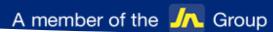
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# IMF Raises Global Growth Forecasts for 2021

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) revised its global growth projections for 2020 to -3.5%, an improvement of 0.9 percentage points, from the -4.4% contraction predicted in October 2020. This revision by the IMF was largely due to stronger than expected momentum in the second half of last year. In terms of 2021, the IMF projects that amid exceptional uncertainty, global growth will improve to 5.5%, which is 0.3 percentage points better than October's forecast. This improvement reflects the fact that vaccinations have began in some countries, additional policy support at the end of 2020 in economies such as the United States and Japan, and the resulting increase in contact-intensive activities as the health crisis fades. However, the positive effects will likely be offset by a somewhat worse outlook for the near term, as measures to contain the spread of the virus has affected activity.

The IMF anticipates that advanced economies, which include the United States and the Euro Area will recover by 4.3% in 2021, higher than the 3.9% forecasted in October. Meanwhile, Emerging Markets and Developing Economies are expected to grow by 6.3% in 2021, which is higher than the 6.0% previously projected. Of the Emerging Market and Developing Economies, China's economy is expected to expand by 8.1% in 2021, compared with the October forecasts of 8.2% while India's economy is seen growing 11.5% in 2021, up 2.7 percentage points from the October forecast, after a stronger-than-expected recovery in 2020. The agency further highlighted that projected recovery would vary significantly across countries and would need support from their governments to offset the damage from the pandemic. The IMF warns that the uncertainty surrounding COVID-19 mutations could likely cloud the outlook for the global health crisis and economic growth.



### Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	28-Jan	27-Jan	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	148.59	148.49	0.07%	12.09%
GBP:JMD	204.68	203.58	0.54%	5.7%
CAD:JMD	116.99	117.17	-0.15%	16.8%

### Caribbean & Latam

Brazil's real slipped on Thursday on fiscal woes, while other major Latin American currencies cut losses to trade higher as the dollar sank in choppy trade.

Wall Street's main indexes jumped on Thursday as mega-cap technology stocks tried to regain lost ground following a sharp sell-off after fears eased around hedge funds selling off long positions to cover a short squeeze.

#### **Europe**

European stocks closed higher on Thursday as a bounce in Wall Street stocks, gains in airlines and upbeat earnings reports drove a reversal of early losses across markets.

#### **Asia**

Asia's retail investors, emboldened by the meteoric rise of U.S. videogame retailer GameStop, are taking on short sellers and making their brokers nervous enough to cut off margin lending.

## **Local Equity Market**

Stock Index	Today's close	<b>DoD</b> Δ	DoD% ∆	YTD % ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ
JSE Combined Index	383,994.85	2,534.57	0.66%	-2.80%	-22.61%
JSE Index	385,379.33	2,742.58	0.72%	-3.28%	-23.32%
All Jamaican Composite Index	422,427.29	3,030.64	0.72%	-3.26%	-23.46%
JSE Select Index	9,445.88	58.00	0.62%	-3.64%	-26.18%
Junior Market Index	2,735.54	0.84	0.03%	3.45%	-12.82%

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS						
ADVANCERS DECLINERS						
CAC	14.13%	<b></b>	ROC	-15.50%		
PJAM	5.92%		ICREATE	-9.68%		
FOSRICH	5.19%		BPOW	-8.57%		

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of 78 stocks, of which 34 advanced, 33 declined and 11 traded firm.

### **International Markets**

International Equity Markets						
Index	28-Jan	$\mathbf{DoD}~\%~\Delta$	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ		
S&P 500	3,787.30	0.97%	0.83%	15.60%		
Dow Jones	30,603.36	0.99%	-0.01%	6.55%		
FTSE All Share	3,699.97	-0.44%	0.72%	-10.94%		
Euro Stoxx 50	3,557.04	0.58%	0.12%	-4.36%		
Nikkei 225	28,197.42	-1.53%	2.74%	21.46%		
MSCI World Index	656.44	0.60%	1.57%	15.69%		

Int	R: USD 1.2125 0.12% -0.74% 10.01%					
Currency	28-Jan	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ		
EUR: USD	1.2125	0.12%	-0.74%	10.01%		
GBP: USD	1.373	0.31%	0.44%	5.39%		
USD: CAD	1.2811	0.09%	0.68%	-2.61%		
USD: JPY	104.24	0.12%	0.96%	-4.50%		

Global Interest Rates							
Rates	28-Jan	DoD ∆bps	YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps			
10 -Year US Treasury Bond	1.05%	3.00	14.00	-61.00			
10-Year UK Gilt	0.29%	2.00	9.00	-26.00			
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	3.40%	0.00	-5.00	-43.00			

Commodities						
Commodity	28-Jan	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% $\Delta$	<b>YoY%</b> ∆		
Crude Oil	52.28	-1.08%	7.75%	-2.24%		
Gold	1,842.97	-0.05%	-2.92%	17.60%		
Silver	26.59	5.22%	0.69%	52.16%		
Aluminium	1,984.50	-0.38%	0.25%	13.27%		



# **JN MUTUAL FUNDS**



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JN Mutı	ual Funds	NAV Pr	ice	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield Estimated Yearly Income)
Global Diversified Income		e J\$13.75	00	-4.86%	-0.66%	2.19%
Global	Equity	J\$14.63	39	-16.41%	-2.80%	0.00%
Global	Fixed Income	J\$12.77	80	5.35%	0.96%	5.83%
Global	Money Market (U	<b>S\$)</b> US\$10.6	416	3.48%	0.22%	3.54%
Global	Fixed Income (US	\$) US\$10.9	630	5.85%	-0.46%	4.65%
Local Money Market		J\$11.11	07	4.13%	0.73%	4.41%
	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Market Fund	Glob	oal 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	returnincon throu (i) A	chieve an attractive total n through capital injection and ne growth. This is offered Igh two separate Funds:  amaican dollar (J\$) and US 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.
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	vest in regional, sovereign securities, local and national corporate bonds.	To invest in fixed income, high dividend yielding stocks REITs and structured produc	

With a suite of six investment portfolios, each with a distinct financial profile, JN Mutual Funds offers a premium opportunity for investors to align their personal financial strategy with their goals, time horizons and risk profile.

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