

US producer prices unexpectedly fall in December

The United States (US) producer prices unexpectedly fell in December amid a decline in the cost of goods, while prices for services were unchanged, which bodes well for lower inflation in the months ahead. The Producer Price Index (PPI) for final demand dipped by 0.1% last month, the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics said on Friday. Data for November was revised to show the PPI falling 0.1% instead of being unchanged as previously reported. Economists polled by Reuters had forecast the PPI rebounding by 0.1%. In the 12 months through December, the PPI increased by 1.0% after advancing 0.8% in November.

Data on Thursday showed consumer prices increased more than expected in December, driven by solid gains in shelter and healthcare costs. Financial markets remain hopeful that the Federal Reserve will start cutting interest rates in March. The U.S. central bank has hiked its policy rate by 525 basis points to the current 5.25% to 5.50% range since March 2022. The narrower measure of PPI, which strips out food, energy and trade services components, rose 0.2% in December after gaining 0.1% in the prior month. The core PPI rose 2.5% on a year-on-year basis after increasing 2.4% in November.

Source: Reuters

Currency Markets

International Currency Market

Currency	12-Jan	5-Jan	DoD % Δ	WoW % Δ	YTD% Δ	YoY% Δ
EUR: USD	1.095	1.094	-0.19%	0.07%	-0.80%	0.90%
GBP: USD	1.275	1.270	-0.09%	0.23%	0.14%	4.41%
USD: CAD	1.341	1.340	0.07%	0.31%	1.22%	0.28%
USD: JPY	144.880	144.630	-0.28%	0.17%	2.72%	12.09%

Local Foreign Currency Market

Currency	12-Jan	11-Jan	5-Jan	DoD % Δ	WoW % Δ	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	156.28	156.11	155.13	0.10%	0.74%	0.85%
GBP:JMD	199.46	197.44	197.46	1.02%	1.01%	1.0%
CAD:JMD	118.08	117.07	116.80	0.87%	1.09%	0.2%

Global Interest Rates

Rates	12-Jan	5-Jan	DoD Δ bps	WoW Δ bps	YTD Δ bps	YoY Δ bps
10 Year US Treasury Bond	3.94%	4.05%	-3.00	-11.00	6.00	50.00
10 Year UK Gilt	3.79%	3.79%	-5.00	0.00	25.00	46.00
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	6.52%	6.42%	2.00	10.00	248.00	0.00
5 Year US Treasury Bond	3.84%	4.01%	-4.00	-17.00	-1.00	30.00
5 Year UK Gilt	3.66%	3.76%	-10.00	-10.00	20.00	42.00

Week in Review: January 8 - January 12, 2024

Local Equity Market

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS

ADVANCERS

ASBH	21.98%
WIG	20.55%
MFS	15.58%

DECLINERS

AMG	-25.85%
JETCON	-25.00%
KLE	-23.08%

JSE Main Market activity (excluding preference shares) resulted from trading in **49** stocks of which **24** advanced, **22** declined and **3** traded firm. Market Volume (excluding preference shares) amounted to **56,882,592** units valued at over **\$601,979,225**. JSE Junior Market activity (excluding preference shares) resulted from trading in **48** stocks of which **20** advanced, **24** declined and **4** traded firm. Market volume (excluding preference shares) amounted to **27,398,116** units valued at over **\$54,665,678**.

Global Equity Indices

Index	29-Dec	5-Jan	12-Jan	WoW % Δ	YTD% Δ	YoY% Δ
S&P 500	4,769.83	4,697.24	4,783.83	1.84%	0.29%	20.10%
Euro Stoxx 50	4,521.44	4,463.51	4,480.02	0.37%	-0.92%	8.56%
MXWD Index	727.00	715.40	724.46	1.27%	-0.35%	14.26%
JSE Main Market Index	325,699.79	322,697.93	322,238.80	-0.14%	-1.06%	-6.12%
JSE Junior Market Index	3,848.33	3,780.14	3,766.95	-0.35%	-2.11%	-5.50%
JSE Combined Index	339,158.12	335,745.66	335,199.54	-0.16%	-1.17%	-6.05%

