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Jamaica's Net Remittances Decreased Slightly in April 2023

According to the Bank of Jamaica's Remittances Bulletin, net remittances decreased by 6.8% to US\$253.2million in April 2023 when compared to the US\$271.6 million recorded in the same month last year. This decrease was as a result of a US\$16.9 million or 5.8% decline in total remittance inflows compounded by an increase of US\$1.5 million or 8.6% in total remittance outflows. The drop in total remittance inflows arose from a decline in inflows from the Remittance Companies channel and was slightly tempered by an increase in inflows from the Other Remittances channel.

The United States of America remained Jamaica's largest source of remittances in April 2023, followed by the United Kingdom, Canada and the Cayman Islands, with respective ratios of 70.2%, 10.2%, 9.4% and 6.1%. Net remittances for the calendar year to date increased by 0.4% or US\$4.4 million to US\$998.1 million, compared to US\$993.6 million in the similar period last year.

Given the uncertain economic landscape and tight liquidity conditions in the US and other source markets, it is anticipated that remittance growth may remain subdued for the time being and is not expected to rebound to previous highs in the short term.



Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	22-Jun	21-Jun	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	154.99	155.33	-0.22%	I.94%
GBP:JMD	198.48	195.88	1.33%	9.00%
CAD:JMD	117.41	7.4	0.00%	8.23 %

Caribbean & Latam

 Most Latin American currencies were subdued on Thursday against a weaker dollar following the U.S. Federal Reserve's hawkish tone that was further echoed by the Bank of England's jumbo rate hike.

USA & Canada

 The S&P 500 and the Nasdaq closed higher on Thursday as U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell continued to beat a hawkish drum and suggested the central bank has not reached the end of its tightening cycle, but provided reassurance that the Fed would proceed with caution.

Europe

The Bank of England surprised many investors by raising interest rates half a percentage point on Thursday, saying there had been "significant" news suggesting Britain's persistently high inflation would take even longer to fall.

<u>Asia</u>

 Most Asian currencies and stocks were tentative, with some losing ground on Thursday after the U.S. Federal Reserve Chair stuck to a hawkish tone and as the focus turned to rate decisions from Indonesia and Philippines later in the day.

Local Equity Market							
Stock In	dex	Today's close	DoD Δ	DoD% Δ	YTD % Δ	ΥοΥ% Δ	
JSE Combined Index		339,436.72	-1,996.90	-0.58%	- 7.9 1%	- 4.65 %	
JSE Index		325,358.09	-1,951.96	-0.60%	-8.58%	-15.13%	
All Jamaican Composi	te Index	361,607.86	-993.11	-0.27%	-10.29%	- 17.68 %	
JSE Select Index		7,886.27	-116.14	-1.45%	-11.36%	-21.01%	
Junior Market Index		3,916.95	-19.18	-0.49%	-1.74%	-10.24%	
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	ADVANC	ERS		DE	CLINERS		
CABROKERS	8.85%		C	CFF	-9.49%		
KLE	7.32%		BF	vow	-9.09%		
SALF	6.69%		sc	IUSD	-8.10%		

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **84** stocks, of which **35** advanced, **37** declined and **12** traded firm.

International Markets

International Equity Markets				International Currency Market					
Index	22-Jun	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ	ΥοΥ% Δ	Currency	22-Jun	DoD % A	YTD% Δ	ΥοΥ% Δ
S&P 500	4,381.89	0.37%	14.13%	16.54%	EUR: USD	1.0956	-0.27%	2.34%	3.69%
Dow Jones	33,946.71	-0.01%	2.41%	11.36%	GBP: USD	1.27	-0.17%	5.50%	3.93%
FTSE All Share	4,081.03	-0.84%	0.14%	4.29%	GBF: USD	1.27	-0.17%	5.50%	3.73%
Euro Stoxx 50	4,304.47	-0.42%	13.47%	24.24%	USD: CAD	1.32	-0.10%	-2.97 %	1.58%
Nikkei 225	33,264.88	-0.92 %	15.54%	27.21%	USD: JPY	143.11	0.87%	9.14%	5.03%
MSCI World Index	676.20	0.05%	11.70%	13.76%					

Global Interest Rates				Commodities					
Rates	22-Jun	DoD Abps	YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps	Commodity	22-Jun	DoD % A	YTD% Δ	ΥοΥ% Δ
10 -Year US Treasury Bond	3.79%	7.00	-8.00	63.00	Crude Oil	69.51	-4.16%	-13.39%	-34.54%
	4.37%	-4.00	70.00	187.00	Gold	1,914.01	-0.96%	4.93 %	4.15%
10-Year UK Gilt					Silver	22.25	-1.73%	-7.14%	3.86%
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	6.74%	1.00	270.00	12.00	Aluminium	2,201.00	-0.99%	-7.44%	-11.23%

Sources: Bloomberg, Reuters, Jamaica Stock Exchange, Bank of Jamaica, Jamaica Observer, Jamaica Gleaner, Nasdaq, Investing.com

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\$13.2031	-2.39%	l.97%	2.99%
Global Equity	J \$14.1178	-5.82%	-3.18%	0.00%
Global Fixed Income	J\$14.4206	7.40%	4.62%	6.69%
Global Money Market (US\$)	US\$11.5996	4.49 %	I. 79 %	4.16%
Global Fixed Income (US\$)	US\$11.6481	3.42%	1.81%	5.02%
Local Money Market	J\$12.8157	9.96%	6.15%	7.68%

Local Money Market Fund To preserve capital whilst providing lamaican Dollar	Global Fixed Income Funds	Global Diversified Income Fund	Global Equity Fund
	To achieve an attractive total		
providing lamaican Dollar		To provide long-term	To provide long-term capita
	return through capital injection and	investment growth through	growth and risk
(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.		
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	debt securities, local and	high dividend yielding stocks,	local and international
for safety and liquidity and	international corporate bonds.	REITs and structured products	companies which offer
yield			strong growth possibilities
			and consistent income
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