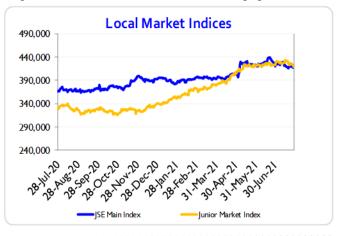


# IMF Forecasts 6% for 2021 Global Growth

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) released revised global growth projections of 6% and 4.9% for 2021 and 2022, respectively. The 2021 global forecast remained unchanged from the April 2021 world economic outlook, but there were some offsetting revisions. The outlook for emerging markets and developing economies, notably Emerging Asia, has been revised downwards for 2021, while the forecast for advanced economies saw an upward revision. These revisions reflect pandemic developments as well as changes in policy support. However, the forecast for 2022 has been raised by 0.5 percentage points, largely due to the forecast upgrade for advanced economies, particularly the United States, which reflects the anticipated legislation of additional fiscal support in the second half of 2021 and improved health metrics more broadly across the group.

According to the IMF, most countries' inflation should return to pre-pandemic ranges in 2022. However, they highlighted that uncertainty remains high and central banks should generally look past transitory inflation pressures and refrain from tightening until greater clarity on underlying price dynamics is obtained. The IMF further indicated that risks remain on the downside as slower-than-anticipated vaccine rollout would allow the virus to mutate further, and financial conditions could tighten rapidly. A combination of worsening pandemic dynamics and tighter external financial conditions for emerging markets and developing economies would set back recovery and weigh on global growth.



# Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	28-Jul	27-Jul	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	155.05	156.14	-0.70%	8.69%
GBP:JMD	216.52	216.45	0.03%	13.9%
CAD:JMD	125.47	124.71	0.61%	13.6%

#### Caribbean & Latam

 Most Latin American currencies and stocks rose on Wednesday, with Colombia's peso looking to end its longest losing streak in more than 2-1/2 years, ahead of the U.S. Federal Reserve's policy decision later in the day.

#### **USA & Canada**

 U.S. stocks and the dollar slipped on Wednesday in listless trade after the Federal Reserve gave no clue about when it might start reducing its purchases of government bonds, even as it said the economic recovery is on track.

#### **Europe**

European stocks steadied on Wednesday as encouraging earnings reports from some of Europe's biggest banks and companies helped investors look past worries about China's regulatory crackdown that kept markets on edge this week.

### <u>Asia</u>

 Asian emerging stock markets fell across the board on Wednesday as a rout in Chinese equities for a fourth consecutive session sapped risk appetite, ahead of a U.S. Federal Reserve policy meeting later in the day.

## **Local Equity Market**

Stock Index	Today's close	<b>DoD</b> Δ	DoD% ∆	YTD % ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ
JSE Combined Index	423,200.01	3,456.66	0.82%	7.84%	16.00%
JSE Index	421,292.68	3,966.51	0.95%	6.49%	14.82%
All Jamaican Composite Index	460,028.45	4,368.07	0.96%	6.11%	14.42%
JSE Select Index	10,417.43	140.96	1.37%	6.92%	14.64%
Junior Market Index	3,302.76	-22.00	-0.66%	24.94%	30.39%

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS							
	ADVANCERS		DECLINERS				
CBNY	29.79%		TJHUSD	-14.77%			
SCIUS	7.35%		BPOW	-12.40%			
EFRESH	6.06%		1834	-4.00%	<b>~</b>		

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **80** stocks, of which **30** advanced, **36** declined and **14** traded firm.

## **International Markets**

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Index	28-Jul	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ	Currency	28-Jul	DoD % ∧	YTD% ∧	<b>YoY</b> % <b>\</b>
S&P 500	4,400.64	-0.02%	36.22%	36.73%	Currency	20-jui	DOD /8 A		101% Δ
Dow Jones	34,930.93	-0.36%	22.40%	32.42%	EUR: USD	1.1849	0.27%	5.67%	1.14%
FTSE All Share	4,024.08	0.34%	-4.11%	18.43%	GBP: USD	1.39	0.21%	4.91%	7.55%
Euro Stoxx 50	4,103.03	0.94%	9.56%	24.20%	LICD CAD	1.25	0.730/	2 / 00/	7.410/
Nikkei 225	27,581.66	-1.39%	16.59%	21.73%	USD: CAD	1.25	-0.63%	-3.60%	-6.41%
MSCI World Index	724.77	0.33%	28.22%	31.53%	USD: JPY	109.87	0.08%	1.16%	4.55%

Glo	Commodities								
Rates	28-Jul	DoD ∆bps	YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps	Commodity	28-Jul	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% ∆	<b>ΥοΥ</b> % Δ
10 -Year US Treasury Bond	1.23%	-1.34	-68.98	64.87	Crude Oil	72.25	0.84%	18.33%	76.05%
	0.58%	1.70	-24.70	46.60	Gold	1,808.22	0.51%	19.18%	-7.67%
10-Year UK Gilt					Silver	24.99	1.22%	39.99%	2.42%
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	3.53%	3.10	-32.60	-96.10	Aluminium	2,537.00	1.89%	40.17%	47.16%

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



# **JN MUTUAL FUNDS**



July 26, 2021

JN Muti	ual Funds	NAV Pri	ce	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield Estimated Yearly Income)	
Global Diversified Income		e J\$14.038	36	3.21%	1.43%	2.21%	
Global	Equity	J\$16.152	28	14.99%	7.29%	0.00%	
Global	Fixed Income	J\$13.056	62	4.67%	3.16%	5.25%	
Global	Money Market (U	<b>S\$)</b> US\$10.82	299	3.56%	1.99%	2.40%	
Global	Global Fixed Income (US\$)		336	6.89%	1.54%	3.17%	
Local Money Market		J\$11.393	38	4.71%	3.29%	4.17%	
	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 tl income through (i) A Jam	eve an attractive total nrough capital injection and growth. This is offered two separate Funds: naican dollar (J\$) and 6 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 sec	st in regional, sovereign urities, local and ional corporate bonds.	To invest in fixed income, high dividend yielding stocks REITs and structured produc		

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