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## Increased Level of Uncertainty in Energy Outlook Due to Evolving Pandemic

The United States Energy Information Administration's (EIA) Short-Term Energy Outlook for February shows that global consumption of petroleum and liquid fuels averaged 93.9 million barrels per day (b/d) in January 2021, down by 2.8 million b/d from January 2020. The EIA projects that for the entire 2021, global consumption will rise by 5.4 million b/d to 97.7 and a further 3.5 million b/d in 2022. The global consumption forecast for 2021 is also slightly lower than the 97.8 million b/d forecasted in the previous month, primarily due to the increased levels of uncertainty as responses to the pandemic continues to evolve. In January 2021, Brent crude oil spot price at \$55 per barrel (b) was \$5/b higher than December 2020. The higher price reflects the decision by Saudi Arabia to cut production in February and March, adding to the previously negotiated reductions by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and Partner Countries (OPEC+). During the first quarter of the year, the Brent crude oil spot price was forecasted to average \$56/b and is likely to stabilize to a price of \$52/b over the remainder of 2021. The EIA also projected that in the next two years, West Texas Intermediate crude oil prices will stay close to or higher than \$50/b.

Decreases in economic activity and changes in consumer behaviour in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, especially regarding non-essential travel, have led to a significant decline in energy demand in 2020. These shifts in energy demand and supply are expected to continue in the short term. However, given that vaccination programmes are being quickly being rolled-out globally, we anticipate that a return to normalcy in demand could be possible in the medium term as restrictions on travel eases and business activities pick up.

Interna

Index

S&P 500

Dow Jones

FTSE All Share

Euro Stoxx 50

MSCI World Index

Nikkei 225



### Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	9-Feb	8-Feb	<b>DoD %</b> $\Delta$	<b>YTD%</b> $\Delta$		
USD:JMD	150.30	149.48	0.55%	13.37%		
GBP:JMD	209.84	207.37	I.1 <b>9</b> %	8.4%		
CAD:JMD	117.85	118.24	-0.33%	17.7%		

#### **Caribbean & Latam**

Brazil's real led losses across Latin American currencies on Tuesday on concerns over lower-than-expected inflation and stretched fiscal spending, while Chile's peso rose tracking higher copper prices.

#### USA & Canada

U.S. layoffs eased in December and job openings increased modestly, suggesting the decline in employment that month was largely due to companies cutting back on hiring amid uncertainty caused by a raging COVID-19 pandemic.

#### Europe

European shares dipped on Tuesday as a recent rally powered by hopes of a swifter global economic recovery and vaccine roll-outs showed signs of cooling, while shares in French oil major Total rose after its earnings recovered in the fourth quarter.

#### Asia

Indonesian shares reversed their course to trade lower on Tuesday, after the country's central bank raised concerns about the pace of its economic recovery, while most other emerging Asian stocks gained in line with a broader rally.

Local Equity Market									
Stock In	dex	Today's close	<b>DoD</b> $\Delta$	<b>DoD%</b> $\Delta$	<b>YTD %</b> $\Delta$	<b>ΥοΥ%</b> Δ			
JSE Combined Index		384,858.76	-5,216.44	-1.34%	-0.60%	-18.38%			
JSE Index		385,325.02	-5,742.57	-1.47%	-1.15%	-19.27%			
All Jamaican Compos	ite Index	422,532.67	-6,111.53	-1.43%	-1.12%	-19.43%			
JSE Select Index		9,496.29	-176.81	-1.83%	-0.72%	-21.57%			
Junior Market Index		2,821.49	6.79	0.24%	6.48%	-5.83%			
		BEST AND W	ORST PERF	ORMERS					
	ADVANC	ERS		DE	CLINERS				
CBNY	16.67%			KEY	-13.07%				
LUMBER	5.00%		C	CPFV	-12.90%				
ТЈН	4.58%		X	FUND	-10.74%				

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of 77 stocks, of which 27 advanced, 37 declined and 13 traded firm.

## **International Markets**

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9-Feb	<b>DoD %</b> $\Delta$	<b>YTD%</b> $\Delta$	<b>ΥοΥ%</b> Δ	Cumonar	9-Feb	<b>DoD %</b> Δ	<b>YTD% \</b>	<b>ΥοΥ%</b> Λ	
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31,375.83	-0.03%	2.51%	7.81%	EUR: USD	1.2118	0.56%	-0.80%	10.71%	
3,731.03	0.13%	1.56%	-10.12%	GBP: USD	1.3814	0.53%	1.05%	7.15%	
3,661.13	-0.12%	3.05%	-3.62%	USD: CAD	1.2699	-0.31%	-0.20%	-4.58%	
29,505.93	0.40%	7.51%	23.83%	030. CAD	1.2077	-0.3176	-0.20/0	-4.50/6	
677.09	0.23%	4.77%	18.05%	USD: JPY	104.58	-0.62%	I.29%	-4.71%	
Global Ir	nterest Rat	es			С	ommoditie	S		

Glo	Commodities								
Rates	9-Feb	DoD Abps	YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps	Commodity	9-Feb	<b>DoD % A</b>	YTD% 🛆	<b>ΥοΥ%</b> Δ
10 -Year US Treasury Bond	1.16%	-1.00	25.00	-42.00	Crude Oil	58.39	0.72%	20.34%	16.04%
10-Year UK Gilt	0.46%	-2.00	26.00	-11.00	Gold	1,836.17	0.29%	-3.28%	<b>16.92</b> %
GOI 2025 Global Bond	3.52%	2.00	7.00	-36.00	Silver	27.24	-0.13%	3.16%	53.87%
GOJ 2023 GIODAI DOIIG					Aluminium	2,054.00	1.28%	3.76%	19.00%

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 8, 2021

JN Mutual Funds		NAV Pri	ice	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate (	Yield Estimated Yearly Income)	
Global	Diversified Incom	e J\$13.84	12	-3.12%	0.00%	2.11%	
Global	Equity	<b>J\$14.90</b> !	54	-12.30%	-1.00%	0.00%	
Global	Fixed Income	<b>J\$12.8</b> 03	32	5.33%	1.16%	5.77%	
Global	Money Market (U	<b>S\$)</b> US\$10.6	520	3.51%	0.32%	3.53%	
Global	Fixed Income (US	<b>\$)</b> US\$11.0	111	6.26%	-0.02%	4.69%	
Local M	loney Market	<b>J\$11.13</b>	34	4.25%	0.93%	4.41%	
	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 t income through (i) A Jar	ieve 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 capita growth and risk diversification.	
money market instruments money market instruments debt see		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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