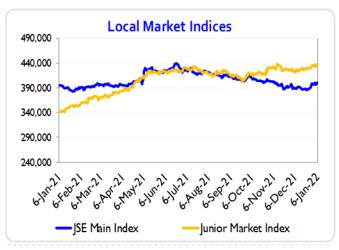


# **US Non-Farm Private Payrolls Above Market Expectations in December**

According to the Institute's National Employment Report, Non-Farm Private Payrolls in the US increased by 807,000 in December 2021, above market expectations for an increase of 400,000, and the 505,000 jobs added for November. Small, medium-sized, and large businesses added 204,000; 214,000 and 389,000 jobs, respectively, during the month. The service-providing sector, which gained 669,000 jobs, accounted for most of the job gains, while the goods-producing sector added 138,000 jobs. In the services sector, leisure and hospitality, trade, transportation and utilities, professional and business, education and health, other services, financial activities and information industries all added jobs. Meanwhile, in the goods-producing sector, manufacturing, construction, natural resources and mining industries added jobs.

Although ADP Non-Farm Private Payrolls indicates that the job market has strengthened, the risks associated with rising COVID-19 cases could negatively impact demand, supply chains, and business activity in particular pandemic sensitive sectors such as leisure and hospitality, adding significant uncertainty to the outlook. We believe any COVID-19 -related setback will likely limit the pace of non-farm private payrolls growth over at least the short term. The non-farm employment report from the US Bureau of Labor Statistics is set to be released on Friday, and it should provide a further insight into the health of the US labour market.



# Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	6-Jan	5-Jan	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	155.38	154.84	0.35%	0.19%
GBP:JMD	209.88	210.78	-0.42%	-0.1%
CAD:JMD	122.37	120.87	1.24%	-0.3%

#### Caribbean & Latam

 Currencies in Brazil, Mexico and South Africa firmed on Thursday as the dollar steadied after a surge driven by hawkish signals from the U.S. Federal Reserve, while the Russian rouble and Kazakh bonds were hit by the crisis in the former Soviet state.

### **USA & Canada**

 Stocks have shown a lack of direction over the course of morning trading on Thursday, with the major averages bouncing back and forth across the unchanged line following the selloff seen late in the previous session.

#### **Europe**

 European stock index futures sank nearly 2% on Thursday as hawkish signals from the U.S. Federal Reserve meeting minutes and the rapid spread of the Omicron coronavirus variant crushed investor sentiment.

#### <u>Asia</u>

 Asian stock markets are trading mostly lower on Thursday, following the broadly negative cues overnight from Wall Street, as traders digested the U.S. Federal Reserve's monetary policy announcement, which indicated the US Fed is preparing to begin reducing the size of its balance sheet soon after raising interest rates.

# **Local Equity Market**

Stock Index	Today's close	DoD $\Delta$	$\mathbf{DoD\%}\ \Delta$	YTD % ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ
JSE Combined Index	405,500.43	1,764.44	0.44%	1.09%	3.63%
JSE Index	400,653.11	1,860.79	0.47%	1.14%	1.60%
All Jamaican Composite Index	443,270.71	2,108.36	0.48%	1.13%	2.56%
JSE Select Index	9,934.27	30.00	0.30%	0.52%	2.47%
Junior Market Index	3,448.57	3.95	0.11%	0.59%	30.34%

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS					
ADVANCERS DECLINERS					
SML	15.07%		FIRSTROCKUSD	-12.09%	
GWEST	10.00%		VMIL	-8.27%	
CAC	9.72%		ELITE	-7.12%	

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of 85 stocks, of which 34 advanced, 37 declined and 14 traded firm.

### **International Markets**

International Equity Markets							
Index	6-Jan	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ			
S&P 500	4,696.05	-0.10%	-1.47%	25.29%			
Dow Jones	36,236.47	-0.47%	-0.28%	17.54%			
FTSE All Share	4,235.63	-0.98%	0.66%	9.68%			
Euro Stoxx 50	4,324.81	-1.53%	0.61%	19.77%			
Nikkei 225	28,487.87	-2.88%	3.80%	5.29%			
MSCI World Index	743.87	-0.58%	-1.45%	14.47%			

International Currency Market								
Currency	6-Jan	DoD % A	YTD% ∆	<b>ΥοΥ</b> % Δ				
EUR: USD	1.1293	-0.19%	-0.68%	-8.39%				
GBP: USD	1.35	-0.17%	0.01%	-0.54%				
USD: CAD	1.27	-0.21%	0.73%	0.41%				
USD: JPY	115.90	-0.18%	0.71%	12.48%				

Global Interest Rates						
Rates	6-Jan	DoD ∆bps	YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps		
10 -Year US Treasury Bond	1.72%	1.94	21.45	68.91		
10-Year UK Gilt	1.16%	6.90	18.50	91.30		
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	4.08%	1.80	62.60	24.00		

	Commodities								
i	Commodity	6-Jan	$\mathbf{DoD}\ \%\ \Delta$	YTD% $\Delta$	YoY% $\Delta$				
	Crude Oil	79.45	2.06%	5.64%	56.92%				
	Gold	1,789.08	-1.18%	-2.19%	-6.75%				
	Silver	22.18	-2.75%	-4.85%	-18.73%				
	Aluminium	2,921.50	-0.02%	4.06%	43.32%				

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



# JN MUTUAL FUNDS



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JN Mutu	ual Funds	NAV Pri	ice	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield Estimated Yearly Income)
Global Diversified Income		e J\$14.254	49	2.71%	0.63%	2.18%
Global	Equity	J\$15.462	24	3.17%	-1.67%	0.00%
Global	Fixed Income	J\$13.278	81	4.80%	0.08%	4.82%
Global	Money Market (U	<b>S\$)</b> US\$10.99	917	3.48%	0.04%	2.43%
Global	Fixed Income (US	<b>\$)</b> US\$11.33	397	2.67%	0.02%	3.14%
Local Money Market		J\$11.59	66	5.04%	0.11%	4.24%
Global Money Market Local Money Market Fund Fund		Local Money Market Fund	Globa	l 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 i income through (i) A Jai	eve an attractive total through capital injection and growth. This is offered two separate Funds: maican dollar (J\$) and S 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 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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