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# Jamaica's Point -to- Point Inflation Higher at 9.7% in January 2022

According to the Statistical Institute of Jamaica (STATIN), the All-Jamaica Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased by 0.6% in the month of January 2022. This increase was mainly due to the 8.4% increase in the index for the 'Restaurants and Accommodation Services' division. The Transport division also contributed to the upward movement, with a jump of 0.6% due to higher petrol prices. The overall inflation rate was tempered by negligible movement in the heaviest weighted division 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages'. 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' division also weighed on inflation during the month, with a decline of 1.5% due to lower electricity prices. As of January 2022, the fiscal year-to-date, and point-to-point inflation rates were 9.2% and 9.7% respectively. Notably, the point-to-point inflation rate was influenced by increases in the following divisions: 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages' (9.9%), 'Transport' (13.8%), and 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels' (10.9%).

At 9.7%, Jamaica's point-to-point inflation remains well above the Bank of Jamaica's (BOJ) target range of 4% to 6% and this marks the fifth consecutive month that the rate has been above 7.0%. Recently, the bank indicated that private sector respondents indicated an expectation of inflation rising to 8.2% over the next 12 months, significantly above the bank's medium-term target and above the expectation of 7.4% from the previous two inflation surveys. Given that higher inflation expectation, according to economic theory, this is a significant predictor of future inflation and we anticipate that the central bank could increase its policy rate between 0.50% - 1.0%. Its Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting will be held on Friday, February 18, 2022.



### Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	l 6-Feb	I 5-Feb	<b>DoD %</b> $\Delta$	<b>YTD%</b> $\Delta$
USD:JMD	157.42	158.02	-0.38%	1.51%
GBP:JMD	213.67	213.99	-0.15%	1.7%
CAD:JMD	123.99	126.17	-1.73%	1.0%

### Caribbean & Latam

 Most emerging market currencies and stocks in Latin America gained on Wednesday on strong commodity prices and a subdued dollar, as investors remained cautious on skepticism over a partial pullout of Russian troops from near Ukraine.

#### USA & Canada

Oil and gold rose on Wednesday after NATO and the United States said Russia was increasing its troop build-up near Ukraine, while a dovish reading of minutes from the Federal Reserve's meeting last month helped stocks rebound on Wall Street.

#### **Europe**

The major European markets closed slightly weak on Wednesday, as worries about geopolitical tensions, and looming interest rate hikes amid rising inflation rendered the mood cautious.

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

 Asian stock markets are mostly higher on Wednesday, following the broadly positive cues overnight from Wall Street, amid easing geopolitical concerns following news Russia is pulling back some troops from the Ukrainian border.

Local Equity Market							
Stock Index	Today's close	<b>DoD</b> $\Delta$	<b>DoD%</b> $\Delta$	<b>YTD %</b> $\Delta$	<b>ΥοΥ%</b> Δ		
JSE Combined Index	408,967.77	-2,017.90	-0.49%	I.95%	4.53%		
JSE Index	399,750.97	-1,604.51	-0.40%	0.91%	2.11%		
All Jamaican Composite Index	451,592.36	-1,070.81	-0.24%	3.03%	5.18%		
JSE Select Index	10,262.64	-31.24	-0.30%	3.84%	5.62%		
Junior Market Index	3,907.98	-58.44	-1.47%	13.99%	35.31%		

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS									
	ADVANCERS		DECLINERS						
ROC	I 2.86%		EFRESH	-14.48%					
KREMI	10.04%		138 <b>SL</b>	-13.21%					
QWI	7.37%		CABROKERS	-10.35%					

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **93** stocks, of which **40** advanced, **43** declined and **10** traded firm.

## **International Markets**

In	nterna	tional	Equity Mai	Int	International Currency Market					
Index	16-	Feb	<b>DoD % A</b>	<b>YTD%</b> $\Delta$	<b>ΥοΥ%</b> Δ	Currency	l6-Feb	<b>DoD % A</b>	<b>YTD% Δ</b>	<b>ΥοΥ%</b> Λ
S&P 500	4,47	5.01	0.09%	- <b>6</b> .11%	13.79%	,				
Dow Jones	34,93	34.27	-0.16%	-3.86%	10.82%	EUR: USD	1.1375	0.14%	0.04%	-6.04%
FTSE All Share	4,25	1.96	-0.07%	I.04%	10.72%	GBP: USD	1.36	0.35%	0.39%	- <b>2.29</b> %
Euro Stoxx 50	4,13	7.22	-0.16%	-3.75%	11.02%	USD: CAD	1.27	-0.20%	0.44%	0.02%
Nikkei 225	27,46	60.40	2.22%	0.06%	- <b>9.87</b> %	USD: IPY	115.45	-0.14%	0.32%	8.87%
MSCI World Index	720	).41	0.36%	-4.56%	5.16%	USD: JFT	115.45	-0.14%	0.32%	0.01%
Global Interest Rates						Commodities				
Rates		l 6-Feb	DoD Abp	s YTD Abps	s YoY ∆bps	Commodity	/ I6-Feb	<b>DoD</b> % Δ	YTD% 🛆	<b>ΥοΥ%</b> Δ
10 -Year US Treasury	Bond	2.03%	-1.00	52.00	72.00	Crude Oil	90.33	-1.89%	20.10%	50.42%
10-Year UK Gilt		I.52%	-6.00	55.00	90.00	Gold	I,868.55	<b>0.81%</b>	2.15%	4.13%
						Silver	23.57	0.86%	1.11%	-13.50%
GOJ 2025 Global Bond		4.44%	-1.00	99.00	89.00	Aluminium	3,256.00	I.50%	15.98%	56.05%
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Sources: Bloomberg, Reuters, Jamaica Stock Exchange, Bank of Jamaica, Jamaica Observer, Jamaica Gleaner, Nasdaq, Investing.com



## **JN MUTUAL FUNDS**

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JN Mutual Funds		NAV Pri	ice 12 Months Growth Rate		YTD Growth Rate	Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)	
Global	e J\$13.819	90	-0.84%	-1.81%	2.18%		
Global	J\$15.563	39	2.72%	-0.93%	0.00%		
Global	J\$13.299	98	3.86%	0.24%	4.82%		
Global	<b>S\$)</b> US\$11.00	810	3.22%	0.13%	2.43%		
Global	Fixed Income (US	<b>\$)</b> US\$11.27	730	2.44%	-0.61%	3.14%	
Local M	J\$11.675	59	4.87%	0.79%	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 incom throu (i) A J	hieve an attractive total n through capital injection and ne growth. This is offered gh two separate Funds:  amaican dollar (J\$) and US dollar (US\$) fund.	To provide long-term 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	debt s	vest in regional, sovereign securities, local and national corporate bonds.	To invest in fixed income, high dividend yielding stock REITs and structured produ		

With a suite of six investment portfolios, each with a distinct financial profile, JN Mutual Funds offers a premium opportunity for investors to align their personal financial strategy with their goals, time horizons and risk profile.

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