

Jamaica's Manufacturing PPI Rose by 22 per cent (YOY) in March

According to the Statistical Institute of Jamaica (STATIN), the Producer Price Index (PPI) for the Mining and Quarrying industry increased by 35.9 per cent year-over-year between March 2021 and March 2022, owing to growth in bauxite mining and alumina processing. The Manufacturing Index also climbed over the period, moving up by 22 per cent when compared with the same month in the previous year. Month-over-month, the Mining and Quarrying Index declined by 0.7 per cent while the PPI for the manufacturing industry rose by 2.4 per cent. The PPI tracks the average change in selling prices obtained by domestic goods and service producers over time. The month-over-month increase in mining and quarrying industry was primarily influenced by a 0.7 per cent rise in the index for the heavier weighted group for 'Bauxite Mining & Alumina Processing' and an increase in other major group, 'Other Mining & Quarrying', up by 0.2 per cent. Meanwhile, the increase in the manufacturing industry was driven by increase in the prices for 'Refined Petroleum Products', 'Wood and Wood Products and Furniture' and 'Food, Beverages, and Tobacco' up by 7.3, 0.9 and 1.4 per cent respectively.

The ongoing challenges with COVID-19, the Russian-Ukraine crisis and the supply chain issues, have resulted in increased volatility in the price of oil as well as other commodities and inflated prices. Jamaica's inflation rate which continues to trend significantly above the Bank of Jamaica's target range, could remain elevated in the short term, as manufacturers pass on increases to consumers if competitive forces permit.

Currency Markets

International Currency Market

Currency	29-Apr	22-Apr	DoD % Δ	WoW % Δ	YTD% Δ	YoY% Δ
EUR: USD	1.055	1.079	0.44%	-2.27%	-7.26%	-13.00%
GBP: USD	1.257	1.280	0.92%	-2.08%	-7.09%	-9.84%
USD: CAD	1.285	1.270	0.31%	1.09%	1.67%	4.60%
USD: JPY	129.890	128.500	-0.73%	1.08%	12.87%	19.24%

Local Foreign Currency Market

Currency	29-Apr	28-Apr	22-Apr	DoD % Δ	WoW % Δ	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	154.86	155.58	155.60	-0.46%	-0.48%	-0.15%
GBP:JMD	196.87	193.63	201.91	1.67%	-2.50%	-6.3%
CAD:JMD	129.58	121.64	124.54	6.53%	4.05%	5.6%

Global Interest Rates

Rates	29-Apr	22-Apr	DoD Δ bps	WoW Δ bps	YTD Δ bps	YoY Δ bps
10 Year US Treasury Bond	2.93%	2.90%	11.00	3.00	142.00	130.00
10 Year UK Gilt	1.91%	1.96%	3.00	-5.00	94.00	107.00
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	5.29%	5.24%	0.00	5.00	125.00	187.00
5 Year US Treasury Bond	2.96%	2.93%	12.00	3.00	170.00	210.00
5 Year UK Gilt	1.67%	1.76%	4.00	-9.00	85.00	128.00

Week in Review: Apr 25 – Apr 29, 2022

Local Equity Market

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS

ADVANCERS		DECLINERS	
1834	47.06%	SVL	-17.39%
EFRESH	40.00%	EPLY	-9.54%
JETCON	27.27%	LEARN	-8.26%

JSE Main Market activity (excluding preference shares) resulted from trading in 49 stocks of which 27 advanced, 17 declined and 5 traded firm. Market Volume (excluding preference shares) amounted to 60,326,884 units valued at over \$616,432,230. JSE Junior Market activity (excluding preference shares) resulted from trading in 44 stocks of which 21 advanced, 21 declined and 2 traded firm. Market volume (excluding preference shares) amounted to 94,487,912 units valued at over \$427,500,775.40.
















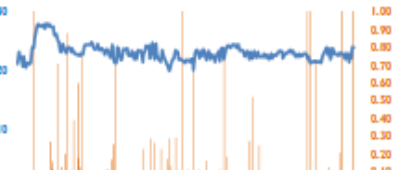
Global Equity Indices

Index	31-Dec	22-Apr	29-Apr	WoW % Δ	YTD% Δ	YoY% Δ
S&P 500	4,766.18	4,271.78	4,131.93	-3.27%	-13.31%	-1.89%
Euro Stoxx 50	4,298.41	3,840.01	3,802.86	-0.97%	-11.53%	-4.85%
MXWD Index	754.83	671.63	653.29	-2.73%	-13.45%	-7.74%
JSE Main Market Index	396,155.61	396,617.25	401,858.38	1.32%	1.44%	-1.19%
JSE Junior Market Index	3,428.30	4,325.15	4,451.62	2.92%	29.85%	39.01%
JSE Combined Index	401,130.23	409,726.67	415,756.52	1.47%	3.65%	1.74%

