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# **Eurozone's Economic Sentiment Fell in January 2021**

According to the European Commission, the Eurozone's Economic Sentiment Indicator (ESI), which measures business and household confidence, economic sentiments eased to 91.5 in January 2021, down 0.9 points from December's record of 92.4. Despite the fall, January's reading was better than market expectation for a reading of 89.5. Continued lockdowns in several parts of the EU were the main driver for the reduced sentiment in January as, despite the marginal increase in industry confidence, the mood in services, retail and among consumers was overshadowed by the escalating infections. Of the five indexes included in the ESI, confidence in construction remained broadly unchanged as managers' improved appraisals of the level of order books were counterbalanced by more muted employment expectations. Among the largest euro-area economies, the ESI fell in France by 2.6 points and Germany by 2.3 points, while it improved in Spain, Netherlands and Italy by 2.4, 0.6 and 0.4 points, respectively.

January 2021 economic sentiment is below February 2020 pre-pandemic level of 103.6 but is higher than the sentiments recorded in the initial months of the pandemic. The challenges with the expected vaccine roll out in terms of supply; ongoing rise in COVID-19 cases; the extension of lockdowns or restrictions in many of the EU countries; and weakness in business activity is likely to continue weighing on consumer and business sentiment over the near to short term. However, we expect that there could be an increase in sentiment closer to the second half of the year barring any hiccups in the vaccination programmes and if the virus can be kept under control.

**CBNY** 

15.00%

#### **Currency Markets International Currency Market** Currency **22-Jan DoD** $\% \triangle$ **WoW** $\% \triangle$ YTD% $\Delta$ YoY% $\Delta$ **EUR: USD** 1.213 1.217 0.08% -0.32% -0.69% 10.19% **GBP: USD** 1.370 1.370 -0.16% 0.09% 0.21% 5.21% **USD: CAD** -3.08% 1.279 1.270 -0.29% 0.47% 0.53% **USD: JPY** 104.750 103.780 0.49% 0.93% 1.45% -3.92%

Local Foreign Currency Market								
Currency	29-Jan	28-Jan	22-Jan	DoD % $\Delta$	WoW % $\Delta$	<b>YTD%</b> ∆		
USD:JMD	149.61	148.59	146.77	0.69%	1.94%	4.88%		
GBP:JMD	205.52	204.68	201.19	0.41%	2.15%	6.1%		
CAD:JMD	117.52	116.99	114.22	0.45%	2.89%	5.5%		

## **Global Interest Rates**

Rates	29-Jan	22-Jan	DoD ∆ bps	WoW ∆ bps	YTD ∆ bps	YoY $\Delta$
10 Year US Treasury Bond	1.08%	1.09%	4.00	-1.00	17.00	-50.00
10 Year UK Gilt	0.33%	0.31%	4.00	2.00	13.00	-19.00
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	3.41%	3.35%	1.00	6.00	-4.00	-41.00
5 Year US Treas- ury Bond	0.43%	0.43%	0.00	0.00	7.00	-98.00
5 Year UK Gilt	-0.03%	-0.04%	1.00	1.00	6.00	-41.00

# Week in Review: Jan 25 - Jan 29 2020 Local Equity Market BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS ADVANCERS DCOVE 17.65% TJHUSD 15.29% ROC -22.50% PURITY -19.51%

PIX

-14.97%

JSE Main Market activity (excluding preference shares) resulted from trading in 44 stocks of which 23 advanced, 18 declined and 3 traded firm. Market volume (excluding preference shares) amounted to 69,265,846 units valued at over \$486,348,034. JSE Junior Market activity (excluding preference shares) resulted from trading in 41 stocks of which 20 advanced, 19 declined and 2 traded firm. Market volume (excluding preference shares) amounted to 48,241,899 units valued at over \$121,970,909.

Global Equity Indices							
Index	31-Dec	22-Jan	29-Jan	WoW %	YTD% $\Delta$	<b>ΥοΥ</b> % Δ	
S&P 500	3,756.07	3,841.47	3,714.04	-3.32%	-1.12%	13.46%	
Euro Stoxx 50	3,552.64	3,602.41	3,481.44	-3.36%	-2.00%	-6.82%	
MXWD Index	646.27	666.69	642.81	-3.58%	-0.54%	13.30%	
JSE Main Market Index	395,614.93	385,859.59	387,937.83	0.54%	-1.94%	-21.91%	
JSE Junior Market Index	2,643.38	2,749.66	2,774.17	0.89%	4.95%	-10.46%	
JSE Combined Index	392,435,92	384.586.87	386.761.92	0.57%	-1.45%	-21.14%	

