



## Jamaica's Net International Reserves Increase in November

According to the Bank of Jamaica, Jamaica's Net International Reserves (NIR) increased by US\$75.30 million, or 1.99 per cent to US\$3.85 billion in November 2022, up from the US\$3.77 billion reported for the previous month. The increase in reserves was due to an increase of US\$83.96 million in foreign assets, moderated by a simultaneous increase of US\$8.67 million in foreign liabilities. The elevation in foreign assets was attributable to an increase in 'Currency and Deposits' which was tempered by decreases in 'Securities' and 'Special Drawing Rights (SDR) & International Monetary Fund (IMF) Reserve Position'. Meanwhile, foreign liabilities increased due to a slight growth in IMF liabilities. At its November level, Jamaica's NIR represents approximately 25 weeks of goods and services imports, which doubles the 12-week benchmark.

In November, the NIR returned to its trend of monthly increases for the calendar year, with decreases only occurring in July and October. Despite the central bank interventions twice in the month of November, totalling US\$60 million in sales to the market, there was still modest growth in the reserves over the month. Year-to-date, the NIR has fallen by approximately 3.77 per cent. Looking ahead, we anticipate continued moderate increases in the NIR over the short-term. This is contingent on the Jamaican dollar returning to appreciation, having appreciated 0.24 per cent since the start of 2022, and the decline in remittances continuing to slow.



# Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	8-Dec	7-Dec	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% $\Delta$
USD:JMD	154.59	154.54	0.03%	-0.32%
GBP:JMD	187.42	188.27	-0.45%	-10.8%
CAD:JMD	113.84	113.65	0.16%	-7.3%

### Caribbean & Latam

 Latin American currencies advanced for their third straight session on Thursday, buoyed by a weaker dollar, but global recession worries limited gains.

#### **USA & Canada**

 The S&P 500 index rose on Thursday, looking on course to snap a five-session losing streak, as technology shares led a broad-based recovery with investors seeing a rise in weekly jobless claims as a sign the pace of interest rate hikes could soon slow.

### **Europe**

 European stocks closed lower on Thursday, extending recent losses, as concerns over a recession, and rising interest rates continued to hurt sentiment.

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

 Asian equities edged higher on Thursday, propped up by Hong Kong and China stocks even as growing fears of an economic slowdown and worries over the pace of the Federal Reserve's interest rate hikes weighed on sentiment.

## **Local Equity Market**

Stock Index	Today's close	<b>DoD</b> Δ	DoD% ∆	YTD % ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ
JSE Combined Index	353,155.28	-853.10	-0.24%	-11.96%	-10.14%
JSE Index	340,401.94	-1,030.71	-0.30%	-14.07%	-12.28%
All Jamaican Composite Index	384,667.98	-2,606.04	-0.67%	-12.24%	-10.28%
JSE Select Index	8,512.23	-71.51	-0.83%	-13.87%	-10.80%
Junior Market Index	3,879.39	12.11	0.31%	13.16%	15.24%

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS							
ADVANCERS DECLINERS							
CHL	22.92%	<b></b>	PURITY	-8.59%			
EPLY	15.01%		LASF	-7.95%			
PJX	12.07%		FIRSTROCKJMD	-7.41%			

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **90** stocks, of which **45** advanced, **40** declined and **5** traded firm.

### **International Markets**

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Index	8-Dec	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ	Currency	8-Dec	DoD % ∆	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ
S&P 500	3,963.51	0.75%	-16.84%	-15.69%	EUR: USD	1.0556	0.48%	-7.16%	-6.94%
Dow Jones	33,781.48	0.55%	-7.04%	-5.52%	CDD LICD	1.22	0.300/	0.540/	7.310/
FTSE All Share	4,082.24	-0.28%	-2.99%	-2.28%	GBP: USD	1.22	0.30%	-9.56%	-7.31%
Euro Stoxx 50	3,921.27	0.01%	-8.77%	-7.37%	USD: CAD	1.36	-0.46%	7.54%	7.40%
Nikkei 225	27,574.43	-0.40%	-4.23%	-4.46%	USD: IPY	136.67	0.04%	18.76%	20.23%
MSCI World Index	620.39	0.68%	-17.81%	-17.07%					

Glo	Commodities								
Rates	8-Dec	DoD ∆bps	YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps	Commodity	8-Dec	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% ∆	<b>ΥοΥ</b> % Δ
10 -Year US Treasury Bond	3.48%	6.00	197.00	196.00	Crude Oil	71.78	-0.32%	-4.56%	-0.80%
	3.09%	5.00	212.00	231.00	Gold	1,789.24	0.17%	-2.18%	0.35%
10-Year UK Gilt					Silver	23.07	1.53%	-1.02%	2.83%
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	6.29%	4.00	225.00	231.00	Aluminium	2,503.00	0.70%	-10.85%	-4.72%





Yield

# **JN MUTUAL FUNDS**

December 7, 2022

12 Months

YTD Growth

JN Mutu	ial Funds	NAV Prid	Growth Rate	Rate	(Estimated Yearly Income)	
Global Diversified Income		J\$12.808	-8.06%	-9.47%	2.46%	
Global Equity		J\$14.274	-6.68%	-9.13%	0.00%	
Global F	Fixed Income	J\$13.787	9 4.22%	3.92%	5.27%	
Global I	Money Market (US	<b>\$)</b> US\$11.37	04 3.71%	3.48%	4.12%	
Global F	Fixed Income ( <b>US</b> \$	US\$11.43	20 1.02%	0.80%	3.94%	
Local M	oney Market	J\$12.077	5 4.35%	4.26%	6.81%	
	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Market Fund	Global Fixed Income Funds	Global Diversified Income Fund	Global Equity Fund	
Objective	To preserve capital whilst	To preserve capital whilst	To achieve an attractive total	To provide long-term	To provide long-term capital	
	providing US dollar (US\$)	providing Jamaican Dollar	return through capital injection and	investment growth through	growth and risk	
	money market returns	(J\$) money market returns	income growth. This is offered	exposure to a diversified	diversification.	
			through two separate Funds:	range of asset classes.		
			(i) A Jamaican dollar (J\$) and			
			(ii) A US dollar (US\$) fund.			
Strategy	To invest in local and global	To invest in local and global	To invest in regional, sovereign	To invest in fixed income,	To invest in the shares of	
	money market instruments	money market instruments	debt securities, local and	high dividend yielding stocks	local and international	
	for safety, liquidity and	for safety and liquidity and	international corporate bonds.	REITs and structured produc	ts companies which offer	
	yield.	yield			strong growth possibilities	
					and consistent income	

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