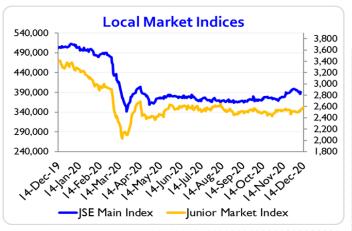


Jamaica's Net International Reserves Up by 2.4% in November 2020

Jamaica's Net International Reserves (NIR) increased by US\$69.46 million or 2.4% in November 2020 to US\$2.96 billion. This movement in the NIR was driven mainly by an increase in foreign assets which increased by US\$72.7 million, mainly due to increase currency and deposits, but was tempered by the marginal increase in foreign liabilities of US\$3.25 million as a result of higher International Monetary Fund liabilities. The NIR has declined by 6.32% year to date from the US\$3.16 billion recorded at the end of 2019. Notwithstanding, at the current level, the NIR represents more than 37 weeks of goods and services imports, which are more than three times the 12-weeks benchmark.

The Standard & Poor's (S&P) Global Rating agency affirmed the long-term foreign and local currency issuer default rating of the Government of Jamaica at B+ on December 8, 2020, with the outlook remaining negative. Jamaica's economy is highly dependent on foreign exchange inflows from remittances and tourism from its trading partners who have so far been adversely affected by the coronavirus. However, considering that a few vaccines are going through the approval stage for delivery to Jamaica in April of next and are currently being delivered in Jamaica's main trading partner countries, it is anticipated that there will be a return to normalcy sometime in 2021 and is an upside risk to Jamaica's foreign exchange intake and reserves. S&P views the Jamaican economy as relatively well-diversified and anticipates a strong rebound in growth in 2021, driven primarily by the reopening of the tourism sector. The NIR currently at a relatively high level, sends a positive signal about the Jamaican economy and provides confidence about the Central Bank's ability to support the Jamaican dollar, which may come under pressure in the absence of the usual foreign exchange flows in the short-term.



Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	I4-Dec	II-Dec	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	144.24	144.46	-0.15%	8.80%
GBP:JMD	191.04	191.00	0.02%	11.3%
CAD:JMD	112.48	112.46	0.02%	12.3%

Caribbean & Latam

 Brazil's real strengthened to close to 5 per dollar on Monday before reversing course, while the Mexican peso steadied after a three-day losing run driven by optimism around the rollout of COVID-19 vaccines.

USA & Canada

 Negotiators in the U.S. Congress were nearing agreement on Monday on a massive government spending deal that would avoid a government shutdown and could serve as the vehicle to pass a fresh round of aid to a coronavirus-hit nation.

Europe

 European shares rose on Monday as a decision to extend trade talks between Britain and the European Union kept hopes of an eventual deal alive, but gains in London's bluechips lagged a higher pound and a near 6% drop in AstraZeneca weighed.

<u>Asia</u>

 The Thai baht hovered around the key 30-per-dollar level on Monday with traders reporting suspected intervention by the central bank, while most Asian stock markets rose on hopes for a vaccine-linked economic recovery.

Local Equity Market

Stock Index	Today's close	DoD Δ	DoD% ∆	YTD % ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ
JSE Combined Index	386,191.43	-2,145.64	-0.55%	-23.14%	-22.19%
JSE Index	389,432.91	-2,802.34	-0.71%	-23.08%	-22.07%
All Jamaican Composite Index	426,725.56	-3,170.34	-0.74%	-23.21%	-22.23%
JSE Select Index	9,623.41	-47.68	-0.49%	-25.98%	-25.77%
Junior Market Index	2,591.55	40.76	1.60%	-23.83%	-23.66%

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS					
	ADVANCERS			DECLINERS	
MAILPAC	18.78%		SSLVC	-17.24%	
CAC	18.62%		FOSRICH	-16.67%	
GWEST	14.93%		MTL	-15.38%	

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of 83 stocks, of which 33 advanced, 40 declined and 10 traded firm.

International Markets

International Equity Markets						
Index	I4-Dec	$\mathbf{DoD}~\%~\Delta$	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ		
S&P 500	3,652.09	-0.31%	13.05%	15.25%		
Dow Jones	29,907.08	-0.46%	4.80%	6.30%		
FTSE All Share	3,678.41	-0.05%	-12.35%	-10.17%		
Euro Stoxx 50	3,503.96	0.52%	-6.44%	-6.09%		
Nikkei 225	26,732.44	0.30%	13.00%	11.28%		
MSCI World Index	629.17	-0.10%	11.31%	13.29%		

International Currency Market					
Currency	I4-Dec	DoD % A	YTD% ∆	YoY % Δ	
EUR: USD	1.2147	0.29%	8.33%	9.23%	
GBP: USD	1.3322	0.74%	0.49%	-0.07%	
USD: CAD	1.2761	-0.06%	-1.76%	-3.08%	
USD: JPY	104.01	-0.03%	-4.24%	-4.91%	

Global Interest Rates						
Rates	I4-Dec	DoD ∆bps	YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps		
10 -Year US Treasury Bond	0.89%	-1.00	-103.00	-93.00		
10-Year UK Gilt	0.22%	5.00	-60.00	-57.00		
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	3.61%	0.00	-24.00	-29.00		

Commodities						
Commodity	14-Dec	DoD % Δ	ΥΤD % Δ	YoY % ∆		
Crude Oil	46.97	0.86%	-23.08%	-21.81%		
Gold	1,828.90	-0.60%	20.54%	23.88%		
Silver	23.87	-0.34%	33.70%	40.96%		
Aluminium	2,047.00	1.21%	13.09%	15.78%		

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



JN MUTUAL FUNDS



December 11, 2020

JN Mutual Funds		NAV Pri	ice	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield Estimated Yearly Income)
Global I	Diversified Income	e J\$13.78	55	-4.17%	-5.59%	2.28%
Global I	Equity	J\$14.86	73	-14.36%	-17.77%	0.00%
Global I	Fixed Income	J\$12.66	99	5.52%	5.73%	4.68%
Global I	Money Market (U	S\$) US\$10.59	976	3.36%	3.25%	3.67%
Global Fixed Income (US\$)		\$) US\$10.94	434	6.04%	5.88%	4.77%
Local Money Market		J\$11.03	16	3.80%	3.70%	4.30%
	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 Igh 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 capital 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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