	Upcomin	g Week:	Feb I - Feb 5 2020	
Country	Report	Period	Forecast	Prior
US	Change in	Jan	58,000	-140,000
US	Initial Jobless	30-Jan	830,000	847,000
US	ISM	Jan	60	60.7
US	Durable Goods	Dec F	0.20%	0.20%
UK	Bank of England	4-Feb	0.10%	0.10%
UK	Markit UK PMI	Jan F	52.90	52.90
CA	Unemployment	Jan	8.90%	8.60%
JN	Monetary Base	Jan		18.30%

#### LOCAL STOCK RECOMMENDATIONS **INDUSTRY PRICE COMPANY VITALS STATISTICS COMPANY NAME** J\$ **RATIONALE MOVEMENTS** VITALS January 29, 2021 **ROE 13.08% ROE 20.33%** Current Price \$31.20 EPS \$3,42 \$48.00 BVPS 52 Week High \$26.13 JMMBGL is one of Jamaica's largest financial services corporations, entering the market JMMB Group Ltd in 1992 as the first Money Market Brokerage firm. The holding company, JMMB Group 53 Week Low \$28,00 T12M Div. \$0.25 P/E 9.13 P/E 17.40 Limited, was formed as a parent to house the group of companies. To date, the JMMB (JMMBGL) WoW % -3.61% Div. Yield % 0.80% Group Ltd. has extended its reach across the Caribbean, including the Dominican -10.07% P/B 1.19 P/B 2.13 Republic and Trinidad and Tobago. The Group has over 316,000 clients and continues to 12.00 grow steadily. We believe that in addition to its core businesses, key strategic partnerships such as the 22.2% stake in Sagic or Financial Corporation allows JMMBGL to achieve further diversification and increased profitability. BUY Current Price EPS \$0.10 **ROE 21.04% ROE 14.15%** \$2.50 Derrimon is vertically integrated whereby it manufactures and distributes through its BVPS \$0.49 52 Week High \$3.10 own channels such as Sampars and its Select grocers retail outlets. Over the last five Derrimon Trading years the company has gone through a tremendous transformation driven by its organic 53 Week Low \$1.40 TI2M Div. \$0.01 P/F 24.04 P/E 26.76 growth in its primary distribution segment and through acquisitions. Consequently, it Co Ltd (DTL) WoW % 5.04% Div. Yield % 0.48% has delivered expansion which has seen its revenue more than double in five years and P/B 5.06 YTD % 5.20% P/B 2 70 profits more than tripled. Although the coronavirus pandemic has slowed business activity in Jamaica generally, and has slowed Derrimon's revenue growth by 3.5 approximately 1.0% up to September 2020, DTL has remained very profitable. Over the period, the Group delivered profit growth of 27.0% which is a signal of its strength and resiliency given the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. BUY 15.00 10.00 With the onset of COVID-19, restaurants, supermarkets, bakeries and corner shops in **ROE 18.90%** Current Price \$64.93 EPS \$4.26 **ROE 16.47%** communities have been forced to operate within restricted parameters or have \$70.00 BVPS \$22.55 52 Week High completely shuttered. Although the COVID-19 pandemic has had a negative impact on Seprod's operations, the Group's diversified portfolio has proven to be resilient thus far. P/E 15.24 P/E 23.06 53 Week Low \$30,00 TI2M Div. \$0.80 Looking ahead, there are still risks that could negatively impact global supply chains and Seprod Ltd (SEP) WoW % 2.25% Div. Yield % 1.23% ultimately affect raw material prices, consumer income and economic growth. P/B 2.88 P/B 3.48 Notwithstanding, given our estimate that the worst part of the covid-19 restrictions may be behind us, we are expecting that the companies good performance could likely continue into at least the short term. Over the last five years, the group has invested significantly in strengthening its operations and its resiliency. The investments include 0.60 consolidating as pects of its business where costs were being duplicated, which is a move 0.40 to position itself for continued resilience and competitiveness in face of the uncertainty BUY which lies ahead. Over the medium-term, the group has further investments plans to 0.20 improve its distribution, warehousing and logistics efforts that are expected to augment the Groups' profitability over time. **ROE 14.85% ROE 5.99%** Current Price \$0.74 **EPS** \$0.05 52 Week High \$0.98 **BVPS** \$0.35 We believe that Wigton Windfarm provides an advantage for investors in three main Wigton Windfarm 53 Week Low \$0.50 TI2M Div. \$0.00 P/E 14.11 P/E 21.20 ways. The first is diversification, as it is an alternative energy investment which becomes Ltd(WIG) WoW % 0.00% 0.00% Div. Yield % more crucial in the midst of global warming. The second is an increase in medium to long term value driven by profitability. The third is liquidity as the availability of shares YTD % -1.50% P/B 2.10 P/B 1.13 is wide and allows a tidy entry into or exit out of the investment. Wigton Windfarm has potential competition from MPC Caribbean and New Fortress Energy but they together form an ecosystem which is needed to move the Caribbean away from its reliance on HOLD Fossil Fuels, the 2nd most expensive item on Jamaica's import bill. 40.00 20.00

