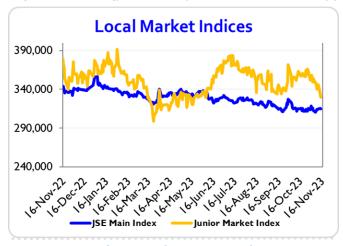


# Jamaica's Point-to-Point Inflation Decreases to 5.1% in October 2023

According to the Statistical Institute of Jamaica (STATIN), the All-Jamaica Consumer Price Index (CPI) recorded an increase of 0.8% for the month of October 2023. This movement in inflation was primarily driven by increases in the Index of the 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' division (up by 1.7%). This stemmed from higher rates for electricity, water, and sewage, which resulted in increases in the groups 'Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' (4.1%) and 'Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services related to the Dwelling' (1.2%). Also contributing to the increased monthly reading was a 0.7% rise in the heavily weighted 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages' division, mainly as a result of higher prices for some agricultural products, namely Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, and carrots. The Index for the 'Restaurants and Accommodation Service' division increased by 2.1%, and this stemmed from an increase in the 'Food and Beverage Serving Services' group. However, there was a 0.1% decline in the 'Transport' division due to lower petrol prices and this tempered the overall increase in the month's reading.

As of October 2023, the point-to-point inflation rate was 5.1%, influenced by advances in the following divisions: 'Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages' (up by 8.3%), 'Restaurants and Accommodations Services' (up by I3.1%) and 'Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance' (up by I0.8%). However, these increases were tempered by the decline in 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' (down by 3.5%). In October, the point-to-point inflation rate remained within the 4.0% - 6.0% target range, after falling within the target range in April and September. Although significantly higher food and energy costs remain potential sources of inflationary pressure, the overall trajectory is anticipated to show a decrease in inflation throughout 2023 and into 2024.



### Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	I6-Nov	I5-Nov	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% $\Delta$
USD:JMD	156.61	156.76	-0.10%	3.00%
GBP:JMD	194.90	194.46	0.23%	7.04%
CAD:JMD	114.69	114.93	-0.21%	5.72%

#### Caribbean & Latam

 Money shipped to Latin America and the Caribbean as remittances could hit a record \$156 billion this year, a 9.5% jump from the previous record, according to estimates released on Thursday by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB).

#### **USA & Canada**

 The Dow closed lower Thursday, paced by a slump in Walmart and worries about the economy following a wave of mostly weaker-than-expected economic data.

### **Europe**

 Europe's benchmark index dropped on Thursday, dragged by energy stocks, following a three-day run on optimism regarding a peak in policy tightening and eventual rate cuts.

#### **Asia**

 Asian stock markets struggled for momentum on Thursday, after heavy gains this week, as expectations for a pause in Fed policy tightening remained intact despite U.S. data pointing to strength in parts of the economy.

### **Local Equity Market**

Stock Index	Today's close	<b>DoD</b> Δ	DoD% ∆	YTD % ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ
JSE Combined Index	328,172.19	-426.94	-0.13%	-10.97%	-8.09%
JSE Index	315,274.10	335.47	0.11%	-11.41%	-8.27%
All Jamaican Composite Index	350,126.89	917.53	0.26%	-13.14%	-10.08%
JSE Select Index	8,036.18	55.62	0.70%	-9.67%	-8.11%
Junior Market Index	3,710.26	-84.47	-2.23%	-6.93%	-6.60%

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS						
	ADVANCERS			DECLINERS		
CBNY	29.31%	<b></b>	AMG	-21.60%		
PAL	20.75%		CHL	-14.29%		
LEARN	11.80%		KEY	-12.50%		

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **85** stocks, of which **38** advanced, **40** declined and **7** traded firm.

### **International Markets**

International Equity Markets				In	ternatior	nal Currenc	y Market		
Index	I6-Nov	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ	Currency	I6-Nov	DoD % ∆	YTD% ∆	<b>ΥοΥ</b> % Δ
S&P 500	4,508.24	0.12%	17.42%	13.88%	EUR: USD	1.0849	0.01%	1.35%	4.37%
Dow Jones	34,945.47	-0.13%	5.42%	4.15%	CDD LICD	1.24	0.040/	2.710/	4.170/
FTSE All Share	4,037.99	-1.11%	-0.91%	0.05%	GBP: USD	1.24	-0.04%	2.71%	4.17%
Euro Stoxx 50	4,302.45	-0.30%	13.41%	10.81%	USD: CAD	1.38	0.56%	1.52%	3.23%
Nikkei 225	33,424.41	-0.28%	16.09%	19.25%	USD: IPY	150.75	-0.40%	14.97%	8.06%
MSCI World Index	683.22	-0.14%	12.86%	10.81%	- <u> </u>				

Global Interest Rates						
Rates	16-Nov	DoD ∆bps	YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps		
10 -Year US Treasury Bond	4.44%	-9.00	57.00	75.00		
10-Year UK Gilt	4.15%	-8.00	48.00	100.00		
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	6.64%	4.00	260.00	18.00		

Commodities						
Commodity	I6-Nov	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% ∆	<b>ΥοΥ</b> % Δ		
Crude Oil	72.95	-4.84%	<b>-9.11%</b>	-14.77%		
Gold	1,981.04	1.08%	8.61%	11.68%		
Silver	23.73	1.24%	-0.92%	10.53%		
Aluminium	2,215.50	-0.76%	-6.83%	-8.15%		





## **JN MUTUAL FUNDS**

November 15, 2023

JN Mutual Funds	NAV Price	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)
Global Diversified Income	J\$13.2373	3.12%	2.23%	3.17%
Global Equity	J\$14.0593	-2.23%	-3.58%	0.00%
Global Fixed Income	J\$14.8539	8.14%	7.77%	7.24%
Global Money Market (US\$)	US\$11.4336	0.80%	0.33%	3.98%
Global Fixed Income (US\$)	US\$11.2760	-0.80%	-1.45%	5.18%
Local Money Market	J\$12.9333	7.63%	7.12%	7.56%

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	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Market Fund	Global Fixed Income Funds	Global Diversified Income Fund	Global Equity Fund
Objective	To preserve capital whilst	To preserve capital whilst	To achieve an attractive total	To provide long-term	To provide long-term capital
	providing US dollar (US\$)	providing Jamaican Dollar	return through capital injection and	investment growth through	growth and risk
	money market returns	(J\$) money market returns	income growth. This is offered	exposure to a diversified	diversification.
			through two separate Funds:	range of asset classes.	
			(i) A Jamaican dollar (J\$) and		
			(ii) A US dollar (US\$) fund.		
Strategy	To invest in local and global	To invest in local and global	To invest in regional, sovereign	To invest in fixed income,	To invest in the shares of
	money market instruments	money market instruments	debt securities, local and	high dividend yielding stocks,	local and international
	for safety, liquidity and	for safety and liquidity and	international corporate bonds.	REITs and structured products	companies which offer
	yield.	yield			strong growth possibilities
					and consistent income

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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