.09%	-0.56%	3.01%
Global Equity	J\$13.9287	-10.28%	-4.48%	0.00%
Global Fixed Income	J\$14.1223	5.18%	2.46%	5.95%
Global Money Market (US\$)	US\$11.5144	3.73%	1.04%	4.12%
Global Fixed Income (US\$)	US\$11.5646	1.84%	1.08%	4.40%
Local Money Market	J\$12.3561	5.81%	2.34%	6.87%

	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Market Fund	Global Fixed Income Funds	Global Diversified Income Fund	Global Equity Fund
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