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# **Eurozone's Economic Sentiment Declines in March**

According to the European Commission, the Eurozone's Economic Sentiment Indicator (ESI), which measures business and household confidence, fell by 5.4 points to 108.5 in March from a revised figure of 113.9 in February. This was slightly below market expectations for the indicator to fall to 109.7. The decline in the ESI was mainly due to plummeting consumer confidence, accompanied by marked losses in retail trade and industry confidence. However, confidence improved slightly in services and was unchanged for construction. Selling price expectations among manufacturers rose to a record high of 58.1 in March since 2000 from 49.8 in February. Consumer inflation expectations also increased to the highest value of 59.8 points following the 37.7 recorded in February. The European Commission's Economic Uncertainty indicator (EUI) rose abruptly in March to 26.8 from 15.7, driven by growing uncertainty about the war in Ukraine and its impact on the future economic situation of consumers and businesses.

The uncertainty surrounding COVID-19 and the Ukraine-Russia war and the resulting Russian sanctions are likely to continue to weigh on market conditions, employment, inflation, and by extension economic growth in the region. Inflation as at February was 5.8% which was higher than the European Central Bank's target of 2%. Given our expectations of inflation likely trending higher over the short term as the war exacerbate supply chain imbalances and push energy and commodities prices higher, we anticipate that the European Economic Sentiment could continue to weaken



### Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	31-Mar	30-Mar	<b>DoD %</b> $\Delta$	<b>YTD%</b> $\Delta$
USD:JMD	153.78	154.13	-0.23%	-0.84%
GBP:JMD	202.68	202.82	-0.07%	-3.5%
CAD:JMD	123.76	124.22	-0.37%	0.8%

### Caribbean & Latam

Latin American assets were muted on Thursday, but a rally in commodity prices has given currencies their best quarterly gain ever, while Colombia's peso moved higher ahead of an interest rate decision by its central bank.

#### USA & Canada

 After moving modestly lower early in the session, stocks have seen some further downside over the course of the trading day on Thursday. With the drop on the day, the major averages are extending the pullback seen in the previous session.

#### **Europe**

 Russian President Vladimir Putin is demanding foreign buyers pay for Russian gas in roubles from Friday or else have their supplies cut, a move European capitals rejected and which Berlin said amounted to "blackmail".

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

 Stock markets in Asia mostly ended in the red as sentiment was dampened amidst a drop in China's PMI readings. Both manufacturing and services PMI swung to negative territory amidst a harsh lockdown to combat the Covid-19 outbreak.

Local Equity Market							
Stock Index	Today's close	<b>DoD</b> Δ	<b>DoD%</b> $\Delta$	YTD % $\Delta$	<b>ΥοΥ%</b> Δ		
JSE Combined Index	403,780.72	2,368.79	0.59%	0.66%	2.17%		
JSE Index	391,231.96	2,207.57	0.57%	-1.24%	-0.87%		
All Jamaican Composite Index	442,658.22	3,189.37	0.73%	0.99%	2.26%		
JSE Select Index	10,058.28	95.75	0.96%	1.77%	3.04%		
Junior Market Index	4,223.33	34.01	0.81%	23.19%	41.58%		

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS								
	ADVANCERS							
MIL	I <b>3.69</b> %		JETCON	-15.93%				
LASF	I 2.46%		RJR	-11.54%				
JFP	9.02%		SSLVC	<b>-9.64</b> %				

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **89** stocks, of which **49** advanced, **29** declined and **11** traded firm.

### **International Markets**

In	iterna	tional I	Equity Mar	kets		Int	ernation	al Currency	y Market	
Index	31-	Mar	<b>DoD % A</b>	<b>YTD%</b> $\Delta$	<b>ΥοΥ%</b> Δ	Currency	31-Mar	<b>DoD % A</b>	<b>ΥΤΟ%</b> Δ	<b>ΥοΥ%</b> Λ
S&P 500	4,53	80.41	-1.57%	-4.95%	14.03%	,				
Dow Jones	34,6	78.35	-1.56%	-4.57%	5.14%	EUR: USD	1.1065	-0.84%	<b>-2.68</b> %	-5.67%
FTSE All Share	4,18	87.78	-0.76%	-0.48%	9.31%	GBP: USD	1.31	0.05%	<b>-2.89</b> %	-4.66%
Euro Stoxx 50	3,90	)2.52	-1.43%	<b>-9.21%</b>	-0.43%	USD: CAD	1.25	0.22%	-1.01%	-0.42%
Nikkei 225	27,8	21.43	-0.73%	-3.37%	- <b>4.65</b> %		121 71	0.10%	E 74%	0.02%
MSCI World Index	71	1.56	-1.32%	-5.73%	5.68%	USD: JPY	121.71	-0.10%	5.76%	9.93%
Global Interest Rates						Commodities				
Rates		31-Mar	DoD ∆bp	s YTD Abps	S YoY ∆bps	Commodity	y 31-Mar	<b>DoD</b> % Δ	YTD% 🛆	<b>ΥοΥ%</b> Δ
10 -Year US Treasury	Bond	2.34%	-1.00	83.00	60.00	Crude Oil	100.81	-6.50%	34.04%	70.40%
10-Year UK Gilt		1.61%	-6.00	64.00	76.00	Gold	1,937.30	0.23%	5.91%	13.44%
io-rear ok Gilt	K Glit					Silver	24.80	-0.31%	6.38%	1.55%
GOJ 2025 Global Bond		5.06%	-15.00	102.00	153.00	Aluminium	3,491.00	- <b>I.69</b> %	24.35%	57.82%

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 Pri	ce Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)	
Global I	Diversified Income	J\$14.144	1.42%	-0.02%	1.30%	
Global E	Equity	J\$15.445	2.53%	-1.68%	0.00%	
Global F	ixed Income	J\$13.383	4.36%	0.88%	3.76%	
Global I	Money Market (US	\$) US\$11.02	3.06%	0.36%	2.62%	
Global F	Fixed Income (US\$	) US\$11.29	3.42%	-0.44%	2.25%	
Local M	oney <mark>M</mark> arket	J\$11.623	4.09%	0.34%	4.49%	
	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Market Fund	Global Fixed Income Fund	s 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 a 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 nd 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 stock REITs and structured produ		

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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