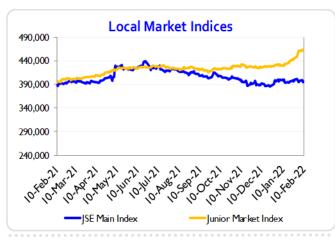
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US Inflation at 40-Year High in January 2022

The United States (US) Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) today, reported that inflation increased by 0.6% month-over-month in January 2022 and 7.5%, when compared with January 2021. This annual inflation rate was larger than December's record of 7% and was the largest increase since February 1982. The monthly movement in inflation was largely attributable to the increase in prices for food, electricity, and shelter. In addition to this, higher prices for household furnishings and operations, used cars and trucks, medical care, and apparel also contributed to the increase in inflation. Core inflation which excludes food energy increased by 0.6% month-over-month in January and by 6.0% on an annual basis.

US' annual inflation rate in January is at a new four-decade high supported by strong consumer demand amid supply constraints due largely to COVID-19. At 7.5% the annual inflation is well above the US Federal Reserve's target range of 2%. With inflation coming in this high on the heels of January's jobs report (last week) which was much better than expected, the Federal Reserve could aggressively raise its policy rate at its March 2022 meeting to start the tightening cycle.



Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	I0-Feb	9-Feb	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	158.03	157.90	0.08%	1 .90 %
GBP:JMD	214.53	213.35	0.55%	2.1%
CAD:JMD	124.95	124.63	0.26%	1.8%

Caribbean & Latam

 Mexico's central bank on Thursday raised its benchmark interest rate as expected by 50 basis points to 6.00%, a sixth straight rate increase, as policymakers sought to keep price pressures in check with inflation running high.

USA & Canada

 Emerging market currencies pared gains on Thursday, with some in Latin America turning to losses after U.S. inflation data was higher than expected, spurring bets of a more hawkish turn by the U.S. Federal Reserve this year.

Europe

European markets ended on a mixed note on Thursday as the mood turned quite cautious past mid afternoon after data showing a bigger than expected increase in U.S. consumer price growth in December raised concerns that the Fed will hike interest rates at an accelerated pace to rein in inflation.

<u>Asia</u>

 A tech-fuelled global stocks rally cooled in Asia on Thursday as investors took a more cautious posture amid uncertainties around the outlook for inflation and interest rates.

Local Equity Market						
Stock Index	Today's close	DoD Δ	DoD% Δ	YTD % Δ	ΥοΥ% Δ	
JSE Combined Index	405,730.92	677.57	0.17%	1.15%	4.76%	
JSE Index	395,338.54	760.73	0.19%	-0.21%	1.83%	
All Jamaican Composite Index	450,788.60	2,955.58	0.66%	2.84%	5.88%	
JSE Select Index	10,228.59	39.26	0.39%	3.50%	6.83%	
Junior Market Index	4,009.93	-4.00	-0.10%	16.97%	43.18%	

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS					
	ADVANCERS		D	ECLINERS	
MTL	25.33%		GHL	-8.02%	
ROC	19.50%		FIRSTROCKJMD	-6.63 %	
LASF	10.77%		FTNA	-6.59 %	

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **92** stocks, of which **48** advanced, **35** declined and **9** traded firm.

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Rates 10-Feb DoD \(\Delta\)bps YTD \(\Delta\)bps YoY \(\Delta\)bps Commodity 10-Feb DoD \(\lambda\) \(\Delta\)	ΥοΥ% Δ
10 -Year US Treasury Bond 2.03% 8.96 52.10 90.86 Crude Oil 90.02 0.40% 19.69%	53.41%
	-0.86%
	-14.15%
GOJ 2025 Global Bond 4.39% 2.30 93.60 85.40 Aluminium 3,250.50 -0.47% 15.78%	56.35%

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



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JN Mutual Funds		NAV Pri	12 Months Price Growth Rate		YTD Growth Rate	Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)
Global	Diversified Incom	e J\$14.10	0	l.85%	-0.33%	2.18%
Global	Equity	J\$15.429	98	3.30%	-1.78%	0.00%
Global	Fixed Income	J\$13.313	30	4.05%	0.34%	4.82%
Global	Money Market (U	S\$) US\$10.99	956	3.22%	0.07%	2.43%
Global Fixed Income (US\$)		\$) US\$11.32	233	2. 94 %	-0.16%	3.14%
Local Money Market		J\$11.656	65 ·	4.70%	0.62%	4.24%
	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	return through	dollar (J\$) and	To provide long-term investment growth throug 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 stoc REITs and structured prod	ks, local and international

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