

## US Annual House Price Growth Slows Further in January

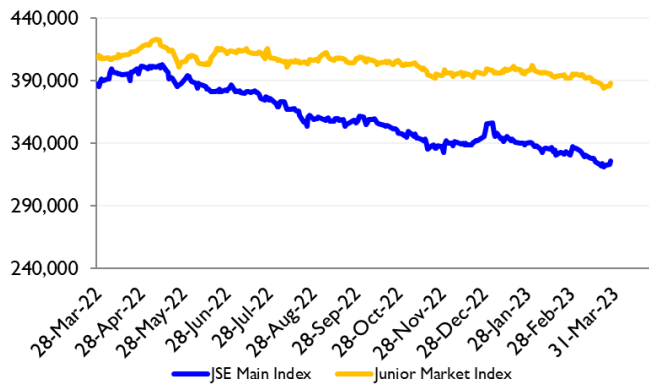
US single-family home prices moderated further on an annual basis in January, which together with declining mortgage rates could pull buyers back into the housing market. The S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller national home price index, covering all nine US census divisions, increased 3.8% year-on-year in January, data showed on Tuesday, marking the ninth straight month of deceleration of annual home price gains. That followed a 5.6% advance in December. The moderate rise also reflected last year's large increase dropping out of the calculation. Monthly prices fell 0.2% in January after adjusting for seasonal fluctuations.

The housing market has been squeezed by the Federal Reserve's aggressive interest rate hikes to tame high inflation, with residential investment contracting for seven straight quarters, the longest such streak since the collapse of the housing bubble triggered by the 2007-2009 Great Recession. But mortgage rates have resumed their downward trend, with the Fed last week indicating it was on the verge of pausing further increases in borrowing costs after the collapse of two regional banks caused financial market stress.

Annual house price growth remained strong in the Southeast, with double-digit gains in Miami and Tampa. Solid price increases were also recorded in Atlanta and Charlotte. The South experienced an influx of population, as companies offered workers the flexibility to work anywhere during the COVID-19 pandemic. House prices continued to decline in the West. Annual house prices fell in the cities of San Diego, Portland, San Francisco and Seattle. The region experienced rapid house price increases in prior years. The cooling in overall house price inflation was reinforced by a separate report from the Federal Housing Finance Agency on Tuesday showing home prices climbed 5.3% in the 12 months through January after rising 6.7% in December. House prices rose 0.2% month-on-month after dipping 0.1% in December.

Source: Reuters

### Local Market Indices



### Foreign Exchange Market

| Currency | 28-Mar | 27-Mar | DoD % Δ | YTD % Δ |
|----------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| USD:JMD  | 151.88 | 151.65 | 0.15%   | -0.11%  |
| GBP:JMD  | 186.74 | 183.94 | 1.52%   | 2.55%   |
| CAD:JMD  | 111.36 | 110.98 | 0.34%   | 2.64%   |

### Caribbean & Latam

- Latin American currencies rose as the dollar weakened on Tuesday after fears of an imminent banking crisis ebbed, while Hungary's forint jumped as its central bank held rates steady and said a cut was not on the cards.

### USA & Canada

- U.S. stocks ended slightly lower on Tuesday as investors weighed comments from a top U.S. regulator on struggling banks and sold shares of technology-related names after their recent strong run.

### Europe

- The Eurozone economy picked up further in March as a strong service sector compensated for ongoing weakness in manufacturing.

### Asia

- China spent \$240 billion bailing out 22 developing countries between 2008 and 2021, with the amount soaring in recent years as more have struggled to repay loans spent building "Belt and Road" infrastructure, a study published on Tuesday showed.

