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US Economy Rebounds in the Third Quarter of 2020

According to the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), in its advanced estimates, the United States' (US) Gross Domestic Product (GDP) increased at an annual rate of 33.1% during the third quarter of 2020. This outturn was better than Dow Jones economists' forecasts for a 32% increase and up from the 31.4% contraction recorded in quarter two. The increase in real GDP reflects the increases in personal consumption expenditures, private inventory investment, exports, nonresidential and residential fixed investment but tempered by decreases in federal, state and local government spending. The injections of more than US\$3 trillion through the government's social benefits related to pandemic relief programmes boosted personal income during the quarter and fueled consumer spending. Additionally, the surge in business and residential investments, along with the stronger consumer activity helped the economy to a near reversal of the worst-ever quarter in US history. On a year-on-year basis, real GDP contracted by 2.9% in quarter three.

The US government's first stimulus package that provided well needed support for many households and businesses in the second quarter has been depleted. With US unemployment still high, at 7.9%, and the increase in coronavirus cases in most states across the US, consumer spending, which accounts for approximately 70% of US GDP, is likely to be low in the final quarter of 2020. This is especially true if no resolution is found between the Democrats and Republicans in their stalled stimulus negotiations.

Index

S&P 500

Dow Jones

FTSE All Share

Euro Stoxx 50

MSCI World II

Nikkei 225



Foreign Exchange Market

	Currency	29-Oct	28-Oct	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ						
	USD:JMD	147.58	146.43	0.78%	11.32%						
	GBP:JMD	190.71	192.09	-0.72%	11.1%						
	CAD:JMD	111.49	.7 9	-0.27%	II.3 %						

Caribbean & Latam

 Argentina's central bank raised its reverse repo rates on Thursday while holding the benchmark Leliq rate unchanged, a market filing from the bank, seen by Reuters and confirmed by a bank official, showed.

USA & Canada

 U.S. stocks closed higher on Thursday, with the technology heavyweights rallying ahead of major earnings reports and upbeat domestic economic data calming investor jitters about surging coronavirus cases.

Europe

European stocks ended a volatile Thursday weaker, hitting session lows after the European Central Bank left its ultra-easy policy unchanged and hinted at more support in December.

<u>Asia</u>

Asia's stock markets fell on Thursday, but without the panic selling seen in Europe and the United States, while U.S. futures jumped as investors tried to get a grip on fears that fresh lockdowns could derail a recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Local Equity Market									
Stock Ir	ndex	Today's close	DoD Δ	DoD% Δ	YTD % Δ	ΥοΥ% Δ			
JSE Combined Index		369,233.93	-2,781.85	-0.75%	-26.37%	- 23.99 %			
JSE Index		372,540.50	-3,387.45	-0.90%	-26.28%	-23.63%			
All Jamaican Composite Index		408,204.70	-3,759.27	-0.91%	-26.42%	-23.79%			
JSE Select Index		9,055.07	-91.70	-1.00%	-29.99%	-28.24%			
Junior Market Index		2,459.89	31.64	1.30%	-27.49%	-28.36%			
		BEST AND W	ORST PERF	ORMERS					
	ADVANC	ERS		DE	CLINERS				
KPREIT	17.32%		K	REMI	-1 7.96 %				
CBNY	15.38%			EPLY	-11.13%				
MJE	14.46%			AMG	-10.33%				

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **79** stocks, of which **38** advanced, **33** declined and **8** traded firm.

International Markets

International Equity Markets					International Currency Market				
I.	29-Oct	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ	ΥοΥ% Δ					
					Currency	29-Oct	DoD % A	YTD% Δ	ΥοΥ%
	3,310.11	I.I 9 %	2.46%	9.00%					Δ
	26.659.11	0.52%	-6.59%	-1.52%	EUR: USD	1.1674	- 0.6 1%	4.11%	5.06%
	20,007.11	0.01/0	0.07/0						
e	3,152.13	-0.10%	- 24.89 %	- 21.67 %	GBP: USD	1.293	-0.41%	-2.47%	0.53%
C	2,960.03	-0.12%	- 20.96 %	-18.28%	USD: CAD	1.3325	0.02%	2.58%	1.82%
	23,331.94	-0.37%	-1.37%	I.56%	UJD. CAD	1.5525	0.02/0	2.30/0	1.02/0
Index	557.41	0.44%	-1. 39 %	4.33%	USD: JPY	104.61	0.28%	-3.68%	-3.93%

Gl	Commodities								
Rates	29-Oct		YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps	Commodity	29-Oct	DoD % Δ	YTD% 🛆	ΥοΥ% Δ
10 -Year US Treasury Bond	0.82%	5.20	-109.45	-101.55	Crude Oil	36.11	-3.42%	-40.86%	- 34.98 %
10-Year UK Gilt	0.22%	0.80	-60.10	-49.00	Gold	1,867.59	-0.51%	23.09 %	25.53%
	4 2 2 9/	0.00	27.50	21.70	Silver	23.26	-0.54%	30.28%	30.58%
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	4.22%	0.00	36.50	21.60	Aluminium	1,809.50*	-0.69%	-0.03%	3.16%
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Sources: Bloomberg, Reuters, Jamaica Stock Exchange, Bank of Jamaica, Jamaica Observer, Jamaica Gleaner, Nasdaq, Investing.com



JN MUTUAL FUNDS

Fund Managers Ltd.

October 28, 2020

JN Mutu	ual Funds	NAV Pr	ice	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)	
Global I	Diversified Income	e J\$13.45	61	-5.32%	-7.84%	2.21%	
Global I	Equity	J\$13.95	99	-16.64%	-22.79%	0.00%	
Global I	Fixed Income	J\$12.65	92	5.88%	5.64%	4.66%	
Global I	Money Market (US	S\$) US\$10.5	467	3.24%	2.75%	3.76%	
Global I	Fixed Income (US	\$) US\$10.6	100	3.08%	2.65%	4.94 %	
Local M	J\$11.00	80	3.93%	3.48%	4.29%		
	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 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 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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