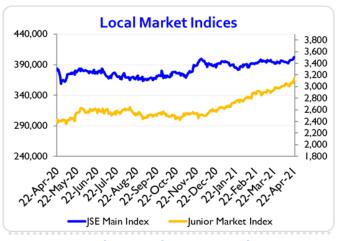


ECB Holds the Policy Rate Amid Resurgence of COVID-19

The Governing Council of the European Central Bank (ECB) on Thursday decided to hold the interest rates on its main refinancing operations, marginal lending facility, and deposit facility constant at 0.00%, 0.25%, and -0.50%, respectively. The Governing Council anticipates that the key interest rates will remain at their present or lower levels until the inflation outlook converges sufficiently close to, but below, 2% within the projected horizon. They have also indicated that they will continue to conduct net asset purchases for a total of €1,850 billion under the pandemic emergency purchase programme (PEPP) until at least the end of March 2022 or until the coronavirus crisis phase is over, whichever comes first. The Governing Council will continue to provide ample liquidity through its refinancing operations during this time.

The ECB's near-term economic outlook remains clouded by uncertainty due to the resurgence of the coronavirus and the roll-out of vaccination campaigns. They also noted that the ongoing high rates of coronavirus (COVID-19) infection, as well as the retightening of containment measures across Europe, continue to constrain economic activity in the short term. Following the third wave of infections, many governments in the Eurozone reimposed tighter restrictions. Nevertheless, looking ahead, the ECB believes that the progress with vaccination campaigns and the expected gradual relaxation of containment measures supports the possibility for a firm economic rebound in 2021.



Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	22-Apr	21-Apr	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	154.40	153.67	0.47%	16.46%
GBP:JMD	213.40	216.05	-1.23%	10.2%
CAD:JMD	129.02	122.11	5.65%	28.8%

Caribbean & Latam

 Brazil's real raced ahead in catch-up trade on Thursday, with a spike in Chinese steel prices also providing support, while Chile's peso came off three-month highs, tracking an initial dip in copper prices.

USA & Canada

 U.S. stocks dived on Thursday on reports President Joe Biden planned to almost double the capital gains tax, but analysts said the news was an excuse to take profits in a listless market ahead of big tech's earnings next week.

Europe

 European stocks moved towards record highs on Thursday, following a set of strong company earnings and as the European Central Bank left policy unchanged as expected.

<u>Asia</u>

 Asian stocks rose on Thursday, extending a rebound in global markets following a sharp selloff earlier this week, while oil prices eased again on worries that rising COVID-19 cases in some countries will dampen fuel demand.

Local Equity Market

Stock Index	Today's close	DoD Δ	DoD% ∆	YTD % ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ
JSE Combined Index	404,199.13	415.62	0.10%	3.00%	6.57%
JSE Index	402,637.35	170.79	0.04%	1.78%	4.93%
All Jamaican Composite Index	442,013.12	187.57	0.04%	1.96%	4.96%
JSE Select Index	9,866.07	7.93	0.08%	1.27%	-0.11%
Junior Market Index	3,136.56	23.63	0.76%	18.66%	28.68%

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS								
ADVANCERS DECLINERS								
sos	14.82%		PURITY	-9.58%				
SALF	13.33%		FOSRICH	-7.54%				
BRG	12.01%		MDS	-6.89%				

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **84** stocks, of which **36** advanced, **32** declined and **16** traded firm.

International Markets

Ir	International Currency Market								
Index	22-Apr	DoD % Δ	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ	Currency	22-Apr	DoD % Δ	YTD% A	ΥοΥ% Δ
S&P 500	4,134.98	-0.92%	10.09%	47.71%	Currency	22-Apr	DOD /8 A		101% Δ
Dow Jones	33,815.90	-0.94%	10.49%	44.05%	EUR: USD	1.2015	-0.17%	-1.65%	11.01%
FTSE All Share	3,965.04	0.75%	7.93%	24.94%	GBP: USD	1.38	-0.66%	1.24%	12.20%
Euro Stoxx 50	4,014.80	0.97%	13.01%	41.62%					
Nikkei 225	29,188.17	2.38%	6.35%	52.51%	USD: CAD	1.25	0.08%	-1.71%	-11.68%
MSCI World Index	698.32	-0.23%	8.05%	48.85%	USD: JPY	107.97	-0.10%	4.57%	0.20%

Glo	Commodities								
Rates	22-Apr	DoD ∆bps	YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps	Commodity	22-Apr	DoD % Δ	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ % Δ
10 -Year US Treasury Bond	1.54%	-2.00	63.00	92.00	Crude Oil	61.43	0.13%	26.61%	345.79%
	0.74%	0.00	54.00	41.00	Gold	1,783.94	-0.55%	-6.03%	4.08%
10-Year UK Gilt					Silver	26.15	-1.54%	-0.97%	73.19%
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	3.41%	-2.00	-4.00	-329.00	Aluminium	2,363.00	-0.06%	19.37%	55.97%

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



JN MUTUAL FUNDS



April 21, 2021

JN Mutual Funds		NAV Pri	ice	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)	
Global Diversified Income		e J\$14.11	43	4.22%	1.97%	2.06%	
Global	Equity	J\$15.56	52	7.12%	3.38%	0.00%	
Global	Fixed Income	J\$12.918	83	5.28%	2.03%	5.12%	
Global	Money Market (U	S\$) US\$10.7	195	3.49%	0.95%	2.91%	
Global Fixed Income (US\$)		\$) US\$10.96	610	10.57%	-0.48%	3.99%	
Local Money Market		J\$11.24	J\$11.2409		1.91%	3.81%	
	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Market Fund	Glob	oal 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 incon throu (i) A	chieve an attractive total n through capital injection and ne growth. This is offered ligh two separate Funds: Jamaican 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 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 :	west in regional, sovereign securities, local and national corporate bonds.	To invest in fixed income, high dividend yielding stocks REITs and structured produc		

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