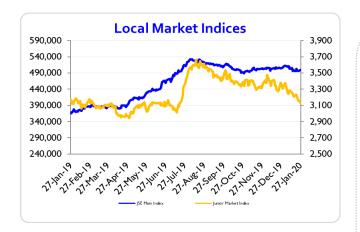


## Jamaica's Trade Deficit Worsens

According to the latest release from STATIN, Jamaica's trade deficit for January to October 2019 was US\$3.98B, 12.0% higher than the January to October 2018 deficit of US\$3.55B. The worsened trade balance was a combined result of an increase in the country's import bill and a reduction in exports. Jamaica's import bill climbed to \$5.35B for January – October 2019, an increase of 4.7% over the US\$5.11B for January – October 2018. The factors contributing to the increase in imports were "Food" up by 14.1%, "Machinery and Transport Equipment" up by 8.4%, "Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles" up by 14.3%, and "Mineral Fuels, Etcetera" up by 1.6%. Revenues from exports declined by 12.0% from US\$1.56B for January – October 2018 to US\$1.37B for January – October 2019. The factors contributing to the decline in exports was a 20.6% reduction in traditional domestic exports, which was marginally improved by the 4.9% increase in non-traditional exports.

We believe that Jamaica's trade deficit could continue to rise amid a global economic slowdown, geopolitical tensions and trade uncertainties that could further curtail the demand and depress prices for the country's traditional exports.



# Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	27-Jan	24-Jan	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	140.66	140.71	-0.03%	6.11%
GBP:JMD	181.32	182.26	-0.51%	5.7%
CAD:JMD	106.41	109.80	-3.09%	6.2%

#### Caribbean & Latam

Brazil is on track to post a current account deficit of \$8.7 billion in January, far greater than the anticipated foreign direct investment inflow of \$5.0 billion over the month, a central bank official said on Monday.

### **USA & Canada**

 U.S. stocks suffered their worst day in over three months on Monday as China extended the Lunar New Year holiday due to a virus outbreak, fueling worries about the economic impact of containment efforts in the world's second largest economy.

#### **Europe**

 German business morale deteriorated unexpectedly in January as the outlook for services darkened, a survey showed on Monday, suggesting that Europe's largest economy got off to a slow start in 2020 after narrowly avoiding a recession last year.

#### **Asia**

 Chinese exports to Cuba fell to their lowest level in a decade last year at \$791 million, according to data from the Chinese Customs Office, as the island nation remained mired in a liquidity crisis

# **Local Equity Market**

Stock Index	Today's close	DoD $\Delta$	DoD% ∆	YTD % ∆	YoY% ∆
JSE Combined Index	492,916.12	2,184.48	0.45%	-2.44%	33.15%
JSE Index	499,019.14	2,657.81	0.54%	-2.14%	36.70%
All Jamaican Composite Index	547,940.90	2,954.43	0.54%	-2.13%	36.76%
JSE Select Index	12,716.74	97.23	0.77%	-2.66%	36.74%
Junior Market Index	3,137.02	-23.47	-0.74%	-6.33%	-1.11%
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BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS							
	ADVANCERS			DECLINERS			
KLE	25.00%		CHL	-14.74%			
CBNY	9.09%		DTL	-8.64%			
PJX	6.89%		KREMI	-7.64%			

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference shares) resulted in trading of **73** stocks, of which **35** advanced, **30** declined and **8** traded firm.

# **International Markets**

International Equity Markets					
Index	27-Jan	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ	
S&P 500	3,243.63	-1.57%	0.40%	21.72%	
Dow Jones	28,535.80	-1.57%	-0.01%	15.36%	
FTSE All Share	4,118.99	-2.23%	-1.85%	9.78%	
Euro Stoxx 50	3,677.84	-2.68%	-1.80%	16.27%	
Nikkei 225	23,343.51	-2.03%	-1.32%	12.37%	
MSCI World Index	573.29	0.00%	1.42%	18.32%	

Global Interest Rates						
Rates	27-Jan	DoD ∆bps	YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps		
10 -Year US Treasury Bond	1.60%	-8.00	-32.00	-116.00		
10-Year UK Gilt	0.51%	-5.00	-31.00	-80.00		
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	3.85%	6.00	0.00	-135.00		

International Currency Market						
Currency	27-Jan	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ		
EUR: USD	1.102	-0.05%	-1.72%	-3.38%		
GBP: USD	1.3057	-0.12%	-1.51%	-1.05%		
USD: CAD	1.3187	0.33%	1.52%	-0.23%		
USD: JPY	108.87	-0.38%	0.24%	-0.62%		
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Commodities						
Commodity	27-Jan	DoD % $\Delta$	$\mathbf{YTD\%}\ \Delta$	$\mathbf{YoY}\%\ \Delta$		
Crude Oil	52.76	-2.64%	-13.59%	-1.73%		
Gold	1,583.29	0.75%	4.35%	21.30%		
Silver	18.12	0.09%	1.48%	14.89%		
Aluminium	1,781.00	0.00%	-1.60%	-7.24%		

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



# **JN MUTUAL FUNDS**

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JN Muti	ual Funds	NAV P	rice	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)
Global	Diversified Income	J\$14.46	617	12.38%	-0.96%	1.99%
Global	Equity	J\$17.5	29	37.12%	-3.14%	0.00%
Global	Fixed Income	J\$12.12	283	5.54%	1.21%	5.57%
Global	Money Market (US	<b>5\$)</b> US\$10.2	2814	2.05%	0.17%	2.78%
Global	Fixed Income (US	<b>5)</b> US\$10.3	3554	3.38%	0.19%	2.44%
Local M	loney Market	J\$10.66	570	2.83%	0.27%	3.35%
	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Market Fund	Globa	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	nieve an attractive total through capital injection and e growth. This is offered th two separate Funds: amaican dollar (J\$) and JS dollar (US\$) fund.	To provide long-term investment growth through exposure to a diversified range of asset classes.	To provide long-term capita 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	rest in regional, sovereign ecurities, local and ational corporate bonds.	To invest in fixed income, high dividend yielding stocks REITs and structured produc	

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