

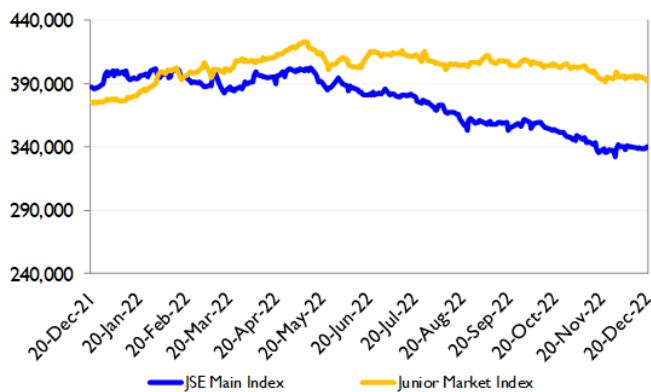
Bank of Japan Yield Pivot Rips Across Global Stocks & Bonds

US Treasury yields rose, and US equity futures fluctuated in choppy trading after a sudden hawkish move from the Bank of Japan (BOJ) sent the yen soaring and raised expectations it would join its peers elsewhere in raising interest rates. Stock futures on the S&P 500 and NASDAQ have been volatile, as investors' attention turned to this week's housing and jobs data that could confirm the US economy is losing steam, potentially allowing the Federal Reserve leeway in its rate-rise campaign. European shares also erased most of an early decline amid gains in bank stocks. Bond yields meanwhile remained elevated, with the 10-year Treasury yield up by eight basis points and bonds from Australia to Germany also selling off. Analysts reckon more losses lie ahead as Japanese investors, major players in US and European debt, have more incentive now to bring money home. Many economists now expect the BOJ to raise interest rates next year, joining the Federal Reserve, the European Central Bank and others, after a decade of extraordinary stimulus.

The yen strengthened more than 3% against the dollar to the highest since August, while Japan's 10-year yield rose the most since 2003. Until now, the BOJ has been an outlier among central banks, most of which have rapidly tightened policy. The Japanese monetary authority adjusted its yield curve control programme to allow 10-year borrowing costs to rise to around 0.5%, versus the previous 0.25% upper limit, challenging forecasts for no change at its policy meeting. The yen surge pummeled the dollar which dropped against a basket of currencies, while the yen also showed notable gains against currencies such as the euro and the Australian dollar. On commodity markets, the weaker dollar gave gold prices a boost, while West Texas Intermediate crude oil futures rose above \$75 a barrel.

Source: Bloomberg

Local Market Indices



Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	20-Dec	19-Dec	DoD % Δ	YTD % Δ
USD:JMD	153.22	153.70	-0.31%	-1.20%
GBP:JMD	186.57	186.89	-0.17%	-11.2%
CAD:JMD	112.81	112.46	0.31%	-8.1%

Caribbean & Latam

- Most Latin American currencies and stocks rose on Tuesday as higher commodity prices and a sliding dollar helped them overcome the broader risk-off mood in the global financial markets after the Bank of Japan's surprise policy shift.

USA & Canada

- Wall Street closed slightly higher on Tuesday after four sessions of declines, but investors fretted about weak holiday shopping and rising bond yields added pressure after the Bank of Japan's (BoJ) surprise tweak of monetary policy.

Europe

- Despite coming off early lows, European stocks closed on a weak note on Tuesday as fears of a global economic recession due to constantly rising interest rates weighed on sentiment.

Asia

- Most Asian currencies were weaker on Tuesday amid volatile trading, as recession fears turned investors away from riskier assets, despite brief spikes earlier in the day after the Bank of Japan's (BoJ) surprise move to widen the band around its bond yield.

Local Equity Market

Stock Index	Today's close	DoD Δ	DoD% Δ	YTD % Δ	YoY% Δ
JSE Combined Index	352,579.48	1,257.94	0.36%	-12.10%	-10.21%
JSE Index	340,381.86	1,715.42	0.51%	-14.08%	-12.15%
All Jamaican Composite Index	379,585.06	27.39	0.01%	-13.40%	-11.41%
JSE Select Index	8,347.87	-35.38	-0.42%	-15.53%	-13.56%
Junior Market Index	3,818.73	-37.30	-0.97%	11.39%	12.80%

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS

ADVANCERS		DECLINERS	
SML	28.54%	EPLY	-14.44%
ROC	19.50%	BPOW	-14.11%
tTech	15.11%	SRFJMD	-13.64%

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **91** stocks, of which **39** advanced, **42** declined and **10** traded firm.

International Markets

International Equity Markets					International Currency Market				
Index	20-Dec	DoD % Δ	YTD % Δ	YoY % Δ	Currency	20-Dec	DoD % Δ	YTD % Δ	YoY % Δ
S&P 500	3,821.62	0.10%	-19.82%	-16.34%	EUR: USD	1.0624	0.16%	-6.56%	-5.81%
Dow Jones	32,849.74	0.28%	-9.60%	-5.96%	GBP: USD	1.22	0.28%	-9.97%	-7.75%
FTSE All Share	4,026.91	0.03%	-4.30%	-1.54%	USD: CAD	1.36	-0.27%	7.71%	5.19%
Euro Stoxx 50	3,802.49	-0.23%	-11.54%	-7.42%	USD: JPY	131.73	-3.78%	14.47%	15.95%
Nikkei 225	26,568.03	-2.46%	-7.72%	-4.90%					
MSCI World Index	603.11	0.18%	-20.10%	-16.78%					

Global Interest Rates					Commodities				
Rates	20-Dec	DoD Δbps	YTD Δbps	YoY Δbps	Commodity	20-Dec	DoD % Δ	YTD % Δ	YoY % Δ
10 -Year US Treasury Bond	3.68%	10.00	217.00	226.00	Crude Oil	76.09	1.20%	1.17%	11.52%
10-Year UK Gilt	3.60%	10.00	263.00	283.00	Gold	1,817.94	1.70%	-0.62%	1.51%
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	6.41%	5.00	237.00	232.00	Silver	24.16	5.12%	3.67%	8.50%
					Aluminium	2,372.50	0.49%	-15.49%	-11.18%



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JN MUTUAL FUNDS

December 19, 2022

JN Mutual Funds	NAV Price	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)
Global Diversified Income	J\$12.7644	-8.16%	-9.78%	2.46%
Global Equity	J\$14.1609	-6.57%	-9.86%	0.00%
Global Fixed Income	J\$13.7814	3.91%	3.87%	5.27%
Global Money Market (US\$)	US\$11.3835	3.74%	3.60%	4.12%
Global Fixed Income (US\$)	US\$11.4422	0.88%	0.89%	3.94%
Local Money Market	J\$12.0845	4.43%	4.32%	6.81%

	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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