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# **Global Manufacturing Growth Slowed in April**

The JP Morgan Global Manufacturing Purchasing Managers Index (PMI), measuring global business activity in the manufacturing sector, fell to a reading of 52.2 in April 2022, down from the 52.9 reading that was recorded in the prior month. Notwithstanding, April's PMI reading signalled growth for 22 successive months. The slowdown in growth during April was mainly attributable to a sharp contraction of production in mainland China resulting from the tightening of COVID-19 restrictions implemented to contain the recent outbreak. Consequently, Global Manufacturing Output Index fell below 50 to 48.5, its first decline since June 2020. Additionally, new business for international trade declined for the second consecutive month with contraction in countries such as China, Germany, Japan and France.

While the global manufacturing PMI has seen 22 straight months of expansion, April's outturn was the weakest during that sequence, signalling a possible downturn in worldwide manufacturing production. When the Global Manufacturing Output Index is observed without the impact of China, the index showed an improvement from 53.1 to 53.2 and is evidence that closures in the world largest manufacturer, China, is starting to weigh on not only the Chinese supply chain but also the productivity of various countries globally. Given the widescale supply chain disruptions seen over the past couple months elevated inflation will remain in the short-term. However, we anticipate the COVID-19 relaxation in China and the cooling in geopolitical tensions could provide some level of ease for inflationary pressures around the globe.

## KPREIT Limited Extends APO Offer. New Closing Date: June 10, 2022



## Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	16-May	13-May	<b>DoD %</b> Δ	<b>YTD%</b> $\Delta$
USD:JMD	155.81	155.57	0.16%	0.47%
GBP:JMD	190.28	189.61	0.35%	- <b>9.4</b> %
CAD:JMD	120.64	120.34	0.25%	-1.7%

#### Caribbean & Latam

Mexico's peso inched higher on Monday as central bankers hinted at more interest rate hikes to control surging inflation, while most other Latin American currencies eked out gains with a cautious eye on the dollar's flirtation with two-decade highs.

#### USA & Canada

The dollar index lost ground on Monday, maintaining a weaker bias after a dismal result from the New York Fed's Empire State manufacturing survey reminded markets of the potential for U.S. economic weakness as investors prepare for Tuesday's retail sales and comments from Fed Chair Jerome Powell.

#### **Europe**

European stocks turned in a mixed performance with investors digesting the latest batch of economic data from the zone, and reacting to the downward revision in growth forecast for the EU countries.

#### <u>Asia</u>

Wheat importers in Asia were scrambling to find new sources of supply on Monday after India banned exports of the grain at the weekend in a bid to keep a lid on soaring domestic prices, trade sources told Reuters.

Local Equity Market									
Stock Index	Today's close	<b>DoD</b> $\Delta$	<b>DoD%</b> $\Delta$	<b>YTD %</b> $\Delta$	YoY% $\Delta$				
JSE Combined Index	411,621.92	-4,753.52	-1.14%	2.62%	- <b>4.19</b> %				
JSE Index	397,820.70	-4,768.63	-1.18%	0.42%	-7.05%				
All Jamaican Composite Index	456,537.42	-5,145.63	-1.11%	4.15%	1.07%				
JSE Select Index	10,417.61	-180.05	-1.70%	5.41%	3.49%				
Junior Market Index	4,411.70	-32.55	-0.73%	28.68%	32.82%				

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS							
	ADVANCERS		DECLINERS				
ISP	25.87%		CPFV	-11.71%			
PJX	23.41%		MPCCEL	-11.42%			
SOS	17.22%		MTLJA	-10.64%			

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **98** stocks, of which **34** advanced, **53** declined and **11** traded firm.

### **International Markets**

Ir	iterna	tional <b>E</b>	Equity Mar	kets		Int	ernation	al Currency	y Market	
Index	16-	May	DoD % A	YTD% 🛆	<b>ΥοΥ%</b> Δ	Currency	16-May	<b>DoD % A</b>	<b>YTD% Δ</b>	<b>ΥοΥ%</b> Λ
S&P 500	4,00	8.01	-0.39%	-15.91%	-3.97%	,	,			
Dow Jones	32,22	23.42	0.08%	-11.32%	-6.28%	EUR: USD	1.0434	0.21%	-8.23%	-14.06%
FTSE All Share	4,12	0.34	0.52%	-2.08%	2.70%	GBP: USD	1.23	0.49%	- <b>8.94</b> %	-12.59%
Euro Stoxx 50	3,68	5.34	-0.49%	-14.26%	-8.27%	USD: CAD	1.29	-0.57%	1.73%	6.20%
Nikkei 225	26,54	47.05	0.45%	-7.80%	-5.47%	USD: IPY	129.08	- <b>0.</b> 11%	12.17%	18.04%
MSCI World Index	628	3.36	-0.13%	-16.75%	-10.12%		127.00	-0.11/0	12.17/0	10.04%
	Glo	bal Int	erest Rate	S			C	ommoditie	5	
Rates		16-May		s YTD ∆bps	YoY Abps	Commodity	y I6-May	<b>DoD</b> % ∆	YTD% 🛆	<b>ΥοΥ%</b> Δ
10 -Year US Treasury	Bond	2.88%	-4.00	137.00	125.00	Crude Oil	114.07	3.24%	51.67%	74.50%
		1.73%	-1.00	76.00	87.00	Gold	1,822.47	0.59%	-0.37%	-1.14%
10-Year UK Gilt					Silver	21.60	2.31%	-7.32%	-21.22%	
GOJ 2025 Global Bon	d	5.62%	-1.00	158.00	208.00	Aluminium	2,832.00	I.58%	0.87%	I 4.98%

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



## **JN MUTUAL FUNDS**

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JN Mutual Funds		NAV Pri	rice 12 Months Growth Rate		YTD Growth Rate	Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)	
<b>Global Diversified Income</b>		e J\$I4.I2	63	0.27%	-0.15%	1.30%	
Global Equity		J\$15.52	06	-1. <mark>4</mark> 8%	-1.20%	0.00%	
Global Fixed Income		<b>J\$I</b> 3.46	74	4.11%	1.51%	3.76%	
Global Money Market (US\$)		<b>S\$)</b> US\$11.08	857	3.09%	0.89%	2.62%	
Global Fixed Income (US\$)		<b>\$)</b> US\$11.3	192	2.59%	-0.20%	2.25%	
Local Money Market		<b>J\$I I</b> .72	79	4.17%	1.24%	4.49%	
	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	viding Jamaican Dollar return		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	nvest in regional, sovereign securities, local and national corporate bonds.	To invest in fixed income, high dividend yielding stock: REITs and structured produc		

With a suite of six investment portfolios, each with a distinct financial profile, JN Mutual Funds offers a premium opportunity for investors to align their personal financial strategy with their goals, time horizons and risk profile.

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