### Local Equity Market

| Stock Index                  | Today's close | DoD Δ    | DoD% Δ | YTD % Δ | YoY% Δ  |
|------------------------------|---------------|----------|--------|---------|---------|
| JSE Combined Index           | 337,774.41    | 2,733.45 | 0.82%  | -8.36%  | -15.31% |
| JSE Index                    | 325,746.49    | 2,546.17 | 0.79%  | -8.47%  | -15.53% |
| All Jamaican Composite Index | 365,236.19    | 40.23    | 0.01%  | -9.39%  | -15.98% |
| JSE Select Index             | 7,963.32      | 35.47    | 0.45%  | -10.49% | -19.54% |
| Junior Market Index          | 3,694.36      | 38.90    | 1.06%  | -7.33%  | -13.18% |

### BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS

| ADVANCERS |        | DECLINERS |        |
|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|
| AMG       | 16.92% | MJE       | -8.73% |
| KLE       | 15.65% | PTL       | -7.33% |
| PJX       | 15.00% | FOSRICH   | -6.43% |

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **94** stocks, of which **49** advanced, **33** declined and **12** traded firm.

### International Markets

| International Equity Markets |           |         |         |         | International Currency Market |        |         |         |         |
|------------------------------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|-------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| Index                        | 28-Mar    | DoD % Δ | YTD % Δ | YoY % Δ | Currency                      | 28-Mar | DoD % Δ | YTD % Δ | YoY % Δ |
| S&P 500                      | 3,971.27  | -0.16%  | -16.68% | -13.21% | EUR: USD                      | 1.0845 | 0.44%   | -4.62%  | -1.27%  |
| Dow Jones                    | 32,394.25 | -0.12%  | -10.85% | -7.33%  | GBP: USD                      | 1.23   | 0.45%   | -8.79%  | -5.70%  |
| FTSE All Share               | 4,072.46  | 0.03%   | -3.22%  | -2.21%  | USD: CAD                      | 1.36   | -0.44%  | 7.63%   | 8.65%   |
| Euro Stoxx 50                | 4,168.21  | 0.09%   | -3.03%  | 7.23%   | USD: JPY                      | 130.89 | -0.52%  | 13.74%  | 5.68%   |
| Nikkei 225                   | 27,518.25 | 0.15%   | -4.42%  | -1.52%  |                               |        |         |         |         |
| MSCI World Index             | 627.48    | 0.15%   | -16.87% | -11.89% |                               |        |         |         |         |

| Global Interest Rates     |        |          |          |          | Commodities |          |         |         |         |
|---------------------------|--------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|---------|---------|---------|
| Rates                     | 28-Mar | DoD Δbps | YTD Δbps | YoY Δbps | Commodity   | 28-Mar   | DoD % Δ | YTD % Δ | YoY % Δ |
| 10 -Year US Treasury Bond | 3.57%  | 4.00     | 206.00   | 111.00   | Crude Oil   | 73.2     | 0.54%   | -2.67%  | -30.92% |
| 10-Year UK Gilt           | 3.46%  | 9.00     | 249.00   | 184.00   | Gold        | 1,973.54 | 0.86%   | 7.89%   | 2.64%   |
| GOJ 2025 Global Bond      | 6.78%  | 3.00     | 274.00   | 145.00   | Silver      | 23.33    | 1.10%   | 0.11%   | -6.20%  |
|                           |        |          |          |          | Aluminium   | 2,389.00 | 1.08%   | -14.91% | -33.90% |



# Mutual Funds



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## JN MUTUAL FUNDS

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| JN Mutual Funds                   | NAV Price   | 12 Months Growth Rate | YTD Growth Rate | Yield (Estimated Yearly Income) |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Global Diversified Income</b>  | J\$12.8167  | -9.35%                | -1.02%          | 3.01%                           |
| <b>Global Equity</b>              | J\$13.8360  | -9.80%                | -5.11%          | 0.00%                           |
| <b>Global Fixed Income</b>        | J\$14.0948  | 5.46%                 | 2.26%           | 5.95%                           |
| <b>Global Money Market (US\$)</b> | US\$11.5019 | 4.36%                 | 0.93%           | 4.12%                           |
| <b>Global Fixed Income (US\$)</b> | US\$11.5475 | 2.38%                 | 0.93%           | 4.40%                           |
| <b>Local Money Market</b>         | J\$12.3136  | 6.07%                 | 1.99%           | 6.87%                           |

|                  | Global Money Market Fund  | Local Money Market Fund   | Global Fixed Income Funds  | Global Diversified Income Fund   | Global Equity Fund   |
|------------------|---|---|--|--|--|
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