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Jamaica's Net Remittance Inflows Rose in October 2020

The Bank of Jamaica's (BOJ) Remittances Bulletin for October shows net remittances inflows increasing by 36.9% or US\$67.9 million to US\$252.2 million relative to the US\$184.3 million recorded in October 2019. This improvement is mainly reflective of an increase in gross remittance inflows largely driven by a rise in inflows from remittance companies and other remittances which increased by 38.1% and 10.3%, respectively. The United States of America (USA) remained Jamaica's largest source of remittances in October 2020 followed by Canada, United Kingdom (UK) and the Cayman Islands, with ratios of 68.9%, 10.6%, 11.0% and 5.8%, respectively. For the April to October period, net remittance inflows increased by 31.6% or US\$401.1 million to US\$1,671.8 million relative to the corresponding period in 2019.

Jamaica's remittance inflows remain resilient despite the negative impact COVID-19 has had on its main source market economies such as the US and is very important especially given the fallout in the tourism sector. However, given the resurgence in COVID-19 cases in most source markets and with the UK for example currently under lockdown, remittance could slow in the short term, especially in the absence of fiscal stimulus. However, the current US president's proposed \$1.9 trillion stimuli, coupled with the continued actions to control the spread of COVID-19 and lower the level of unemployment will be crucial over the short term in increasing consumers' propensity to spend and remit cash from the source market given the slowdown in job growth observed towards the end of 2020.

10 -Year US Treasury Bond

10-Year UK Gilt

GOJ 2025 Global Bond

1.08%

0.30%

3.36%

-1.00

1.00

0.00

17.00

10.00

-9.00



Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	20-Jan	l 9-Jan	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	146.15	145.49	0.45%	10.24%
GBP:JMD	199.08	197.47	0.82%	2.8%
CAD:JMD	115.34	115.07	0.23%	15.2%

Caribbean & Latam

Latin American economies will rebound this year from last year's recession but the risks to that outlook are almost all skewed to the downside, analysts at Fitch Ratings said on Wednesday, citing in particular the evolution of the COVID-19 pandemic.

USA & Canada

U.S. corporate results and profit outlooks are becoming increasingly important in sustaining investor optimism in a stock market rally that has driven valuations close to a 20-year high.

Europe

The euro struggled to join a broader risk rally against the dollar on Wednesday as analysts said the risk of extended lockdowns in Europe to combat the spread of COVID-19 and the continent's lag in a vaccine rollout were weighing on the currency.

<u>Asia</u>

Northeast Asia has been hit by a midwinter energy crisis as an extended period of much lower than normal temperatures across the region has strained supplies of coal, gas and electricity to breaking point.

Local Equity Market									
Stock Index		Today's close	DoD Δ	DoD% Δ	YTD % Δ	ΥοΥ% Δ			
JSE Combined Index	¢	384,812.29	-753.99	-0.20%	-1.75%	- 21.69 %			
JSE Index		386,406.15	-925.66	-0.24%	-2.09 %	-22.16%			
All Jamaican Compo	osite Index	423,586.24	-1,177.07	-0.28%	-2.02%	-22.26%			
JSE Select Index Junior Market Index		9,489.85	-41.68	-0.44%	-2.17%	-25.39% -15.41%			
		2,723.60	9.22	0.34%	2.69%				
		BEST AND W	ORST PERF	ORMERS					
	ADVANC	CERS		DECLINERS					
PURITY	22.22%		В	POW	-10.97%				
138 SL	19.40%			MIL	-7.88 %				
ISP	13.49%			KEY	-5.10%				

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of 70 stocks, of which 37 advanced, 23 declined and 10 traded firm.

International Markets

International Equity Markets				International Currency Market					
Index	20-Jan	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ	ΥοΥ% Δ	Currency	20-Jan	DoD % A	ΥΤD% Δ	VoV9/ A
S&P 500	3,859.43	1.59%	2.75%	15.91%	Currency	20-jan			
Dow Jones	31,188.38	0.83%	I.90%	6.27%	EUR: USD	1.2106	-0.19%	-0.90%	9. 11%
FTSE All Share	3,816.31	0.59%	3.88%	-10.11%	GBP: USD	1.3656	0.19%	-0.10%	4.97 %
Euro Stoxx 50	3,624.04	0.80%	2.01%	- 4.6 1%	USD: CAD	1.2639	-0.75%	-0.68%	-3.13%
Nikkei 225	28,523.26	-0.38%	3.93%	18.43%		1.2037	-0.7370	-0.00/0	-3.13/0
MSCI World Index	669.10	1.21%	3.53%	15.55%	USD: JPY	103.53	-0.36%	0.27%	-6.04%
Global Interest Rates						Co	ommodities	;	
Rates	20-	Jan DoD ∆b	ps YTD 🗤	os YoY ∆bps	Commodity	y 20-Jan	DoD % A	YTD% Δ	ΥοΥ% Δ

Crude Oil

Aluminium

Gold

Silver

53.24

1.869.80

25.84

1,980.50

0.49%

1.60%

2.44%

0.84%

9.73%

-1.50%

-2.13%

0.05%

-9.05%

19.80%

42.94%

9.30%

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

-74.00

-35.00

-39.60



JN MUTUAL FUNDS

Fund Managers Ltd.

January 18, 2021

JN Mutual Funds		NAV Pri	ce	2 Months rowth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)		
Global	Diversified Income	e J\$13.699	92	-5.11%	-1.03%	2.20%		
Global	Equity	J\$14.720	00	-16.40%	-2.23%	0.00%		
Global	Fixed Income	J\$12.71	62	5.33%	0.47%	5.28%		
Global	Money Market (US	S\$) US\$10.63	335	3.48%	0.14%	3.72%		
Global	Fixed Income (US	\$) US\$10.97	729	6.04%	-0.37%	4.74%		
Local M	loney Market	J\$11.070	64	3.9 4%	0.42%	4.11%		
	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	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 d 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 securit	regional, sovereign ies, local and Il corporate bonds.	To invest in fixed income, high dividend yielding stock REITs and structured produ			

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