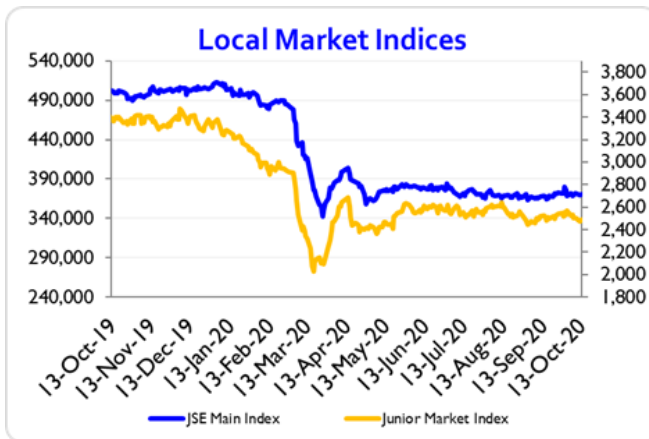


## IMF Forecasts a Less Severe Contraction for the Global Economy For 2020

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) revised its global growth projections for 2020 to -4.4%, an upward revision from its previous estimate of -4.9% in June. This slightly less severe outlook reflects better-than expected Gross Domestic Product (GDP) outturns in the second quarter in major advanced economies; stronger-than-anticipated return to growth in China and signs of a more rapid recovery in the third quarter. The IMF anticipates that advanced economies, which include the United States and the Euro Area will contract by 5.8% in 2020, lower than the 8.0% forecasted in June. Meanwhile, Emerging Markets and Developing Economies are bracing for a deeper contraction of 3.3%, worse than the 3.1% previously projected. Of the Emerging Market and Developing Economies, Latin America and the Caribbean is projected to experience the largest contraction of 8.1%, albeit a better outcome than the 9.4% previously forecasted. Of all the selected economies, China continues to be the only country projected to expand in 2020.

The IMF forecasts that the global economy is projected to grow at a marginally slower pace of 5.2% in 2021 relative to the 5.4% forecasted in June. The forecasts follow the recovery pick-up in the third quarter of 2020, which is expected to steadily strengthen through 2021. The IMF also cautioned that the challenges of job loss, bankruptcies, debt and social issues are likely to hold back medium-term growth to approximately 3.5% after the recovery in 2021. However, the IMF has highlighted that if the virus resurges and treatments and vaccines progress slower than anticipated or countries' access to them remains unequal, contractions may deepen. These risks are likely to lead to renewed measures of social distancing, tighter lockdowns and lower than projected economic activity.



### Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	13-Oct	12-Oct	DoD % Δ	YTD % Δ
USD:JMD	145.38	146.55	-0.80%	9.66%
GBP:JMD	191.76	187.59	2.22%	11.7%
CAD:JMD	111.74	112.44	-0.62%	11.6%

### Caribbean & Latam

- Latin American currencies fell on Tuesday as global risk sentiment took a hit from Johnson & Johnson's move to pause its COVID-19 vaccine trials and on a worsening emerging market growth outlook from the International Monetary Fund.

### USA & Canada

- U.S. small business confidence rose last month to its highest since the onset of the coronavirus pandemic earlier this year with more firms experiencing an uptick in foot traffic and sales, according to a monthly survey released on Tuesday.

### Europe

- European shares fell on Tuesday as Johnson & Johnson's move to pause its COVID-19 clinical trials raised doubts about the timeline of a vaccine, while bank stocks tracked a slide in bond yields on bets of more stimulus by the European Central Bank.

### Asia

- Japan has no immediate plan to issue central bank digital currency (CBDC), Bank of Japan Governor Haruhiko Kuroda said on Tuesday as financial leaders from the Group of Seven (G7) advanced economies shared a common view on digital payments.

### Local Equity Market

Stock Index	Today's close	DoD Δ	DoD% Δ	YTD % Δ	YoY% Δ
JSE Combined Index	367,431.20	652.80	0.18%	-27.28%	-26.47%
JSE Index	370,220.61	542.73	0.15%	-27.40%	-26.43%
All Jamaican Composite Index	405,818.23	389.54	0.10%	-27.51%	-26.59%
JSE Select Index	9,033.06	7.83	0.09%	-30.86%	-30.78%
Junior Market Index	2,491.16	14.36	0.58%	-25.61%	-26.83%

### BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS

ADVANCERS		DECLINERS	
ISP	15.76%	MEEG	-13.10%
KEX	15.07%	FOSRICH	-8.57%
CFF	14.72%	CBNY	-6.67%

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **72** stocks, of which **29** advanced, **36** declined and **7** traded firm.

### International Markets

International Equity Markets					International Currency Market				
Index	13-Oct	DoD % Δ	YTD % Δ	YoY % Δ	Currency	13-Oct	DoD % Δ	YTD % Δ	YoY % Δ
S&P 500	3,517.59	-0.47%	8.88%	18.43%	EUR: USD	1.1745	-0.58%	4.74%	6.37%
Dow Jones	28,679.81	-0.55%	0.50%	6.95%	GBP: USD	1.2938	-0.96%	-2.41%	2.13%
FTSE All Share	3,350.92	-0.70%	-20.15%	-16.06%	USD: CAD	1.3140	0.20%	1.15%	-0.48%
Euro Stoxx 50	3,279.19	-0.57%	-12.44%	-8.14%	USD: JPY	105.47	0.13%	-2.89%	-2.60%
Nikkei 225	23,601.78	0.18%	-0.23%	8.27%					
MSCI World Index	589.83	-0.34%	4.35%	13.18%					
Global Interest Rates					Commodities				
Rates	13-Oct	DoD Δbps	YTD Δbps	YoY Δbps	Commodity	13-Oct	DoD % Δ	YTD % Δ	YoY % Δ
10-Year US Treasury Bond	0.72%	-5.00	-120.00	-101.00	Crude Oil	40.27	2.13%	-34.05%	-26.38%
10-Year UK Gilt	0.24%	-3.00	-58.00	-47.00	Gold	1,893.19	-1.54%	24.78%	27.14%
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	4.16%	-1.00	31.00	14.00	Silver	24.16	-3.76%	35.33%	37.73%
					Aluminium	1,858.00	0.13%	2.65%	7.90%



# Mutual Funds

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## JN MUTUAL FUNDS

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JN Mutual Funds	NAV Price	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)
<b>Global Diversified Income</b>	J\$13.5066	-5.14%	-7.50%	2.69%
<b>Global Equity</b>	J\$13.9755	-18.94%	-22.70%	0.00%
<b>Global Fixed Income</b>	J\$12.6245	5.96%	5.35%	4.71%
<b>Global Money Market (US\$)</b>	US\$10.5351	3.26%	2.64%	3.77%
<b>Global Fixed Income (US\$)</b>	US\$10.5891	2.97%	2.45%	4.89%
<b>Local Money Market</b>	J\$10.9833	3.86%	3.24%	4.11%

	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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