Upcoming Week: May 2 - May 6, 2022

Country	Report	Period	Forecast	Prior
US	Change in Nonfarm Payrolls	Apr	391,000	431,000
US	Initial Jobless Claims	30-Apr	180000	180000
US	FOMC Rate Decision	4-May	1.00%	0.50%
US	ISM Manufacturing	Apr	57.60	57.10
CA	Unemployment Rate	Apr	5.20%	5.30%
CA	S&P Global Canada	Apr	--	58.90
UK	Bank of England Bank Rate	5-May	1.00%	0.75%
JN	Tokyo CPI Ex-Fresh Food	Apr	1.80%	0.80%

LOCAL STOCK RECOMMENDATIONS

COMPANY NAME	PRICE MOVEMENTS	Js	STATISTICS	COMPANY VITALS	INDUSTRY VITALS	RATIONALE				
April 29, 2022										
Grace Kennedy Ltd (GK)	Current Price	\$108.25	EPS	\$8.23	ROE	11.54%	  	ROE	27.93%	<p>Despite elevated levels of geopolitical tensions and supply chain disruptions, we expect the GK's strong resilience to persist even as the company make significant changes to ensure its products and services are delivered to its customers across the various channels. These include ensuring its international supply chains remain strong, active, and efficient. Its recent agreement with Nestle is one such initiative that GK has implemented to improve its distribution as the Group moves closer to achieving its goal of creating a wider whosam in the global arena. We believe that GK is poised for further sustainable growth given its well diversified businesses across its two segments which will likely be boosted by inorganic growth from acquisitions. Grace Kennedy Limited has initiated its multi-year transformational strategy in which it seeks to achieve (i) sustainable efficiency, (ii) greater agility and (iii) revenue growth. To achieve these goals, the Group has made changes to its organizational and cost structure as well as its business processes which have so far resulted in an upswing in its margins and profitability, and which assure well for the Group's future.</p>
	52 Week High	\$115.00	BVPS	\$71.36	P/E	13.15		P/E	13.02	
53 Week Low	\$80.00	T12M Div.	\$1.96	P/B	1.52	P/B	4.25			
WoW %	3.20%	Div. Yield %	2.22%	BUY						
YTD %	8.23%									
Derrimon Trading Co Ltd (DTL)	Current Price	\$2.89	EPS	\$0.10	ROE	7.78%	  	ROE	17.13%	<p>Derrimon is vertically integrated whereby it manufactures and distributes through its own channels such as Sampars and its Select grocers retail outlets. Over the last five years the company has gone through a tremendous transformation driven by organic growth in its primary distribution segment and through acquisitions; Recently, the company raised additional equity through an APO which was used to lower its debt and to execute on its growth strategy including its acquisition of the Spicy Hill Farms, its expansion into central Jamaica and their recent expansion into the US. It is anticipated that these expansions as well as others likely in the pipeline will continue to lower the risk profile of the entity and drive its earnings growth in the short to medium term.</p>
	52 Week High	\$3.17	BVPS	\$1.27	P/E	29.23		P/E	26.47	
53 Week Low	\$2.00	T12M Div.	\$0.00	P/B	2.27	P/B	4.51			
WoW %	3.58%	Div. Yield %	0.00%	BUY						
YTD %	25.48%									
Seprod Ltd (SEP)	Current Price	\$60.26	EPS	\$2.94	ROE	11.69%	  	ROE	15.08%	<p>Seprod is one of Jamaica's premier food manufacturing companies with over 75 years' experience operating locally. Over the period, the group has grown to include several diverse food subsidiaries with easily recognizable household brands. The group currently enjoys a very strong presence in the local market, where it leads in several segments, and continues to enter reasonable success within the Caribbean and strong growth prospects in the United Kingdom, Africa, United States and Canada.</p> <p>Although the COVID-19 pandemic has had a negative impact on Seprod's operations, the Group's diversified portfolio has proven to be resilient thus far. Looking ahead, there are still risks that could negatively impact global supply chains and ultimately affect raw material prices, consumer income and economic growth. Notwithstanding, given our estimate that the worst part of the covid-19 restrictions may be behind us, we are expecting that the company's performance could likely see further improvements from the relaxation in covid which importantly includes the resumption of face-to-face school and the reopening of the entertainment sector.</p>
	52 Week High	\$82.80	BVPS	\$25.15	P/E	20.49		P/E	25.86	
53 Week Low	\$50.00	T12M Div.	\$1.00	P/B	2.40	P/B	3.52			
WoW %	-2.59%	Div. Yield %	1.26%	HOLD						
YTD %	-6.95%									
Jamaica Producers Group (JP)	Current Price	\$23.92	EPS	\$1.64	ROE	5.40%	  	ROE	27.93%	<p>Undoubtedly, COVID-19 has had a negative impact on aspects of JP's business over the last two years and could continue to weigh on some of those segments in the short term. However, the JP Group has remained strong, and the pandemic has created opportunities for new retail channels to offset the downturn in other areas.</p> <p>JP remains strong with several key financial metrics, including its large and growing cash and securities balance, provides the group with the flexibility to manage and execute on strategies of acquiring undervalued assets. Importantly, JP continues to strengthen its operations and we anticipate that its recent acquisitions in the food and logistics businesses will likely further improve its capacity and drive its medium to long-term growth.</p>
	52 Week High	\$31.00	BVPS	\$30.45	P/E	14.55		P/E	13.02	
53 Week Low	\$20.00	T12M Div.	\$0.00	P/B	0.79	P/B	4.25			
WoW %	4.00%	Div. Yield %	0.00%	HOLD						
YTD %	8.18%									












