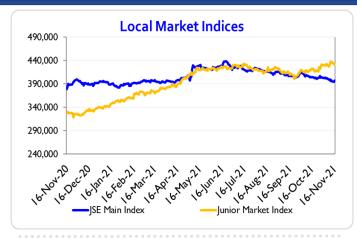


# Jamaica's Inflation Rate Remains Above the BOJ's Target Range in October

According to the Statistical Institute of Jamaica (STATIN), the All-Jamaica Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased by 1.0% in October 2021, following a 2.3% increase in September. The main driver of October's inflation was a 2.5% increase in the heavily weighted 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages' division due to higher agriculture produce prices. The 'Transport' division also contributed to the increase, with a 0.3% increase owing to higher petrol prices. However, the overall inflation rate was tempered by the 0.5% decline in the 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' division, due to improvements in the foreign exchange rate and a fall in fuel prices. These drivers moderated the rate increase granted to the Jamaica Public Service) by the Office of Utilities Regulation in October 2021. The calendar year-to-date, fiscal-year-to date and point-to-point inflation rates as of August 2021 were 8.2%, 7.7% and 8.5% respectively. Noteworthy, the point-to-point inflation rate was influenced by the movements in the three heavily weighted divisions: 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages', 'Transport' and 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' which increased by 11.8%, 13.5%, and 5.3%, respectively.

For the second month in a row, Jamaica's point-to-point inflation at 8.5% has surpassed the Bank of Jamaica's (BOJ) target range of 4% to 6%. As most of this increase is due to commodity and other input prices due to supply constraints as a result of COVID-19. It is anticipated that the elevated inflation could be transitory. Usually, central banks can see through transitory inflation. However, with COVID-19 still present, global supply chain disruptions are likely to continue over the short term, which mean inflation could be inflated for some time. Given that scenario, and with their single mandate of price stability, the BOJ has raised the rate by an additional 50 basis points today, November 16, 2021.

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## Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	16-Nov	I5-Nov	DoD % $\Delta$	<b>ΥΤΟ</b> % Δ
USD:JMD	156.39	156.30	0.06%	9.63%
GBP:JMD	207.78	210.87	-1.47%	7.3%
CAD:JMD	125.26	126.10	-0.66%	12.4%

#### Caribbean & Latam

The Turkish lira led declines among emerging market currencies on Tuesday against a strong dollar, while Chile's peso sank ahead of weekend elections and on sliding copper prices.

#### **USA & Canada**

 A public debate among Federal Reserve policymakers over how to respond to high inflation intensified on Tuesday, even as U.S. President Joe Biden neared a decision about who will lead the central bank for the next four years.

#### Europe

 Some European stock indexes extended their record rally on Tuesday, boosted by shares of Dutch technology investor Prosus and French luxury group Kering and lifted by optimism over easing in U.S.-China tensions.

### <u>Asia</u>

 China stocks rose on Tuesday as investors embraced positive signs in talks between U.S. President Joe Biden and Chinese leader Xi Jinping.

## **Local Equity Market**

Stock Index	Today's close	DoD $\Delta$	DoD% ∆	YTD % ∆	<b>YοY</b> % Δ
JSE Combined Index	402,080.51	2,351.69	0.59%	2.46%	6.95%
JSE Index	397,380.02	2,587.35	0.66%	0.45%	4.88%
All Jamaican Composite Index	439,283.18	1,731.22	0.40%	1.33%	5.77%
JSE Select Index	9,594.45	28.73	0.30%	-1.52%	2.95%
Junior Market Index	3,409.50	-4.84	-0.14%	28.98%	34.23%

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS							
	ADVANCERS			DECLINERS			
AMG	16.84%		tTech	-16.14%			
PTL	10.24%		138 <b>S</b> L	-10.67%			
CPFV	9.73%		CHL	-8.97%			

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of 87 stocks, of which 38 advanced, 39 declined and 10 traded firm.

### **International Markets**

	International Currency Market								
Index	I6-Nov	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ	Currency	I6-Nov	DoD % ∧	YTD% ∧	<b>YoY</b> % \
S&P 500	4,700.90	0.39%	25.15%	29.61%	Currency	10-1404	<b>DOD</b> /8 A		101/6 Δ
Dow Jones	36,142.22	0.15%	18.09%	20.67%	EUR: USD	1.132	-0.42%	-7.33%	-4.49%
FTSE All Share	4,184.79	-0.34%	13.91%	15.62%	GBP: USD	1.34	0.10%	-1.76%	1.75%
Euro Stoxx 50	4,401.49	0.35%	23.89%	26.98%	LICD CAD	1.24	0.740/	1.310/	3.050/
Nikkei 225	29,808.12	0.11%	8.61%	15.06%	USD: CAD	1.26	0.34%	-1.31%	-3.95%
MSCI World Index	758.86	0.18%	17.42%	23.67%	USD: JPY	114.82	0.61%	11.21%	9.79%

Glo	Commodities								
Rates	I6-Nov	DoD ∆bps	YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps	Commodity	I6-Nov	DoD % A	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ
10 -Year US Treasury Bond	1.63%	1.90	72.03	72.74	Crude Oil	80.76	-0.15%	66.45%	95.36%
10-Year UK Gilt	0.99%	0.99% 2.70	79.40	64.20	Gold	1,850.63	-0.66%	-2.51%	-2.03%
					Silver	24.83	-0.91%	-5.94%	0.26%
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	3.74%	-0.60	28.70	-29.00	Aluminium	2,574.50	-3.11%	30.06%	31.96%



# **JN MUTUAL FUNDS**

November 15, 2021



JN Mutual Funds		NAV Pri	ce	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)	
Global I	Diversified Income	J\$13.997	8	3.45%	1.13%	2.18%	
Global I	Equity	J\$15.597	<b>'</b> 3	8.40%	3.60%	0.00%	
Global I	ixed Income	J\$13.200	8	3.94%	4.30%	4.66%	
Global I	Money Market (US	<b>\$)</b> US\$10.94	17	3.58%	3.05%	2.42%	
Global Fixed Income (US\$)		) US\$11.29	US\$11.2966		2.57%	3.15%	
Local Money Market		J\$11.548	J\$11.5487		4.70%	4.13%	
	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	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 s	vest in regional, sovereign securities, local and national corporate bonds.	To invest in fixed income, high dividend yielding stocks 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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