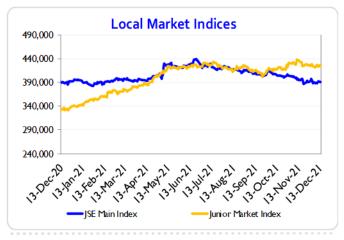


## **OPEC Raises its Oil Demand Forecast for 2022**

The latest Monthly Oil Market Report (MOMR) from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) forecasts world oil demand at 96.63 million barrels per day (b/d) in 2021, up 6.22% from 90.98 in 2020. Despite a resurgence in COVID-19 cases and containment measures, this increase is driven by a persistent rebound in economic activity and improved transportation fuel consumption. The report estimates that oil demand will rise by 4.3% to 100.79 in 2022, allowing economic activity and mobility to return to pre-pandemic levels, mainly supporting transportation fuels. It is worth noting that some of the recovery projected in the second half of 2021, has been pushed to the first quarter of 2022, and a steadier rebound should follow in the second half of 2022. The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries predicts that the impact of the new Omicron variant will be mild and short-lived as the world improves its ability to manage COVID-19 and its related issues. This improvement will be supported by the stable economic outlook in both advanced and emerging economies, despite current inflation and supply chain constraints, as well as ongoing trade tensions and their impact on industrial and transportation fuel requirements.

In 2021, the global economy will rebound due to extraordinary fiscal and monetary stimulus in major economies and pent-up demand and increasing investments. However, some concerns arose throughout the year, including supply chain issues, a tight labour market and growing core inflation. In 2022, OPEC is forecasting improved COVID-19 management, enabling economic activity and mobility to return to prepandemic levels. If this turns out to be true, we anticipate that oil prices could continue to climb as demand picks up. However, given that the current price levels are supported by steep supply cuts by OPEC and others, it is a possibility that the gradual release of supplies to the market plus increased production in countries like the US, could result in oil prices remaining within a range of US\$70-US\$90 per barrel in the short to medium term.



# Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	13-Dec	I0-Dec	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% ∆
USD:JMD	154.88	155.20	-0.20%	8.57%
GBP:JMD	205.84	206.04	-0.10%	6.3%
CAD:JMD	121.68	122.12	-0.36%	9.2%

#### Caribbean & Latam

 Latin American currencies were largely unchanged on Monday, tracking a similar trend across emerging markets as a slew of upcoming central bank meetings kept investors wary of riskdriven assets.

#### **USA & Canada**

 U.S. stocks edged lower on Monday on lingering worries about the Omicron variant ahead of a Federal Reserve's meeting later this week, while Apple extended gains as it neared \$3 trillion in market capitalization and kept declines on the Nasdaq in check.

#### **Europe**

European and British wholesale gas prices soared to fresh two
 -month highs on Monday morning, after renewed concerns of
 a delay to Russian gas deliveries to Europe via the contentious
 Nord Stream 2 pipeline and rising demand expectations.

#### **Asia**

 Asian stocks pushed ahead on Monday with investors wagering markets can weather whatever comes from a host of central bank meetings this week, including the likely early end to U.S. policy stimulus.

# **Local Equity Market**

Stock Index	Today's close	<b>DoD</b> Δ	DoD% ∆	YTD % ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ
JSE Combined Index	395,585.50	-1,015.46	-0.26%	0.80%	1.87%
JSE Index	390,763.90	-1,466.39	-0.37%	-1.23%	-0.38%
All Jamaican Composite Index	432,000.32	-1,704.02	-0.39%	-0.35%	0.49%
JSE Select Index	9,651.00	-42.64	-0.44%	-0.94%	-0.21%
Junior Market Index	3,372.98	34.96	1.05%	27.60%	32.23%

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS					
ADVANCERS DECLINERS					
MIL	19.86%		138SL	-16.52%	
TJHUSD	16.22%		SML	-8.55%	
PBS	14.85%		sos	-6.35%	-

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **84** stocks, of which **45** advanced, **33** declined and **6** traded firm.

### International Markets

lr	International Equity Markets						
Index	13-Dec	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% ∆	<b>ΥοΥ</b> % Δ			
S&P 500	4,688.07	-0.51%	24.81%	27.97%			
Dow Jones	35,652.62	-0.89%	16.49%	18.66%			
FTSE All Share	4,109.33	-0.91%	11.86%	11.65%			
Euro Stoxx 50	4,183.04	-0.38%	17.74%	20.00%			
Nikkei 225	28,640.49	0.71%	4.36%	7.46%			
MSCI World Index	742.21	-0.54%	14.85%	17.84%			

International Currency Market							
Currency	13-Dec	DoD % A	YTD% ∆	<b>ΥοΥ</b> % Δ			
EUR: USD	1.1286	-0.24%	-7.61%	-6.82%			
GBP: USD	1.32	-0.46%	-3.35%	-0.09%			
USD: CAD	1.28	0.77%	0.75%	0.40%			
USD: JPY	113.59	0.13%	10.01%	9.18%			

Global Interest Rates						
Rates	I3-Dec	DoD ∆bps	YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps		
10 -Year US Treasury Bond	1.42%	-6.30	50.75	52.43		
10-Year UK Gilt	0.70%	-4.40	50.00	52.50		
GOI 2025 Global Bond	3.98%	-0.60	52.80	37.40		

	Commodities								
ĺ	Commodity	13-Dec	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% $\Delta$	YoY% $\Delta$				
	Crude Oil	71.32	-0.49%	46.99%	53.15%				
	Gold	1,787.24	0.25%	-5.85%	-2.86%				
_	Silver	22.32	0.56%	-15.46%	-6.81%				
	Aluminium	2,654.00	1.82%	34.07%	31.22%				

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



# **JN MUTUAL FUNDS**



December 10, 2021

JN Muti	ual Funds	NAV Pri	ce	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)
Global Diversified Income		e J\$13.97	52	2.37%	0.97%	2.18%
Global	Equity	J\$15.424	44	4.65%	2.45%	0.00%
Global	Fixed Income	J\$13.25	19	4.63%	4.70%	4.82%
Global	Money Market (U	S\$) US\$10.96	666	3.49%	3.28%	2.43%
Global	Fixed Income (US	\$) US\$11.33	317	3.63%	2.89%	3.14%
Local M	loney Market	J\$11.573	39	4.93%	4.93%	4.24%
	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Market Fund	Glob	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 gh two separate Funds: amaican 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 s	vest in regional, sovereign ecurities, local and ational 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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