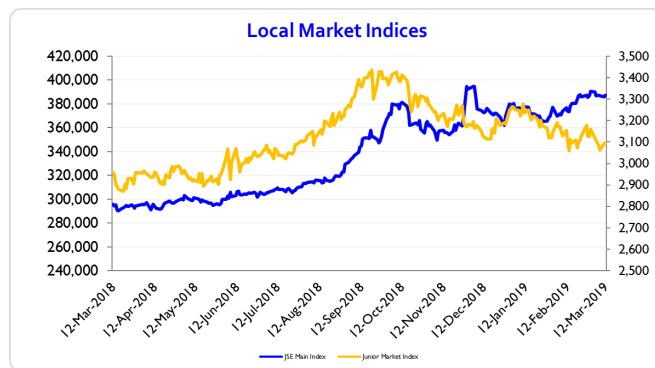


## Key Points of The Microcredit Act of 2019

The Microcredit Act of 2019 is to be debated in Parliament. This Act is likely to create a major change in the local financial sector. The purpose is to dissuade predatory lending practices and excessively high interest rates which will now be linked to the Bank of Jamaica's (BOJ) treasury bill rates. Several microlenders have emerged over the years and have collectively garnered a reputation for higher interest rates, ranging between 40% - 70%. The Bill applies to micro lenders that have sales up to J\$ 425M and does not apply to building societies nor cooperative.

The Bank of Jamaica (BOJ) will become the oversight authority and micro finance entities will have to seek a license to issue loans. Articles of incorporation, financial records, a board of directors and other stipulations are needed to receive a license. An independent audit done to international accounting standards will be required and lending in \$US will not be allowed unless permission is given by BOJ. Breaches are punishable by a revocation or suspension of license, fines ranging from J\$ 50,000 to J\$ 2M or prison terms ranging from 6 months to 1 year depending on the violation.

We await further details regarding the Act before commenting on the potential impact on the microfinance outfits specifically those on the local stock exchange. We encourage investors to be observant due to the possible impact on their investment options going forward.



## Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	12-Mar	11-Mar	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	126.10	126.47	-0.30%	-1.46%
GBP:JMD	163.07	166.21	-1.89%	-0.3%
CAD:JMD	93.66	94.28	-0.66%	-2.3%

## Caribbean & Latam

- Consumer prices in Brazil rose at a slightly faster pace than expected in February due to a rise in private education fees and food and beverage prices, statistics agency IBGE said on Tuesday.

## USA & Canada

- U.S. consumer prices rose for the first time in four months in February, but the pace of the increase was modest, resulting in the smallest annual gain in nearly 2-1/2 years.

## Europe

- European shares ended flat on Tuesday after a choppy session during which hopes British Prime Minister Theresa May would win support for her plans for an orderly Brexit in an evening vote in Parliament gradually faded.

## Asia

- Big Japanese firms are set to offer smaller pay increases this year at annual wage talks on Wednesday as the economy sputters, tempering hopes that domestic consumption will offset external risks to growth.

## Local Equity Market

Stock Index	Today's close	DoD Δ	DoD% Δ	YTD % Δ	YoY% Δ
JSE Combined Index	389,946.91	1,388.29	0.36%	1.40%	28.21%
JSE Index	387,517.20	1,535.64	0.40%	2.03%	31.04%
All Jamaican Composite Index	425,346.65	1,689.91	0.40%	2.04%	31.05%
JSE Select Index	9,640.49	15.09	0.16%	-0.88%	7.30%
Junior Market Index	3,092.47	-1.99	-0.06%	-4.75%	4.58%

## BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS

ADVANCERS		DECLINERS	
SCIUSD	7.82%	RJR	-9.57%
MDS	7.69%	TTECH	-8.33%
JMMBGL7.50	6.32%	EFRESH	-5.77%

Today's combined market activity resulted in trading of **67** stocks, of which **30** advanced, **27** declined and **10** traded firm.

## International Markets

International Equity Markets				
Index	12-Mar	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ	YoY% Δ
S&P 500	2,791.52	0.30%	11.36%	0.31%
Dow Jones	25,554.66	-0.38%	9.55%	1.49%
FTSE All Share	3,921.60	0.28%	6.71%	-1.74%
Euro Stoxx 50	3,303.95	-0.01%	10.08%	-3.66%
Nikkei 225	21,503.69	1.79%	7.44%	-1.47%
MSCI World Index	500.55	0.00%	9.85%	-5.07%

International Currency Market				
Currency	12-Mar	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ	YoY% Δ
EUR: USD	1.1287	0.37%	-1.57%	-8.49%
GBP: USD	1.3063	-0.66%	2.42%	-6.06%
USD: CAD	1.3362	-0.24%	-2.02%	4.05%
USD: JPY	111.33	0.11%	1.50%	4.61%

Global Interest Rates				
Rates	12-Mar	DoD Δbps	YTD Δbps	YoY Δbps
10 -Year US Treasury Bond	2.60%	-4.00	-8.00	-27.00
10-Year UK Gilt	1.16%	-2.00	-12.00	-33.00
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	4.97%	-2.00	-35.00	51.00

Commodities				
Commodity	12-Mar	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ	YoY% Δ
Crude Oil	56.97	0.32%	25.46%	-7.15%
Gold	1,301.40	0.62%	1.47%	-1.64%
Silver	15.44	0.86%	-0.35%	-6.62%
Aluminium	1,847.00	-1.34%	0.05%	-11.67%



# 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\$13.0307	12.35%	1.21%	2.88%
<b>Global Equity</b>	J\$13.2050	14.17%	2.04%	0.00%
<b>Global Fixed Income</b>	J\$11.4561	5.25%	1.20%	5.36%
<b>Global Money Market (US\$)</b>	US\$10.0861	0.60%	0.16%	1.74%
<b>Global Fixed Income (US\$)</b>	US\$10.0862	1.29%	1.29%	4.10%
<b>Local Money Market</b>	J\$10.4124	2.98%	0.71%	2.25%

	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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