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# Jamaica's Net International Reserves Increase in April

According to the Bank of Jamaica (BoJ), Jamaica's Net International Reserves (NIR) increased by US\$19.47 million, or 0.47 per cent to US\$4.17 billion in April 2023, up from the US\$4.15 billion reported for the previous month. The rise in reserves was due to an increase of US\$20.39 million in foreign assets, whilst International Monetary Fund (IMF) liabilities and thus foreign liabilities, were relatively stable. The growth in foreign assets was attributable to increases in 'Securities' (up by US\$25.93 million), 'but was moderately offset by a decrease in 'Currency & Deposits' (down by US\$5.67 million). Special Drawing Rights and IMF Reserve Position' were both relatively steady over the month. At its April level, Jamaica's NIR represents approximately 27 weeks of goods and services imports, which is more than double the 12-week benchmark.

Despite four central bank interventions in the month, totalling US\$108.25 million, the NIR increased in April. This follows increases in both February and March 2023. Looking ahead, we anticipate further moderate increases in the NIR over the short-term. However, this is contingent on the Jamaican dollar returning to appreciation, having depreciated by 1.59% for the month of April.



### Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	8-May	5-May	<b>DoD %</b> $\Delta$	<b>YTD%</b> $\Delta$
USD:JMD	154.67	154.59	0.05%	1.72%
GBP:JMD	197.13	194.14	1.54%	8.26%
CAD:JMD	115.34	115.85	-0.43%	<b>6.32</b> %

\*Using Midday Rates

#### Caribbean & Latam

Chilean markets rallied on Monday after right-wing parties won most of the seats in a council tasked with redrafting the country's constitution, while other Latin American markets were mixed ahead of crucial U.S. inflation data this week.

#### USA & Canada

 The Dow closed lower Monday, amid range-bound trading as investors looked to further catalysts including the consumer inflation report due later this week.

#### **Europe**

 Euro zone inflation will slow sharply this year but price growth momentum remains high for now, including for underlying goods and services, European Central Bank chief economist Philip Lane said on Monday.

#### <u>Asia</u>

Asian currencies and shares were mixed on Monday after strong U.S. jobs data crushed hopes of a pause in monetary tightening, with investors gathering focus on upcoming inflation data for more clues on interest rate trends.

Local Equity Market						
Stock Index	Today's close	<b>DoD</b> Δ	<b>DoD%</b> $\Delta$	YTD % $\Delta$	YoY% $\Delta$	
SE Combined Index	349,051.12	2,137.12	0.62%	-5.30%	- <b>16.21</b> %	
ISE Index	337,144.99	2,274.28	0.68%	-5.27%	-16.07%	
All Jamaican Composite Index	372,452.61	741.69	0.20%	<b>-7.60</b> %	- <b>19.11</b> %	
SE Select Index	8,040.13	-34.98	-0.43%	<b>-9.63</b> %	-23.54%	
unior Market Index	3,765.78	1.65	0.04%	-5.54%	-17.43%	

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS									
	ADVANCERS								
SRFJMD	21.71%		INDIES	<b>-9.88</b> %					
KEY	15.87%		MDS	<b>-9.45</b> %					
MIL	15.52%		MJE	-7.28%					

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **95** stocks, of which **39** advanced, **43** declined and **13** traded firm.

## **International Markets**

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Index	8-May	<b>DoD %</b> $\Delta$	<b>YTD%</b> $\Delta$	<b>ΥοΥ%</b> Δ	Currency	8-May	<b>DoD % A</b>	<b>YTD%</b> $\Delta$	<b>ΥοΥ%</b> Δ
S&P 500	4,138.12	0.05%	7.78%	3.68%	EUR: USD	1.1004	-0.14%	2.79%	4.19%
Dow Jones	33,618.69	- <b>0.17</b> %	1.42%	4.26%	GBP: USD		-0.14%	4.43%	2.32%
FTSE All Share	4,242.40	0.00%	4.10%	<b>6.38</b> %		1.26	-0.14%	4.43%	
Euro Stoxx 50	4,348.65	0.19%	14.63%	23.30%	USD: CAD	1.34	-0.03%	-1.35%	2.77%
Nikkei 225	28,949.88	-0.71%	0.55%	9.99%	USD: JPY	135.10	0.22%	3.04%	3.69%
MSCI World Index	652.45	0.00%	7.78%	4.60%	<u> </u>				

Glo	Commodities								
Rates	8-May	DoD Abps	YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps	Commodity	8-May	<b>DoD % A</b>	YTD% $\Delta$	<b>ΥοΥ%</b> Δ
10 -Year US Treasury Bond	3.51%	7.00	-36.00	48.00	Crude Oil	72.82	2.07%	<b>-9.27</b> %	-29.36%
	3.78%	0.00	11.00	182.00	Gold	2,020.79	0.20%	10.79%	<b>8.99</b> %
10-Year UK Gilt					Silver	25.55	-0.44%	6.67%	17.22%
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	6.66%	0.00	262.00	99.00	Aluminium	2,318.50	0.00%	<b>-2.50%</b>	-15.84%

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

# Mutual Funds

## **JN MUTUAL FUNDS**

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JN Mutual Funds	NAV Price	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)
<b>Global Diversified Income</b>	J\$12.9465	-8.91%	-0.01%	3.44%
Global Equity	J\$14.0212	-10.60%	-3.84%	0.00%
Global Fixed Income	J\$14.2382	5.86%	3.30%	6.49%
Global Money Market (US\$)	US\$11.5490	4.23%	1.35%	3.92%
Global Fixed Income (US\$)	US\$11.5957	2.53%	1.35%	4.82%
Local Money Market	J\$12.4941	6.70%	3.48%	6.97%

	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

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