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Jamaica's Net International Reserves Increased in December 2021

According to the Bank of Jamaica, Jamaica's Net International Reserves (NIR) increased by US\$103.71 million, or 2.66%, to US\$4.0 billion in December 2021. The increase in reserves in the period was largely attributable to an US\$ 82.08 million increase in foreign assets due to a rise in 'currency and deposits', and 'securities'. However, this was partially offset by a decrease in Special Drawing Rights (SDR) & International Monetary Fund (IMF) Reserve Position. Meanwhile, foreign liabilities fell by \$ 21.63 million because of a decline in IMF liabilities. Jamaica's NIR has increased by over 27% since the start of 2021, and currently represents approximately 33.50 weeks of goods and services imports, which more than doubles the 12-weeks benchmark.

Jamaica's NIR has remained relatively resilient since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic and at current levels augers well for the country's ability to respond to the pandemic. Notwithstanding, the presence of COVID-19 and the ongoing development of new variants continue to cloud the outlook and presents a significant downside risk. For example, with COVID-19 cases climbing significantly in Jamaica's main trading partner country's such as the United States, the positive progress being made in the tourism sector since the start of 2020 could be significantly hampered. In light of this, it is possible that over the short-term Jamaica's reserves could come under pressure due to possibly low foreign exchange inflows from tourism and even remittance earnings in the ensuing periods.



Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	10-Jan	7-Jan	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	155.57	155.70	-0.09%	0.31%
GBP:JMD	208.56	209.87	-0.63%	-0.8%
CAD:JMD	119.24	118.83	0.34%	-2.9 %

Caribbean & Latam

 Brazil's real fell on Monday, tracking declines in iron ore prices on concerns over Chinese demand, while broader Latin American currencies fell ahead of key inflation readings this week.

USA & Canada

 Wall Street's main indexes tumbled on Monday, as heavyweight technology stocks dropped on expectations of a sooner-than-expected rate hike that pushed U.S. Treasury yields to fresh two-year highs.

Europe

 European shares slipped on Monday and were on course to extend losses for a third session, as surging inflation sparked worries of more rate hikes and rising COVID-19 cases added to economic uncertainty.

<u>Asia</u>

 Asian stock markets are trading mostly higher on Monday, despite the broadly negative cues from Wall Street on Friday, as traders continue to pick up stocks at a bargain after the recent sell-off.

Local Equity Market							
Stock Index	Today's close	DoD Δ	DoD% Δ	YTD % Δ	ΥοΥ% Δ		
JSE Combined Index	404,543.63	1,708.71	0.42%	0.85%	3.45%		
JSE Index	399,953.72	1,784.89	0.45%	0.96%	1.49%		
All Jamaican Composite Index	441,936.51	567.11	0.13%	0.82%	2.29%		
JSE Select Index	9,927.44	23.62	0.24%	0.45%	2.70%		
Junior Market Index	3,417.28	5.44	0.16%	-0.32%	29.18 %		

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS									
	ADVANCERS		DECLINERS						
SRFJMD	11.75%		KLE	-24.24%					
GWEST	11.11%		PURITY	-22.50%					
EPLY	10.34%		PAL	-21.23%					

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of 87 stocks, of which 36 advanced, 42 declined and 9 traded firm.

International Markets

In	iternat	tional I	Equity Mar	kets		Int	ernation	al Currenc	y Market	
Index	10-J	an	DoD % A	YTD% 🛆	ΥοΥ% Δ	Currency	10-Jan	DoD % ∆	YTD% Δ	ΥοΥ% Δ
S&P 500	4,670	0.29	-0.14%	-2.01%	22.11%					
Dow Jones	36,06	8.87	-0.45%	-0.74%	15.98%	EUR: USD	1.1326	-0.30%	-0.39%	-7.30%
FTSE All Share	4,219	9 .71	-0.70%	0.28%	8.74%	GBP: USD	1.36	-0.10%	0.32%	0.05%
Euro Stoxx 50	4,239	9.52	-1.54%	-1.37%	16.31%	USD: CAD	1.27	0.32%	0.36%	-0.15%
Nikkei 225	28,47	8.56	0.00%	3.77%	1.21%		1.27			
MSCI World Index	739	.10	-0.55%	-2.08%	11.38%	USD: JPY	115.23	-0.29 %	0.13%	10.86%
	Glo	bal Int	erest Rate	s			C	ommoditie	5	
Rates		10-Jan	DoD ∆bp	s YTD Abps	YoY Abps	Commodity	v I 0-Jan	DoD % A	YTD% Δ	ΥοΥ% Δ
10 -Year US Treasury	Bond	1.76%	-0.17	25.02	64.50	Crude Oil	78.39	-0.65%	4.23%	50.06%
		1.19%	% I.20	21.90	90.20	Gold	1,801.34	0.27 %	-1.52%	-2.58%
10-Year UK Gilt						Silver	22.48	0.48%	-3.58%	-11.60%
GOJ 2025 Global Bond		4.11%	2.10	65.50	26.90	Aluminium	2,931.50	0.58%	4.42%	45.02%

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	rice 12 Months Growth Rate		YTD Growth Rate	Yield Estimated Yearly Income)	
Global	Diversified Incom	e J\$14.120	01	1.78%	-0.20%	2.18%	
Global	J\$15.48	85	3.83%	-1.41%	0.00%		
Global	J\$13.25	89	4.44%	-0.07%	4.82%		
Global	Money Market (U	S\$) US\$10.99	936	3.48%	0.05%	2.43%	
Global	Fixed Income (US	(\$) US\$11.3	305	2.87%	-0.10%	3.14%	
Local M	J\$11.6 02	27	4.98%	0.16%	4.24%		
	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Market Fund	Glob	oal 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	retur incor throu (i) A	chieve an attractive total m through capital injection and me growth. This is offered ugh two separate Funds: Jamaican 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	s debt securities, local and		To invest in fixed income, high dividend yielding stocks REITs and structured produc		

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