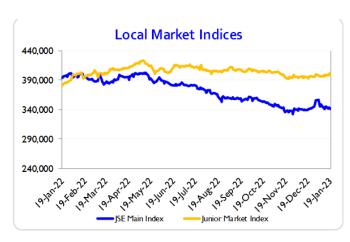


# U.S. producer prices fall more than expected in December

U.S. producer prices fell more than expected in December, as the costs of energy products and food declined, offering more evidence that inflation was receding. The Labor Department on Wednesday, said the Producer Price Index (PPI) for final demand decreased 0.5% last month. Data for November was revised lower to show the PPI rising 0.2% instead of 0.3%, as previously reported. In the 12 months through December, the PPI increased 6.2% after climbing 7.3% in November. Economists polled by Reuters had forecast the PPI dipping 0.1% on the month and gaining 6.8% year-on-year.

The report came on the heels of news last week that monthly consumer prices fell for the first time in more than 2-1/2 years in December. Inflation is subsiding as the Federal Reserve's fastest interest rate hiking cycle since the 1980s cools demand for goods. This could allow the U.S. central bank to further scale back the pace of its rate increases next month. The drop in December's PPI was attributable to a 1.6% decline in the prices of goods, caused by a 7.9% plunge in energy and a 1.2% drop in food prices, compared to a 0.1% increase in November. Conversely, services prices edged up 0.1% after rising 0.2% in November. Core producer prices, which excludes the volatile food, energy and trade services components, gained 0.1% in December versus a 0.3% advance in November. Similarly, in the 12 months through December, the core PPI rose 4.6% after increasing 4.9% in November.



# Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	19-Jan	18-Jan	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% $\Delta$
USD:JMD	156.02	154.20	1.18%	2.61%
GBP:JMD	213.25	187.27	13.87%	17.11%
CAD:JMD	126.73	115.22	9.99%	16.81%

<sup>\*</sup>Using Midday Rates

#### Caribbean & Latam

Latin American stocks and currencies fell on Thursday as recession fears dented sentiment, while Turkey's lira showed little reaction to a central bank decision to hold the key interest rate unchanged.

### USA & Canada

 The S&P 500 fell Thursday, weighed down by disappointing quarterly results and rising Treasury yields after data pointing to a still-hot labor market is expected to keep the Federal Reserve on a hawkish path.

#### **Europe**

 European stocks closed sharply lower on Thursday, weighed down by weak U.S. economic data and hawkish comments from Fed officials.

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

Asian stock markets are trading mostly weak on Thursday, following the broadly negative cues from Wall Street overnight, on renewed concerns over the outlook for interest rates and recession fear as disappointing US data showed a more than expected drop in retail sales and industrial production.

# **Local Equity Market**

Stock Index	Today's close	<b>DoD</b> Δ	DoD% ∆	YTD % ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ
JSE Combined Index	354,438.51	-1,992.86	-0.56%	-3.84%	-11.28%
JSE Index	340,945.48	-1,426.90	-0.42%	-4.20%	-13.38%
All Jamaican Composite Index	386,984.31	-1,548.29	-0.40%	-3.99%	-11.13%
JSE Select Index	8,511.83	-12.62	-0.15%	-4.32%	-13.15%
Junior Market Index	3,963.89	-72.07	-1.79%	-0.57%	13.17%

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS							
	ADVANCERS			DECLINERS			
EPLY	11.30%		CHL	-11.14%			
KLE	11.11%		SML	-10.42%			
KEY	8.70%		LAB	-8.37%	<b>~</b>		

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **97** stocks, of which **26** advanced, **60** declined and **11** traded firm.

#### **International Markets**

l.	In	ternation	nal Currenc	y Market					
Index	19-Jan	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ	Currency	19-Jan	DoD % ∆	YTD% ∆	<b>ΥοΥ</b> % Δ
S&P 500	3,898.92	-0.76%	-18.20%	-13.98%	EUR: USD	1.0829	0.32%	-4.76%	-4.53%
Dow Jones	33,044.56	-0.76%	-9.06%	-5.66%	CDD LICD	1.24	0.330/	0.450/	0.000/
FTSE All Share	4,234.86	-1.13%	0.64%	-0.91%	GBP: USD	1.24	0.33%	-8.45%	-8.98%
Euro Stoxx 50	4,094.28	-1.92%	-4.75%	-4.08%	USD: CAD	1.35	-0.20%	6.56%	7.60%
Nikkei 225	26,405.23	-1.44%	-8.29%	-3.87%	USD: IPY	128.40	-0.39%	11.57%	12.31%
MSCI World Index	628.82	-0.74%	-16.69%	-13.59%					

Global Interest Rates					Cor	nmodities			
Rates	19-Jan	DoD ∆bps	YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps	Commodity	I 9-Jan	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% ∆	<b>ΥοΥ</b> % Δ
10 -Year US Treasury Bond	3.39%	2.00	188.00	153.00	Crude Oil	80.38	1.13%	6.87%	-7.57%
	3.28%	-3.00	231.00	202.00	Gold	1,932.54	1.49%	5.65%	5.00%
10-Year UK Gilt					Silver	23.86	1.69%	2.37%	-1.15%
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	6.46%	3.00	242.00	234.00	Aluminium	2,587.50	-1.91%	-7.84%	-15.18%

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 Price	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)
Global Diversified Income	J\$12.9328	-7.97%	-0.12%	2.75%
Global Equity	J\$14.3514	-6.41%	-1.58%	0.00%
Global Fixed Income	J\$13.8629	4.48%	0.58%	5.96%
Global Money Market (US\$)	US\$11.4132	3.70%	0.15%	4.20%
Global Fixed Income (US\$)	US\$11.4818	1.23%	0.35%	4.15%
Local Money Market	J\$12.1607	4.59%	0.72%	6.82%

	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Market Fund	Global Fixed Income Funds	Global Diversified Income Fund	Global Equity Fund
Objective	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.		
Strategy	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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