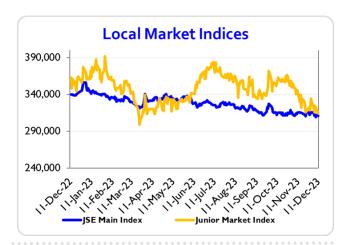
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# U.S. economy adds 199,000 jobs in November

The U.S. economy added more jobs than anticipated in November, in a sign of lingering robustness in the American labour market that could factor into how the Federal Reserve approaches its future interest rate decisions. Non-farm payrolls increased by 199,000 jobs last month after rising by 150,000 in October, according to data from the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). Economists had estimated that payrolls would climb by 180,000 roles. Job gains came from areas like health care and government in particular, the BLS said, while the end of protracted automotive industry strikes in November led to more positions in the manufacturing sector.

Average hourly earnings, a key gauge of wage growth, rose at a monthly pace of 0.4% versus October, accelerating from a previous reading of 0.2% and faster than predictions of 0.3%. The unemployment rate in the world's largest economy, meanwhile, unexpectedly ticked down to 3.7%. Friday's data complicates an emerging narrative that the Fed's unprecedented period of monetary policy tightening may be working to cool labour demand. Earlier this week, separate figures showed that job openings touched an over 2-1/2-year low and fewer workers resigned from their positions in October, while private employers added fewer roles than anticipated last month. Loosening the jobs market has been a major focus of the Fed's move to lift borrowing costs to a range of 5.25% to 5.50% -- the highest mark in more than two decades. In theory, a slowdown in demand for workers could alleviate some upward pressure on wages and, by extension, help achieve the Fed's ultimate objective: defusing elevated inflation.



Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	II-Dec	8-Dec	<b>DoD %</b> Δ	<b>YTD%</b> $\Delta$	
USD:JMD	156.29	156.69	-0.25%	<b>2.79</b> %	
GBP:JMD	195.55	195.68	-0.07%	<b>7.39</b> %	
CAD:JMD	115.57	115.01	0.48%	6.53%	

#### Caribbean & Latam

 Argentina's financial markets made a groggy start to the Javier Milei era on Monday as they waited for the new president to launch into his promised economic shock therapy.

#### USA & Canada

 U.S. stocks moved higher and gold slid on Monday, as investors looked ahead to crucial inflation data and the U.S. Federal Reserve's two-day monetary policy meeting.

#### **Europe**

 European shares were lacklustre at the start of an event-heavy week as investors buckled up for key U.S. inflation print and interest rate decisions from major global central banks, while weakness in metal prices knocked down miners.

#### <u>Asia</u>

Asian shares drifted lower on Monday in a week packed with a quintet of rich world central bank meetings and data on U.S. inflation that could make or break market hopes for an early and rapid -fire round of rate cuts next year.

						Source: Investi		
Local Equity Market								
Stock In	dex	Today's close	<b>DoD</b> $\Delta$	DoD% $\Delta$	YTD % $\Delta$	<b>ΥοΥ%</b> Δ		
JSE Combined Index		323,479.11	-1,725.71	-0.53%	-12.24%	<b>-8.27</b> %		
JSE Index		310,649.71	-1,549.88	-0.50%	-12.71%	- <b>8.51</b> %		
All Jamaican Composi	ite Index	346,161.36	-711.18	-0.21%	-14.12%	-9.83%		
JSE Select Index		7,822.01	-72.74	-0.92%	-12.08%	-9.12%		
Junior Market Index		3,669.67	-31.09	-0.84%	<b>-7.95</b> %	<b>-6.21</b> %		
		BEST AND WO	ORST PERFO	ORMERS				
	ADVANC	ERS		DE	CLINERS			
ICREATE	33.33%		F	AL	-1 <b>3.95</b> %			
CAC	15.00%		Δ	MG	-13.21%			
PJAM	9.89%		LE	ARN	- <b>9.38</b> %			

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **84** stocks, of which **34** advanced, **44** declined and **6** traded firm.

### **International Markets**

	International Equity Markets						International Currency Market				
Index	II-Dec	<b>DoD %</b> $\Delta$	<b>YTD%</b> $\Delta$	<b>ΥοΥ%</b> Δ	Currency	II-Dec	<b>DoD % A</b>	<b>YTD%</b> $\Delta$	<b>ΥοΥ%</b> Δ		
S&P 500	4,618.57	0.31%	20.29%	15.74%	EUR: USD	1.0764	0.01%	0.55%	2.15%		
Dow Jones	36,404.86	0.43%	9.83%	7.06%	GBP: USD	1.26	0.06%	3.92%	2.35%		
FTSE All Share	4,112.31	-0.07%	0.91%	1.04%	GBF. 03D	1.20	0.00%	3.72%	2.33%		
Euro Stoxx 50	4,540.19	0.37%	19.68%	15.77%	USD: CAD	1.36	-0.07%	0.14%	-0.46%		
Nikkei 225	32,791.80	1.50%	13.89%	17.78%	USD: JPY	146.20	0.86%	11.50%	6.20%		
MSCI World Index	699.99	0.24%	15.63%	12.43%							

Glo	Commodities								
Rates	II-Dec	DoD Abps	YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps	Commodity	II-Dec	<b>DoD % A</b>	YTD% $\Delta$	<b>ΥοΥ%</b> Δ
10 -Year US Treasury Bond	4.23%	0.00	36.00	62.00	Crude Oil	71.46	0.32%	-10.96%	-2.34%
	4.08%	4.00	41.00	88.00	Gold	1,981.10	-1.18%	8.61%	11.21%
10-Year UK Gilt				Silver	22.84	<b>-0.71%</b>	<b>-4.66</b> %	<b>-2.03</b> %	
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	6.35%	0.00	231.00	5.00	Aluminium	2,117.00	-0.80%	-10.98%	-12.30%

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



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JN M	JN Mutual Funds		ice	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)	
Glob	al Diversified Incom	e J\$13.12		2.56%	1.33%	3.24%	
Glob	Global Equity Global Fixed Income		32	-2.32%	-4.72%	0.00%	
Glob			25	8.07%	8.12%	7.24%	
Glob	al Money Market (U	<b>\$\$)</b> US\$11.50	097	1.21%	1.00%	3.17%	
Glob	al Fixed Income (US	<b>5\$)</b> US\$11.4	007	-0.33%	-0.36%	3.60%	
Loca	Local Money Market		90	7.54%	7.58%	7.35%	
	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Market Fund	Globa	al Fixed Income Funds	Global Diversifie Income Fund	ed 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	return incom throug (i) A Ja	ieve an attractive total through capital injection and e growth. This is offered th two separate Funds: unaican dollar (J\$) and JS dollar (US\$) fund.	To provide long-term investment growth throu exposure to a diversified range of asset classes.		
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	debt s	est in regional, sovereign ecurities, local and ational corporate bonds.	To invest in fixed incon high dividend yielding s REITs and structured pi	tocks, local and international	

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