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Bank of England Raise its Policy Rate to 1.0%

The Bank of England's (BoE) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) by majority vote on May 5, 2022, increased its bank rate by 0.25% to 1.0%. This rate increase marks the highest interest rate recorded since 2009. In the previous MPC meeting, the Committee had agreed to initiate a corporate bond sale programme which would aid in unwind-ing their stock of corporate bond purchases that stands at approximately £847 billion. The bond sale is said to commence in September 2022. The MPC indicated that the May's projections implied that some tightening in monetary policy was required to bring inflation back to the 2% target sustainably in the medium term.

This rate increase marks the fourth consecutive time the BoE has lifted rates to ward off excessive inflation trending at a 30-year high. The committee indicated that most of its policymakers believe that tighter monetary policy may still be appropriate in the coming months but expects a peak at about 10%. Notwithstanding the inflation expectations, the bank's Gross Domestic Product outlook for growth remains at 3.75% for this year. However over the longer term, 2023 and 2024, UK growth is projected to contract by 0.25% and grow by 0.25% respectively.



Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	5-May	4-May	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	155.69	155.70	0.00%	0.39%
GBP:JMD	192.17	195.79	-1.85%	-8.6 %
CAD:JMD	121.71	122.08	-0.31%	-0.9 %

Caribbean & Latam

 Colombia swapped internal public debt worth 2.6 trillion pesos (\$641 million) in April, the second such operation this year and part of an effort to reduce amortizations and improve the country's debt profile, its finance ministry said on Thursday.

USA & Canada

 Labor productivity in the U.S. showed a substantial pullback in the first quarter of 2022, according to a report released by the Labor Department on Thursday.

Europe

 European stocks closed lower on Thursday, weighed down by economic concerns after the Bank of England warned of recession risks, and tracking a sell-off in the U.S. market.

<u>Asia</u>

 Asian stocks rose broadly on Thursday after the U.S. Federal Reserve raised interest rates by 50 basis points, as widely expected, but struck a less hawkish tone than some had feared, saying inflation will "flatten out" over the coming months.

Local Equity Market								
Stock Index	Today's close	DoD Δ	DoD% Δ	YTD % Δ	ΥοΥ% Δ			
SE Combined Index	415,197.25	-248.15	-0.06%	3.57%	I.97%			
JSE Index	400,504.59	-920.97	-0.23%	1.33%	-0.90%			
All Jamaican Composite Index	458,389.92	-432.05	-0.09%	4.68%	3.12%			
ISE Select Index	10,405.24	-148.15	-1.40%	6.78%	6.97%			
Junior Market Index	4,531.37	69.16	1.55%	30.16%	38.29%			

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS							
	ADVANCERS		DECLINERS				
SEP	26.90%		CABROKERS	-9.09%			
KLE	16.16%		РЈХ	-8.33%			
SALF	11.23%		SILUS	-7.83%			

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **96** stocks, of which **50** advanced, **38** declined and **8** traded firm.

International Markets

In	terna	tional	Equity Mai	rkets		Int	ernation	al Currency	y Market	
Index	5-M	lay	DoD % A	YTD% Δ	ΥοΥ% Δ	Currency	5-May	DoD % A	ΥΤD% Δ	ΥοΥ% Δ
S&P 500	4,140	6.87	-3.56%	-12.99%	-0.50%		• · ·,			
Dow Jones	32,99	7.97	-3.12%	-9.19%	-3.60%	EUR: USD	1.0541	-0.76%	-7.29 %	-1 2.19 %
FTSE All Share	4,14	5.57	-0.01%	-1.48%	3.34%	GBP: USD	1.24	-2.17%	-8.68 %	-11.13%
Euro Stoxx 50	3,690	6.63	-0.76%	-14.00%	- 7.65 %	USD: CAD	1.28	0.71%	1.58%	4.65%
Nikkei 225	26,81	8.53	0.00%	-6.85 %	0.00%		120.10	0.049/	12 12%	10.20%
MSCI World Index	650	.08	-2.55%	-13.88%	-7.08%	USD: JPY	130.18	0.84%	13.12%	19.20%
Global Interest Rates						Commodities				
Rates		5-May	DoD ∆bp	os YTD Abps	S YoY ∆bp	s Commodity	y 5-May	DoD % ∆	YTD% (ΥοΥ% Δ
10 -Year US Treasury	Bond	3.04%	11.00	153.00	147.00	Crude Oil	108.48	0.62%	44.24%	65.29%
10-Year UK Gilt		1.96%	-1.00	99.00	114.00	Gold	1,877.79	-0.18%	2.66%	5.09%
TO-Tear OK GIIL						Silver	22.49	-2.11%	-3.49%	-15.08%
GOJ 2025 Global Bon	d	5.51%	3.00	147.00	212.00	Aluminium	2,916.00) -1.25 %	3.86%	19.29%

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



JN MUTUAL FUNDS

May 4, 2022

JN Mutual Funds		NAV Pri	ice	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate (Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)	
Global Diversified Income		e J\$14.23	62	1.04%	0.63%	1.30%	
Global	Equity	J\$15.64	11	-0.28%	-0.44%	0.00%	
Global	Fixed Income	J\$I 3.44	71	3.93%	1.35%	3.76%	
Global Money Market (US\$)		S\$) US\$11.03	795	3.10%	0.84%	2.62%	
Global Fixed Income (US\$)		\$) US\$11.3	133	2.55%	-0.25%	2.25%	
Local Money Market		J\$11.7 0	78	4.34%	I.06%	4.49%	
	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Market Fund	Glo	bal 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	retu inco thro (i) A	achieve an attractive total urn through capital injection and ome growth. This is offered ough two separate Funds: A Jamaican dollar (J\$) and 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	To invest in regional, sovereign debt securities, local and international corporate bonds.		To invest in fixed income, high dividend yielding stocks, REITs and structured produc		

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