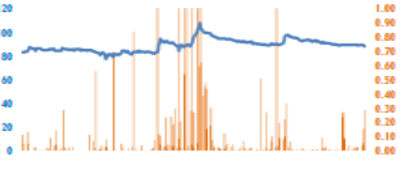






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Wisynco Ltd (WISYNCO)	Current Price	\$23.50	EPS	\$0.97	ROE	21.27%	 ROE 15.08%  P/E 24.13  P/B 5.13	Today, Wisynco is a prominent manufacturer and distributor of beverages and food items in Jamaica. With one of the largest sales forces in Jamaica comprised of more than 700 sales-related employees, Wisynco boasts a sales and distribution infrastructure that has a significant presence in the marketplace. As its customers typically include restaurants, supermarkets, retail and wholesale outlets, schools and other food service outlets, during the pandemic its customer base was severely disrupted. Now with the restrictions which impacted its business negatively over the last two years removed, we anticipate that this will provide a fillip to the company's revenue and profits in the short to medium term. Additionally, its strong balance sheet, particularly its cash position, not only positions the company to absorb shocks but also to capitalize on opportunities as they arise.
	52 Week High	\$24.70	BVPS	\$4.58	ROE	15.08%		
BUY	53 Week Low	\$15.04	T12M Div.	\$0.40	P/E	25.86	 P/E 13.78  P/B 1.96	Over the years, JMBGL has successfully deployed its capital to generate returns for its shareholders. Traditionally, the Company has relied on interest income from repurchase agreements, dividend income from investment holdings, gains from securities trading and fees from Unit Trust management. Over the last ten years, Jamaica has seen a significant decline in interest rates, which has influenced financial entities to lean more towards generating fee income from areas such as asset management, investment banking and trading activity in contrast to interest income from repurchase agreements. JMBGL has grown its operations from strictly investment management, trading, stockbroking, and market-making activities to include commercial banking. Jamaica remains the core of its operations, but it has a significant presence in Trinidad and the Dominican Republic. Looking ahead, we anticipate that JMBGL's earnings will be further diversified and boosted through its equity stake into "Saglor Financial Corporation". One of SFC's strongest growth areas has been its USA operations and as a result, this investment has allowed JMBGL to get exposure new markets and the insurance business line and anticipate that this will help the group to yield positive results over the short to medium term.
	WoW %	0.00%	Div. Yield %	2.53%	P/B	3.52		
	YTD %	40.76%						
								
