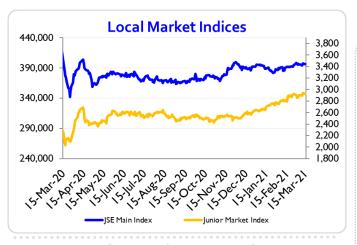


Canada's Labour Market Recovers in February 2021

According to Statistics Canada, the Canadian economy added 259,200 jobs in February 2021, which was more than market expectation for job gains of 75,000 jobs. February's increase was an improvement from the 213,000 jobs lost in January 2021 and was due to the easing of public health restrictions in most provinces in early February. The easing of restrictions led to the opening of many non-essential businesses, cultural and recreational facilities and some in-person dining outlets. However, capacity limits and other restrictions, which varied across jurisdictions, remained in place. Notably, almost all the job increases were among low-wage and part-time workers in industries such as retail and accommodation. Meanwhile, the unemployment rate fell from 9.4% to 8.2%, the lowest level since March 2020, when the COVID-19 pandemic was at its peak. The unemployment rate was also lower than market expectations for a decline to 9.2%.

Despite adding over 250,000 workers in the last month, there is still a long way to go before Canada returns to its pre-pandemic economy or labour market. As at February 2021 approximately 1.7 million Canadians were still unemployed and 406,000 more people reported working less than half of their usual hours. However, a faster than expected rollout of the vaccinations in Canada and its main trading partners, such as the United States, should help to alleviate some of the pressures of the labour market over the medium term.



Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	15-Mar	12-Mar	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	147.09	147.42	-0.22%	10.95%
GBP:JMD	204.30	204.06	0.12%	5.5%
CAD:JMD	117.62	118.98	-1.14%	17.4%

Caribbean & Latam

 Brazil's real underperformed broader emerging market peers on Monday, after its best week in more than three months, with eyes on a central bank meeting where surging inflation is expected to force a rate hike.

USA & Canada

 The S&P 500 paused on Monday below an all-time high as investors awaited cues from the Federal Reserve's meeting this week amid caution over rising borrowing costs spurred by massive fiscal stimulus.

Europe

 European stocks ended flat on Monday, with declines led by financial and mining stocks, while gains in betting firm Flutter Entertainment and optimism about a strong economic rebound helped limit losses.

<u>Asia</u>

 China's factory and retail sector activity surged in the first two months of the year, beating expectations, as the economy consolidated its brisk recovery from the coronavirus paralysis of early 2020.

Local Equity Market

Stock Index	Today's close	DoD Δ	DoD% ∆	YTD % ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ
JSE Combined Index	395,684.22	-1,141.24	-0.29%	0.83%	-2.99%
JSE Index	395,960.93	-1,077.34	-0.27%	0.09%	-4.88%
All Jamaican Composite Index	434,283.12	-1,195.51	-0.27%	0.18%	-4.96%
JSE Select Index	9,853.49	-40.94	-0.41%	1.14%	-7.94%
Junior Market Index	2,918.99	-13.85	-0.47%	10.43%	25.93%

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS						
ADVANCERS DECLINERS						
SIL	15.02%		EFRESH	-17.27%		
SSLVC	14.55%		CABROKERS	-16.07%		
CBNY	13.64%		DCOVE	-13.03%		

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **84** stocks, of which **33** advanced, **36** declined and **15** traded firm.

International Markets

lr	iternationa	Equity Ma	rkets	
Index	15-Mar	DoD % Δ	YTD% ∆	YoY% ∆
S&P 500	3,968.94	0.65%	5.67%	46.40%
Dow Jones	32,953.46	0.53%	7.67%	42.13%
FTSE All Share	3,846.97	-0.11%	4.72%	28.47%
Euro Stoxx 50	3,829.84	-0.09%	7.80%	48.10%
Nikkei 225	29,766.97	0.17%	8.46%	70.77%
MSCI World Index	676.99	0.37%	4.75%	50.08%

Currency	15-Mar	DoD % A	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ % Δ
EUR: USD	1.1931	-0.18%	-2.33%	7.42%
GBP: USD	1.39	-0.18%	1.68%	13.20%
USD: CAD	1.25	-0.02%	-1.99%	-9.66%
USD: JPY	109.13	0.09%	5.69%	1.40%

International Currency Market

Global Interest Rates						
Rates	15-Mar	DoD ∆bps	YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps		
10 -Year US Treasury Bond	1.60%	-2.00	69.00	64.00		
10-Year UK Gilt	0.80%	-2.00	60.00	39.00		
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	3.61%	3.00	16.00	-139.00		

Commodities Commodity 15-Mar DoD % Δ YTD% Δ YoY% Δ Crude Oil 65.33 -0.43% 34.65% 105.89% Gold 1,731.57 0.26% -8.79% 13.19%				
Commodity	15-Mar	DoD % Δ	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ % Δ
Crude Oil	65.33	-0.43%	34.65%	105.89%
Gold	1,731.57	0.26%	-8.79 %	13.19%
Silver	26.25	1.27%	-0.59%	78.30%
Aluminium	2,218.00	2.16%	12.05%	31.98%

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



JN MUTUAL FUNDS



March 12, 2021

JN Muti	ual Funds	NAV Pri	ice	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield Estimated Yearly Income)	
Global Diversified Income		e J\$14.00	П	2.76%	1.16%	2.07%	
Global	Equity	J\$15.29	60	0.34%	1.59%	0.00%	
Global	Fixed Income	J\$12.82	48	5.60%	1.33%	5.32%	
Global	Money Market (U	S\$) US\$10.68	813	3.51%	0.59%	3.67%	
Global Fixed Income (US\$)		\$) US\$10.88	305	6.39%	-1.21%	4.60%	
Local M	loney Market	J\$11.16	18	4.51%	1.19%	4.26%	
	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	retur incor throu (i) A	chieve an attractive total on through capital injection and one growth. This is offered ugh two separate Funds: Jamaican dollar (J\$) and OS 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	nvest in regional, sovereign securities, local and national corporate bonds.	To invest in fixed income, high dividend yielding stocks REITs and structured produc		

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