

US Annual Inflation rises to 8.5% in March

The United States (US) Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) today, reported that inflation increased by 1.2% month-over-month in March 2022 and 8.5%, when compared with March 2021. The annual inflation is the largest rate on record since 1982 and was slightly higher than the 8.4% the market expected. The monthly change in the inflation rate was largely attributable to the increase in prices for gasoline, food and shelter. Core inflation which excludes food and energy increased by 0.3% month-over-month in March and by 6.5% on an annual basis.

On the heel of the declining COVID-19 cases, global economic recoveries and reopening, geopolitical tension between Russia and Ukraine has precipitated inflationary pressures around the globe. Sanctions imposed on Russia have pushed oil and gasoline prices to historic heights in March which contributed significantly to the record pace of inflation. With China, the home of the largest container shipping port and the world's leader in manufacturing, also experiencing a surge in COVID-19 cases supply bottlenecks which were expected to abate in 2022 following the widescale reopening of many economies may linger.

1.80%

5.06%

10-Year UK Gilt

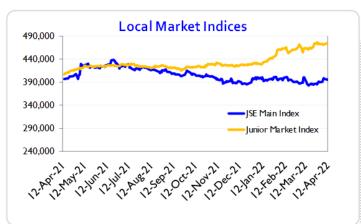
GOI 2025 Global Bond

-5.00

-1.00

83.00

102.00



Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	I2-Apr	II-Apr	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	155.66	155.34	0.21%	0.37%
GBP:JMD	204.74	202.21	1.25%	-2.6%
CAD:JMD	123.58	123.27	0.25%	0.7%

Caribbean & Latam

 Emerging market currencies rose after largely in-line U.S. inflation figures kept aggressive Federal Reserve tightening bets from growing and dented a rise in U.S. treasury yields and the dollar.

USA & Canada

 Wall Street edged lower on Tuesday, reversing earlier gains as Treasury yields rebounded and once again pulled growth stocks back into red territory.

Europe

 European stocks closed lower on Tuesday amid concerns over Covid-19 shutdowns in China and the war in Ukraine. Higher bond yields weighed as well.

Asia

 Asian currencies slipped against the dollar on Tuesday as the greenback index climbed above 100, buoyed by rising Treasury yields ahead of U.S. inflation data which is likely to reinforce expectations of aggressive Federal Reserve rate hikes.

Local Equity Market

Stock Index	Today's close	DoD Δ	DoD% Δ	YTD % ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ
JSE Combined Index	407,972.06	-185.00	-0.05%	1.71%	3.62%
JSE Index	395,486.96	-541.00	-0.14%	-0.17%	0.72%
All Jamaican Composite Index	448,908.04	-1,006.71	-0.22%	2.41%	4.22%
JSE Select Index	10,230.44	-30.31	-0.30%	3.52%	5.76%
Junior Market Index	4,246.73	36.21	0.86%	23.87%	40.74%

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS							
	ADVANCERS			DECLINERS			
FOSRICH	19.60%		KPREIT	-10.64%			
PJX	15.02%		тјн	-7.56%			
ELITE	14.29%		KEY	-6.75%	•		

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **96** stocks, of which **46** advanced, **38** declined and **12** traded firm.

International Markets

International Equity Markets					International Currency Market					
Index	12-4	lpr l	DoD % A	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ % Δ	Currency	I2-Apr	DoD % Δ	YTD% ∆	YoY% ∆
S&P 500	4,397	7.45	-0.34%	-7.74%	6.53%	,	•			
Dow Jones	34,22	0.36	-0.26%	-5.83%	1.41%	EUR: USD	1.0829	-0.51%	-4.76%	-9.08%
FTSE All Share	4,210).28	-0.53%	0.05%	7.03%	GBP: USD	1.30	-0.22%	-3.92%	-5.39%
Euro Stoxx 50	3,831	.47	-0.21%	-10.86%	-3.29%	USD: CAD	1.26	0.11%	0.06%	0.64%
Nikkei 225	26,33	4.98	-1.81%	-8.53%	-10.85%	USD: IPY	125.34	-0.02%	8.92%	14.59%
MSCI World Index	689.	57	-0.46%	-8.65%	-0.58%	03D. ji 1	123.37	-0.02/6	0.72/0	14.37/6
Global Interest Rates					Commodities					
Rates		I2-Apr	DoD ∆bp	s YTD ∆bp	s YoY ∆bps	Commodit	y I2-Apr	• DoD % ∆	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ % Δ
10 -Year US Treasury	Bond	2.72%	-6.00	121.00	105.00	Crude Oil	100.68	6.78%	33.87%	68.64%

Sources: Bloomberg, Reuters, Jamaica Stock Exchange, Bank of Jamaica, Jamaica Observer, Jamaica Gleaner, Nasdaq, Investing.com

101.00

156.00

Gold

Silver

Aluminium

1,964.97

25.38

3.267.00

0.59%

1.12%

0.58%

7.42%

8.88%

13.40%

2.26%

44.43%



JN MUTUAL FUNDS



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JN Mutu	al Funds	NAV Pri	12 Mont Growth R		Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)
Global I	Diversified Income	J\$14.182	4 2.12%	0.24%	1.30%
Global I	Equity	J\$15.533	7 2.96%	-1.12%	0.00%
Global I	ixed Income	J\$13.445	4 4.53%	1.34%	3.76%
Global I	Money Market (US	\$) US\$11.10	43 3.68%	1.06%	2.62%
Global F	ixed Income (US\$) US\$11.33	99 3.83%	-0.01%	2.25%
Local M	oney Market	J\$11.702	0 4.51%	1.01%	4.49%
	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Market Fund	Global Fixed Incom	Global Diversit	Global Equity Fund
Objective	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 return through capital ir income growth. This is through two separate Fi (i) A Jamaican dollar (J\$ (ii) A US dollar (US\$) fu	offered exposure to a diversion and investment growth the exposure to a diversion range of asset classes and	rough growth and risk fied diversification.
Strategy	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, so debt securities, local an international corporate	d high dividend yielding	stocks, local and international

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