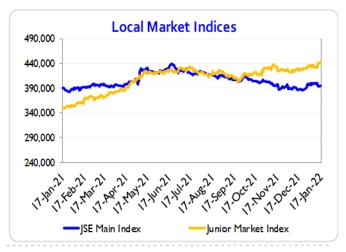
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# **US Consumer Sentiment Below Market Expectations in January**

The University of Michigan's Surveys of Consumers preliminary consumer sentiment report for the United States (US) in January 2022 declined to 68.6, from the final reading of 70.6 in December 2021 and was the second-lowest reading in a decade. This preliminary reading fell short of market expectations for the overall sentiment index to decline slightly to 70 and continues to trend below the 100-mark threshold, indicating that consumers are still pessimistic about the economy's prospects. Noteworthy, a reading above the 100-mark threshold would indicate that consumer sentiment towards the future economic situation has improved. Although the Delta and Omicron variants contributed to the downward shift, the decline was likely also due to an escalating inflation.

Lower-income households with total incomes below \$100,000 held a negative outlook with regards to inflation and the national economy. However, this was different for households with higher income which had a positive outlook. The Current Economic Conditions Index declined by 1.3% month-over-month to 73.2 and the Consumer Expectations Index declined by 3.5% to 65.9. At the current annual rate of 7.0%, inflation is almost at a 40-year high and likely to continue to weigh on demand and consumer spending in the upcoming months. The ongoing challenges with COVID-19, supply chain disruptions and the possibility of consumer's facing higher inflation in the future could likely lead to a worsening of US consumer sentiments in the ensuing periods. With the high inflation playing a significant role in the decline in sentiments, the expectation is for the Federal Reserve to start raising rates soon in order to bring the inflation rate closer to the long run target of approximately 2.0%.



### Foreign Exchange Market

| Currency | 17-Jan | l 4-Jan | <b>DoD %</b> Δ | <b>YTD%</b> $\Delta$ |
|----------|--------|---------|----------------|----------------------|
| USD:JMD  | 156.30 | 155.85  | 0.29%          | 0.78%                |
| GBP:JMD  | 211.31 | 212.11  | -0.38%         | 0.6%                 |
| CAD:JMD  | 124.12 | 124.87  | -0.61%         | 1.1%                 |

### Caribbean & Latam

 Peru's sol led gains among its Latin American peers on Monday after data showed the economy expanded in November, while Russian assets remained under pressure as tensions between Moscow and the West showed little sign of easing.

#### USA & Canada

The fourth-quarter 2021 earnings season picked up momentum from Jan 14 as banking behemoths started releasing their financial numbers. The last quarter was an impressive one for Wall Street...

#### **Europe**

European stocks rose on Monday, with deal talks involving British consumer companies boosting the bluechip FTSE 100, while shares in Swiss bank Credit Suisse slipped after its chairman quit following an internal probe into his personal conduct.

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

 Asian share markets were choppy on Monday as a slew of Chinese economic data confirmed the deadening effect of coronavirus restrictions on consumer spending, prompting Beijing to again ease monetary policy.

| Local Equity Market          |               |                     |                      |                |                |  |  |  |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------|--|--|--|
| Stock Index                  | Today's close | <b>DoD</b> $\Delta$ | <b>DoD%</b> $\Delta$ | YTD % $\Delta$ | <b>ΥοΥ%</b> Δ  |  |  |  |
| JSE Combined Index           | 400,645.98    | 2,222.86            | 0.56%                | -0.12%         | 3.43%          |  |  |  |
| JSE Index                    | 394,837.98    | 2,047.08            | 0.52%                | -0.33%         | 1.39%          |  |  |  |
| All Jamaican Composite Index | 436,687.32    | 2,000.74            | 0.46%                | -0.37%         | 2.29%          |  |  |  |
| JSE Select Index             | 9,852.92      | 80.11               | 0.82%                | -0.30%         | 3.28%          |  |  |  |
| Junior Market Index          | 3,502.98      | 32.81               | 0.95%                | 2.18%          | <b>29.62</b> % |  |  |  |

| BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS |                     |  |        |         |  |  |
|---------------------------|---------------------|--|--------|---------|--|--|
|                           | ADVANCERS DECLINERS |  |        |         |  |  |
| SPURTREE                  | 31.82%              |  | MDS    | -16.82% |  |  |
| AMG                       | 10.94%              |  | KREMI  | -13.57% |  |  |
| LASD                      | 8.14%               |  | PURITY | -13.18% |  |  |

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **91** stocks, of which **44** advanced, **36** declined and **11** traded firm.

