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ECB Expands Stimulus Programme Amid Resurgence of Coronavirus

The European Central Bank (ECB) today held the interest rates on their main refinancing operations, marginal lending facility and deposit facility constant at 0.00%, 0.25% and -0.50%, respectively. The ECB outlined that they expect these rates to remain at present or lower levels until inflation converges to the 2% target. The ECB also expanded its emergency bond-buying programme by \in 500 billion to a total of \in 1.85 trillion and extended its duration to at least the end of March 2022. The ECB enhanced and increased their refinancing operations, extended the duration of the set of collateral easing measures and continued to reinforce their accommodative impact of its policy rates through net purchases under the asset purchase programme and reinvesting the principal payments. The central bank extended all the temporary swap and repo lines with non-euro area central banks and decided to continue conducting its regular lending operations as fixed rate tender procedures with full allotment for as long as necessary under the prevailing conditions.

The central bank highlighted that the measures taken should support the flow of credit in the economy, underpin economic activity and safeguard medium-term price stability. At the same time, they acknowledged that the uncertainty with respect to the timing of the coronavirus vaccine remains high. Additionally, we believe that the uncertainty surrounding the Brexit trade agreement which is set to expire on December 31, 2020, presents further downside risks to the economy. If there is no trade agreement to protect trade from tariffs and quotas, businesses in both the United Kingdom and Eurozone might be negatively impacted. However, with vaccines expected to be distributed to most of Europe by early next year, the downward pressures on the economy could be tempered but is contingent on the timeliness of the distribution and effectiveness of the vaccines.

International

10-Dec

3,671.14

29,999.26

3.708.98

3,522.31

26,756.24

631.58

Index

S&P 500

Dow Jones

FTSE All Share

Euro Stoxx 50

MSCI World Index

Nikkei 225



Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	10-Dec	9-Dec	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ			
USD:JMD	144.56	144.96	-0.27%	9.05%			
GBP:JMD	193.63	192.74	0.46%	12.8%			
CAD:JMD	113.13	112.94	0.17%	13.0%			

Caribbean & Latam

 The Brazilian real surged on Thursday, outperforming its Latin American peers after the central bank for the first time suggested its easing cycle could end soon, while data showed a surprise jump in retail sales in October.

USA & Canada

 The Dow and S&P 500 dipped while the Nasdaq was modestly higher on Thursday as investors looked for signs of progress in fiscal stimulus talks to buttress the economy after labor market data showed a jump in jobless claims.

Europe

Euro zone stocks hit a two-week low on Thursday, with banks taking a knock after the European Central Bank forecast a slower rebound in growth next year even as it rolled out more stimulus measures to support the bloc's pandemic-hit economy.

<u>Asia</u>

 Most stock markets in emerging Asia gained ground on Thursday, as analysts pointed to investors reshuffling their portfolio amid expectations of a better-than-forecast economic recovery in the region supported by China's steady rebound.

o -	Local Equity Market								
Stock I	ndex	Today's close	DoD Δ	DoD% Δ	YTD % Δ	ΥοΥ% Δ			
JSE Combined Index	¢	386,905.75	4,374.29	1.14%	-24.29%	-23.66%			
JSE Index		390,788.62	4,490.67	1.16%	-24.24%	-23.48%			
All Jamaican Compo	II Jamaican Composite Index		4,980.27	1.18%	-24.38%	-23.64%			
JSE Select Index		9,670.29	161.07	I.69%	-27.22%	-27.32%			
Junior Market Index 2,541.4		2,541.47	22.47	0.89%	-24.78%	-25.82%			
		BEST AND W	ORST PERF	ORMERS					
	ADVANC	ERS		DE	CLINERS				
PURITY	22.32%			MIL	-15.28%				
LUMBER 14.88%				KEY	-11. 59 %				
MJE	12.05%		D	COVE	-8.55%				

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **78** stocks, of which **29** advanced, **35** declined and **14** traded firm.

International Markets

l Equity Markets				International Currency Market					
	DoD % A	YTD% Δ	ΥοΥ% Δ	Currency	10-Dec	DoD % \	YTD% \	ΥοΥ%	
	-0.05%	13.63%	16.85%	,				Δ	
	-0.23%	5.12%	7.48%	EUR: USD	1.2137	0.46%	8.24%	9.05%	
	0.31%	-11.62%	-7.35%	GBP: USD	1.3293	-0.79%	0.27%	0.74%	
	- 0.19 %	- 5.95 %	-4.48%	USD: CAD	1.2737	-0.62%	-1.95%	-3.32%	
	-0.23 %	13.10%	14.38%	050. CAD	1.2757	-0.02/0	-1.73/0	-3.32/0	
	0.11%	11.74%	15.17%	USD: JPY	104.23	0.00%	-4.03%	- 3.99 %	
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Gle	Commodities								
Rates	10-Dec	DoD Abps	YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps	Commodity	10-Dec	DoD % Δ	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ
10 -Year US Treasury Bond	0.91%	-3.00	-101.00	-88.00	Crude Oil	46.89	3.01%	-23.21%	-20.20%
10-Year UK Gilt	0.20%	-6.00	-62.00	-57.00	Gold	1,834.82	-0.26 %	20.93%	24.40%
	3.62%	3.00	-23.00	-35.00	Silver	23.99	0.16%	34.37%	42.25%
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	5.5276	5.00	-23.00	-33.00	Aluminium	2,060.00	1.23%	13.81%	17.05%

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

Mutual Funds

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Fund Managers Ltd.

December 9, 2020

JN Mutual Funds		NAV Pri	CA	12 Months rowth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)	
Global [Diversified Income	e J\$13.739	99	-4.59%	-5.90%	2.28%	
Global E	Equity	J\$14.926	60	-14.01%	-17.45%	0.00%	
Global F	ixed Income	J\$12.678	37	5.71%	5.80%	4.68%	
Global I	Money Market (U	S\$) US\$10.59	949	3.34%	3.22%	3.67%	
Global F	Fixed Income (US	\$) US\$10.91	61	5.81%	5.61%	4.77%	
Local M	loney Market	J\$11.035	59	3.85%	3.74%	4.30%	
	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Market Fund	Global Fi	xed 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 thro income gro through tw (i) A Jamaic	an attractive total ugh capital injection an wth. This is offered o separate Funds: an dollar (J\$) and ollar (US\$) fund.	To provide long-term investment growth through exposure to a diversified range of asset classes.	To provide long-term capit 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 securi	n regional, sovereign ties, local and al corporate bonds.	To invest in fixed income, high dividend yielding stocks REITs and structured produc		

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