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#### LOCAL STOCK RECOMMENDATIONS **INDUSTRY PRICE** COMPANY NAME J\$ **STATISTICS COMPANY VITALS RATIONALE MOVEMENTS** VITALS January 29, 2021 **ROE 10.36% ROE 16.47% Current Price** \$29.18 **EPS** \$1.50 52 Week High \$39.70 **BVPS** \$14.48 Having been in operation for over sixty years, JBG has grown into an iconic brand in Jamaica and now has an increasing presence in the region. The Company's Jamaican 53 Week Low \$21.00 T12M Div. \$0.31 Jamaica Broilers P/E 19.45 P/E 23.06 operations continue to have a significant impact in the local marketplace through its Best Dressed Chicken and Hi-Pro divisions. However, the local market is mature with WoW % 0.62% Div. Yield % 1.06% Group Ltd (JBG) growth expected to be low in the medium term. With operations already firmly set in YTD % -0.95% Haiti, JBG moved further to cement a stronghold and presence along the supply chain in P/B 2.02 P/B 3.48 the US with its recent acquisitions. In our view, these acquisitions and other inorganic initiatives are expected to be the catalyst for JBG's growth going forward. 8.00 BUY 4.00 2.00 Current Price \$16.33 \$0.65 **ROE 17.51% ROE 16.47%** Wisynco's customers typically include restaurants, supermarkets retail and whole-sale \$23.50 52 Week High **BVPS** \$3.70 outlets, schools and other food service outlets. As a result of the social distancing orders being enforced by the Government to curb the spread of the virus, the operations of the 53 Week Low \$11.50 T12M Div. \$0.18 Wisynco Ltd P/E 25.22 P/E 23.06 Company's customers base have been severely disrupted. We acknowledged, however. that the Company's strong brand presence in the food manufacturing and distribution WoW % 0.18% Div. Yield % 1.10% (WISYNCO) sector, strong balance sheet and distribution network will go a far way to ensure that YTD % -3.06% Wisynco remain resilient over the long-term. We believe that the Management's P/B 4.42 P/B 3.48 experience in distribution and the Company's investment in Innovation will be huge drivers of equity return over time. Notwithstanding, over the short to medium term (up 8.00 to three years) Wisynco's profitability will be challenged as over 95% of the Company's revenues are generated locally and local consumer demand has declined and likely to 6.00 remain subdued over the short to medium term. In our scenario, the Company is projected to return to pre-COVID state in the FY 2024/FY 2025. **ROE 23.55%** EPS \$3.41 **ROE 11.78% Current Price** \$19.79 52 Week High \$26.50 **BVPS** \$14.47 Undoubtedly, COVID-19 has had a negative impact on aspects of the business and is likely to continue to weigh on those segments for the remainder of this year, even as the 53 Week Low \$15.00 TI2M Div. Jamaica Producers P/E 5.81 P/E 16.83 company adjusts its operations to deal with the pandemic. Some segments have remained strong; however, the pandemic has created opportunities for new retail WoW % -0.10% Div. Yield % 1.01% Group (JP) channels to offset the downturn seen in some segments. Importantly, JP is further YTD % -5.76% seeking to strengthen its business over the medium term to improve its capacity, to P/B 1.37 P/B 1.54 drive long term growth at the same time it continues to invest in strong food and 1.00 logistics businesses. Despite COVID-19, JP remains strong with several key financial metrics, including its large and growing cash and securities balance, providing the group BUY with the flexibility to manage and execute on strategies of acquiring undervalued assets.

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# **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\$13.817	73	-3.84%	-0.17%	2.19%	
Global E	quity	J\$14.810	05	-14.53%	-1.63%	0.00%	
Global F	ixed Income	J\$12.783	33	5.39%	1.00%	5.83%	
Global Money Market (US\$)		<b>S\$)</b> US\$10.64	126	3.48%	0.23%	3.54%	
Global Fixed Income (US\$)		\$) US\$10.95	578	5.81%	-0.51%	4.65%	
Local Money Market		J\$11.117	75	4.20%	0.79%	4.41%	
	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Market Fund	Globa	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	return incom throug (i) A Ja	nieve an attractive total through capital injection and e growth. This is offered gh two separate Funds: amaican dollar (J\$) and JS 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	To invest in regional, sovereign debt securities, local and international corporate bonds.		To invest in fixed income, high dividend yielding stocks REITs and structured produc		

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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