



Eurozone Employment Up by 1.0% in the Third Quarter

According to Eurostat, eurozone's employment is estimated to have increased by 1.0% during the third quarter of 2020, following a 3% decline in the previous quarter. The increased employment in the region during the third quarter was the strongest on record since the time series started in 1995. Driving the performance was Ireland with a 3.3% increase in employment quarter over quarter, followed by Spain with 3.1% and Austria with 3.0%. Notwithstanding, the pickup in employment in quarter three, total employment fell by 2.3% on a year-over-year basis. Though government support schemes have mitigated the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on employment, the changes in working hours have been much more pronounced. On a quarter over quarter basis, working hours increased by 14.8% but declined by 4.5% on a year-over-year basis.

Over the last months, the Eurozone's unemployment rate has risen modestly, from a low of 7.2% in April to 8.4% in October, due mainly to the various governments' furlough schemes, which have been extended and set to expire in March 2021. Although this extension sent a positive signal to employers, some of the employment gains during the fourth quarter could be reversed by the second wave of the coronavirus that has resulted in lockdowns and retightening of containment measures in some countries in the region. This is, however, likely to be tempered in 2021 with the introduction of a potentially successful vaccine that has already started in the United Kingdom.



Foreign Exchange Market

| Currency | 8-Dec* | 7-Dec | DoD % Δ | YTD% Δ |
|----------|--------|--------|----------------|--------|
| USD:JMD | 144.43 | 144.81 | -0.26% | 8.95% |
| GBP:JMD | 194.47 | 192.05 | 1.26% | 13.3% |
| CAD:JMD | 112.99 | 111.83 | 1.04% | 12.8% |

^{*}Using Midday Rates

Caribbean & Latam

 The Mexican peso bounced on Tuesday, while other Latin American currencies held steady against the dollar as investors balanced hopes over fresh economic stimulus against worries about a resurgent coronavirus pandemic.

USA & Canada

 U.S. stocks rose on Tuesday as each of the major averages touched record levels in part due to a boost from the healthcare sector on positive COVID-19 vaccine news, while uncertainty over fresh fiscal stimulus held gains in check.

Europe

 European shares ended a volatile session with modest gains on Tuesday, as investors weighed last-ditch attempts at a Brexit trade deal while closely tracking rising coronavirus cases in the region.

Asia

 Most emerging Asia stock markets eked out gains on Tuesday as expectations for U.S. economic stimulus broadly supported global appetite for riskier assets, though fresh concerns about the coronavirus pandemic capped sentiment.

Local Equity Market

| Stock Index | Today's close | DoD Δ | DoD% ∆ | YTD % ∆ | ΥοΥ% Δ |
|------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------|---------|---------|
| JSE Combined Index | 387,725.58 | 1,883.64 | 0.49% | -23.63% | -23.23% |
| JSE Index | 391,895.69 | 1,803.16 | 0.46% | -23.50% | -22.86% |
| All Jamaican Composite Index | 429,520.28 | 1,991.05 | 0.47% | -23.64% | -23.01% |
| JSE Select Index | 9,649.09 | 59.53 | 0.62% | -26.60% | -27.10% |
| Junior Market Index | 2,522.76 | 20.96 | 0.84% | -25.30% | -27.75% |

| BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--|--|
| ADVANCERS DECLINERS | | | | | | |
| ISP | 35.59% | | PJX | -17.45% | | |
| AFS | 10.52% | | CHL | -11.53% | | |
| DCOVE | 8.65% | | EFRESH | -8.45% | | |

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **82** stocks, of which **33** advanced, **38** declined and **11** traded firm.

International Markets

| International Equity Markets | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|-----------|----------------|---------|--------|--|--|
| Index | 8-Dec | DoD % Δ | YTD% ∆ | ΥοΥ% Δ | | |
| S&P 500 | 3,702.25 | 0.28% | 14.60% | 17.68% | | |
| Dow Jones | 30,173.88 | 0.35% | 5.73% | 7.71% | | |
| FTSE All Share | 3,695.13 | -0.02% | -11.95% | -8.15% | | |
| Euro Stoxx 50 | 3,525.87 | -0.12% | -5.86% | -4.51% | | |
| Nikkei 225 | 26,467.08 | -0.30% | 11.88% | 13.33% | | |
| MSCI World Index | 633.63 | 0.18% | 12.10% | 15.60% | | |

| Inc | ernation. | ai Currency | Market | |
|----------|-----------|----------------|--------|-----------|
| Currency | 8-Dec | DoD % Δ | YTD% ∆ | YoY% Δ |
| EUR: USD | 1.2106 | -0.02% | 7.96% | 9.46% |
| GBP: USD | 1.3351 | -0.22% | 0.71% | 1.61% |
| USD: CAD | 1.2819 | 0.16% | -1.32% | -3.29% |
| USD: JPY | 104.16 | 0.11% | -4.10% | -4.07% |

| Global Interest Rates | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|-------|----------|----------|----------|--|--|--|
| Rates | 8-Dec | DoD ∆bps | YTD ∆bps | YoY ∆bps | | | |
| 10 -Year US Treasury Bond | 0.92% | -0.66 | -100.13 | -92.01 | | | |
| 10-Year UK Gilt | 0.26% | -2.60 | -56.50 | -51.50 | | | |
| GOJ 2025 Global Bond | 3.59% | -5.50 | -26.40 | -41.20 | | | |

| | Con | nmodities | | |
|-----------|----------|----------------|---------|----------------|
| Commodity | 8-Dec | DoD % Δ | YTD% ∆ | ΥοΥ % Δ |
| Crude Oil | 45.66 | -0.22% | -25.22% | -22.87% |
| Gold | 1,871.19 | 0.45% | 23.33% | 28.15% |
| Silver | 24.59 | 0.44% | 37.76% | 48.36% |
| Aluminium | 1,990.00 | -1.34% | 9.94% | 12.75% |

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



JN MUTUAL FUNDS



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| JN Mutu | al Funds | NAV Pri | ice | 12 Months Growth Rate | YTD Growth Rate | Yield Estimated Yearly Income) |
|--|--|--|--|---|--|--|
| Global Diversified Income | | e J\$13.69 | 98 | -5.17% | -6.18% | 2.05% |
| Global I | Equity | J\$14.82 | 60 | -15.05% | -18.00% | 0.00% |
| Global I | Fixed Income | J\$12.694 | 48 | 5.84% | 5.94% | 4.66% |
| Global I | Money Market (U | S\$) US\$10.59 | 926 | 6 3.35% 3.20% | | 3.67% |
| Global Fixed Income (US\$) Local Money Market | | \$) US\$10.84 | 442 | 5.14% | 4.92% | 4.77% |
| | | J\$11.03 | 34 | 3.86% | 3.72% | 4.27% |
| | 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 income throug (i) A Ja | ieve an attractive total through capital injection and growth. This is offered h two separate Funds: maican 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 capita 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 se | est in regional, sovereign ecurities, local and ational corporate bonds. | To invest in fixed income, high dividend yielding stocks REITs and structured produc | |

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