

Annual US Producer Prices Index Increased 10% in February

According to the United States (US) Bureau of Labor Statistics, the US Producer Price Index (PPI) rose by 0.8 percent month-over-month in February 2022, which was lower than January's increase of 1.2 percent and slightly lower than market expectations for a 0.9 percent rise. The Producer Price Index (PPI) measures average prices received by producers of goods and services domestically produced. February's PPI increase was largely due to a 2.4 percent increase in the cost of final demand goods. Meanwhile, the index for final demand services was unchanged. For the month-over=month, prices for final demand less foods, energy, and trade services rose 0.2 percent in February following a 0.8 percent increase in January. On an unadjusted basis, final demand prices increased 10 percent for the 12 months ending in February which was in line with market expectations. Notably, for the 12 months ending in February, the index for final demand less foods, energy, and trade services rose by 6.6 percent.

The elevated geopolitical tensions, rising COVID-19 cases in China, and uncertainty of COVID-19 are likely to continue to disrupt global supply chains. Further disruption could continue to fuel inflationary pressures in production over the short term due to higher costs for commodities and gasoline. As a result, it anticipated that for the period ahead higher prices from imported goods and locally made products prices will continue to filter through to the US consumers which could and keep inflation elevated.



Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	15-Mar	14-Mar	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	153.45	153.48	-0.02%	-1.05%
GBP:JMD	201.65	202.81	-0.57%	-4.0%
CAD:JMD	120.15	120.01	0.11%	-2.1%

Caribbean & Latam

 Latin American currencies and stocks fell on Tuesday as rising COVID-19 cases in China and angst over the U.S. Federal Reserve raising interest rates this week dampened risk appetite in the face of the Russian assault on Ukraine.

USA & Canada

 The three main Wall Street stock indexes rose on Tuesday, a day before an expected interest rate hike by the U.S. Federal Reserve, while oil prices dropped 5% on hopes of an end to the conflict in Ukraine.

Europe

 European stock markets fell on Tuesday, with commoditylinked shares hit by concerns about surging coronavirus cases in China, while nerves ahead of a U.S. Federal Reserve meeting this week added to the gloom.

<u>Asia</u>

Asian stocks were in the red on Tuesday as surging COVID-19
cases in China hit the confidence of investors who are already
worried about the Ukraine war and the first U.S. interest rate
rise in three years that could come this week.

Local Equity Market

Stock Index	Today's close	DoD Δ	DoD% Δ	YTD % ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ
JSE Combined Index	397,355.68	-3,528.93	-0.88%	-0.94%	0.42%
JSE Index	386,530.81	-3,408.49	-0.87%	-2.43%	-2.38%
All Jamaican Composite Index	434,185.95	-4,236.02	-0.97%	-0.95%	-0.02%
JSE Select Index	9,907.65	-91.60	-0.92%	0.25%	0.55%
Junior Market Index	3,995.43	-38.05	-0.94%	16.54%	36.88%

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS						
ADVANCERS DECLINERS						
LEARN	32.00%		CHL	-21.32%		
JFP	28.13%		MPCCEL	-15.96%		
JETCON	11.11%		LUMBER	-14.39%	4	

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **88** stocks, of which **30** advanced, **49** declined and **9** traded firm.

International Markets

International Equity Markets						
Index	15-Mar	$\mathbf{DoD}~\%~\Delta$	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ		
S&P 500	4,262.45	2.14%	-10.57%	7.40%		
Dow Jones	33,544.34	1.82%	-7.69%	1.79%		
FTSE All Share	3,999.12	-0.39%	-4.96%	3.96%		
Euro Stoxx 50	3,738.11	-0.08%	-13.04%	-2.40%		
Nikkei 225	25,346.48	0.15%	-7.64%	-14.85%		
MSCI World Index	664.83	0.94%	-11.92%	-1.80%		
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Global Interest Rates							
Rates	15-Mar	DoD ∆bps	YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps			
10 -Year US Treasury Bond	2.15%	1.43	63.72	54.18			
10-Year UK Gilt	1.58%	-1.80	60.50	77.80	-		
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	5.25%	-0.60	179.70	163.80			

International Currency Market						
Currency	15-Mar	DoD % Δ	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ % Δ		
EUR: USD	1.0946	0.05%	-3.73%	-8.24%		
GBP: USD	1.30	0.30%	-3.63%	-6.18%		
USD: CAD	1.28	-0.41%	1.06%	2.40%		
USD: JPY	118.31	0.10%	2.81%	8.41%		

Commodities							
Commodity	15-Mar	DoD % Δ	$\mathbf{YTD\%}\ \Delta$	YoY% Δ			
Crude Oil	94.78	-7.99 %	26.02%	44.95%			
Gold	1,915.70	-1.80%	4.73%	10.63%			
Silver	24.87	-0.72%	6.68%	-5.24%			
Aluminium	3,277.50	-1.27%	16.74%	47.77%			

Sources: Bloomberg, Reuters, Jamaica Stock Exchange, Bank of Jamaica, Jamaica Observer, Jamaica Gleaner, Nasdaq, Investing.com



JN MUTUAL FUNDS



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JN Muti	ual Funds	NAV Pri	ce	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)
Global Diversified Income		e J\$14.004	46	-0.07%	-1.01%	1.24%
Global	Equity	J\$15.143	31	-1.10%	-3.61%	0.00%
Global	Fixed Income	J\$13.210	01	3.00%	-0.43%	3.96%
Global	Money Market (U	S\$) US\$11.01	151	3.13%	0.25%	2.58%
Global	Fixed Income (US	\$) US\$11.26	699	3.14%	-0.63%	2.30%
Local Money Market		J\$11.540	80	3.41%	-0.38%	4.39%
	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Market Fund	Glob	al 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	returr incom throug (i) A J	hieve an attractive total n through capital injection and ne growth. This is offered gh two separate Funds: amaican 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 capita 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 s	vest in regional, sovereign securities, local and national corporate bonds.	To invest in fixed income, high dividend yielding stock REITs and structured produ	

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