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### Jamaica's Net Remittances up by 30.05% in February 2021

According to the Bank of Jamaica's (BOJ) February 2021 Remittances Bulletin, net remittance inflows in February 2021 increased by 30.5%, or \$49.6 million, to US\$12.5 million, up from the US\$162.8 million in February 2020. February's increase in net remittance was a result of a 27% increase in total remittance inflows which were tempered by the 2.1% increase in total remittance outflows. The increase in total remittance inflows was driven by the 35.4% or US\$55.5 million increase in inflows from remittance companies but was offset by the 18.9% or US\$5.4 million decline in 'Other Remittances'. Net remittance inflows for the fiscal year to date, April 2020 to February 2021, increased by 32.4% or US\$638.6 million to US\$2,611.8 million, relative to US\$1,973.2 million in the comparable period in April 2019 to February 2020. The United States of America (USA) remained Jamaica's largest source of remittances in February followed by the United Kingdom (UK), Canada, and the Cayman Islands, with ratios of 68.1%, 13.5%, 9.1%, and 5.7%, respectively.

Despite the challenges posed by COVID-19, net remittance inflows to Jamaica have remained resilient and are likely to remain resilient in the absence of any other external shocks. We expect remittances to remain elevated as the economy gradual reopens, particularly because Jamaica's key trading partners – United States and the United Kingdom are benefitting from the acceleration of their vaccine programmes and stimulus support provided by their governments. However, we recognize that there are still downside risks due to the continued uncertainty surrounding the path of COVID-19 and its variants, which clouds the outlook and could potentially slow future inflows if not brought under control.



### Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	II-May	10-May	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% $\Delta$
USD:JMD	151.94	151.54	0.27%	14.62%
GBP:JMD	214.18	213.49	0.32%	10.6%
CAD:JMD	126.15	127.25	-0.86%	26.0%

#### Caribbean & Latam

 Brazil's real steadied after a fall on Tuesday following a dovish tone struck by minutes of the central bank's recent meeting, while fears of a spike in U.S. inflation knocked down emerging market stocks.

#### **USA & Canada**

 U.S. Treasury yields climbed on Tuesday, as persistent inflation concerns ahead of a key reading on consumer prices on Wednesday helped drive a sell-off in equity markets.

#### **Europe**

 European stocks retreated from all-time highs on Tuesday, with shares of technology, travel and mining companies among the top losers after worries about rising U.S. inflation knocked back U.S. indexes.

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

 Asian stock markets are sharply lower in deep red on Tuesday, following the broadly negative cues overnight from Wall Street as the outlook for inflation weighed on the markets amid an increase in commodities prices.

### **Local Equity Market**

Stock Index	Today's close	DoD Δ	DoD% ∆	YTD % ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ
JSE Combined Index	428,063.01	2,143.23	0.50%	8.53%	15.01%
JSE Index	426,387.55	1,725.03	0.41%	7.34%	13.49%
All Jamaican Composite Index	449,734.73	2,013.60	0.45%	3.28%	9.06%
JSE Select Index	9,979.00	37.61	0.38%	2.04%	4.73%
Junior Market Index	3,317.87	53.41	1.64%	23.50%	34.87%

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	ADVANCERS			DECLINERS			
PJX	37.13%		SALF	-11.56%			
138 <b>S</b> L	20.73%		ELITE	-10.22%			
PURITY	17.02%		MDS	-8.23%			

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **87** stocks, of which **55** advanced, **24** declined and **8** traded firm.

### **International Markets**

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Index	I I-May	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ	Currency	I I-May	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% ∧	ΥοΥ% Δ
S&P 500	4,152.10	-0.87%	10.54%	41.69%	Currency	11-May	<b>DOD</b> % A		101% Δ
Dow Jones	34,269.16	-1.36%	11.97%	41.48%	EUR: USD	1.2147	0.15%	-0.56%	12.40%
FTSE All Share	3,962.98	-2.41%	7.88%	21.07%	GBP: USD	1.41	0.15%	3.43%	14.63%
Euro Stoxx 50	3,946.06	-1.92%	11.07%	36.84%					
Nikkei 225	28,608.59	-3.08%	4.24%	40.30%	USD: CAD	1.21	-0.03%	-4.93%	-13.63%
MSCI World Index	707.71	-0.37%	25.21%	44.36%	USD: JPY	108.66	-0.14%	5.24%	0.93%

Glo	Commodities								
Rates	I I-May	DoD ∆bps	YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps	Commodity	II-May	<b>DoD</b> % Δ	YTD% ∆	<b>YoY%</b> ∆
10 -Year US Treasury Bond	1.62%	2.00	71.00	91.00	Crude Oil	65.43	0.79%	34.85%	171.04%
	0.83%	4.00	63.00	56.00	Gold	1,837.73	0.09%	-3.19%	8.23%
10-Year UK Gilt					Silver	27.64	1.21%	4.69%	78.44%
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	3.46%	8.00	1.00	-313.00	Aluminium	2,521.00	-0.40%	27.36%	68.35%

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	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)	
Global Diversified Income		e J\$14.08	75	4.56%	1.78%	1.64%	
Global	Equity	J\$15.72	60	11.85%	4.45%	0.00%	
Global	Fixed Income	J\$12.93	38	4.91%	2.19%	4.26%	
Global	Money Market (U	<b>S\$)</b> US\$10.74	497	3.63%	1.24%	3.97%	
Global Fixed Income (US\$)		\$) US\$11.04	479	11.25%	0.31%	4.83%	
Local Money Market		J\$11.25	J\$11.2578		2.06%	4.06%	
	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	To achieve an attractive total return through capital injection and 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 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	vest in regional, sovereign securities, local and national 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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