

# Oil Consumption Growth of 5.5 Million b/d projected for 2021

The United States Energy Information Administration (EIA) Short-Term Energy Outlook April report estimates that global consumption of petroleum and liquid fuels will average 97.7 million barrels per day (b/d) for all of 2021, up by 5.5 million b/d from 2020. The EIA also forecasts consumption to increase by 3.7 million b/d in 2022 to average 101.3 million b/d. The agency's slightly higher forecast for global consumption in 2021 and 2022 is based on an improved economic growth outlook and better macroeconomic expectations, which includes a global recovery in the labour market. This is also backed by the continued crude oil production limits set by members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and partner countries (OPEC+) to keep oil prices stable and avoid a repeat of the significant drop which occurred in 2020.

The EIA however continues to make note that the energy outlook remains subject to increased levels of uncertainty as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve. Brent crude oil spot prices averaged \$65 per barrel (/b) in March 2021 and is expected to average \$61/b during the second half of 2021, and \$60/b in 2022. Similarly, the West Texas Intermediate is forecasted to rise to \$59/b in 2021 before falling to \$57/b in 2022. Reduced economic activity due to the COVID-19 pandemic has influenced energy demand and supply trends over the last year and will continue in the ensuing periods. However, as COVID-19 vaccines become more widely available globally, we anticipate an increase in travel and general business activities which should boost oil and gasoline use going forward. The EIA's improved outlook also supports our belief that, despite the increase in cases in some countries, we are generally on our way to normalcy now that vaccinations are being administered. However, the speed at which normalcy returns, continues to be highly dependent on the effectiveness of the vaccination programmes and the speed at which infections are contained.



# Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	6-Apr*	I-Apr	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	146.82	146.86	-0.03%	10.75%
GBP:JMD	202.44	202.41	0.01%	4.5%
CAD:JMD	116.47	117.76	-1.10%	16.3%

<sup>\*</sup>Using Midday Rates

#### Caribbean & Latam

 Commodity-linked currencies led gains across Latin American asset markets on Tuesday as strong economic data boosted oil and metal prices, although a resurgence in local COVID-19 cases dampened the outlook.

### **USA & Canada**

 Following the rally seen in the previous session, stocks showed a lack of direction over the course of the trading day on Tuesday. The major averages spent the day bouncing back and forth across the unchanged line before eventually closing slightly lower.

#### **Europe**

 Europe's benchmark equity index closed at a record high on Tuesday, recovering all of its pandemic-driven losses as investors bet on a speedy global economic recovery, spurred by bumper stimulus spending and COVID-19 vaccination programmes.

#### <u>Asia</u>

 Asia's emerging currencies found some respite on Tuesday as the dollar fell to near two-week low and U.S. bond yields retreated, with South Korea's won and Malaysia's ringgit leading gains in the region.

## **Local Equity Market**

Stock Index	Today's close	<b>DoD</b> Δ	DoD% ∆	YTD % ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ
JSE Combined Index	395,805.04	-2,007.49	-0.50%	0.86%	3.07%
JSE Index	394,990.54	-2,363.72	-0.59%	-0.16%	1.83%
All Jamaican Composite Index	433,516.90	-2,556.74	-0.59%	0.00%	1.84%
JSE Select Index	9,772.08	-40.90	-0.42%	0.30%	-1.60%
Junior Market Index	3,011.45	14.96	0.50%	13.92%	19.44%

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS							
ADVANCERS DECLINERS							
ECL	19.06%	<b></b>	AMG	-16.83%			
KEX	15.06%		AFS	-13.94%			
sos	14.23%		CHL	-13.09%			

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **84** stocks, of which **35** advanced, **37** declined and **12** traded firm.

### **International Markets**

International Equity Markets						
Index	6-Apr	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ	Curr	
S&P 500	4,073.94	-0.10%	8.46%	52.94%	Guir	
Dow Jones	33,430.24	-0.29%	9.23%	47.40%	EUR: U	
FTSE All Share	3,897.81	1.26%	6.10%	27.43%	GBP: U	
Euro Stoxx 50	3,970.42	0.62%	11.76%	42.01%		
Nikkei 225	29,696.63	-1.30%	8.21%	59.86%	USD: C	
MSCI World Index	688.97	0.21%	6.61%	53.54%	USD: JF	

International Currency Market								
Currency	6-Apr	DoD % ∆	YTD% ∆	<b>YoY%</b> ∆				
EUR: USD	1.1877	0.54%	-2.78%	10.04%				
GBP: USD	1.38	-0.49%	1.19%	13.09%				
USD: CAD	1.26	0.34%	-1.23%	-10.93%				
USD: JPY	109.75	-0.39%	6.30%	0.49%				

Global Interest Rates					Cor	nmodities			
Rates	6-Apr	DoD ∆bps	YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps	Commodity	6-Apr	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% ∆	<b>ΥοΥ</b> % Δ
10 -Year US Treasury Bond	1.66%	-4.00	75.00	99.00	Crude Oil	59.45	1.36%	22.53%	127.95%
	0.80%	0.00	60.00	47.00	Gold	1,743.96	0.91%	-8.13%	5.00%
10-Year UK Gilt					Silver	25.17	1.18%	-4.66%	67.77%
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	3.51%	0.00	6.00	-307.00	Aluminium	2,268.00	1.91%	14.57%	54.08%

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



# **JN MUTUAL FUNDS**



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JN Muti	al Funds	NAV Pr	ce	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)	
Global Diversified Income		e J\$13.94	54	3.03%	0.75%	2.08%	
Global	Equity	J\$15.14	07	6.07%	0.56%	0.00%	
Global	Fixed Income	J\$12.83	34	5.45%	1.40%	5.49%	
Global	Money Market (U	<b>S\$)</b> US\$10.7	02 I	3.52%	0.79%	3.68%	
Global	Fixed Income (US	\$) US\$10.9	174	9.61%	-0.87%	4.60%	
Local M	loney Market	J\$11.17	29	4.38%	1.29%	4.29%	
	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Market Fund	Glo	bal 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	viding Jamaican Dollar return		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	nvest in regional, sovereign securities, local and rnational corporate bonds.	To invest in fixed income, high dividend yielding stock REITs and structured produ		

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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