Upcoming Week: January 15 — January 19, 2024

Country	Report	Period	Forecast	Prior
US	Initial Jobless Claims	13-Jan	206,000	202,000
US	U. of Mich. Sentiment	Jan P	70	69.7
US	Retail Sales Advance MoM	Dec	0.40%	0.30%
US	Industrial Production MoM	Dec	0.00%	0.20%
UK	CPI YoY	Dec	3.80%	3.90%
UK	CPI MoM	Dec	0.20%	-0.20%
CA	CPI YoY	Dec	3.40%	3.10%
JN	PPI YoY	Dec	-0.30%	0.30%

LOCAL STOCK RECOMMENDATIONS

COMPANY NAME	PRICE MOVEMENTS	J\$	STATISTICS	COMPANY VITALS	INDUSTRY VITALS	
January 12, 2024						
Grace Kennedy Ltd (GK)	Current Price	\$78.30	EPS	\$7.86	ROE	10.05%
	52 Week High	\$85.00	BVPS	\$78.16	ROE	17.61%
	53 Week Low	\$60.00	T12M Div.	\$2.06	P/E	9.97
	WoW %	-1.36%	Div. Yield %	2.55%	P/B	1.00
BUY	YTD %	-1.41%				
Jamaica Producers Group (JP)	Current Price	\$22.40	EPS	\$11.81	ROE	41.56%
	52 Week High	\$24.30	BVPS	\$28.41	ROE	17.61%
	53 Week Low	\$18.00	T12M Div.	\$0.30	P/E	1.90
	WoW %	1.36%	Div. Yield %	1.47%	P/B	0.79
BUY	YTD %	1.82%				
Wisynco Ltd (WISYNCO)	Current Price	\$20.99	EPS	\$1.38	ROE	22.82%
	52 Week High	\$22.50	BVPS	\$6.04	ROE	11.61%
	53 Week Low	\$16.00	T12M Div.	\$0.42	P/E	15.24
	WoW %	1.79%	Div. Yield %	2.39%	P/B	3.48
BUY	YTD %	#N/A				
JMMB Group Ltd (JMMBGL)	Current Price	\$24.68	EPS	\$6.24	ROE	24.27%
	52 Week High	\$36.00	BVPS	\$25.70	ROE	5.27%
	53 Week Low	\$23.80	T12M Div.	\$0.00	P/E	3.96
	WoW %	0.28%	Div. Yield %	0.00%	P/B	0.96
BUY	YTD %	-4.78%				

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COMPANY NAME	PRICE MOVEMENTS	J\$	STATISTICS	COMPANY VITALS	INDUSTRY VITALS			
January 12, 2024								
Jamaica Broilers Group Ltd (JBG)	Current Price	\$33.90	EPS	\$4.09	ROE	17.83%	ROE	11.61%
	52 Week High	\$39.99	BVPS	\$22.96	P/E	8.28	P/E	12.48
	53 Week Low	\$28.00	T12M Div.	\$0.78	P/B	1.48	P/B	2.48
	WoW %	0.18%	Div. Yield %	2.61%				
	YTD %	-0.73%						
BUY								
Sygnus Real Estate Finance Limited (SRFJMD)	Current Price	\$10.20	EPS	\$1.30	ROE	5.97%	ROE	7.56%
	52 Week High	\$15.00	BVPS	\$21.82	P/E	7.83	P/E	15.57
	53 Week Low	\$8.90	T12M Div.	\$0.00	P/B	0.47	P/B	0.77
	WoW %	0.29%	Div. Yield %	0.00%				
	YTD %	-0.39%						
BUY								
Scotia Group Jamaica Ltd (SGJ)	Current Price	\$39.09	EPS	\$5.50	ROE	15.05%	ROE	5.27%
	52 Week High	\$41.50	BVPS	\$36.58	P/E	7.10	P/E	11.31
	53 Week Low	\$30.00	T12M Div.	\$1.30	P/B	1.07	P/B	1.30
	WoW %	1.24%	Div. Yield %	3.93%				
	YTD %	1.93%						
BUY								

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JN MUTUAL FUNDS

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JN Mutual Funds	NAV Price	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)
Global Diversified Income	J\$13.4136	4.20%	-0.48%	3.21%
Global Equity	J\$14.3035	0.20%	-1.05%	0.00%
Global Fixed Income	J\$15.0127	8.48%	0.38%	7.15%
Global Money Market (US\$)	US\$11.5597	1.37%	0.10%	3.05%
Global Fixed Income (US\$)	US\$11.4635	0.00%	0.06%	3.00%
Local Money Market	J\$13.0912	7.83%	0.41%	7.43%

	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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