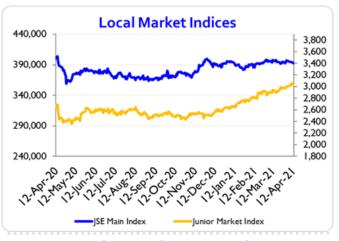


# Jamaica's Net Remittances up 39% in January 2021

According to the Bank of Jamaica's (BOJ) January 2021 Remittances Bulletin, net remittance inflows increased by 39%, or \$62.9 million, to US\$224.4 million in January 2021, compared to US\$161.5 million in January 2020. The January remittance outturn was primarily driven by an increase in gross remittance inflows and a simultaneous decrease in outflows. The increase in gross remittances was driven by a 36.8% rise in inflows from remittance companies, as well as a 5.2% increase in 'Other Remittances'. The United States of America (USA) remained Jamaica's largest source of remittances in January 2021 followed by the United Kingdom (UK), Canada, and the Cayman Islands, with ratios of 69.8%, 11.9%, 8.9%, and 5.6%, respectively. For the April to January period, net remittance inflows increased by 32.5% or US\$589 million to US\$2,399.4 million, relative to the US\$1,810.4 million recorded in the comparable period in 2019.

Net Remittances remained resilient even amid lockdown and tighter restrictions in Jamaica and abroad during the period. Given the negative impact of COVID-19 on the travel and tourism sector, the other major sources of US dollar inflows, remittance inflows will continue to be a critical source of US dollar inflows for Jamaica. However, in light of the acceleration in the local vaccination programme and the added fiscal stimulus in countries such as the United States, Jamaica's main trading partner, we continue to believe that remittance inflows will remain resilient in the short term. Notwithstanding, the uncertainties surrounding COVID-19 and the various strains that have recently surfaced, the global economic outlook remains vulnerable to downside risks, which could slow inflows going forward.



# Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	12-Apr	9-Apr	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	150.08	148.91	0.79%	13.21%
GBP:JMD	207.18	205.73	0.70%	7.0%
CAD:JMD	121.44	120.67	0.64%	21.3%

#### Caribbean & Latam

 Most Latin American currencies firmed on Monday against a weaker dollar, while bonds in Ecuador rallied after banker Guillermo Lasso pulled off a surprise win in Sunday's presidential runoff against socialist economist Andres Arauz.

### **USA & Canada**

 The dollar slipped on Monday and a gauge of global equity markets slid from record highs last week as investors wait to see whether an expected jump in U.S. earnings will justify stock prices already trading at very high premiums.

### **Europe**

 European stocks fell on Monday from all-time highs as investors booked profits ahead of the quarterly corporate earnings season, while two French utility companies surged on news of a merger deal after months of wrangling.

### <u>Asia</u>

 Asian shares faltered on Monday as anxious investors wait to see if U.S. earnings can justify sky-high valuations, while a rally in bonds could be tested by what should be very strong readings for U.S. inflation and retail sales this week.

# **Local Equity Market**

Stock Index	Today's close	<b>DoD</b> Δ	DoD% $\Delta$	YTD % $\Delta$	ΥοΥ% Δ
JSE Combined Index	393,720.14	-2,081.52	-0.53%	0.33%	-0.31%
JSE Index	392,649.46	-1,779.46	-0.45%	-0.75%	-1.43%
All Jamaican Composite Index	430,747.05	-1,972.70	-0.46%	-0.64%	-1.51%
JSE Select Index	9,673.09	-49.97	-0.51%	-0.72%	-6.04%
Junior Market Index	3,017.44	-40.82	-1.33%	14.15%	14.18%

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS						
ADVANCERS DECLINERS						
SSLVC	12.73%	<b></b>	KREMI	-16.35%		
KEY	7.61%		SALF	-10.40%		
CBNY	7.02%		MTL	-10.00%		

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **80** stocks, of which **19** advanced, **45** declined and **17** traded firm.

### **International Markets**

International Equity Markets						
Index	12-Apr	$\mathbf{DoD}~\%~\Delta$	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ		
S&P 500	4,127.99	-0.02%	9.90%	47.97%		
Dow Jones	33,745.40	-0.16%	10.26%	42.27%		
FTSE All Share	3,933.89	-0.40%	7.08%	21.67%		
Euro Stoxx 50	3,961.90	-0.43%	11.52%	36.96%		
Nikkei 225	29,538.73	-0.77%	7.63%	51.49%		
MSCI World Index	693.53	-0.17%	7.31%	47.60%		

Int	ternation	al Currenc	y Market	
Currency	I2-Apr	DoD % ∆	YTD% ∆	<b>YoY</b> % ∆
EUR: USD	1.191	0.09%	-2.50%	8.90%
GBP: USD	1.37	0.26%	0.53%	10.34%
USD: CAD	1.26	0.26%	-1.28%	-9.99%
USD: IPY	109.40	-0.25%	5.96%	0.86%
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Global Interest Rates						
Rates	12-Apr	DoD ∆bps	YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps		
10 -Year US Treasury Bond	1.67%	1.00	76.00	95.00		
10-Year UK Gilt	0.79%	2.00	59.00	48.00	- :	
GOI 2025 Global Bond	3.50%	0.00	5.00	-289.00	-	

Commodities							
Commodity	12-Apr	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% ∆	<b>ΥοΥ</b> % Δ			
Crude Oil	59.77	0.76%	23.19%	162.61%			
Gold	1,732.39	-0.66%	-8.74%	2.11%			
Silver	24.83	-1.74%	-5.97%	59.50%			
Aluminium	2,262.00	-0.09%	14.27%	52.89%			

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



# **JN MUTUAL FUNDS**



April 9, 2021

JN Muti	ual Funds	NAV Pri	ice	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield Estimated Yearly Income)
Global Diversified Income		e J\$13.88	76	1.85%	0.34%	2.09%
Global	Equity	J\$15.08	7 I	3.10%	0.21%	0.00%
Global	Fixed Income	J\$12.86	29	5.50%	1.63%	5.14%
Global	Money Market (U	<b>S\$)</b> US\$10.7	102	3.54%	0.87%	3.70%
Global	Fixed Income (US	\$) US\$10.92	217	10.73%	-0.83%	4.55%
Local M	loney Market	J\$11.19	66	4.48%	1.50%	4.15%
	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Market Fund	Globa	Il 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	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 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	To invest in regional, sovereign debt securities, local and international corporate bonds.		To invest in fixed income, high dividend yielding stocks REITs and structured produc	

With a suite of six investment portfolios, each with a distinct financial profile, JN Mutual Funds offers a premium opportunity for investors to align their personal financial strategy with their goals, time horizons and risk profile.

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