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Jamaican Economy Contracted by 9.4% in Q4 2020 - PIOJ

According to the Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ), Jamaica's economy contracted by an estimated 9.4% in the fourth quarter (October to December) of 2020 relative to the corresponding quarter of 2019. This preliminary estimate reflects the results of the ongoing impact of COVID-19 on business activities, weakened consumer and business confidence, declining demand associated with lower disposable income due to job losses and reduced work hours. In terms of sector performance, PIOJ estimated that the Goods-Producing sector contracted by 0.6% due primarily to a 6.1% decline in the heavily weighted 'Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing' industry, as well as a 3.4% decline in the 'Manufacturing' industry. However, the overall movement in the Goods Producing sector was tempered by the 6.0% and 6.2% increases in the 'Construction' and 'Mining & Quarrying' industries, respectively. Unsurprisingly, the Services sector recorded a greater contraction of 11.5%, relative to the corresponding quarter of the previous year, reflecting the relatively broad-based declines in all categories excluding Producers of Government Services.

For the calendar year 2020, PIOJ estimated that the Jamaican economy contracted by 10.2%, which, when confirmed, will represent the first annual contraction since 2012. The PIOJ indicated that the short-term outlook remains negative in light of the uptick in COVID-19 positivity rate locally and globally which will continue to affect the services sector and demand in general. The PIOI projects that Jamaica's economy will contract within the range of 7.0% to 9.0% for the January to March 2021 quarter and within a range of 10.5% to 12.5% for the fiscal year 2020/21. However, it is anticipated that the economy will return to growth, within the range of 4.0% to 8.0%, in FY 2021/22, as the demand and output for goods and services increases as the economy gradual returns to normalcy.



Foreign Exchange Market

	Currency	24-Feb	23-Feb	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ						
	USD:JMD	152.44	152.36	0.05%	I 4.99 %						
	GBP:JMD	214.26	213.71	0.26%	10.6%						
	CAD:JMD	121.67	122.65	-0.80%	21.5%						

Caribbean & Latam

Mexican consumer price inflation accelerated by less than forecast in the first two weeks of February, data from the national statistics agency showed on Wednesday.

USA & Canada

Shares on Wall Street rallied on Wednesday, with the Dow hitting a record high, as a selloff in technology-related stocks eased and a rotation into cyclical shares continued after Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell's comments calmed inflation worries.

Europe

European shares rose on Wednesday, supported by strongerthan-expected growth in Germany's economy, although concerns over a possible rise in inflation and lofty equity valuations kept gains in check.

Asia

Most Asian equities fell on Wednesday, shedding early gains, as investors continued to worry about overvalued emerging market assets and a higher inflation outlook even as the head of the U.S. Federal Reserve pushed back on inflation concerns.

Local Equity Market									
Stock Index	Today's close	DoD Δ	DoD% Δ	YTD % Δ	ΥοΥ% Δ				
JSE Combined Index	392,394.75	254.74	0.07%	-0.08%	-18.74%				
JSE Index	392,387.19	148.82	0.04%	-0.85%	-19.95%				
All Jamaican Composite Index	430,236.99	173.69	0.04%	-0.80%	-20.10%				
JSE Select Index	9,741.63	12.92	0.13%	-0.14%	-22.38%				
Junior Market Index	2,918.23	10.75	0.37%	9.99%	-1.36%				
	BEST AND W	ORST PERF	ORMERS						
ADVAI	NCERS		DE	CLINERS					
1834 27.2	1%		PAL	-17.21%					
CBNY 24.3	2%	I	38SL	-13.02%					
ICREATE 18.7	5%		AFS	-11.40%					

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of 83 stocks, of which **38** advanced, **34** declined and **11** traded firm.

International Markets

Ir	nternationa	l Equity Ma	arkets		Int	ternation	al Currency	y Market	
Index	24-Feb	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ	YoY% Δ		2451		MEDO	
S&P 500	3,924.25	1.10%	4.48%	21.65%	Currency	24-Feb	DoD % A	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ
Dow Jones	31,987.98	1.43%	4.51%	14.40%	EUR: USD	1.2168	0.15%	-0.39%	12.11%
FTSE All Share	3,795.06	0.63%	3.31%	-5.08%	GBP: USD	1.41	0.17%	3.42%	9.39%
Euro Stoxx 50	3,705.99	0.46%	4.32%	1.59%	USD: CAD	1.25	-0.59%	-1.67%	-5.87%
Nikkei 225	29,671.70	- I.6 1%	8.12%	26.87%	USD. CAD	1.25	-0.37/0	-1.07/6	-3.07/6
MSCI World Index	676.09	0.31%	4.6 1%	21.66%	USD: JPY	105.86	0.58%	2.53%	-4.39 %
	Global I	nterest Rat	es			C	ommodities	;	
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Global Interest Rates							Commodities				
24-Feb	DoD Abps	YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps	Commodity	24-Feb	DoD % A	YTD% A	ΥοΥ% Δ			
1.38%	4.00	47.00	1.00	Crude Oil	63.22	2.51%	30.30%	22.92%			
0.73%	1.00	53.00	19.00	Gold	1,802.59	-0.17%	-5.04%	8.63%			
2 5 7 %	1.00	12.00	20.00	Silver	27.92	0.88%	5.74%	49.82 %			
3.57 %	1.00	12.00	-27.00	Aluminium	2,184.50	1.75%	10.36%	28.58%			
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Sources: Bloomberg, Reuters, Jamaica Stock Exchange, Bank of Jamaica, Jamaica Observer, Jamaica Gleaner, Nasdaq, Investing.com

Mutual Funds

JN MUTUAL FUNDS

Fund Managers Ltd.

February 23, 2021

JN Mutual Funds		NAV Pri	ice	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate (Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)		
Global	e J\$13.88	32	-2.40%	0.30%	2.08%			
Global	J\$15.05	70	-11.80%	0.01%	0.00%			
Global	Fixed Income	J\$12.83	77	5.55%	1.43%	5.58%		
Global	Money Market (US	S\$) US\$10.66	646	3.54%	0.44%	3.54%		
Global	Fixed Income (US	\$) US\$10.96	691	5.78%	-0.40%	4.66%		
Local M	loney Market	J\$11.17	39	4.60%	1.30%	4.29%		
	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Market Fund	Global 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 1 income through (i) A Jar	eve an attractive total through capital injection and growth. This is offered n two separate Funds: maican dollar (J\$) and IS dollar (US\$) fund.	To provide long-term investment growth through exposure to a diversified range of asset classes.	To provide long-term capit 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 curities, local and tional corporate bonds.	To invest in fixed income, high dividend yielding stocks REITs and structured produc			

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