

# Jamaica's Economy Expanded by 6.7% in Fourth Quarter of 2021

According to the Statistical Institute of Jamaica (STATIN), Jamaica's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) grew by 6.7% during the fourth quarter of 2021 when compared to the same quarter in 2020. The expansion in the economy was mainly attributable to the Services sector which grew by 9.0% whiles the Goods Producing industries saw an uptick of 0.5%. All sub-industries within the Service industries recorded increases during the quarter except for Government Services. Hotels & Restaurants saw the largest increases in the Services industry, jumping by 79.5% in the quarter. Meanwhile, the Goods industry increased due to higher output levels in Forestry & Fishing, Agriculture, and Construction. Results in the Goods industry were tempered by declines in Mining & Quarrying and Manufacturing industries which were down by 60.5% and 2.2%.

Jamacia's economy continues to rebound following the contraction caused by COVID-19. Undoubtedly, the recent removal of curfew measures along with the re-opening of most industries will likely provide a boost in economic activity and will likely support the continued rebound in jobs in the short-term. However, against the background of the possible negative impact of the Russia/Ukraine conflict on the services industries, particularly tourism and related services and the worsening already-impaired supply chains, it is anticipated that GDP growth could show in the ensuing quarters.

10-Year UK Gilt

GOI 2025 Global Bond

1.55%

4.98%

-6.10

-10.10

57.60

152.40



## Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	4-Apr	I-Apr	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	154.14	154.05	0.06%	-0.61%
GBP:JMD	202.42	202.03	0.19%	-3.7%
CAD:JMD	123.85	123.67	0.14%	0.9%

#### Caribbean & Latam

Latin American currencies were decidedly higher on Monday, bucking a trend of range-bound moves across the developing world as prices of commodities rose, with Brazil's real and Colombia's peso taking the lead.

### **USA & Canada**

The Nasdag and the S&P 500 rose on Monday, boosted by megacap stocks and a 20% jump in Twitter's shares after Elon Musk revealed a sizeable stake in the company, even as the global mood remained cautious amid talks of more sanctions against Russia over its invasion of Ukraine.

European stocks closed higher on Monday amid reports Western nations have called for new sanctions on Moscow after Ukraine accused Russia of carrying out a "massacre" in the town of Bucha.

#### **Asia**

Asian share markets got off to a cautious start on Monday amid talk of yet more sanctions against Russia over its invasion of Ukraine, while bond markets continued to sound the risk of a hard landing for the U.S. economy as short-term yields surged.

## **Local Equity Market**

Stock Index	Today's close	<b>DoD</b> Δ	DoD% $\Delta$	YTD % $\Delta$	ΥοΥ% Δ
JSE Combined Index	403,497.25	1,414.33	0.35%	0.59%	1.43%
JSE Index	391,157.93	1,384.40	0.36%	-1.26%	-1.56%
All Jamaican Composite Index	442,666.75	1,999.37	0.45%	0.99%	1.51%
JSE Select Index	10,027.40	8.86	0.09%	1.46%	2.19%
Junior Market Index	4,199.22	13.32	0.32%	22.49%	40.14%

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS						
ADVANCERS			DECLINERS			
PURITY	17.74%		FOSRICH	-12.36%		
MEEG	12.27%		JETCON	-7.07%		
sos	11.32%		CABROKERS	-6.67%		

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of 95 stocks, of which 50 advanced, 32 declined and 13 traded firm.

## **International Markets**

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In	nternationa	l Equity Ma	arkets		Int	ernation	al Currency	/ Market	
Index	4-Apr	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ	Currency	4-Apr	DoD % Δ	YTD% $\Delta$	YoY%
S&P 500	4,582.64	0.81%	-3.85%	14.00%	Surreine,	174	202 %2	,	
Dow Jones	34,921.88	0.30%	-3.90%	5.33%	EUR: USD	1.0972	-0.64%	-3.50%	-6.69%
FTSE All Share	4,213.27	0.33%	0.12%	9.46%	GBP: USD	1.31	0.02%	-3.07%	-5.18%
Euro Stoxx 50	3,951.12	0.83%	-8.08%	0.13%	USD: CAD	1.25	-0.30%	-1.20%	-0.74%
Nikkei 225	27,736.47	0.25%	1.07%	-7.09%					
MSCI World Index	718.79	0.86%	-4.77%	5.54%	USD: JPY	122.79	0.22%	6.70%	10.93%
	Global I	nterest Rat	es			Co	ommodities	;	
Rates	4-A <sub>1</sub>	or DoD Ab	ps YTD ∆b <sub>l</sub>	os YoY ∆bps	Commodity	4-Apr	DoD % ∆	YTD% ∆	YoY%
10 -Year US Treasury	Bond 2.40	% 1.29	88.50	67.35	Crude Oil	103.28	4.04%	37.32%	68.07

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

75.20

146.50

Aluminium

Gold

Silver

1,932.73

24.54

3,447.00

0.37%

-0.37%

-0.09%

68.07%

11.79%

-1.89%

5.66%

5.28%





## **JN MUTUAL FUNDS**

March 31, 2022

JN Mutu	al Funds	NAV Prid	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)
Global Diversified Income		J\$14.221	4 2.30%	0.52%	1.30%
Global I	Equity	J\$15.511	8 3.38%	-1.26%	0.00%
Global I	Fixed Income	J\$13.410	8 4.49%	1.08%	3.76%
Global I	Money Market (US	\$) US\$11.09	64 3.71%	0.99%	2.62%
Global I	Fixed Income (US\$	) US\$11.37	77 4.46%	0.32%	2.25%
Local Money Market		J\$11.673	5 4.48%	0.77%	4.49%
	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Market Fund	Global Fixed Income Funds	Global Diversified Income Fund	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 total return through capital injection and income growth. This is offered through two separate Funds:  (i) A Jamaican dollar (J\$) and  (ii) A US dollar (US\$) fund.	To provide long-term  d investment growth through exposure to a diversified range of asset classes.	To provide long-term capital growth and risk 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, sovereign debt securities, local and international corporate bonds.	To invest in fixed income, high dividend yielding stocks, REITs and structured produc	

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