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# **OECD** Raises Global Economic Growth Forecasts

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) revised its global growth projections for 2021 and 2022 to 5.6% and 4%, respectively. This forecast is higher than the outlook published in December 2020 of 4.2% for 2021 and 3.7% for 2022. The upwardly revised outlook was based on the assessment that global economic conditions have improved in recent months, supported by the gradual deployment of effective vaccines, indications that economies are coping better with measures to suppress the virus, and announcements of additional fiscal support in some countries, particularly the United States (US). The OECD expects that the additional fiscal stimulus in the US, coupled with faster vaccinations, could bolster US economic growth by over 3 percentage points this year, with beneficial demand spill overs in key trading partner countries, such as Canada and Mexico.

It is anticipated that global output could rise above the pre-pandemic level in mid-2021, but there will be a large divergence between countries in terms of income and output. The OECD also noted that sizeable risks remain due to the evolution of the pandemic, judgements about the pace at which vaccines can be deployed, and the economic impact of a gradual re-opening of economies through the course of 2021-22. While the distribution of risks has become better balanced in recent months, a wide range of outcomes remains possible.

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Index

S&P 500

Dow Jones

FTSE All Share

Euro Stoxx 50

MSCI World Index

Nikkei 225



### **Foreign Exchange Market**

Currency	9-Mar	8-Mar	DoD % $\Delta$	<b>YTD%</b> $\Delta$
USD:JMD	148.59	148.97	-0.25%	I 2.09%
GBP:JMD	206.05	207.95	- <b>0.9</b> 1%	6.4%
CAD:JMD	119.17	119.23	-0.05%	19.0%

#### **Caribbean & Latam**

Brazil's financial markets were already shaky from a worsening fiscal outlook, political logjam and a devastating second wave of COVID-19 before Monday's bombshell that leftist ex-President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva could contest next year's presidential election.

#### USA & Canada

U.S. stocks advanced on Tuesday, with the Nasdag jumping about 4% to recoup its losses from the previous session, as U.S. bond yields retreated and investors scooped up battered technology stocks.

#### **Europe**

European stocks ended Tuesday decidedly higher after extending gains from their best session in four months a day earlier. as a rise in shares of oil and utility companies helped counter losses in miners.

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

Global investors fleeing a shakeout in U.S. and other developed market bonds are finding harbour in the higher yields and relative stability offered by Asian junk-rated debt.

*		Local I	Equity M	arket		
Stock li	ndex	Today's close	<b>DoD</b> Δ	<b>DoD%</b> $\Delta$	YTD % $\Delta$	ΥοΥ% Δ
JSE Combined Index	(	394,135.44	-1,221.98	-0.31%	0.43%	-7.76%
JSE Index		394,456.15	-1,381.93	-0.35%	<b>-0.29</b> %	<b>-9.62</b> %
All Jamaican Compo	site Index	432,606.20	-1,460.68	-0.34%	-0.21%	-9.72%
JSE Select Index		9,784.56	-84.32	-0.85%	0.43%	-13.41%
Junior Market Index		2,903.78	4.33	0.15%	9.85%	21.15%
		BEST AND W	ORST PERF	ORMERS		
	ADVANC	ERS		DE	CLINERS	
BPOW	15.45%			1834	-13.27%	
SOS	I 4.07%		X	FUND	<b>-9.81%</b>	
PURITY	12.88%		M	PCCEL	-9.09%	

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of 82 stocks, of which 41 advanced, 35 declined and 6 traded firm.

## **International Markets**

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9-Ma	ır 🛛	<b>DoD %</b> ∆	<b>YTD%</b> $\Delta$	<b>ΥοΥ%</b> Δ	Currency	9-Mar	<b>DoD</b> % Δ	<b>YTD% Δ</b>	<b>ΥοΥ%</b> Δ		
3,875.	44	1.42%	3.18%	41.10%	Currency	<i>,</i>					
31,832	.74	0.10%	4.01%	33.46%	EUR: USD	1.1901	0.46%	-2.58%	3.94%		
3,831.	59	0.30%	4.30%	14.90%	GBP: USD	1.39	0.47%	I.60%	<b>5.89</b> %		
3,786.	05	0.61%	6.57%	<b>27.95</b> %	USD: CAD	1.26	-0.17%	-0.64%	-7.73%		
29,027	.94	0.99%	5.77%	47.36%							
664.3		1.55%	<b>2.79</b> %	38.83%	USD: JPY	108.51	-0.35%	5.09%	6.01%		
Global Interest Rates						Co	ommodities				
	9-Mar	DoD Abn	s YTD Abos		Commodity	9-Mar	<b>DoD %</b> $\Delta$	<b>YTD%</b> $\Delta$	YoY% $\Delta$		

Global Interest Rates				Commodities					
Rates	9-Mar	DoD Abps	YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps	Commodity	9-Mar	<b>DoD %</b> Δ	<b>YTD%</b> ∆	<b>ΥοΥ%</b> Δ
10 -Year US Treasury Bond	1.53%	-6.00	62.00	99.00	Crude Oil	63.74	-2.01%	31.37%	104.75%
10-Year UK Gilt	0.73%	-2.00	53.00	57.00	Gold	1,717.27	2.00%	- <b>9.54</b> %	2.19%
	3.57%	-1.00	12.00	74.00	Silver	25.95	<b>3.29</b> %	-1.70%	52.52%
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	3.57%	-1.00	12.00	-76.00	Aluminium	2,168.50	-0.12%	9.55%	28.54%

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



# **JN MUTUAL FUNDS**

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JN Mutı	ual Funds	NAV Pri	ce	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)
Global	Diversified Incom	e J\$13.95	53	1.03%	0.83%	2.07%
Global I	Equity	<b>J\$15.1</b> 2	54	- <b>3.91</b> %	0.46%	0.00%
Global	Fixed Income	<b>J\$12.83</b> 3	36	5.84%	I.40%	5.32%
Global I	Money Market (U	<b>S\$)</b> US\$10.67	770	3.53%	0.55%	3.48%
Global I	Fixed Income (US	<b>\$)</b> US\$10.89	901	5.15%	-1.12%	4.64%
Local M	loney Market	<b>J\$</b> 11.160	68	4.69%	1.23%	4.38%
	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Market Fund	Glob	al 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	returr incom throu; (i) A J	hieve an attractive total n through capital injection and ne growth. This is offered gh two separate Funds: amaican dollar (J\$) and US dollar (US\$) fund.	To provide long-term 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	debt s	vest in regional, sovereign securities, local and national corporate bonds.	To invest in fixed income, high dividend yielding stock REITs and structured produ	

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