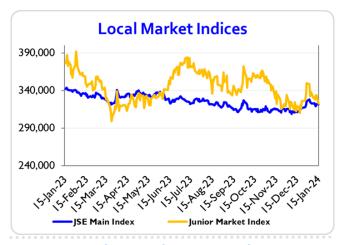


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# Jamaica's Net International Reserves Increase in December

According to the Bank of Jamaica (BOJ), Jamaica's Net International Reserves (NIR) increased by 3.27%, or US\$150.55 million, to US\$4.75 billion in December 2023, the highest reading for the calendar year. The uptick in reserves can be attributed to an increase of US\$131.33 million in 'Foreign Assets' as well as a decline of US\$19.22 million in 'Foreign Liabilities'.

The growth in foreign assets resulted from increased holdings in 'Currency and Deposits', and slight increases in 'Special Drawing Rights (SDR)', 'Securities' and 'IMF Reserve Position'. The elevation in the NIR was bolstered by the occurrence of no BOJ interventions in the foreign currency market during the month. Jamaica's NIR remains relatively high and at current levels, represents approximately 24 weeks of goods and services imports, which is almost double the I2-week benchmark.



## Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	I5-Jan	I 2-Jan	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% $\Delta$
USD:JMD	156.16	156.28	-0.07%	0.78%
GBP:JMD	198.11	199.46	-0.68%	0.32%
CAD:JMD	116.62	118.08	-1.24%	-1.09%

### Caribbean & Latam

 Venezuela's economy grew more than 5% in 2023 and growth will reach 8% this year, President Nicolas Maduro said on Monday during his annual address to the government-allied legislature.

#### **USA & Canada**

 Canada's main stock index edged lower on Monday, led by losses in shares of information technology, while investors awaited the domestic inflation report later in the week for more clues on the Bank of Canada's (BOC) interest rate path.

#### Europe

 European shares edged lower on Monday as government bond yields rose on warnings of premature rate cuts from the European Central Bank, while losses in Dassault Aviation's shares on missing aircraft delivery target added to declines.

#### **Asia**

 Asian shares got off to a stumbling start on Monday as China's central bank wrong footed markets by skipping on a rate cut, even as data due this week is expected to show the economic recovery there remains fragile.

## **Local Equity Market**

Stock Index	Today's close	<b>DoD</b> Δ	DoD% ∆	YTD % ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ
JSE Combined Index	333,903.28	-1,296.26	-0.39%	-1.55%	-6.04%
JSE Index	321,365.17	-873.63	-0.27%	-1.33%	-5.97%
All Jamaican Composite Index	356,985.14	-2,854.05	-0.79%	-2.73%	-8.13%
JSE Select Index	7,942.51	-110.00	-1.37%	-2.19%	-6.35%
Junior Market Index	3,712.49	-54.46	-1.45%	-3.53%	-6.76%

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS						
	ADVANCERS			DECLINERS		
AMG	24.48%		KREMI	-23.82%		
ASBH	11.39%		ROC	-17.20%		
CBNY	9.77%		ISP	-15.52%		

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **94** stocks, of which **32** advanced, **44** declined and **18** traded firm.

### **International Markets**

International Equity Markets					International Currency Market				
Index	15-Jan	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ	Currency	15-Jan	DoD % ∆	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ
S&P 500	4,783.83	0.00%	0.29%	19.62%	EUR: USD	1.0951	0.00%	-0.80%	1.19%
Dow Jones	37,592.98	0.00%	-0.26%	9.59%	- GBP: USD	1.27	-0.19%	-0.02%	4.39%
FTSE All Share	4,152.21	-0.32%	-1.89%	-3.50%	GBF. U3D	1.27	-0.17%	-0.02%	4.37%
Euro Stoxx 50	4,454.68	-0.57%	-1.48%	7.16%	USD: CAD	1.34	0.14%	1.40%	0.16%
Nikkei 225	35,901.79	0.91%	24.69%	39.03%	USD: IPY	145.78	0.62%	3.36%	13.38%
MSCI World Index	724.01	-0.10%	-0.41%	13.45%					

Global Interest Rates							
Rates	15-Jan	DoD ∆bps	YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps			
10 -Year US Treasury Bond	3.94%	0.00	6.00	44.00			
10-Year UK Gilt	3.80%	1.00	26.00	42.00			
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	6.43%	-9.00	239.00	10.00			

Commodities								
Commodity	I 5-Jan	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% ∆	<b>ΥοΥ</b> % Δ				
Crude Oil	72.5	-0.25%	1.19%	-9.39%				
Gold	2,056.55	0.37%	-0.31%	7.33%				
Silver	23.22	0.11%	-2.41%	-4.26%				
Aluminium	2,200.50	-0.86%	-7.70%	-16.04%				



# **JN MUTUAL FUNDS**



January 12, 2024

JN Mutual Funds	NAV Price	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)
Global Diversified Income	J\$13.4365	4.12%	-0.31%	3.21%
Global Equity	J\$14.3362	0.03%	-0.82%	0.00%
Global Fixed Income	J\$15.0166	8.47%	0.41%	7.15%
Global Money Market (US\$)	US\$11.5637	1.39%	0.13%	3.05%
Global Fixed Income (US\$)	US\$11.4677	0.02%	0.10%	3.00%
Local Money Market	J\$13.0999	7.84%	0.48%	7.43%

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	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Market Fund	Global Fixed Income Funds	Global Diversified Income Fund	Global Equity Fund
Objecti	ve To preserve capital whilst	To preserve capital whilst	To achieve an attractive total	To provide long-term	To provide long-term capital
	providing US dollar (US\$)	providing Jamaican Dollar	return through capital injection and	investment growth through	growth and risk
	money market returns	(J\$) money market returns	income growth. This is offered	exposure to a diversified	diversification.
			through two separate Funds:	range of asset classes.	
			(i) A Jamaican dollar (J\$) and		
			(ii) A US dollar (US\$) fund.		
Strateg	y To invest in local and global	To invest in local and global	To invest in regional, sovereign	To invest in fixed income,	To invest in the shares of
	money market instruments	money market instruments	debt securities, local and	high dividend yielding stocks,	local and international
	for safety, liquidity and	for safety and liquidity and	international corporate bonds.	REITs and structured products	companies which offer
	yield.	yield			strong growth possibilities
					and consistent income

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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