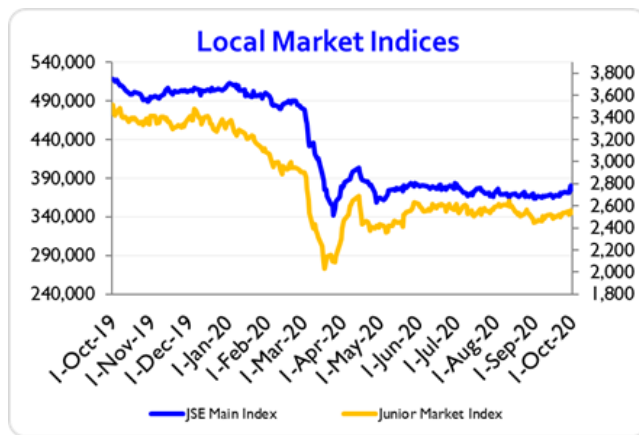


## Jamaica's Economy Contracted by 18.4% in the Second Quarter of 2020

According to the Statistical Institute of Jamaica (STATIN), Jamaica's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) contracted by 18.4% during the second quarter of 2020 compared to the same quarter in 2019. The overall contraction was as a result of declines in both the Services and Goods Producing industries, with contractions of 20.3% and 12.7%, respectively. Seven of the eight categories in the Services industries recorded declines while, the Goods Producing Industries recorded large contractions in all categories. Overall, the Hotel & Restaurants industry saw the largest decline of 85.6% which is explained by the reduced travel and stay at home restrictions that were put in place to curb the spread of the coronavirus.

During the second quarter, Jamaica's economic performance was negatively impacted by the implementation of social distancing measures to slow the spread of COVID-19 as well as drought conditions and the continued downturn in mining due to the closure of one of Jamaica's largest alumina refinery. While the heavy restrictions imposed during the peak of the virus have softened to some extent, the rise in COVID-19 cases both in Jamaica and globally will continue to negatively impact internal and external demands for Jamaica's goods and services as consumers remain cautious in their spending and investing decisions. Additionally, excessive flooding from an active hurricane season could further negatively impact the Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing industries as well as infrastructure projects scheduled for the next quarters. Given the current backdrop, our expectation is that the local economy will contract, but, at a slower pace over the ensuing quarters in 2020.



### Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	1-Oct	30-Sep	DoD % Δ	YTD % Δ
USD:JMD	143.54	142.10	1.01%	8.28%
GBP:JMD	184.78	185.55	-0.42%	7.7%
CAD:JMD	107.89	107.75	0.12%	7.7%

### Caribbean & Latam

- Mexico's peso outshone Latin American peers on Thursday, with Brazil's real weighed by concerns about government spending and Chile's peso falling after the country's 2021 economic growth forecast was cut.

### USA & Canada

- The number of Americans filing new claims for jobless benefits fell last week but remained at recession levels, while personal income dropped in August, underscoring the need for another government rescue package for businesses and the unemployed.

### Europe

- European stocks rose on Thursday as Swedish retailer H&M and French-Italian chipmaker STMicroelectronics jumped after reporting forecast-beating results, while hopes of more U.S. stimulus aided global sentiment.

### Asia

- Singapore, Philippines, Indonesia and India all climbed 1% and led gains among Asian stock and currency markets in holiday-thinned trade on Thursday, as the mood among investors globally was bolstered by signs of progress on U.S. fiscal stimulus.

### Local Equity Market

Stock Index	Today's close	DoD Δ	DoD% Δ	YTD % Δ	YoY% Δ
JSE Combined Index	372,909.91	-4,605.54	-1.22%	-26.19%	-27.57%
JSE Index	375,684.76	-4,741.22	-1.25%	-26.32%	-27.52%
All Jamaican Composite Index	411,986.10	-4,940.46	-1.19%	-26.41%	-27.68%
JSE Select Index	9,157.21	-30.15	-0.33%	-29.91%	-32.22%
Junior Market Index	2,533.16	-22.52	-0.88%	-24.36%	-27.96%

### BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS

ADVANCERS		DECLINERS	
SOS	29.05%	MIL	-15.20%
JAMT	8.19%	PTL	-14.20%
FIRSTROCKUSD	6.89%	AFS	-13.67%

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **76** stocks, of which **36** advanced, **31** declined and **9** traded firm.

### International Markets

International Equity Markets					International Currency Market				
Index	1-Oct	DoD % Δ	YTD % Δ	YoY % Δ	Currency	1-Oct	DoD % Δ	YTD % Δ	YoY % Δ
S&P 500	3,380.80	0.53%	4.65%	14.98%	EUR: USD	1.1745	0.20%	4.74%	7.43%
Dow Jones	27,816.90	0.13%	-2.53%	4.68%	GBP: USD	1.2887	-0.26%	-2.79%	4.76%
FTSE All Share	3,290.91	0.26%	-21.58%	-18.51%	USD: CAD	1.3283	-0.27%	2.26%	0.47%
Euro Stoxx 50	3,194.09	0.02%	-14.71%	-9.21%	USD: JPY	105.56	0.08%	-2.81%	-2.03%
Nikkei 225	23,185.12	0.00%	-1.99%	5.94%					
MSCI World Index	568.28	0.55%	0.54%	10.14%					
Global Interest Rates					Commodities				
Rates	1-Oct	DoD Δbps	YTD Δbps	YoY Δbps	Commodity	1-Oct	DoD % Δ	YTD % Δ	YoY % Δ
10-Year US Treasury Bond	0.68%	0.00	-124.00	-96.00	Crude Oil	38.68	-3.83%	-36.65%	-27.86%
10-Year UK Gilt	0.23%	0.00	-59.00	-24.00	Gold	1,905.40	1.04%	25.58%	28.82%
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	4.29%	-5.00	44.00	37.00	Silver	23.76	2.26%	33.09%	37.86%
					Aluminium	1,765.00	1.47%	-2.49%	1.44%



# Mutual Funds

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## JN MUTUAL FUNDS

September 30, 2020

JN Mutual Funds	NAV Price	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)
<b>Global Diversified Income</b>	J\$13.5357	-5.51%	-7.30%	2.27%
<b>Global Equity</b>	J\$14.3270	-18.54%	-20.76%	0.00%
<b>Global Fixed Income</b>	J\$12.5484	5.79%	4.72%	4.74%
<b>Global Money Market (US\$)</b>	US\$10.5199	3.17%	2.49%	3.77%
<b>Global Fixed Income (US\$)</b>	US\$10.4664	1.87%	1.26%	4.89%
<b>Local Money Market</b>	J\$10.9476	3.63%	2.91%	4.15%

	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Market Fund	Global Fixed Income Funds	Global Diversified Income Fund	Global Equity Fund
<b>Objective</b>	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 capital growth and risk diversification.
<b>Strategy</b>	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 products	To invest in the shares of local and international companies which offer strong growth possibilities and consistent income

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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