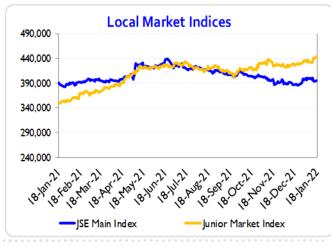


# Jamaica's Point to Point Inflation Remains above BOJ's Target Range

According to the Statistical Institute of Jamaica (STATIN), the All-Jamaica Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased by 0.8% in the month of December 2021. This increase was mainly due to the 4.7% index for the 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' division from higher rates for electricity, water and sewage. However, the inflation rate was tempered by a 0.5% decline in the index for the heaviest weighted division, 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages'. This was mainly due to a decline in the cost of agricultural produce. As of December 2021, the calendar year-to-date, fiscal year-to-date, and point-to-point inflation rates were 9.1%, 8.6% and 7.3%, respectively. Notably, the point-to-point inflation rate was influenced by increases in the following divisions: 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages' (4.9%), 'Transport' (13.9%), and 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels' (11.7%).

At 7.3%, Jamaica's point-to-point inflation remains well above the Bank of Jamaica's (BOJ) target range of 4% to 6% and the fourth consecutive month the rate has been above 7.0%. Higher inflation expectation, according to economic theory, is the most significant predictor of future inflation. In the recent consumer survey (October 2021), private sector respondents indicated an expectation of inflation rising to 8.2% over the next 12 months, significantly above the central bank's medium-term target and above the expectation of 7.4% from the previous two surveys. Additionally, with the Producer Price Index (PPI) for the Manufacturing Industry as well as the Bauxite Mining and Alumina Processing sector both increasing by over 20% in November, inflation will likely remain elevated in the short term and will likely play a significant role in the Monetary Policy Committee's decision when they meet in February.



### Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	18-Jan	I7-Jan	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	156.02	156.30	-0.18%	0.60%
GBP:JMD	213.25	211.31	0.92%	1.5%
CAD:JMD	126.73	124.12	2.10%	3.2%

#### Caribbean & Latam

 Mexico's peso retreated from two-month highs on Tuesday on downbeat economic growth data, while broader emerging market peers were pressured by rising U.S. Treasury yields and a stronger dollar.

#### **USA & Canada**

 Wall Street's main indexes fell on Tuesday as Goldman Sachs led declines among banks after posting its quarterly profit below expectations, while big technology stocks were slammed by rising Treasury yield

### **Europe**

 European stocks closed on a weak note on Tuesday as Treasury yields surged higher amid expectations the Federal Reserve will start hiking interest rate as soon as March.

### **Asia**

Asia's share markets were mostly higher on Tuesday even as global investor attention remains fixed on the prospect of U.S interest rate hikes in the next few months, after two years of unprecedented pandemic-induced policy easing.

### **Local Equity Market**

Stock Index	Today's close	<b>DoD</b> Δ	DoD% ∆	YTD % ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ
JSE Combined Index	400,172.85	-473.13	-0.12%	-0.24%	2.95%
JSE Index	394,163.95	-674.03	-0.17%	-0.50%	0.91%
All Jamaican Composite Index	435,519.59	-1,167.73	-0.27%	-0.64%	1.68%
JSE Select Index	9,823.82	-29.10	-0.30%	-0.60%	2.34%
Junior Market Index	3,518.19	15.21	0.43%	2.62%	29.09%

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS						
ADVANCERS DECLINERS						
SPURTREE	32.76%		BPOW	-9.25%		
MDS	20.71%		ROC	-8.71%		
GENAC	4.83%		FIRSTROCKUSD	-7.83%		

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **90** stocks, of which **37** advanced, **45** declined and **8** traded firm.

### **International Markets**

International Equity Markets						
Index	18-Jan	$\mathbf{DoD}~\%~\Delta$	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ		
S&P 500	4,577.34	-1.83%	-3.96%	21.47%		
Dow Jones	35,368.47	-1.51%	-2.67%	14.78%		
FTSE All Share	4,263.04	-0.69%	1.31%	12.24%		
Euro Stoxx 50	4,257.82	-1.03%	-0.94%	18.19%		
Nikkei 225	28,257.25	-0.27%	2.96%	0.05%		
MSCI World Index	732.51	-1.66%	-2.96%	11.72%		

International Currency Market						
Currency	18-Jan	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% ∆	<b>YoY%</b> ∆		
EUR: USD	1.1325	-0.73%	-0.40%	-6.23%		
GBP: USD	1.36	-0.40%	0.45%	0.04%		
USD: CAD	1.25	0.01%	-0.95%	-1.88%		
USD: JPY	114.61	-0.02%	-0.41%	10.53%		

Global Interest Rates						
Rates	18-Jan	DoD ∆bps	YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps		
10 -Year US Treasury Bond	1.87%	8.58	35.98	78.64		
10-Year UK Gilt	1.22%	3.10	24.60	93.00		
GOI 2025 Global Bond	4.12%	3.90	66.80	75.60		

Commodities						
Commodity	I 8-Jan	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% $\Delta$	YoY% $\Delta$		
Crude Oil	85.99	2.59%	14.33%	64.23%		
Gold	1,814.66	-0.25%	-0.79%	-1.44%		
Silver	23.48	2.02%	0.75%	-7.38%		
Aluminium	3,024.50	0.92%	7.73%	53.37%		



## **JN MUTUAL FUNDS**



January 17, 2022

JN Muti	ual Funds	NAV Pri	ice	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield Estimated Yearly Income)
Global	Diversified Incom	e J\$14.065	5 I	1.98%	-0.58%	2.18%
Global	Equity	J\$15.358	84	3.40%	-2.24%	0.00%
Global	Fixed Income	J\$13.256	62	4.18%	-0.09%	4.82%
Global	Money Market (U	<b>S\$)</b> US\$11.00	051	3.52%	0.16%	2.43%
Global	Fixed Income (US	(\$) US\$11.36	615	3.57%	0.18%	3.14%
Local M	loney Market	J\$11.60!	52	4.79%	0.18%	4.24%
	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Market Fund	Globa	l 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 i income through (i) A Jai	ieve an attractive total through capital injection and growth. This is offered two separate Funds: maican dollar (J\$) and S 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 se	est in regional, sovereign curities, local and tional corporate bonds.	To invest in fixed income, high dividend yielding stocks REITs and structured produc	

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