



The Bank of Canada Holds Policy Rate at 1.75%

At today's policy rate decision meeting, the Bank of Canada (BoC) decided to hold its policy rate at 1.75%. The BoC has held the rate at 1.75% since October 2018. The Central Bank indicated, however, that some key economic indicators have softened despite a resilient economy. Specifically, there has been weaker business investments and a decline in consumer confidence and spending. The Central Bank noted that if conditions support a rate reduction, they are open to cutting the rate to support the economy but noted that the current conditions may only be temporary. They also indicated that the risks associated with the trade wars have decreased with the recent signing of the US-China Phase I agreement. All these factors considered, the BoC forecasts a fourth-quarter 2019 growth rate of 0.3% and Q1 2020 growth of 1.3%.

The Canadian Central Bank has resisted reducing the policy rate for more than a year while most central banks around the world have reduced their policy rate to boost consumer spending amid a slowing global economy. However, we believe that if economic conditions in Canada worsens, they will likely cut rates at the next policy meeting to be held on March 4, 2020.

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Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	22-Jan	21-Jan	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	140.57	138.97	1.15%	9.85%
GBP:JMD	181.12	182.39	-0.69%	5.5%
CAD:IMD	109.92	108.37	1.44%	9.8%

Caribbean & Latam

 Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro's approval rating has surged, thanks to an improving economy and his government's efforts to fight corruption and make Brazil's cities safer, according to a poll released on Wednesday.

USA & Canada

 U.S. home sales jumped to their highest level in nearly two years in December, the latest indication that lower mortgage rates are helping the housing market to regain its footing after hitting a soft patch in 2018, though record low inventory could be an obstacle to continued strong gains

Europe

 European shares reversed course and edged lower on Wednesday as U.S. President Donald Trump threatened to impose high tariffs on imports of cars from the European Union, pushing automobile stocks to a three-month low

<u>Asia</u>

 Japan's government cut its assessment of capital spending in January for the first time in eight months due to softer global demand but said its overall view of the economy was unchanged from December.

Local Equity Market Stock Index Today's close **DoD** Δ DoD% Δ YTD $\% \Delta$ YoY% A 491,578.90 JSE Combined Index -6,159.73 -1.24% -2.71% 31.22% ISE Index 496,866.39 -6,328.36 -1.26% -2.56% 34.33% All Jamaican Composite Index 545,531.01 -7,018.30 -1.27% -2.56% 34.38% 12,558.66 -317.52 32.90% ISE Select Index -2.47% -3.87% 3,195.42 Junior Market Index -31.46 -0.97% -4.58% 0.76% **BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS ADVANCERS DECLINERS KREMI** 14.40% ISP -25.08%

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference shares) resulted in trading of **73** stocks, of which **27** advanced, **31** declined and **15** traded firm.

International Markets

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International Equity Markets					
Index	22-Jan	DoD % Δ	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ	
S&P 500	3,321.80	0.03%	2.82%	26.17%	
Dow Jones	29,186.27	-0.03%	2.27%	19.59%	
FTSE All Share	4,206.93	-0.39%	0.25%	10.88%	
Euro Stoxx 50	3,769.79	-0.51%	0.66%	21.11%	
Nikkei 225	24,031.35	0.70%	1.58%	16.53%	
MSCI World Index	576.69	0.00%	2.03%	20.54%	
Global Interest Rates					
Rates	22-Jan	DoD ∆bps	YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps	
10 -Year US Treasury Bond	1.76%	-1.00	-16.00	-98.00	
10-Year UK Gilt	0.64%	1.00	-18.00	-68.00	
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	d 3.78%	1.00	-7.00	-154.00	

12.38%

7.75%

International Currency Market						
Currency	22-Jan	DoD % ∆	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ		
EUR: USD	1.1092	0.09%	-1.08%	-2.36%		
GBP: USD	1.3136	0.66%	-0.91%	1.40%		
USD: CAD	1.3141	0.54%	1.16%	-1.60%		
USD: JPY	109.89	0.02%	1.18%	0.48%		
Commodities						

-11.02% -11.00%

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Commodity	22-Jan	DoD % Δ	YTD% ∆	YoY% ∆	
Crude Oil	56.61	-2.97%	-7.29%	7.68%	
Gold	1,558.79	0.04%	2.74%	21.29%	
Silver	17.84	0.28%	-0.09%	16.29%	
Aluminium	1,824.50	0.00%	0.80%	-3.11%	

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



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JN Mutu	ual Funds	NAV Pr	rice	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield Estimated Yearly Income)
Global I	Diversified Income	J\$14.45	37	12.51%	-1.01%	1.98%
Global I	Equity	J\$17.69	945	38.77%	-2.14%	0.00%
Global I	Fixed Income	J\$12.10)52	5.98%	1.02%	5.61%
Global I	Money Market (US	5\$) US\$10.2	793	2.04%	0.15%	2.87%
Global I	Fixed Income (US	S) US\$10.3	8 53 I	3.54%	0.17%	2.56%
Local M	loney Market	J\$10.66	529	2.91%	0.23%	3.37%
	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Market Fund	Glob	al 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	return incom throug (i) A Ja	hieve an attractive total n through capital injection and ne growth. This is offered gh two separate Funds: amaican dollar (J\$) and 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	debt s	vest in regional, sovereign securities, local and ational corporate bonds.	To invest in fixed income, high dividend yielding stocks REITs and structured produc	

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