

## Canada's inflation eases in October, likely closing door on more rate hikes

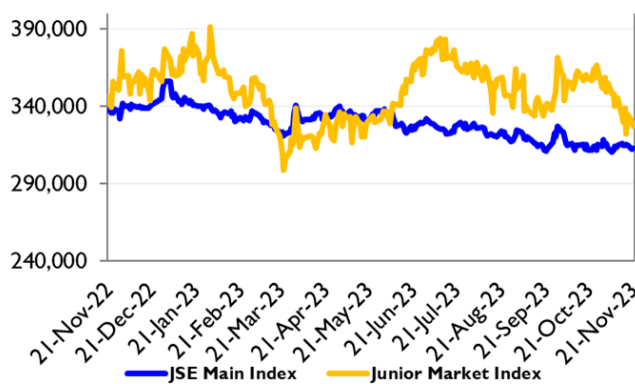
Canada's annual inflation rate eased more than expected to 3.1% in October and core inflation measures edged down to their lowest levels in about two years, data showed on Tuesday. This is likely to close the door to further rate hikes. Analysts polled by Reuters had forecast inflation to cool to 3.2% from 3.8% in September. Month-over-month, Statistics Canada said the Consumer Price Index (CPI) was up 0.1%, matching forecasts. The Bank of Canada (BoC) targets 2% annual inflation. The deceleration in headline inflation could fortify investor bets that the BoC will start lowering its key policy rate from a 22-year high of 5.00% in the first half of 2024.

The BoC's core measures of underlying inflation edged lower, with CPI-median dropping to 3.6% and CPI-trim to 3.5%, the lowest since December 2021 and November 2021, respectively. The central bank has held rates steady in its last two meetings, but says it remains prepared to hike again if needed. The bank projects inflation to hover around 3.5% until mid-2024, before trickling down to its 2% target in late 2025. Dragging the annual inflation rate in October was a 7.8% drop in gasoline prices, which benefited from comparison with a price surge in October 2022. Grocery prices also cooled down to its slowest pace since November 2021. Excluding volatile food and energy, prices rose 3.4% compared with a 3.2% rise in September.

While goods inflation slowed to 1.6% in October, services prices accelerated 4.6%, the fastest pace since May. The BoC's next rate decision is on Dec. 6, after the release of third-quarter Gross Domestic Product data, which is expected to show that the Canadian economy slipped into a shallow recession. With a stalling economy, high interest rates and inflation still elevated, Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau's Liberal government is under pressure to fight an affordability crisis in the country without stoking inflationary pressures.

Source: Reuters

### Local Market Indices



### Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	21-Nov	20-Nov	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	156.40	156.22	0.12%	2.86%
GBP:JMD	195.64	193.31	1.21%	7.44%
CAD:JMD	114.14	113.97	0.15%	5.21%

### Caribbean & Latam

- Argentine equities and bonds surged on Tuesday, the first day of trading since president-elect Javier Milei's win, while other Latin American stocks and currencies took a breather ahead of monetary policy meeting minutes from the U.S. Federal Reserve.

### USA & Canada

- The Dow closed lower Tuesday, as the minutes from the Federal Reserve most recent meeting showed members backed higher for longer interest rates for some time.

### Europe

- European shares were holding near a 5-1/2 week high on Tuesday while the dollar languished near its lowest in almost three months on expectations the U.S. Federal Reserve is likely done with interest rate hikes.

### Asia

- Asian shares climbed to fresh two-month highs on Tuesday, taking cues from a rally on Wall Street while the dollar languished near its lowest in two-and-a-half months on expectations the U.S. Federal Reserve is likely done with interest rate hikes.

### Local Equity Market

Stock Index	Today's close	DoD Δ	DoD% Δ	YTD % Δ	YoY% Δ
JSE Combined Index	326,210.63	320.57	0.10%	-11.50%	-6.90%
JSE Index	312,931.89	482.71	0.15%	-12.07%	-7.40%
All Jamaican Composite Index	347,844.97	1,587.93	0.46%	-13.70%	-8.30%
JSE Select Index	7,954.17	31.58	0.40%	-10.59%	-6.15%
Junior Market Index	3,736.98	-15.04	-0.40%	-6.26%	-2.44%

### BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS

ADVANCERS		DECLINERS	
AMG	26.00%	GENAC	-10.92%
tTech	17.80%	TROPICAL	-10.05%
EPLY	16.80%	SIL	-8.00%

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **97** stocks, of which **40** advanced, **39** declined and **18** traded firm.

### International Markets

International Equity Markets					International Currency Market				
Index	21-Nov	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ	YoY% Δ	Currency	21-Nov	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ	YoY% Δ
S&P 500	4,538.19	-0.20%	18.20%	14.89%	EUR: USD	1.0914	-0.24%	1.95%	6.56%
Dow Jones	35,088.29	-0.18%	5.86%	4.12%	GBP: USD	1.25	0.28%	3.78%	6.06%
FTSE All Share	4,071.11	-0.35%	-0.10%	0.35%	USD: CAD	1.37	-0.20%	1.06%	1.86%
Euro Stoxx 50	4,331.90	-0.24%	14.19%	10.81%	USD: JPY	148.34	-0.03%	13.13%	4.36%
Nikkei 225	33,354.14	-0.10%	15.85%	19.36%					
MSCI World Index	689.24	-0.17%	13.85%	12.74%					

Global Interest Rates					Commodities				
Rates	21-Nov	DoD Δbps	YTD Δbps	YoY Δbps	Commodity	21-Nov	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ	YoY% Δ
10 -Year US Treasury Bond	4.40%	-2.00	53.00	57.00	Crude Oil	77.81	0.27%	-3.05%	-2.41%
10-Year UK Gilt	4.11%	-2.00	44.00	92.00	Gold	1,998.18	1.02%	9.55%	14.97%
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	6.40%	-16.00	236.00	-4.00	Silver	23.77	1.39%	-0.78%	14.00%
					Aluminium	2,258.50	0.58%	-5.03%	-5.07%



# Mutual Funds

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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)
<b>Global Diversified Income</b>	J\$13.2281	4.11%	2.16%	3.17%
<b>Global Equity</b>	J\$14.0603	-0.62%	-3.58%	0.00%
<b>Global Fixed Income</b>	J\$14.8645	8.16%	7.84%	7.24%
<b>Global Money Market (US\$)</b>	US\$11.4470	0.53%	0.45%	3.98%
<b>Global Fixed Income (US\$)</b>	US\$11.2986	-1.11%	-1.25%	5.18%
<b>Local Money Market</b>	J\$12.9463	7.67%	7.23%	7.56%

	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Market Fund	Global Fixed Income Funds	Global Diversified Income Fund	Global Equity Fund
<b>Objective</b>	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.
<b>Strategy</b>	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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