



US Federal Reserve Raised its Economic Outlook Slightly

The United States (US) Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) of the Federal Reserve's (the Fed), voted to leave the target range for short-term interest rates (the policy rate) between 0% and 0.25%. The committee also indicated that they intend to maintain this target range as well as increase its holdings of Treasury securities and agency mortgage-backed securities by at least \$80 billion and \$40 billion per month respectively until substantial progress has been made towards maximum employment and price stability goals. Through these policy measures, the committee seeks to achieve maximum employment and inflation at the rate of 2% over the longer run.

The Fed further highlighted that the US economy is highly dependent on the course of the virus as it continues to weigh on economic activity, employment and inflation in the near and medium-term. The Fed indicated that although the recent news of the vaccine has been positive, there continue to be significant uncertainties surrounding timing, production and distribution, and the efficacy of the vaccine across different groups. The Fed anticipates that the US economy is likely to contract by 2.4% in 2020 which is slower than the 3.7% predicted in September. The central bank also increased its 2021 forecast to a growth of 4.2% up from the 4% projected in September.



Foreign Exchange Market

| Currency | 17-Dec | I6-Dec | DoD % Δ | YTD% Δ |
|----------|--------|--------|----------------|--------|
| USD:JMD | 144.02 | 144.13 | -0.08% | 8.64% |
| GBP:JMD | 194.88 | 192.74 | 1.11% | 13.6% |
| CAD:JMD | 113.67 | 113.15 | 0.46% | 13.5% |

Caribbean & Latam

 The Mexican peso climbed on Thursday after the central bank kept its benchmark interest rate on hold in a split decision, with other currencies and stocks in the region supported by increased risk appetite on optimism over fresh U.S. stimulus.

USA & Canada

With time running out on a loan program that had seen little
use so far, U.S. small- and mid-sized businesses are tapping
into the Federal Reserve's Main Street Lending Program at a
record pace.

Europe

 European shares remained at 10-month highs on Thursday, as hopes of more stimulus in the United States and potential COVID-19 vaccine rollouts in Europe strengthened the case for a global economic recovery.

Asia

 President Vladimir Putin said on Thursday real incomes in Russia would fall around 3% in 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic and he vowed separately to reduce poverty by the end of the decade.

Local Equity Market

| Stock Index | Today's close | DoD Δ | DoD% ∆ | YTD % ∆ | ΥοΥ% Δ |
|------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------|---------|---------|
| JSE Combined Index | 385,714.44 | -67.65 | -0.02% | -23.66% | -22.80% |
| JSE Index | 388,653.19 | -370.18 | -0.10% | -23.78% | -22.80% |
| All Jamaican Composite Index | 425,750.84 | -469.19 | -0.11% | -23.95% | -23.03% |
| JSE Select Index | 9,552.00 | 3.13 | 0.03% | -26.89% | -26.68% |
| Junior Market Index | 2,614.15 | 25.62 | 0.99% | -21.94% | -22.68% |

| BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|--------|---|-------|---------|--|--|
| ADVANCERS DECLINERS | | | | | | |
| sos | 21.07% | • | SILUS | -15.55% | | |
| SALF | 11.26% | | MIL | -10.89% | | |
| GWEST | 10.61% | | KEY | -10.14% | | |

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of 83 stocks, of which 36 advanced, 32 declined and 15 traded firm.

International Markets

| International Equity Markets | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|-----------|----------------|---------|---------|--|--|
| Index | I7-Dec | DoD % Δ | YTD% ∆ | ΥοΥ% Δ | | |
| S&P 500 | 3,722.48 | 0.58% | 15.22% | 16.60% | | |
| Dow Jones | 30,303.37 | 0.49% | 6.18% | 7.20% | | |
| FTSE All Share | 3,705.40 | -0.06% | -11.70% | -11.34% | | |
| Euro Stoxx 50 | 3,560.87 | 0.50% | -4.92% | -4.92% | | |
| Nikkei 225 | 26,806.67 | 0.18% | 13.32% | 11.39% | | |
| MSCI World Index | 641.89 | 0.75% | 13.56% | 14.64% | | |

| Currency | I7-Dec | DoD % A | YTD% ∆ | YoY% Δ |
|----------|--------|---------|--------|-----------|
| EUR: USD | 1.2268 | 0.56% | 9.41% | 10.03% |
| GBP: USD | 1.3585 | 0.56% | 2.47% | 3.46% |
| USD: CAD | 1.2720 | -0.18% | -2.08% | -3.34% |
| USD: JPY | 103.11 | -0.35% | -5.06% | -5.82% |

International Currency Market

| Global Interest Rates | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|--------|----------|----------|----------|--|--|--|
| Rates | I7-Dec | DoD ∆bps | YTD ∆bps | YoY ∆bps | | | |
| 10 -Year US Treasury Bond | 0.93% | 1.66 | -98.46 | -94.72 | | | |
| 10-Year UK Gilt | 0.29% | 1.50 | -53.50 | -47.50 | | | |
| GOJ 2025 Global Bond | 3.56% | 0.00 | -29.30 | -31.60 | | | |

| Commodities | | | | | | |
|-------------|----------|----------------|---------------|---------------|--|--|
| Commodity | I7-Dec | DoD % Δ | YTD% Δ | YoY% ∆ | | |
| Crude Oil | 48.36 | 1.13% | -20.80% | -20.64% | | |
| Gold | 1,885.42 | 1.11% | 24.26% | 27.72% | | |
| Silver | 26.06 | 2.90% | 45.99% | 53.21% | | |
| Aluminium | 2,053.00 | 0.88% | 13.43% | 16.38% | | |

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



JN MUTUAL FUNDS



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| JN Mutual Funds | NAV Price | 12 Months Growth Rate | YTD Growth Rate | Yield (Estimated Yearly Income) |
|----------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Global Diversified Income | J\$13.7368 | -5.97% | -5.92% | 2.29% |
| Global Equity | J\$14.7457 | -17.54% | -18.44% | 0.00% |
| Global Fixed Income | J\$12.6696 | 5.50% | 5.73% | 5.03% |
| Global Money Market (US\$) | US\$10.6031 | 3.38% | 3.30% | 3.66% |
| Global Fixed Income (US\$) | US\$10.9662 | 6.22% | 6.10% | 4.76% |
| Local Money Market | J\$11.0392 | 3.83% | 3.77% | 4.12% |

| | Global Money Market Fund | Local Money Market Fund | Global Fixed Income Funds | Global Diversified Income Fund | Global Equity Fund |
|-----------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Objective | To preserve capital whilst | To preserve capital whilst | To achieve an attractive total | To provide long-term | To provide long-term capital |
| | providing US dollar (US\$) | providing Jamaican Dollar | return through capital injection and | investment growth through | growth and risk |
| | money market returns | (J\$) money market returns | income growth. This is offered | exposure to a diversified | diversification. |
| | | | through two separate Funds: | range of asset classes. | |
| | | | (i) A Jamaican dollar (J\$) and | | |
| | | | (ii) A US dollar (US\$) fund. | | |
| Strategy | To invest in local and global | To invest in local and global | To invest in regional, sovereign | To invest in fixed income, | To invest in the shares of |
| | money market instruments | money market instruments | debt securities, local and | high dividend yielding stocks, | local and international |
| | for safety, liquidity and | for safety and liquidity and | international corporate bonds. | REITs and structured products | companies which offer |
| | yield. | yield | | | strong growth possibilities |
| | | | | | and consistent income |
| | | | | | |

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