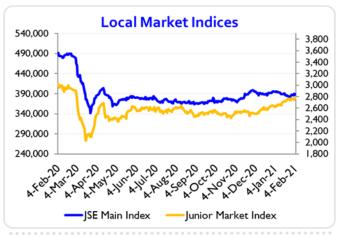




# Jamaica's Net Remittance Inflows Increased in November 2020

The Bank of Jamaica's (BOJ) Remittances Bulletin for November showed that net remittances inflows increased by 25.7% or US\$45.2 million to US\$220.9 million relative to the US\$175.7 million recorded in November 2019. This improvement was mainly reflective of an increase in gross remittance inflows and a simultaneous decrease in outflows. The increase in gross remittances was largely driven by a rise in inflows from remittance companies up by 23.5% but offset by a marginal decline in other remittances, down by 2.4%. The United States of America (USA) remained Jamaica's largest source of remittances in November 2020 followed by United Kingdom (UK), Canada and the Cayman Islands, with ratios of 68.1%, 11.6%, 10.2% and 6.1%. For the April to November period, net remittance inflows increased by 30.8% or US\$446.2 million to US\$1,892.6 million relative to the US\$1,446.4 million recorded in the comparable period in 2019.

Some countries have experienced reduced remittances inflows due to the negative impact of the pandemic on the labour market and business activities, but Jamaica is one of the few countries that have registered increased remittances in 2020. This increase also comes despite the negative impact that COVID-19 has been having on Jamaica's source markets such as the USA, UK and Canada. Jamaica's remittance inflows remain resilient and is critical given the fall-off in US dollar inflows from the tourism sector. However, given the general uptick in cases recently and the increase instances of the more transmissible strains being discovered, remittance inflows to Jamaica could slow over the short-term if stringent lockdown measures are reinforced in these source markets. On the upside, however, if the spike observed is reasonably contained and vaccination programmes being rolled out are effective, remittances could remain robust as more and more unemployed people regain employment in Jamaica's main source markets.



## Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	4-Feb	3-Feb	DoD % $\Delta$	<b>ΥΤΟ</b> % Δ
USD:JMD	150.87	148.04	1.91%	13.81%
GBP:JMD	204.89	205.28	-0.19%	5.8%
CAD:JMD	118.07	119.00	-0.78%	17.9%

#### Caribbean & Latam

Mexico's peso led early losses across Latin American currencies on Thursday after the Supreme Court struck down a key component of the government's reform agenda, while most other units fell on increased buying into the dollar.

### **USA & Canada**

 The number of Americans filing new applications for unemployment benefits decreased further last week, suggesting the labor market was stabilizing as authorities started to loosen pandemic-related restrictions on businesses.

#### **Europe**

 European shares rose on Thursday, extending a rally for the fourth straight day, as investors were hopeful of a swifter global economic recovery, with German shares leading the advance among European Union members.

### <u>Asia</u>

 Indonesian shares pared earlier gains on Thursday ahead of GDP data, while most other Asian stock markets were mixed as investors exercised caution triggered by worries about policy tightening in China and mixed cues from Wall Street.

# **Local Equity Market**

Stock Index	Today's close	<b>DoD</b> Δ	DoD% ∆	YTD % ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ
JSE Combined Index	388,163.80	1,213.84	0.31%	-1.09%	-19.96%
JSE Index	389,430.69	1,182.10	0.30%	-1.56%	-20.81%
All Jamaican Composite Index	427,013.70	1,444.54	0.34%	-1.50%	-20.93%
JSE Select Index	9,583.94	67.67	0.71%	-1.63%	-23.46%
Junior Market Index	2,776.72	11.77	0.43%	5.04%	-8.03%

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS						
ADVANCERS DECLINERS						
PAL	20.00%		CPFV	-8.12%		
SALF	11.30%		FOSRICH	-6.94%		
LASM	7.22%		PURITY	-6.00%		

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **76** stocks, of which **44** advanced, **24** declined and **8** traded firm.

### **International Markets**

International Equity Markets						
Index	4-Feb	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% ∆	<b>YoY</b> % ∆		
S&P 500	3,871.74	1.09%	3.08%	17.41%		
Dow Jones	31,055.86	1.08%	1.47%	7.80%		
FTSE All Share	3,706.20	0.00%	0.89%	-10.41%		
Euro Stoxx 50	3,642.12	0.90%	2.52%	-2.42%		
Nikkei 225	28,341.95	-1.06%	3.27%	22.77%		
MSCI World Index	665.86	0.44%	3.03%	17.09%		

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10-Year UK Gilt

GOJ 2025 Global Bond

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International Currency Market							
Currency	4-Feb	DoD % A	YTD% ∆	<b>YoY</b> % ∆			
EUR: USD	1.1965	-0.59%	-2.05%	8.34%			
GBP: USD	1.3672	0.18%	0.01%	4.92%			
USD: CAD	1.2821	0.27%	0.75%	-3.43%			
USD: JPY	105.53	0.48%	2.21%	-3.64%			

Commodities						
Commodity	4-Feb	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% ∆	<b>ΥοΥ</b> % Δ		
Crude Oil	56.35	1.19%	16.14%	13.59%		
Gold	1,793.57	-2.21%	-5.52%	15.50%		
Silver	26.36	-1.97%	-0.16%	49.82%		
Aluminium	1,993.50	1.01%	0.71%	18.24%		

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

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-36.00



# **JN MUTUAL FUNDS**



February 3, 2021

JN Mutu	ual Funds	NAV Pri	ice	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield Estimated Yearly Income)
Global	Diversified Income	e J\$13.779	91	-4.41%	-0.45%	2.11%
Global	Equity	J\$14.818	82	-15.12%	-1.58%	0.00%
Global	Fixed Income	J\$12.793	39	5.34%	1.08%	5.77%
Global	Money Market (US	<b>S\$)</b> US\$10.64	474	3.49%	0.27%	3.53%
Global	Fixed Income (US	\$) US\$10.98	874	6.02%	-0.24%	4.69%
Local M	loney Market	J\$11.128	87	4.24%	0.89%	4.41%
	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	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 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 se	est 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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