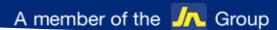
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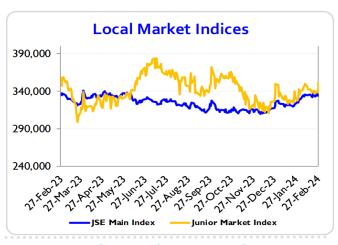




US fourth-quarter economic growth revised slightly lower

The United States (US) economy grew at a solid clip in the fourth quarter amid strong consumer spending, the government confirmed on Wednesday, but it appears to have lost some speed early in the new year. Gross Domestic Product (GDP) increased at a 3.2% annualised rate last quarter, revised slightly down from the previously reported 3.3% pace, the Commerce Department's Bureau of Economic Analysis said in its second estimate of fourth-quarter GDP growth. Economists polled by Reuters had expected that GDP growth would be unrevised. The modest downward revision reflected a downgrade to private inventory investment.

Inflation was mild last quarter, though revised slightly up from previously reported estimates. The economy grew at a 4.9% pace in the July to September quarter. It expanded by 2.5% in 2023, an acceleration from 1.9% in 2022, and is growing above what Federal Reserve officials regard as the non-inflationary growth rate of 1.8%. There are, however, signs that momentum has ebbed. Retail sales, housing starts, durable goods orders, and production at factories declined in January. Some of the weakness in the data last month has been blamed on freezing temperatures as well as difficulties adjusting the data for seasonal fluctuations at the start of the year. Economists are not forecasting a recession. Financial markets expect the Fed to start cutting interest rates in June, pushed back from May. Since March 2022, the U.S. central bank has raised its policy rate by 525 basis points to the current 5.25% to 5.50% range.



Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	28-Feb	27-Feb	DoD % ∆	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	156.98	157.04	-0.04%	1.31%
GBP:JMD	198.55	198.77	-0.11%	0.54%
CAD:JMD	116.95	115.34	1.39%	-0.81%

Caribbean & Latam

Chile's unemployment rate CLUNR=ECI fell to 8.4% in the quarter to January, government statistics agency INE said on Wednesday. The figure represented a drop from the 8.5% registered in the previous rolling quarter, and also came in below the 8.6% expected by economists polled by Reuters.

USA & Canada

 U.S. stocks fell modestly on Wednesday, a day ahead of a key inflation reading that could heavily shape expectations for the timing of an interest rate cut from the Federal Reserve.

Europe

Euro zone bond yields held broadly steady on Wednesday, ahead
of key inflation data later this week that could help cement investor expectations for where interest rates may head.

Asia

 Most Asian currencies inched lower on Wednesday while equities were largely mixed as traders remained cautious ahead of a key U.S. inflation reading due on Thursday that could give clues on the timing of rate cuts by the Federal Reserve.

Local Equity Market

Stock Index	Today's close	DoD Δ	DoD% ∆	YTD % ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ
JSE Combined Index	348,806.63	2,420.42	0.70%	2.84%	0.41%
JSE Index	335,876.26	2,276.45	0.68%	3.12%	0.37%
All Jamaican Composite Index	375,146.90	2,584.15	0.69%	2.21%	-0.94%
JSE Select Index	8,301.39	6.60	0.08%	2.23%	1.94%
Junior Market Index	3,860.27	32.59	0.85%	0.31%	0.60%

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS							
	ADVANCERS						
ROC	17.21%		AMG	-11.89%			
MGL	13.93%		JSE	-8.88%			
SELECTF	10.00%		KREMI	-7.89%			

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **95** stocks, of which **55** advanced, **28** declined and **12** traded firm.

International Markets

li I	International Currency Market								
Index	28-Feb	DoD % Δ	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ	Currency	28-Feb	DoD % ∆	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ
S&P 500	5,069.79	-0.17%	6.29%	27.70%	EUR: USD	1.0838	-0.06%	-1.82%	2.48%
Dow Jones	38,949.02	-0.06%	3.34%	19.27%	GBP: USD	1.27	-0.20%	0.570/	F 319/
FTSE All Share	4,159.57	-0.76%	-1.71%	-3.37%	GBP: USD	1.27	-0.20%	-0.56%	5.31%
Euro Stoxx 50	4,883.77	-0.04%	8.01%	15.23%	USD: CAD	1.36	0.35%	2.51%	-0.52%
Nikkei 225	39,208.03	-0.08%	36.18%	42.86%	USD: IPY	150.70	0.13%	6.85%	10.67%
MSCI World Index	757.60	-0.41%	4.21%	20.44%					

Global Interest Rates					Commodities				
Rates	28-Feb	DoD ∆bps	YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps	Commodity	28-Feb	DoD % Δ	YTD% ∆	YoY % ∆
10 -Year US Treasury Bond	4.26%	-4.00	38.00	34.00	Crude Oil	78.4	-0.60%	9.42%	1.75%
	4.19%	-1.00	65.00	36.00	Gold	2,033.58	0.15%	-1.43%	11.31%
10-Year UK Gilt			Silver	22.45	-0.04%	-5.64%	7.37%		
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	6.64%	-1.00	260.00	-18.00	Aluminium	2,190.50	-0.05%	-8.12%	-7.69%

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



JN MUTUAL FUNDS



February 27, 2024

JN Mutual Funds		NAV Pri	ce (12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)	
Global Diversified Income		e J\$13.593	36	6.52%	0.86%	3.06%	
Global	Equity	J\$14.562	27	3.53%	0.75%	0.00%	
Global	Fixed Income	J\$15.195	58	9.27%	1.61%	7.31%	
Global	Money Market (U	S\$) US\$11.60	041	1.30%	0.48%	3.29%	
Global	Fixed Income (US	\$) US\$11.50	086	0.03%	0.46%	3.40%	
Local Money Market		J\$13.270	03	8.83%	1.79%	7.38%	
	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 th income g through ((i) A Jama	ve an attractive total rough capital injection and rowth. This is offered two separate Funds: aican dollar (J\$) and 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	To invest in regional, sovereign debt securities, local and international corporate bonds.		To invest in fixed income, high dividend yielding stocks REITs and structured produc		

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