## **International Markets**

| Int                    | ernational | Equity Mar     | kets       |               | Int       | ernation | al Currency    | y Market      |               |
|------------------------|------------|----------------|------------|---------------|-----------|----------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Index                  | l 7-Jan    | <b>DoD % A</b> | YTD% 🛆     | <b>ΥοΥ%</b> Δ | Currency  | 17-Jan   | <b>DoD %</b> ∆ | <b>YTD%</b> ∆ | <b>ΥοΥ%</b> Δ |
| S&P 500                | 4,662.85   | 0.00%          | -2.17%     | 23.74%        | ,         |          |                |               |               |
| Dow Jones              | 35,911.81  | 0.00%          | -1.17%     | 16.54%        | EUR: USD  | 1.1405   | -0.05%         | 0.31%         | -5.60%        |
| FTSE All Share         | 4,292.58   | 0.85%          | 2.01%      | 12.85%        | GBP: USD  | 1.36     | -0.23%         | 0.83%         | 0.40%         |
| Euro Stoxx 50          | 4,302.14   | 0.70%          | 0.09%      | 19.52%        | USD: CAD  | 1.25     | -0.26%         | -0.93%        | -1.67%        |
| Nikkei 225             | 28,333.52  | 0.74%          | 3.24%      | -0.65%        | 03D. CAD  | 1.25     | -0.20%         | -0.73/0       | -1.07/0       |
| MSCI World Index       | 744.90     | 0.07%          | -1.32%     | 13.58%        | USD: JPY  | 4.6      | 0.37%          | -0.41%        | 10.36%        |
|                        | Global Ir  | iterest Rate   | s          |               |           | Co       | ommoditie      | 5             |               |
| Rates                  | I 7-Ja     | n DoD ∆bp      | s YTD Abps | S YoY ∆bps    | Commodity | l 7-Jan  | <b>DoD % A</b> | YTD% $\Delta$ | <b>ΥοΥ%</b> Δ |
| 10 -Year US Treasury B | ond 1.78%  | 6 0.00         | 27.40      | 70.06         | Crude Oil | 84.3     | 0.57%          | I 2.09%       | 61.00%        |
|                        | 1.19%      | 6 <b>3.60</b>  | 21.50      | 89.80         | Gold      | 1,819.34 | 0.08%          | -0.54%        | -0.50%        |
| 10-Year UK Gilt        |            |                |            |               | Silver    | 23.02    | 0.24%          | -1.24%        | -7.07%        |
| GOJ 2025 Global Bond   | 4.08%      | 6 <b>-0.70</b> | 62.90      | 71.70         | Aluminium | 2,997.00 | 0.69%          | 6.75%         | 50.53%        |

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<br>Growth Rate  | YTD Growth<br>Rate (  | Yield<br>(Estimated Yearly<br>Income)                              |  |
|----------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Global Diversified Income  |  | e J\$14.13   | 80                                  | 2.50%   | -0.12%  | 2.18%  |  |
| Global                     | Equity   | J\$15.34   | 74                                  | 3.30%   | -2.31%  | 0.00%  |  |
| Global                     | Fixed Income   | J\$13.26   | 64                                  | 4.33%   | -0.01%  | 4.82%  |  |
| Global Money Market (US\$) |  | <b>S\$)</b> US\$11.00  | 021                                 | 3.50%   | 0.13%   | 2.43%  |  |
| Global Fixed Income (US\$) |  | <b>\$)</b> US\$11.34   | 45 I                                | 3.48%   | 0.03%   | 3.14%  |  |
| Local Money Market         |  | <b>J\$11.6</b> 2   | 75                                  | 5.03%   | 0.37%   | 4.24%  |  |
|                            | Global Money Market<br>Fund  | Local Money Market<br>Fund   | Glob                                | oal Fixed Income Funds  | Global Diversified<br>Income Fund   | Global Equity Fund   |  |
| Objective                  | To preserve capital whilst<br>providing US dollar (US\$)<br>money market returns                 | To preserve capital whilst<br>providing Jamaican Dollar<br>(J\$) money market returns              | return<br>incom<br>throu<br>(i) A J | chieve an attractive total<br>n through capital injection and<br>ne growth. This is offered<br>1gh two separate Funds:<br>Jamaican dollar (J\$) and<br>US dollar (US\$) fund. | To provide long-term<br>investment growth through<br>exposure to a diversified<br>range of asset classes. | To provide long-term capita<br>growth and risk<br>diversification. |  |
| Strategy                   | To invest in local and global<br>money market instruments<br>for safety, liquidity and<br>yield. | To invest in local and global<br>money market instruments<br>for safety and liquidity and<br>yield | debt                                | west in regional, sovereign<br>securities, local and<br>national corporate bonds.   | To invest in fixed income,<br>high dividend yielding stocks<br>REITs and structured produc                |  |  |

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