

Jamaica's Net Remittances up by 70% in March 2021

According to the Bank of Jamaica's (BOJ) March 2021 Remittances Bulletin, net remittance inflows increased by 70%, or US\$125.7 million, to US\$305.2 million in March 2021, up from the US\$179.5 million in March 2020. The increase in net remittances in March was driven by a 65% increase in total remittance inflows, which was partly offset by the 17.4% increase in total remittance outflows. Net remittance inflows for the fiscal year (FY) 2020/2021 (April 2020 to March 2021) increased by 35.5% or US\$764.3 million to US\$2,917.0 million, relative to US\$2,152.7 million in FY 2019/2020 (April 2019 to March 2020). The United States of America (USA) remained Jamaica's largest source of remittances in March, followed by the United Kingdom (UK), Canada, and the Cayman Islands, with respective ratios of 72.3%, 11.2%, 8.4% and 4.7%.

Despite the reduction of COVID-19 cases in Jamaica and the ongoing phased vaccination programme, remittances are anticipated to remain a key source of foreign exchange inflows for the country while the economy recovers over the short to medium term. Excluding other external shocks, we expect remittances to Jamaica to remain elevated as the economy gradually reopens, particularly because people in Jamaica's key trading partner countries, such as the United States and the United Kingdom, continue to benefit from their governments' robust vaccine programmes and stimulus support. However, the uncertainty surrounding the path of COVID-19 and its variants continue to weigh on the outlook and could slow future inflows if not resolved.



Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	I0-Jun*	9-Jun	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	149.80	149.72	0.05%	5.01%
GBP:JMD	212.26	208.76	1.68%	11.7%
CAD:JMD	125.86	124.20	1.34%	13.9%

^{*}Using Midday Rates

Caribbean & Latam

 Emerging market currencies were trading mixed for the day on Thursday, with Mexico's peso recovering from a fall after a central bank leadership change and the Peruvian sol falling as socialist Pedro Castillo maintained a slim lead over rival Keiko Fujimori.

USA & Canada

 U.S. stocks rose on Thursday, with the S&P 500 hitting a record high, as investors doubted whether a spike in May consumer prices would spur early policy tightening by the Federal Reserve.

Europe

 European stocks inched to fresh peaks on Thursday as the European Central Bank raised its recovery outlook and promised to keep ample stimulus flowing, while travel stocks fell after a recent run of gains.

<u>Asia</u>

 Exports of gasoline and blend stocks from Asia to the United States rebounded in May from April, including two rare shipments from India, to meet rising summer demand in the west, industry sources and analysts told Reuters.

Local Equity Market

Today's close	DoD Δ	DoD% ∆	YTD % ∆	YoY% Δ
429,060.23	3,610.12	0.85%	9.33%	14.78%
427,170.49	3,640.24	0.86%	7.98%	13.49%
461,772.99	5,539.89	1.21%	6.52%	11.87%
10,364.91	120.26	1.17%	6.39%	11.36%
3,344.51	24.01	0.72%	26.52%	30.83%
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BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS								
ADVANCERS DECLINERS								
KPREIT	34.13%		ICREATE	-12.50%				
1834	13.64%		CABROKERS	-7.66%				
PAL	13.50%		XFUND	-5.56%				

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of 85 stocks, of which 42 advanced, 33 declined and 10 traded firm.

International Markets

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Index	10-Jun	DoD % Δ	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ	Currency	10-Jun	DoD % Δ	YTD% ∧	ΥοΥ% Δ
S&P 500	4,239.56	0.47%	12.87%	32.90%	Currency	10-juli	DOD /8 A		101/6 Δ
Dow Jones	34,466.24	0.06%	12.61%	27.70%	EUR: USD	1.2176	-0.03%	-0.33%	7.05%
FTSE All Share	4,044.01	-0.04%	10.08%	15.55%	GBP: USD	1.42	0.38%	3.67%	11.18%
Euro Stoxx 50	4,096.07	-0.02%	15.30%	24.36%					
Nikkei 225	28,958.56	0.34%	5.52%	25.23%	USD: CAD	1.21	-0.14%	-4.96%	-9.83%
MSCI World Index	718.23	0.37%	11.13%	33.06%	USD: JPY	109.32	-0.28%	5.88%	2.05%

Global Interest Rates					Commodities				
Rates	10-Jun	DoD ∆bps	YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps	Commodity	10-Jun	DoD % Δ	YTD% ∆	YoY % ∆
10 -Year US Treasury Bond	1.44%	-5.00	53.00	71.00	Crude Oil	70.17	0.30%	44.62%	77.20%
	0.75%	2.00	55.00	48.00	Gold	1,898.28	0.51%	0.00%	9.18%
10-Year UK Gilt					Silver	28.01	0.84%	6.08%	54.61%
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	3.34%	2.00	-11.00	-222.00	Aluminium	2,476.00	0.71%	25.08%	52.14%

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



JN MUTUAL FUNDS



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JN Mutual Funds		NAV Pr	ice	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)	
Global Diversified Income		e J\$14.10	77	3.27%	1.93%	1.52%	
Global	Equity	J\$15.85	47	9.08%	5.31%	0.00%	
Global	Fixed Income	J\$12.95	58	5.23%	2.36%	4.88%	
Global	Money Market (U	S\$) US\$10.7	846	3.65%	1.57%	2.44%	
Global Fixed Income (US\$)		\$) US\$11.0	US\$11.0889		0.68%	3.01%	
Local Money Market		J\$11.26	J\$11.2698		2.17%	4.08%	
	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Market Fund	Glo	bal 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	viding Jamaican Dollar return		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	nvest in regional, sovereign securities, local and rnational 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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