

### Global Aluminum Demand Projected to Decline by 5.4% in 2020

According to International Aluminum Institute (IAI) aluminum demand is expected to contract by 5.4% during 2020 amid coronavirus pandemic. However, it is anticipated that demand will recover in the medium term as governments invest in infrastructure, construction and automotive sectors in order to speed economic recovery post coronavirus pandemic. The IAI highlighted that there has been a slight mismatch between present production and demand. During this year, global output increased on a year-on-year basis by approximately 1.5% from January to May, partly because of the difficulty to turn off smelters whose efficiency depends on consistent electrical energy supplies. However, the IAI anticipates that this will be temporary as depressed prices have taken a toll and some smelters producing aluminum have announced closure or projected to be to idle. China, which has most of the new smelter capacity, has also reached a plateau in its aluminum production levels.

Since hitting recent lows of \$1,421/mt in early April, aluminum prices have rebounded - closing today at \$1,664.50/mt - partly due to the reopening of factories globally and particularly in China. However, even with the robust recovery, prices are still some distance away from the \$1,812/mt at which it started 2020, as the demand for the commodity remains weak and could see further weakening, if the recent surges in new coronavirus cases lead to another round of lockdowns.



## Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	21-Jul	20-Jul	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% $\Delta$
USD:JMD	147.06	145.38	1.16%	10.93%
GBP:JMD	186.44	183.67	1.51%	8.6%
CAD:JMD	110.47	109.51	0.88%	10.3%

#### Caribbean & Latam

 Brazil's real jumped to a near one-month high on Tuesday after the central bank announced more stimulus measures, while most other Latin American currencies gained on strength in the commodity market.

### **USA & Canada**

 U.S. stocks advanced on Tuesday following a slate of positive earnings reports from companies including IBM and Coca-Cola, and on hopes for fiscal stimulus to prop up an economy reeling from the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### **Europe**

 Oil prices rose about \$1 to hit a more than four-month high on Tuesday, helped by a European Union stimulus deal and hopeful news about coronavirus vaccine trials.

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

 The Philippines trailed gains for Asia's emerging stock and currency markets on Tuesday, as a surge in local coronavirus cases gnawed at investor sentiment while others cheered promising data for potential COVID-19 vaccines.

## **Local Equity Market**

Stock Index	Today's close	<b>DoD</b> Δ	$\mathbf{DoD\%}\ \Delta$	YTD % $\Delta$	ΥοΥ% Δ	
JSE Combined Index	371,401.67	-3,243.53	-0.87%	-26.49%	-23.97%	
JSE Index	374,207.74	-2,923.73	-0.78%	-26.61%	-24.30%	
All Jamaican Composite Index	410,407.49	-3,232.10	-0.78%	-26.69%	-24.40%	
JSE Select Index	9,248.76	-45.24	-0.49%	-29.21%	-27.52%	
Junior Market Index	2,518.97	-51.57	-2.01%	-24.78%	-19.42%	
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ADVANCERS DECLINERS						
HONBUN	13.44%	<b></b>	AMG	-13.89%		
KREMI	6.21%		MDS	-12.46%		
PROVEN	6.00%		GENAC	-9.59%		

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference shares) resulted in trading of **69** stocks, of which **17** advanced, **41** declined and **11** traded firm.

### **International Markets**

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Index	21-Jul	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ	Currency	21
S&P 500	3,255.25	0.10%	0.76%	9.36%	Currency	
Dow Jones	26,840.40	0.60%	-5.95%	-1.16%	EUR: USD	1.1
FTSE All Share	3,468.85	0.23%	-17.34%	-15.36%	GBP: USD	1.2
Euro Stoxx 50	3,405.35	0.50%	-9.07%	-2.15%		
Nikkei 225	22,884.22	0.73%	-3.27%	6.60%	USD: CAD	1.3
MSCI World Index	552.64	0.84%	-2.23%	4.86%	USD: JPY	10

International Currency Market						
Currency	21-Jul	DoD % A	YTD% ∆	YoY%		
EUR: USD	1.1523	0.66%	2.76%	2.69%		
GBP: USD	1.2733	0.57%	-3.95%	1.85%		
USD: CAD	1.3454	-0.60%	3.57%	3.02%		
USD: JPY	106.81	-0.43%	-1.66%	-0.84%		

Global Interest Rates							
Rates	21-Jul	DoD ∆bps	YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps			
10 -Year US Treasury Bond	0.60%	-1.00	-132.00	-146.00			
10-Year UK Gilt	0.14%	-1.00	-68.00	-59.00			
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	4.53%	1.00	68.00	12.00			

Commodities						
Commodi- ty	21-Jul	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% ∆	<b>ΥοΥ</b> % Δ		
Crude Oil	41.96	2.82%	-31.28%	-24.57%		
Gold	1,841.28	1.29%	21.35%	29.18%		
Silver	21.19	6.44%	18.70%	30.81%		
Aluminium	1,664.50	0.18%	-8.04%	-9.93%		

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



# **JN MUTUAL FUNDS**



July 20, 2020

JN Muti	ual Funds	NAV Pi	rice	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)
Global	Diversified Income	J\$13.62	200	-2.29%	6.72%	2.30%
Global	Equity	J\$14.21	58	-12.79%	21.38%	0.00%
Global	Fixed Income	J\$12.44	160	5.55%	3.86%	4.65%
Global	Money Market (US	S\$) US\$10.4	1533	2.89%	1.84%	3.69%
Global Fixed Income (US\$)		<b>5)</b> US\$10.4	407	1.88%	1.01%	5.16%
Local M	loney Market	J\$10.86	54 I	3.41%	2.12%	3.86%
	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Market Fund	Glob	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 incom throus (i) A Ja	hieve an attractive total a through capital injection and be growth. This is offered gh 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 s	vest in regional, sovereign ecurities, local and ational corporate bonds.	To invest in fixed income, high dividend yielding stocks REITs and structured produc	

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