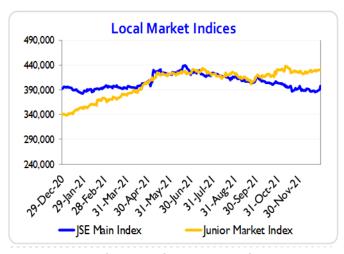




# Eurozone's Business Activity Expands at a Slower Pace in December

The IHS Markit Flash Eurozone PMI Composite Output Index, which measures services and manufacturing activity, fell to a nine-month low of 53.4 in December, down from the 55.4 reported in November. Despite this decline, December's reading is above the 50.0 point threshold which signals a further expansion in private-sector output. The preliminary reading for December was due to the services sector expanding at a slower pace which offset the marginal improvement in the manufacturing sector. The slower performance in the services sector was attributable to rising COVID-19 cases which led to restrictions being reinstated across the region. Although inflationary pressures were less than in November, input costs and average selling prices measured across both manufacturing and services increased at the second-fastest pace recorded in the history of the survey. For the year ahead business sentiment remained resilient, despite the number of rising COVID-19 cases. This optimism was attributable to firms expecting pandemic-related disruptions to ease over the course of 2022, most notably in relation to supply chain issues.

The rising of COVID-19 cases across the region due to the Omicron variant, which emerged in the final week of November continue to still represents one of the most significant downside risks for growth in the region. It is possible that if the rising cases persist this could lead to further restrictions which could dampen consumer confidence, suppress consumer demand and negatively impact supply chains over the short term. Considering this, it is likely that business activity across the Eurozone region will be limited over the final days of 2021 and likely slow in at least the beginning of the New Year.



## Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	<b>29-D</b> ec	28-Dec	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	154.79	155.00	-0.13%	8.51%
GBP:JMD	208.23	208.03	0.10%	7.5%
CAD:JMD	121.13	120.88	0.20%	8.7%

#### Caribbean & Latam

 Most Latin American stocks and currencies dropped on Wednesday with Brazil's real weakening 1% with eyes on month-end derivative settlements, while its stock index dropped to a near one-month low.

#### **USA & Canada**

 Oil prices edged higher on Wednesday after rallying overnight as industry data showed a decline in U.S. inventories, boosting demand sentiment.

#### **Europe**

 European shares rose for a third straight session in thin holiday trading on Wednesday, hovering near an all-time high hit last month, supported by gains in banks and retail stocks.

#### Asia

Most Asian stocks declined on Wednesday, pausing for breath after a recent rally as investors took their cues from a mixed Wall Street session overnight amid a lack of regional developments.

### **Local Equity Market**

Stock Index	Today's close	<b>DoD</b> Δ	DoD% ∆	YTD % ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ
JSE Combined Index	401,736.20	6,527.24	1.65%	2.37%	3.33%
JSE Index	397,102.23	6,970.65	1.79%	0.38%	1.37%
All Jamaican Composite Index	439,964.60	8,093.27	1.87%	1.49%	2.48%
JSE Select Index	9,946.97	232.16	2.39%	2.10%	2.60%
Junior Market Index	3,400.71	6.43	0.19%	28.65%	28.99%

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS					
ADVANCERS DECLINERS					
tTech	17.50%		JETCON	-17.35%	
MPCCEL	15.00%		ICREATE	-11.11%	
PTL	13.64%		KREMI	-9.62%	

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of 87 stocks, of which 51 advanced, 29 declined and 7 traded firm.

### **International Markets**

International Equity Markets						
Index	<b>29-D</b> ec	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% ∆	<b>ΥοΥ</b> % Δ		
S&P 500	4,797.18	0.23%	27.72%	28.71%		
Dow Jones	36,488.63	0.25%	19.22%	20.28%		
FTSE All Share	4,224.78	0.73%	15.00%	12.63%		
Euro Stoxx 50	4,284.83	-0.63%	20.61%	19.64%		
Nikkei 225	28,906.88	-0.56%	5.33%	4.86%		
MSCI World Index	756.37	0.00%	16.99%	17.58%		

International Currency Market								
Currency	<b>29-D</b> ec	DoD % A	YTD% ∆	<b>ΥοΥ</b> % Δ				
EUR: USD	1.1348	0.34%	-7.11%	-7.36%				
GBP: USD	1.35	0.38%	-1.35%	-0.13%				
USD: CAD	1.28	-0.23%	0.53%	-0.20%				
USD: JPY	114.99	0.15%	11.37%	11.02%				

Global Interest Rates					
Rates	<b>29-D</b> ec	DoD ∆bps	YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps	
10 -Year US Treasury Bond	1.55%	7.06	63.81	61.49	
10-Year UK Gilt	1.01%	8.80	81.60	80.00	
GOI 2025 Global Bond	4.07%	1.00	62.10	23.50	

	Commodities					
i	Commodity	29-Dec	$\mathbf{DoD}\ \%\ \Delta$	YTD% $\Delta$	YoY% $\Delta$	
	Crude Oil	76.5	0.68%	57.67%	59.38%	
	Gold	1,804.90	-0.07%	-4.92%	-3.90%	
_	Silver	22.84	-0.80%	-13.51%	-12.88%	
	Aluminium	2,810.50	-0.93%	41.98%	41.16%	

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



# **JN MUTUAL FUNDS**



December 28, 2021

JN Mutu	ual Funds	NAV Pri	ce	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield Estimated Yearly Income)
Global Diversified Income		e J\$14.015	56	1.85%	1.26%	2.18%
Global	Equity	J\$15.323	35	2.60%	1.78%	0.00%
Global	Fixed Income	J\$13.273	35	4.93%	4.87%	4.82%
Global	Money Market (U	<b>S\$)</b> US\$10.98	847	3.49%	3.45%	2.43%
Global	Fixed Income (US	<b>\$)</b> US\$11.34	428	3.21%	2.99%	3.14%
Local M	loney Market	J\$11.587	77	5.05%	5.05%	4.24%
	Global Money Market Local Money Market Fund Fund		Globa	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 income throug (i) A Ja	nieve an attractive total through capital injection and growth. This is offered the two separate Funds: amaican dollar (J\$) and JS 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 s	rest in regional, sovereign ecurities, local and ational corporate bonds.	To invest in fixed income, high dividend yielding stock: REITs and structured produc	

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