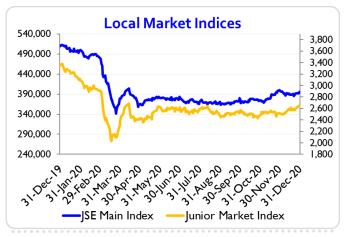
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## **US Jobless Weekly Claims Less than Market Expectations**

According to the United States (US) Department of Labor, initial claims for state unemployment declined to 787,000 for the week ending December 26, 2020 from the 806,000 recorded for the previous week. Last week's jobless claims were also below market expectations for an increase of 833,000. On the other hand, initial claims under the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Programme initiative for persons not eligible under the regular unemployment assistance programme, declined by 88,686 to 308,262 claims.

Despite US' weekly jobless claims declining for a second consecutive week, overall unemployment continues to be elevated. As COVID-19 case count continues to accelerate, some states have been forced to leave restrictions in place, and these have negatively impacted activities, especially for those businesses within services sector. It is anticipated that recently the approved \$900 billion Covid-19 stimulus package could provide short term relief to the many unemployed Americans and a well needed boost to business activities. However, the efficacy of the vaccination programme being rolled out globally will be critical in lifting some of the pressures on consumer spending and employment over medium term to long term.



#### Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	3I-Dec*	<b>30-Dec</b>	<b>DoD %</b> $\Delta$	<b>YTD%</b> $\Delta$
USD:JMD	142.37	143.38	-0.71%	7.39%
GBP:JMD	195.82	192.71	<b>1.61%</b>	14.1%
CAD:JMD	112.74	111.11	1.47%	12.6%
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\*Using Midday Rates

#### Caribbean & Latam

Mexico's peso gained on Thursday in its last trading day of the year after authorities were close to authorizing a COVID-19 vaccine, though the currency was set to close 2020 lower in its worst performance in four years due to weak oil prices.

#### USA & Canada

 Only about 2.6 million Americans had received a COVID-19 vaccine going into the last day of December, putting the United States far short of the government's target to vaccinate 20 million people this month.

#### **Europe**

Stocks fell in European trading on Thursday as lockdowns and rising COVID-19 cases overshadowed the optimism around the rollout of vaccines in the New Year, while the dollar's descent accelerated to another two-and-a-half-year low.

#### <u>Asia</u>

 Asian currencies were on course to finish the pandemic-hit year on a positive note, with the Malaysian ringgit leading gains on Thursday as broader sentiment was lifted by hopes of a vaccine-led economic recovery.

****		Local I	Equity M	arket		
Stock In	dex	Today's close	DoD $\Delta$	<b>DoD%</b> $\Delta$	YTD % $\Delta$	<b>ΥοΥ%</b> Δ
JSE Combined Index		392,435.92	1,821.98	0.47%	-22.69%	-22.21%
JSE Index		395,614.93	2,013.69	0.51%	-22.81%	-22.37%
All Jamaican Compos	ite Index	433,521.09	2,252.56	0.52%	-22.97%	-22.55%
JSE Select Index		9,742.79	29.63	0.31%	-25.65%	-25.47%
Junior Market Index		2,643.38	-3.01	-0.11%	-20.98%	-19.90%
		BEST AND W	ORST PERF	ORMERS		
	ADVANC	ERS		DE	CLINERS	
CAC	22.64%		В	POW	-18.24%	
PULS	PULS 17.23%		S	SILUS	-14.29%	
DCOVE 15.22%			FIRST	ROCKUSD	-13.01%	

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **85** stocks, of which **37** advanced, **39** declined and **9** traded firm.

#### **International Markets**

li li	nternationa	I Equity M	arkets		Int	ernation	al Currency	y Market	
Index	31-Dec	<b>DoD %</b> $\Delta$	<b>YTD%</b> $\Delta$	<b>ΥοΥ%</b> Δ	C	21.0		NTD%	N - N0/
S&P 500	3,756.07	0.64%	16.26%	16.26%	Currency	31-Dec	<b>DoD % A</b>	<b>YTD%</b> ∆	ΥοΥ%
Dow Jones	30,606.48	0.65%	7.25%	7.25%	EUR: USD	1.2223	<b>-0.61</b> %	9.01%	9.01%
FTSE All Share	3,673.63	-1.35%	-12.46%	-1 <b>2.46</b> %	GBP: USD	1.3675	0.37%	3.15%	3.15%
Euro Stoxx 50	3,552.64	- <b>0.53</b> %	-5.14%	-5.14%	USD: CAD	1.2724	-0.27%	-2.05%	-2.05%
Nikkei 225	27,444.17	0.00%	16.01%	16.01%	UJD. CAD	1.2724	-0.27/0	-2.03/8	-2.03/0
MSCI World Index	645.25	-0.01%	14.16%	14.16%	USD: JPY	103.26	0.07%	-4.93%	-4.93%
	Global I	nterest Ra	tes			C	ommodities	;	
Pater	31-D				Commodity	/ 3I-Dec	<b>DoD %</b> Δ	<b>YTD%</b> $\Delta$	YoY%

Giobai interest Nates					Commodities				
Rates	31-Dec		YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps	Commodity	31-Dec	<b>DoD % A</b>	YTD% 🛆	<b>YoY%</b>
10 -Year US Treasury Bond	0.91%	-1.00	-101.00	-101.00	Crude Oil	48.41	0.02%	-20.72%	-20.72%
10-Year UK Gilt	0.20%	-1.00	-62.00	-62.00	Gold	1,898.40	0.21%		25.12%
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	3.45%	0.00	-40.00	-40.00	Silver	26.40 1.979.50	-0.98% -1.00%	47.90% 9.36%	47.90% 9.36%
					Auminum	1,777.50	-1.00/0	7.3070	7.3070

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

# Mutual Funds

## **JN MUTUAL FUNDS**

Fund Managers Ltd.

December 30, 2020

JN Muti	ual Funds	NAV Pri	ce	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)
Global	Diversified Incom	e J\$13.833	33	-4.73%	-5.26%	2.26%
Global	Equity	<b>J\$1</b> 5.030	62	-14.58%	- <b> 6.84</b> %	0.00%
Global	Fixed Income	<b>J</b> \$12.659	95	5.43%	5.64%	5.21%
Global	Money Market (U	<b>S\$)</b> US\$10.6	68	3.44%	3.44%	3.73%
Global	Fixed Income (US	<b>\$)</b> US\$10.99	936	6.37%	6.36%	4.76%
Local M	loney Market	<b>J\$11.03</b>	72	3.72%	3.75%	4.22%
	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Market 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 incom throug (i) A Ja	nieve an attractive total through capital injection and e growth. This is offered th two separate Funds: amaican dollar (J\$) and JS dollar (US\$) fund.	To provide long-term investment growth throug 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 stor REITs and structured proc	cks, local and international

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