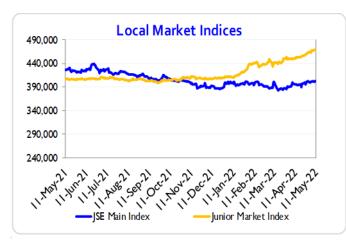


US Annual Inflation Slows in April

The United States (US) Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) today, reported that inflation increased by 0.3% month-over-month in April 2022 and 8.3%, when compared to the same month a year before. April's drop marks the first decline in the annual inflation rate since August 2021, but the out turn was still slightly higher than expectation. The monthly change in the inflation rate was largely attributable to increase shelter, food, airline fares and new vehicles. Core inflation which excludes food and energy increased by 0.6% month-over-month in April and by 6.2% on an annual basis.

Inflation recorded in April declined slightly from the 40-year high, recorded in the previous month and could be early signs of inflation peaking. However, as April's inflation is still more than triple the Federal Reserves' long-term target of approximately 2%, and the outlook for inflation in 2022 remains skewed towards the higher end, the central bank is unlikely to adjust its current path of tightening monetary policy. With the Russian-Ukraine conflict putting pressure on energy and food prices and renewed COVID- 19 related lockdowns imposed in China threatening to exacerbate the supply chain issues, it's unlikely that the pace of inflation will slow significantly until these are resolved. As a result, we anticipate that prices will remain elevated in the short-term and force the Fed to raise rates at its upcoming Fed meeting in June.



Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	I I-May	10-May	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	156.31	156.10	0.13%	0.79%
GBP:JMD	192.49	193.73	-0.64%	-8.4%
CAD:JMD	120.10	122.13	-1.67%	-2.2%

Caribbean & Latam

 Latin American currencies gained on Wednesday, with Mexico's peso jumping ahead of a central bank decision on Thursday, while Brazil's real rose after a high inflation reading lifted bets of even more policy tightening.

USA & Canada

 Treasury yields fell on Wednesday after U.S. consumer price data showed the pace of inflation slowed in April, but not enough to ease concerns that the Federal Reserve's agenda to cool rising prices may induce a recession.

Europe

 European prompt power prices on Wednesday rose on more demand in the region where temperatures were seen easing again after reaching summer-like levels in recent days.

<u>Asia</u>

 Asian currencies were broadly higher on Wednesday as selling pressure was eased after U.S. bond yields dropped overnight, while Malaysia's ringgit fell ahead of an interest rate decision.

Local Equity Market

Stock Index	Today's close	DoD Δ	$\mathbf{DoD\%}\ \Delta$	YTD % Δ	ΥοΥ% Δ
JSE Combined Index	417,223.38	656.44	0.16%	3.85%	-2.20%
JSE Index	402,355.60	667.04	0.17%	1.40%	-5.41%
All Jamaican Composite Index	460,937.66	506.16	0.11%	5.04%	2.84%
JSE Select Index	10,559.86	44.72	0.43%	6.40%	5.77%
Junior Market Index	4,564.38	3.59	0.08%	33.03%	39.71%

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS						
ADVANCERS DECLINERS						
ISP	28.37%		PJX	-19.72%		
PAL	15.00%		CHL	-9.54%		
KLE	11.16%		LEARN	-8.76%		

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **97** stocks, of which **45** advanced, **41** declined and **11** traded firm.

International Markets

I I-May	DoD % ∧	2/11/20/	
	202 /0 4	YTD% ∆	YoY % ∆
3,932.60	-1.71%	-17.49%	-5.29%
31,834.11	-1.02%	-12.40%	-7.11%
4,058.67	1.41%	-3.55%	2.41%
3,647.87	2.62%	-15.13%	-7.56%
26,213.64	0.18%	-8.95%	-8.37%
618.51	-0.94%	-18.06%	-11.44%
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MSCI World Index	518.51	-0.94% -	18.06%	-11.44%			
Global Interest Rates							
Rates	I I-May	DoD ∆bps	YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps			
10 -Year US Treasury Bon	d 2.92%	-7.00	141.00	130.00			
10-Year UK Gilt	1.83%	-2.00	86.00	100.00			
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	5.64%	1.00	160.00	220.00			

International Currency Market						
Currency	II-May	DoD % Δ	YTD% ∆	YoY % ∆		
EUR: USD	1.0515	-0.13%	-7.52%	-13.44%		
GBP: USD	1.22	-0.58%	-9.52%	-13.42%		
USD: CAD	1.30	-0.24%	2.84%	7.39%		
USD: JPY	130.05	-0.31%	13.01%	19.73%		

Commodities						
Commodity	I I-May	DoD % Δ	$\mathbf{YTD}\%\ \Delta$	YoY% Δ		
Crude Oil	105.16	5.41%	39.82%	61.09%		
Gold	1,852.76	0.79%	1.29%	0.83%		
Silver	21.54	1.31%	-7.57%	-22.01%		
Aluminium	2,778.00	0.89%	-1.05%	10.19%		

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



JN MUTUAL FUNDS



May 10, 2022

JN Muti	ual Funds	NAV Pri	ce	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield Estimated Yearly Income)
Global	Diversified Incom	e J\$14.132	23	0.44%	-0.11%	1.30%
Global Equity		J\$15.547	72	-0.88%	-1.04%	0.00%
Global	Fixed Income	J\$13.462	27	4.03%	1.47%	3.76%
Global	Money Market (U	S\$) US\$11.08	350	3.09%	0.89%	2.62%
Global Fixed Income (US\$)		\$) US\$11.31	165	2.40%	-0.22%	2.25%
Local M	loney Market	J\$11.720	08	4.11%	1.18%	4.49%
	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 throu (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 stocks REITs and structured produc	

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