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US' Inflation Increased in Line with Market Expectations

According to the United States' (US) Bureau of Labour Statistics (BLS), inflation increased by 0.3% in January 2021, in line with market expectations and follows the 0.2% revised increase recorded in December 2020. The increased inflation was mainly as a result of an uptick in the energy index of 3.5% due to higher prices for gasoline and fuel. However, this was offset by declines in energy services of 0.3% as prices for electricity and utility (piped) gas services declined. The heavily weighted food index rose 0.1% in January and there were other increases seen for apparel, medical care, shelter and motor vehicle insurance. At the end of January, the 12-month inflation rate stood at 1.4%, higher than the revised figure of 1.3% recorded for the 12 months up to the end of December 2020 and was in line with market expectations. In January, core inflation, excluding volatile food and energy prices, was unchanged month over month, but increased by 1.4% over the 12 months up to that date.

The path for higher inflation continues to depend heavily on the pace of recovery in the labour market which is critical for the improvement of consumer demand. The wide distribution of the vaccines to contain the virus is also key to the labour market's recovery. Therefore, until there is some level of containment of the virus in the US and other large economies, US inflation could remain subdued in the short term.



Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	I0-Feb	9-Feb	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	150.18	150.30	-0.08%	13.28%
GBP:JMD	206.13	209.84	-1.77%	6.4%
CAD:JMD	118.83	117.85	0.83%	18.6%

Caribbean & Latam

Chile's peso rose on Wednesday as copper prices hit an eightyear high, with broader Latin American and emerging market currencies gaining as the dollar dipped on signs that underlying U.S. inflation remained benign

USA & Canada

U.S. stock futures hit record highs on Wednesday, powered by bets of more fiscal aid, while investors looked to inflation data and a speech by Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell for clues on the pace of an economic rebound.

Europe

European shares ended lower on Wednesday, as Wall Street's retreat from record highs dragged Europe down from an early rise on upbeat earnings reports from firms including SocGen that fed optimism around a broader economic rebound.

<u>Asia</u>

Philippine shares rose on Wednesday on expectations its central bank would remain accommodative at a monetary policy meeting later this week, while Malaysian equities traded cautiously ahead of fourth-quarter GDP data.

Local Equity Market								
Stock Ind	ex	Today's close	DoD Δ	DoD% Δ	YTD % Δ	ΥοΥ% Δ		
JSE Combined Index		387,309.39	2,450.63	0.64%	- 1.93 %	- 19.47 %		
JSE Index		388,227.47	2,902.45	0.75%	-2.60 %	-20.46%		
All Jamaican Composit	e Index	425,755.18	3,222.51	0.76%	-2.53%	-20.58%		
JSE Select Index		9,574.90	78.61	0.83%	-2.53%	-23.01%		
Junior Market Index		2,800.57	-20.92	-0.74%	6.74%	-5.60%		
		BEST AND W	ORST PERF	ORMERS				
	ADVANC	ERS		DE	CLINERS			
PJX 23.94%		E	FRESH	-1 6.67 %				
PTL 13.28%			1	tTech	-12.77%			
ECL 12.07%			D	COVE	-12.38%			

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of 86 stocks, of which 37 advanced, 40 declined and 9 traded firm.

International Markets

Ir	International Currency Market								
Index	I0-Feb	DoD % A	YTD% Δ	ΥοΥ% Δ	Currency	10-Feb	DoD % \	YTD% \	YoY% ∆
S&P 500	3,909.88	-0.03%	4.09%	16.64%	Currency	10105			
Dow Jones	31,437.80	0.20%	2.72%	7.38%	EUR: USD	1.2118	-0.01%	-0.80%	11.06%
FTSE All Share	3,723.83	- 0.19 %	1.37%	-10.09%	GBP: USD	1.3831	0.10%	1.18%	7.09 %
Euro Stoxx 50	3,648.37	-0.35%	2.69 %	-3.82%	USD: CAD	1.2702	0.07%	-0.18%	-4.62%
Nikkei 225	29,562.93	0.19%	7.72%	24.81%	050. CAD	1.2702	0.0776	-0.10/6	-1.02/0
MSCI World Index	677.92	0.18%	4.90%	17.90%	USD: JPY	104.63	0.04%	1.34%	-4.68 %
		С	ommoditie	s					

Global Interest Rates					Commodities				
Rates	10-Feb		YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps	Commodity	10-Feb	DoD % Δ	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ
10 -Year US Treasury Bond	1.12%	-4.00	21.00	-45.00	Crude Oil	58.4	0.07%	20.36%	17.81%
10-Year UK Gilt	0.49%	3.00	29.00	-7.00	Gold	1,842.31	0.22%	- 2.95 %	17.18%
	2 5 2 9/	1.00	0.00	24.00	Silver	27.02	-0.92 %	2.33%	52.06 %
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	3.53%	1.00	8.00	-34.00	Aluminium	2,079.00	1.22%	5.03%	22.15%

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

Mutual Funds

JN MUTUAL FUNDS

Fund Managers Ltd.

February 8, 2021

JN Mutual Funds		NAV Pri	ice	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate (Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)	
Global	Diversified Incom	e J\$13.84	12	-3.12%	0.00%	2.11%	
Global	Equity	J\$14.90 !	54	-12.30%	-1.00%	0.00%	
Global	Fixed Income	J\$12.8 03	32	5.33%	1.16%	5.77%	
Global	Money Market (U	S\$) US\$10.6	520	3.51%	0.32%	3.53%	
Global Fixed Income (US\$)		\$) US\$11.0	111	6.26%	-0.02%	4.69%	
Local Money Market		J\$11.13	34	4.25%	0.93%	4.41%	
	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Market Fund	Globa	l 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	return t income through (i) A Jar	ieve an attractive total through capital injection and growth. This is offered n two separate Funds: maican dollar (J\$) and IS dollar (US\$) fund.	To provide long-term investment growth through exposure to a diversified range of asset classes.	To provide long-term capita 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	debt se	est in regional, sovereign curities, local and tional corporate bonds.	To invest in fixed income, high dividend yielding stocks REITs and structured produc		

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