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## Post Brexit Trade Deal Approved Ahead of Deadline

On December 28, 2020, after almost four and half years since the United Kingdom (UK) voted to leave the European Union (EU), 27 ambassadors from European Union member nations unanimously signalled their approval for the provisional application of the EU-U.K. Trade and Cooperation Agreement. Following the official approval in writing, which is expected be completed by the end of today, the British government is expected to vote on the trade deal on Wednesday, December 30, 2020. This Agreement means that pending approval from UK parliamentarians, the agreement is likely to become law on January 1, 2021 and means, among other things, that there will be no tariffs or quotas on the movement of goods between the UK and EU.

Although the trade agreement has not addressed the services sector which accounts for approximately 80% of UK's economy, once the Brexit trade deal has been fully signed off by both parties, this should remove some of the uncertainties and pressure on the European economies and when coupled with the COVID-19 vaccine distribution could improve the outlook over the medium term. However, the success of the vaccination programme for EU, UK and its main trading partners will be crucial in determining the pace of recovery.



### Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	<b>29-D</b> ec	28-Dec	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	142.62	143.36	-0.52%	7.58%
GBP:JMD	190.75	190.88	-0.07%	11.1%
CAD:JMD	109.29	110.39	-1.00%	9.1%

#### Caribbean & Latam

 Brazil's real jumped on Tuesday and stock markets hit an alltime high as upbeat data and hopes of a bigger U.S. stimulus package drove year-end buying into Latin American assets set to benefit from a speedy economic recovery.

#### **USA & Canada**

 U.S. stocks fell from record highs on Tuesday in choppy trading, as investors worried about the path of reopening the economy and whether the Senate would approve additional pandemic aid checks.

#### **Europe**

 Europe will see its biggest transfer of share trading in more than two decades when stock exchanges open for business in 2021, with Brexit shifting its centre of gravity away from London.

### <u>Asia</u>

 Asian shares rose on Tuesday, with Japanese stocks hitting a 30-year high, as investor risk was encouraged by a Brexit trade deal and hopes a long-awaited U.S. pandemic relief package will be expanded.

### Local Equity Market

Stock Index	Today's close	<b>DoD</b> Δ	DoD% ∆	YTD % ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ
JSE Combined Index	388,806.36	-507.14	-0.13%	-22.95%	-22.15%
JSE Index	391,753.12	-550.89	-0.14%	-23.07%	-22.15%
All Jamaican Composite Index	429,331.77	-528.44	-0.12%	-23.22%	-22.36%
JSE Select Index	9,694.95	28.60	0.30%	-26.01%	-25.60%
Junior Market Index	2,636.45	0.00	0.00%	-21.28%	-22.02%

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Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **84** stocks, of which **36** advanced, **30** declined and **18** traded firm.

### **International Markets**

International Equity Markets					
Index	<b>29-D</b> ec	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ	
S&P 500	3,727.04	-0.22%	15.37%	15.03%	
Dow Jones	30,335.67	-0.22%	6.30%	5.90%	
FTSE All Share	3,750.91	1.57%	-10.62%	-11.69%	
Euro Stoxx 50	3,581.37	0.17%	-4.37%	-5.31%	
Nikkei 225	27,568.15	2.66%	16.53%	15.65%	
MSCI World Index	643.62	0.42%	13.87%	13.55%	

Currency	<b>29-D</b> ec	DoD % ∆	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ
EUR: USD	1.2248	0.26%	9.23%	9.58%
GBP: USD	1.3506	0.40%	1.88%	3.27%
USD: CAD	1.2814	-0.31%	-1.35%	-2.03%
USD: JPY	103.53	-0.27%	-4.68%	-5.40%

**International Currency Market** 

Global Interest Rates					
Rates	29-Dec DoD ∆bps		YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps	
10 -Year US Treasury Bond	0.93%	1.00	-99.00	-95.00	
10-Year UK Gilt	0.21%	-5.00	-61.00	-55.00	
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	3.45%	0.00	-40.00	-41.00	

l		Con	nmodities		
	Commodity	29-Dec	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% ∆	<b>ΥοΥ</b> % Δ
	Crude Oil	47.98	0.76%	-21.42%	-22.26%
	Gold	1,878.28	0.24%	23.79%	24.34%
	Silver	26.21	-0.14%	46.80%	47.51%
	Aluminium	1,991.00	-1.92%	10.00%	9.10%

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



## JN MUTUAL FUNDS



December 28, 2020

JN Mutu	al Funds	NAV Pri	ice	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)
Global Diversified Income		e J\$13.76	16	-5.41%	-5.75%	2.31%
Global I	Equity	J\$14.93	48	-15.62%	-17.40%	0.00%
Global I	Fixed Income	J\$12.64	94	5.39%	5.56%	5.03%
Global I	Money Market (U	<b>S\$)</b> US\$10.6	147	3.44%	3.42%	3.70%
Global Fixed Income (US\$)		\$) US\$10.98	899	6.34%	6.33%	4.76%
Local M	loney Market	J\$11.03	П	3.70%	3.69%	4.14%
	Global Money Market Fund	ket Local Money Market Fund		l 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 income througl (i) A Jai	ieve an attractive total through capital injection and growth. This is offered two separate Funds: maican dollar (J\$) and S 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	To invest in regional, sovereign debt securities, local and international corporate bonds.		To invest in fixed income, high dividend yielding stock REITs and structured produ	

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