JMBB Group Ltd (JMBBGL)	Current Price	\$46.78	EPS	\$6.10	ROE	18.18%	 ROE 13.70%  P/E 7.66  P/B 1.39	Over the years, JMBGL has successfully deployed its capital to generate returns for its shareholders. Traditionally, the Company has relied on interest income from repurchase agreements, dividend income from investment holdings, gains from securities trading and fees from Unit Trust management. Over the last ten years, Jamaica has seen a significant decline in interest rates, which has influenced financial entities to lean more towards generating fee income from areas such as asset management, investment banking and trading activity in contrast to interest income from repurchase agreements. JMBGL has grown its operations from strictly investment management, trading, stockbroking, and market-making activities to include commercial banking. Jamaica remains the core of its operations, but it has a significant presence in Trinidad and the Dominican Republic. Looking ahead, we anticipate that JMBGL's earnings will be further diversified and boosted through its equity stake into "Saglor Financial Corporation". One of SFC's strongest growth areas has been its USA operations and as a result, this investment has allowed JMBGL to get exposure new markets and the insurance business line and anticipate that this will help the group to yield positive results over the short to medium term.
	52 Week High	\$61.24	BVPS	\$33.58	ROE	13.70%		
BUY	53 Week Low	\$31.02	T12M Div.	\$0.85	P/E	13.78	 P/E 9.31  P/B 0.79	Sygnus Real Estate Finance Limited is a specialty real estate investment company, dedicated to providing flexible financing to unlock value in real estate assets across the Caribbean region. SRF is an alternative investment firm that is solely dedicated to the real estate asset class, by providing customized financing solutions in various forms across the credit and equity spectrum. Through the application of flexible financing, and with careful screening, managing and assessment of its highly experienced Real Estate Investment Advisory Committee, SRF will seek to earn attractive risk-adjusted returns with downside protection. We believe that Sygnus Real Estate Finance offers a good investment opportunity given the business model of active management, track record of the Investment Manager, robust governance structure and the pipeline of opportunities on the table. Given the present inflationary economic environment and market dynamics characterized by high we anticipate that real estate could continue to perform well as a leading growth sector.
	WoW %	1.98%	Div. Yield %	2.58%	P/B	1.96		
	YTD %	18.62%						
								
Sygnus Real Estate Finance Limited (SRFJMD)	Current Price	\$16.30	EPS	\$2.11	ROE	10.17%	 ROE 8.49%  P/E 7.73  P/B 0.79	Sygnus Real Estate Finance Limited is a specialty real estate investment company, dedicated to providing flexible financing to unlock value in real estate assets across the Caribbean region. SRF is an alternative investment firm that is solely dedicated to the real estate asset class, by providing customized financing solutions in various forms across the credit and equity spectrum. Through the application of flexible financing, and with careful screening, managing and assessment of its highly experienced Real Estate Investment Advisory Committee, SRF will seek to earn attractive risk-adjusted returns with downside protection. We believe that Sygnus Real Estate Finance offers a good investment opportunity given the business model of active management, track record of the Investment Manager, robust governance structure and the pipeline of opportunities on the table. Given the present inflationary economic environment and market dynamics characterized by high we anticipate that real estate could continue to perform well as a leading growth sector.
	52 Week High	\$22.20	BVPS	\$20.74	ROE	8.49%		
BUY	53 Week Low	\$14.05	T12M Div.	\$0.00	P/E	9.31	 P/E 7.73  P/B 0.79	Sygnus Real Estate Finance Limited is a specialty real estate investment company, dedicated to providing flexible financing to unlock value in real estate assets across the Caribbean region. SRF is an alternative investment firm that is solely dedicated to the real estate asset class, by providing customized financing solutions in various forms across the credit and equity spectrum. Through the application of flexible financing, and with careful screening, managing and assessment of its highly experienced Real Estate Investment Advisory Committee, SRF will seek to earn attractive risk-adjusted returns with downside protection. We believe that Sygnus Real Estate Finance offers a good investment opportunity given the business model of active management, track record of the Investment Manager, robust governance structure and the pipeline of opportunities on the table. Given the present inflationary economic environment and market dynamics characterized by high we anticipate that real estate could continue to perform well as a leading growth sector.
	WoW %	6.89%	Div. Yield %	0.00%	P/B	0.79		
	YTD %	-0.97%						
								

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April 28, 2022



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JN Mutual Funds	NAV Price	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)
Global Diversified Income	J\$14.2428	0.77%	0.67%	1.30%
Global Equity	J\$15.5909	-0.35%	-0.76%	0.00%
Global Fixed Income	J\$13.4418	3.88%	1.31%	3.76%
Global Money Market (US\$)	US\$11.0751	3.12%	0.80%	2.62%
Global Fixed Income (US\$)	US\$11.2974	2.85%	-0.39%	2.25%
Local Money Market	J\$11.7022	3.82%	1.02%	4.49%

	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Market Fund	Global 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	To invest in regional, sovereign debt securities, local and international corporate bonds.	To invest in fixed income, high dividend yielding stocks, REITs and structured products	To invest in the shares of local and international companies which offer strong growth possibilities and consistent income

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