

Jamaica's Point -to- Point Inflation Higher at 10.7% in February 2022

According to the Statistical Institute of Jamaica (STATIN), the All-Jamaica Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased by 0.8% in the month of February 2022, marking the seventh consecutive month of inflation above the Bank of Jamaica's (BOJ) target. This spike in inflation was mainly due to the 1.3% jump in the index for the heaviest weighted division 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages' due to higher prices for chicken and some agricultural produce. The 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' and the 'Transport' divisions also contributed to the upward movement in the inflation rate, increasing by 0.9% each. As of February 2022, the fiscal year-to-date, and point-to-point inflation rates were 10.1% and 10.7%, respectively. Notably, the point-to-point inflation rate was influenced by increases in the following divisions: 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages' (12.8%), 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' (10.4%) and Transport' (14.2%). At the central bank's last meeting held in February the BOJ

increased its policy rate from 2.5% to 4.0% as it pursued a stronger measure to contain the Jamaican dollar liquidity and take pressure off inflation. Going forward, the risk to inflation remaining elevated above the BOJ's 4%-6% range, looks skewed to the upside, with the Russia/Ukraine conflict the main driver for higher prices. The BOJ will hold its Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting on Tuesday, March 29, 2022, and at this time should provide further insights into their monetary policy action with regards to taking steps to further control inflation.



Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	16-Mar	15-Mar	DoD % ∆	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	153.63	153.45	0.12%	-0.94%
GBP:JMD	200.95	201.65	-0.35%	-4.4%
CAD:JMD	120.28	120.15	0.11%	-2.0%

Caribbean & Latam

 Most Latin American currencies bounced against a weaker dollar on Wednesday as market sentiment was boosted by Chinese stimulus hopes and continued peace talks between Ukraine and Russia, though traders remained on edge ahead of what is likely to be the first U.S. interest rate hike in three years.

USA & Canada

 After showing a strong move to the upside in early trading on Wednesday, stocks saw substantial volatility following the Federal Reserve's monetary policy announcement. The major averages initially pulled back sharply in reaction to the Fed announcement but rallied strongly going into the close.

Europe

 European stocks closed on a buoyant note on Wednesday as investors indulged in hectic buying across the board amid hopes of progress in Russia-Ukraine peace talks, and on news about the Chinese government's promise to roll out more economic stimulus to boost growth.

<u>Asia</u>

 An afternoon surge in Chinese equities lifted a broad gauge of Asian shares on Wednesday on rising hopes Beijing will roll out more economic stimulus, while investors continued to watch Ukraine-Russia peace talks and the U.S. Federal Reserve

Local Equity Market

Stock Index	Today's close	DoD Δ	DoD% Δ	YTD % ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ
JSE Combined Index	396,342.17	-1,013.51	-0.26%	-1.19%	-0.24%
JSE Index	385,372.01	-1,158.80	-0.30%	-2.72%	-3.18%
All Jamaican Composite Index	432,406.50	-1,779.45	-0.41%	-1.35%	-0.96%
JSE Select Index	9,852.35	-55.30	-0.56%	-0.31%	-0.15%
Junior Market Index	4,003.47	8.04	0.20%	16.78%	38.36%

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS						
	ADVANCERS			DECLINERS		
LEARN	32.58%		EFRESH	-13.22%		
JFP	15.85%		KEY	-8.72%		
SILUS	15.00%		LUMBER	-7.37%	-	

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of 95 stocks, of which 45 advanced, 41 declined and 9 traded firm.

International Markets

International Equity Markets						
Index	16-Mar	DoD % Δ	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ		
S&P 500	4,357.86	2.24%	-8.57%	9.97%		
Dow Jones	34,063.10	1.55%	-6.26%	3.77%		
FTSE All Share	4,074.09	1.87%	-3.18%	5.01%		
Euro Stoxx 50	3,889.69	4.05%	-9.51%	1.01%		
Nikkei 225	25,762.01	1.64%	-6.13%	-13.90%		
MSCI World Index	683.99	2.88%	-9.38%	0.89%		
	Global In	nterest Rat	es			

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Global Interest Rates							
Rates	16-Mar	DoD ∆bps	YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps	C		
10 -Year US Treasury Bond	2.17%	2.51	65.87	55.09	C		
10-Year UK Gilt	1.63%	5.40	65.90	84.50	C		
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GOJ 2025 Global Bond	5.19%	-6.00	173.70	151.30	Δ		

International Currency Market							
Currency	16-Mar	DoD % Δ	YTD% ∆	YoY % ∆			
EUR: USD	1.1035	0.72%	-2.95%	-7.29%			
GBP: USD	1.31	0.79%	-2.86%	-5.37%			
USD: CAD	1.27	-0.58%	0.43%	1.95%			
USD: JPY	118.73	0.36%	3.17%	8.93%			

Commodities							
Commodity	16-Mar	$\mathbf{DoD} \% \Delta$	$\mathbf{YTD\%}\ \Delta$	YoY% Δ			
Crude Oil	94.93	-1.57%	26.22%	46.50%			
Gold	1,925.95	0.42%	5.29%	11.24%			
Silver	25.07	0.72%	7.57%	-3.33%			
Aluminium	3,258.50	-0.58%	16.06%	47.95%			

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 Incom	e J\$14.000)5	0.00%	-1.04%	1.24%
Global	Equity	J\$15.119	93	-1.16%	-3.76%	0.00%
Global	Fixed Income	J\$13.207	70	2.98%	-0.46%	3.96%
Global	Money Market (U	S\$) US\$11.01	58	3.13%	0.26%	2.58%
Global Fixed Income (US\$)		\$) US\$11.28	326	3.70%	-0.52%	2.30%
Local Money Market		J\$11.537	J\$11.5372		-0.41%	4.39%
	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Market Fund	Glob	oal 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	retur incon throu (i) A	chieve an attractive total n through capital injection and ne growth. This is offered ugh two separate Funds: Jamaican 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 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	ivest 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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