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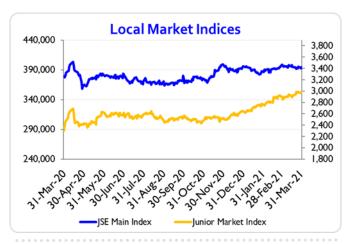
## Jamaica's Net Remittance Inflow Increased in December 2020

The Bank of Jamaica's (BOJ) Remittances Bulletin for December showed that net remittance inflows rose by 39.5% or \$79.9 million to US\$282.4 million relative to the US\$202.5 million recorded in December 2019. This improvement was mainly reflective of an increase in gross remittance inflows and a simultaneous decrease in outflows. The increase in gross remittances was largely driven by a rise in inflows from remittance companies up by 42.7%. 'Other Remittances' also saw an increase of 0.7%. The United States of America (USA) remained Jamaica's largest source of remittances in December 2020 followed by the United Kingdom (UK), Canada, and the Cayman Islands, with ratios of 67.1%, 12.7%, 10.1%, and 6.0%. For the April to December period, net remittance inflows increased by 31.9% or US\$526.1 million to US\$2,175 million relative to the US\$1,648.9 million recorded in the comparable period in 2019.

Despite the negative impact of COVID-19 on the global economy, remittance inflows to Jamaica remained resilient. Net remittances totalled US\$2,678.8 million in 2020 (January to December), surpassing 2019 inflows of US\$2,142.9 million. Remittance inflows continue to be a critical source for US dollar inflows for Jamaica given the downturn in the tourism sector. Considering that the United States, Jamaica's main trading partner, has recently approved a \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package and aims to accelerate its vaccination programme, we believe that over the short-term remittance inflows will likely continue to remain resilient. However, the uncertainty surrounding COVID-19 continues to present downside risks to the global economic outlook and could potentially weigh on the pace of inflows.

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### Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	31-Mar	30-Mar	<b>DoD % A</b>	<b>YTD%</b> $\Delta$	
USD:JMD	146.58	146.22	0.25%	10.57%	
GBP:JMD	202.83	203.20	-0.18%	4.7%	
CAD:JMD	120.15	7.47	2.28%	20.0%	

#### Caribbean & Latam

Latin American currencies and stocks were on course to close out their worst quarter in a year on Wednesday as bets of a faster U.S. economic recovery lifted the dollar and a worsening coronavirus crisis in Brazil hit regional markets.

#### USA & Canada

A U.S. markets watchdog official on Wednesday warned dealmakers in the frothy blank-check market to follow the regulatory demands associated with special purpose acquisition companies, or SPACs, amid concerns over problems with the capital-raising scheme.

#### **Europe**

 European stocks were flat on Wednesday as a 30% slump for delivery company Deliveroo in its London debut took the shine off the fourth straight quarterly rise for the benchmark STOXX 600.

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

 China's Huawei Technologies reported modest annual profit growth for 2020 as overseas revenues declined due to disruption caused by the pandemic and the company's placement on a U.S. export blacklist.

Local Equity Market									
Stock Index	Today's close	DoD $\Delta$	<b>DoD%</b> $\Delta$	YTD % $\Delta$	<b>ΥοΥ%</b> Δ				
JSE Combined Index	395,189.03	2,040.73	0.52%	0.70%	5.74%				
JSE Index	394,659.55	2,055.33	0.52%	-0.24%	4.07%				
All Jamaican Composite In	dex 432,859.15	2,324.91	0.54%	-0.15%	4.03%				
JSE Select Index	9,761.16	57.75	0.60%	0.19%	1.35%				
Junior Market Index	2,982.95	13.95	0.47%	12.85%	<b>29.46</b> %				
	BEST AND W	ORST PERFO	ORMERS						
AD	VANCERS		DE	CLINERS					
SALF	31.10%	с	BNY	-14.75%					
PBS	12.24%	1	1DS	-10.75%					

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **77** stocks, of which **38** advanced, **28** declined and **11** traded firm.

## **International Markets**

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International Equity Markets					International Currency Market				
Index	31-Mar	<b>DoD %</b> $\Delta$	<b>YTD%</b> $\Delta$	<b>ΥοΥ%</b> Δ	Currency	31-Mar	<b>DoD % A</b>	<b>YTD% A</b>	ΥοΥ%
S&P 500	3,972.89	0.36%	5.77%	53.71%					
Dow Jones	32,981.55	-0.26%	7.76%	50.48%	EUR: USD	1.173	0.11%	<b>-3.98</b> %	6.34%
FTSE All Share	3,831.05	-0.73%	4.29%	23.29%	GBP: USD	1.38	0.31%	0.83%	10.97%
Euro Stoxx 50	3,919.21	<b>-0.18</b> %	10.32%	40.63%					
Nikkei 225	29,178.80	-0.86%	<b>6.32</b> %	54.25%	USD: CAD	1.26	-0.57%	-1.28%	-10.679
MSCI World Index	673.29	0.17%	4.18%	52.21%	USD: JPY	110.72	0.33%	7.23%	<b>2.96</b> %
	Global	Interest Rat	es			C	ommodities	5	
Rates	31-N	1ar DoD ∆bj	ps YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps	Commodity	/ 31-Mar	• <b>DoD</b> % <b>A</b>	YTD% 🛆	<b>ΥοΥ%</b>
10 -Year US Treasury E	Bond 1.74	4% 3.75	82.72	107.09	Crude Oil	59.16	-2.30%	21.93%	188.87
	0.85	0.85% 2.10	64.80	64.80 48.90	Gold	1,707.7	1.34%	-10.04%	8.28%
10-Year UK Gilt				Silver	24.42	1.61%	-7.52%	74.73%	
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	3.53	<b>-3.50</b>	7.60	-291.10	Aluminium	2,212.00	- <b>0.85</b> %	11.75%	44.95%

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

# <u>Mutual Funds</u>

## **JN MUTUAL FUNDS**

**Fund Managers Ltd.** 

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Yield

JN Mutual Funds		NAV Pri	ce 12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	(Estimated Yearly Income)	
Global I	Diversified Income	J\$13.945	68 4.34%	0.76%	2.08%	
Global I	Equity	J\$15.063	10.40%	0.05%	0.00%	
Global I	Fixed Income	J\$12.824	8 5.42%	1.33%	5.49%	
Global I	Money Market (US	<b>\$)</b> US\$10.69	95 3.54%	0.77%	3.68%	
Global I	Fixed Income ( <b>US</b> \$	) US\$10.91	90 10.24%	-0.86%	4.60%	
Local Money Market		<b>J</b> \$11.166	4.37%	1.23%	4.29%	
	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	To achieve an attractive total return through capital injection an income growth. This is offered through two separate Funds: (i) A Jamaican dollar (J\$) and (ii) A US dollar (US\$) fund.	To provide long-term d investment growth through exposure to a diversified range of asset classes.	To provide long-term capital 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	To invest in regional, sovereign debt securities, local and international corporate bonds.	To invest in fixed income, high dividend yielding stocks, REITs and structured product		

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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