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Eurozone's Annual Inflation Above Expectations in February

According to the European Statistics Office (Eurostat), the Eurozone's annual inflation rose to 5.9% in February 2022 up from 5.1% recorded in January 2022. February's inflation was slightly above market expectations for inflation to increase to 5.8% and is well above the European Central Bank (ECB) inflation target rate of 2%. The increase in the region's inflation was primarily driven by higher prices for energy up by 32%, food, alcohol & tobacco up by 4.2%, non-energy industrial goods up by 3.1%, and services advancing by 2.5%. Core inflation, which excludes more volatile factors such as energy, food, alcohol, and tobacco costs, was 2.7% in February, up from 2.3% in January.

In light of the ongoing Russian/Ukraine, conflict which will likely keep energy and other commodity prices elevated in the ensuing periods, inflation will likely remain elevated for longer than initially expected in the region. This, as well as the fact that supply chains are already tight, may influence the ECB decision to raise rates at their next meeting. At its last monetary policy meeting on March 10, 2022, the ECB indicated that inflation is likely to close the year at 5.1% before falling to 2.1% in 2023.



Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	21-Mar	18-Mar	DoD % A	YTD% Δ	
USD:JMD	153.61	153.57	0.03%	- 0.95 %	
GBP:JMD	200.79	201.46	-0.34%	-4.5%	
CAD:JMD	122.04	121.71	0.27%	-0.6%	

Caribbean & Latam

 Commodity-rich Latin America's currencies climbed on Monday, led by Brazil's real, as investors assessed the economic fallout of the war in Ukraine, which also sparked an almost 14% slide in the Egyptian pound.

USA & Canada

U.S. Treasury yields jumped on Monday after Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell indicated the U.S. central bank would raise interest rates by bigger-than-usual amounts if it felt such moves were needed to bring down inflation that was running "much too high."

Europe

 European shares inched higher on Monday, helped by gains in energy stocks as oil prices resumed their surge, while continued fighting in Ukraine kept broader risk sentiment in check.

<u>Asia</u>

 Emerging Asian currencies weakened against the U.S. dollar on Monday while most stock markets slipped, as traders weighed the economic fallout from an intensifying Russia-Ukraine conflict.

Local Equity Market								
Stock Index	Today's close	DoD Δ	DoD% Δ	YTD % Δ	ΥοΥ% Δ			
JSE Combined Index	398,338.57	2,519.74	0.64%	-0.70%	0.98%			
JSE Index	387,410.06	3,059.12	0.80%	-2.21%	-1.81%			
All Jamaican Composite Index	434,295.40	5,036.59	1.17%	-0.92%	0.35%			
JSE Select Index	9,909.47	126.52	I.29%	0.27%	1.12%			
Junior Market Index	4,013.42	-38.77	-0.96%	17.07%	37.25%			

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS									
	ADVANCERS								
MEEG	18.81%		FOSRICH	-13.76%					
LEARN	17.70%		KPREIT	-9.58%					
MIL	I 4.96%		LASF	-8.55%					

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **94** stocks, of which **43** advanced, **40** declined and **11** traded firm.

International Markets

Ir	nterna	tional l	Equity Mar	kets		Int	ernation	al Currency	y Market	
Index	21-	Mar	DoD % 🛆	YTD% 🛆	ΥοΥ% Δ	Currency	21-Mar	DoD % A	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ
S&P 500	4,46	51.18	-0.04%	-6.40%	14.01%	,				
Dow Jones	34,5	52.99	-0.58%	- 4.9 1%	5.90%	EUR: USD	1.1015	-0.33%	-3.12%	-7.47%
FTSE All Share	4,14	18.21	0.31%	-1.42%	8.45%	GBP: USD	1.32	-0.09%	-2.70 %	-5.09%
Euro Stoxx 50	3,88	81.80	-0.53%	-9.69%	1.17%	USD: CAD	1.26	-0.06%	-0.33%	0.76%
Nikkei 225	26,8	27.43	0.00%	-2.25%	-9.95%	USD: IPY	119.49	0.27%	3.83%	9.74%
MSCI World Index	700	0.82	- 0.09 %	-7.16%	4.38%		117.47	0.27%	3.03%	7.74%
Global Interest Rates						Commodities				
Rates		21-Mar	• DoD Abp	s YTD ∆bps	S YoY ∆bps	Commodity	21-Mar	DoD % Δ	YTD% (YoY% .
10 -Year US Treasury	Bond	2.30%	14.75	78.68	57.59	Crude Oil	112.5	7.45%	49.58%	83.17%
10-Year UK Gilt		I.64%	14.10	66.70	80.00	Gold	1,935.11	0.70%	5.79%	10.88%
TU-TEAT OK GIL						Silver	25.19	0.92%	8.09 %	-4.01%
GOJ 2025 Global Bon	nd	5.19%	-1.30	174.00	151.00	Aluminium	3,521.00	4.14%	25.41%	55.42%

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



JN MUTUAL FUNDS

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JN Mutu	NAV Pri	ce	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)		
Global	e J\$14.04	17	0.26%	-0.75%	1.24%		
Global	J\$15.23	25	-0.21%	-3.04%	0.00%		
Global	J\$13.21	51	3.04%	-0.40%	3.96%		
Global	S\$) US\$11.0	178	3.11%	0.27%	2.58%		
Global	Fixed Income (US	(\$) US\$11.29	905	3.99%	-0.45%	2.30%	
Local M	J\$11.5 3	91	3.38%	-0.39%	4.39%		
	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Market Fund	Global 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	To achieve an attractive total return through capital injection and income growth. This is offered through two separate Funds: (i) A Jamaican dollar (J\$) and (ii) A 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 securities, local and		To invest in fixed income, high dividend yielding stocks REITs and structured produc		

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