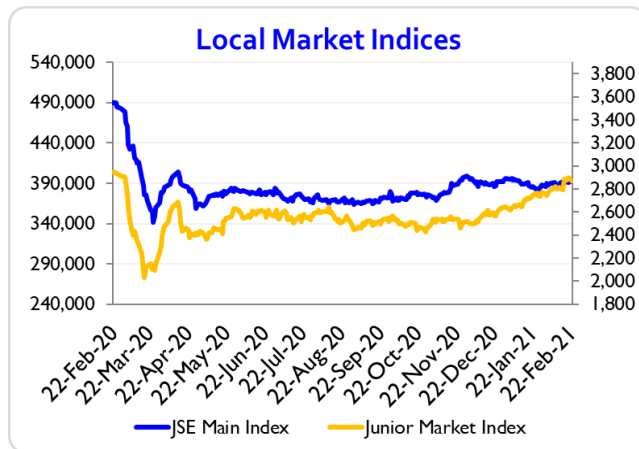


## Bank of Jamaica Revises its Inflation Projection Downward

The Bank of Jamaica (BOJ) in its February 2021 Quarterly Monetary Policy Report (QMPR) revised downward its inflation projection for the next eight quarters (March 2021 to December 2022) to an average of 5% from the 5.3% projected in November 2020. The bank's projected inflation, at 5%, remains within the target range of 4.0% to 6.0%. The downward revision was driven primarily by a lower trajectory for inflation in agricultural food prices and was partially offset by a higher trajectory for processed foods, energy and transport. For the March 2021 quarter, the BOJ projects inflation will accelerate but stay within the bank's target range. The projected increase for the quarter largely reflects increases in the cost of processed food, energy and domestic and household services.

Core inflation, which measures the change in prices excluding agricultural food and fuel prices, is projected to gradually increase over the next fiscal year. The bank notes that their higher core inflation is due to the impact of accommodative monetary and fiscal policies as well as improvement in external demand conditions. This upward trend in core inflation, however, is likely to be offset by relatively weak conditions in domestic demand resulting from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and related steps to control the virus.



### Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	22-Feb	19-Feb	DoD % Δ	YTD % Δ
USD:JMD	152.14	152.06	0.05%	14.76%
GBP:JMD	213.10	213.53	-0.20%	10.0%
CAD:JMD	121.23	121.48	-0.20%	21.0%

### Caribbean & Latam

- Brazil's benchmark Bovespa index tanked on Monday as oil major Petrobras plummeted 21% following the ouster of its investor-backed chief executive, while Latin American stocks and currencies fell as higher inflation expectations hurt sentiment.

### USA & Canada

- U.S. stock indexes were on track to open lower on Monday as climbing Treasury yields and prospects of rising inflation triggered valuation concerns, hitting shares of technology-related companies.

### Europe

- European shares trimmed early losses on Monday as comments from the region's central bank brought down treasury yields, though inflation expectations and profit-taking in technology stocks dragged the benchmark index lower.

### Asia

- Asian shares turned mixed on Monday as expectations for faster economic growth and inflation globally battered bonds and boosted commodities, while rising real yields made equity valuations look more stretched in comparison.

### Local Equity Market

Stock Index	Today's close	DoD Δ	DoD % Δ	YTD % Δ	YoY % Δ
JSE Combined Index	392,175.75	1,040.63	0.27%	-0.07%	-18.73%
JSE Index	392,702.80	1,458.81	0.37%	-0.74%	-19.86%
All Jamaican Composite Index	430,576.51	1,612.03	0.38%	-0.68%	-20.01%
JSE Select Index	9,744.15	76.56	0.79%	0.01%	-22.26%
Junior Market Index	2,871.89	-27.24	-0.94%	8.64%	-2.56%

### BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS

ADVANCERS		DECLINERS	
CAC	14.74%	PTL	-12.75%
tTech	14.36%	I38SL	-12.50%
CBNY	11.29%	GWEST	-11.11%

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **84** stocks, of which **32** advanced, **43** declined and **9** traded firm.

### International Markets

International Equity Markets					International Currency Market				
Index	22-Feb	DoD % Δ	YTD % Δ	YoY % Δ	Currency	22-Feb	DoD % Δ	YTD % Δ	YoY % Δ
S&P 500	3,876.50	-0.77%	19.99%	16.14%	EUR: USD	1.2152	0.27%	8.37%	12.03%
Dow Jones	31,521.69	0.09%	10.45%	8.72%	GBP: USD	1.41	0.32%	6.06%	8.46%
FTSE All Share	3,762.96	-0.19%	-10.33%	-8.95%	USD: CAD	1.26	0.03%	-2.86%	-4.58%
Euro Stoxx 50	3,699.85	-0.37%	-1.21%	-2.65%	USD: JPY	105.07	-0.36%	-3.26%	-5.86%
Nikkei 225	30,156.03	0.46%	27.47%	28.94%					
MSCI World Index	673.77	-0.88%	19.20%	17.65%					
Global Interest Rates					Commodities				
Rates	22-Feb	DoD Δbps	YTD Δbps	YoY Δbps	Commodity	22-Feb	DoD % Δ	YTD % Δ	YoY % Δ
10-Year US Treasury Bond	1.37%	3.23	-54.88	-10.26	Crude Oil	61.49	3.80%	0.70%	15.19%
10-Year UK Gilt	0.68%	-1.90	-14.30	10.60	Gold	1,807.90	1.33%	19.15%	10.01%
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	3.56%	1.70	-29.90	-27.00	Silver	28.15	3.16%	57.70%	52.27%
					Aluminium	2,166.50	1.64%	19.70%	26.44%



# Mutual Funds

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## JN MUTUAL FUNDS

February 19, 2021

JN Mutual Funds	NAV Price	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)
<b>Global Diversified Income</b>	J\$13.8801	-2.38%	0.28%	2.08%
<b>Global Equity</b>	J\$15.0751	-12.02%	0.13%	0.00%
<b>Global Fixed Income</b>	J\$12.8357	5.33%	1.41%	5.58%
<b>Global Money Market (US\$)</b>	US\$10.6613	3.52%	0.41%	3.54%
<b>Global Fixed Income (US\$)</b>	US\$10.9789	5.89%	-0.31%	4.66%
<b>Local Money Market</b>	J\$11.1699	4.49%	1.26%	4.29%

	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Market Fund	Global Fixed Income Funds	Global Diversified Income Fund	Global Equity Fund
<b>Objective</b>	To preserve capital whilst providing US dollar (US\$) money market returns	To preserve capital whilst providing Jamaican Dollar (J\$) money market returns	To achieve an attractive total return through capital injection and income growth. This is offered through two separate Funds: (i) A Jamaican dollar (J\$) and (ii) A US 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.
<b>Strategy</b>	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 stocks, REITs and structured products	To invest in the shares of local and international companies which offer strong growth possibilities and consistent income

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