## **Fund Managers Ltd.**

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## **US Unemployment Declines Slightly in February**

According to the United States (US) Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), US non-farm payroll increased by 379,000 in February 2021 following the 166,000 jobs added in January 2021. February's job gains also exceeded market expectations to rise to 182,000 jobs. Job gains were predominantly in the leisure and hospitality sector, which accounted for over 75% of the increase. There were also job gains in temporary help services, healthcare and social assistance, retail trade, and manufacturing. However, these gains were offset by job losses in state and local government education, construction, and mining. The unemployment rate also improved marginally in February, moving from 6.3% in January to 6.2%, and was better than market expectations, for the rate to remain at January's level. Meanwhile, the labour force participation rate or the proportion of working-age Americans who have a job or are looking for one was steady at 61.4% in February.

Although jobs surged in February 2021, it is still 9.5 million or 6.2% below its pre-pandemic level, recorded a year ago. We anticipate that with the increase in the pace of vaccinations coupled with the possibility of more fiscal stimulus, the labour market may continue to recover over the short term. However, given the continued negative effects of COVID-19 on the economy in particular the services sectors, the pace of the recovery over the short term to medium term is likely to be slow and will highly depend on the effectiveness of the vaccination programme.

Currency Markets International Currency Market							
Currency	5-Mar	26-Feb	<b>DoD %</b>	<b>WoW %</b> ∆	<b>YTD%</b> Δ	<b>ΥοΥ%</b> Δ	
EUR: USD	1.192	1.208	-0.43%	-1.31%	-2.45%	7.01%	
GBP: USD	1.384	1.390	-0.37%	-0.65%	1.27%	7.54%	
USD: CAD	1.266	1.270	-0.09%	-0.64%	-0.54%	-5.45%	
USD: JPY	108.380	106.570	0.37%	I.70%	4.97%	0.79%	

	Local Foreign Currency Market						
Currency	5-Mar	4-Mar	26-Feb	<b>DoD %</b> Δ	<b>WoW %</b>	<b>YTD%</b> ∆	
USD:JMD	149.75	149.97	151.94	-0.14%	-1.44%	<b>4.98</b> %	
GBP:JMD	208.01	209.07	210.66	-0.50%	-1.26%	7.4%	
CAD:JMD	117.76	118.75	120.39	-0.84%	-2.19%	5.7%	

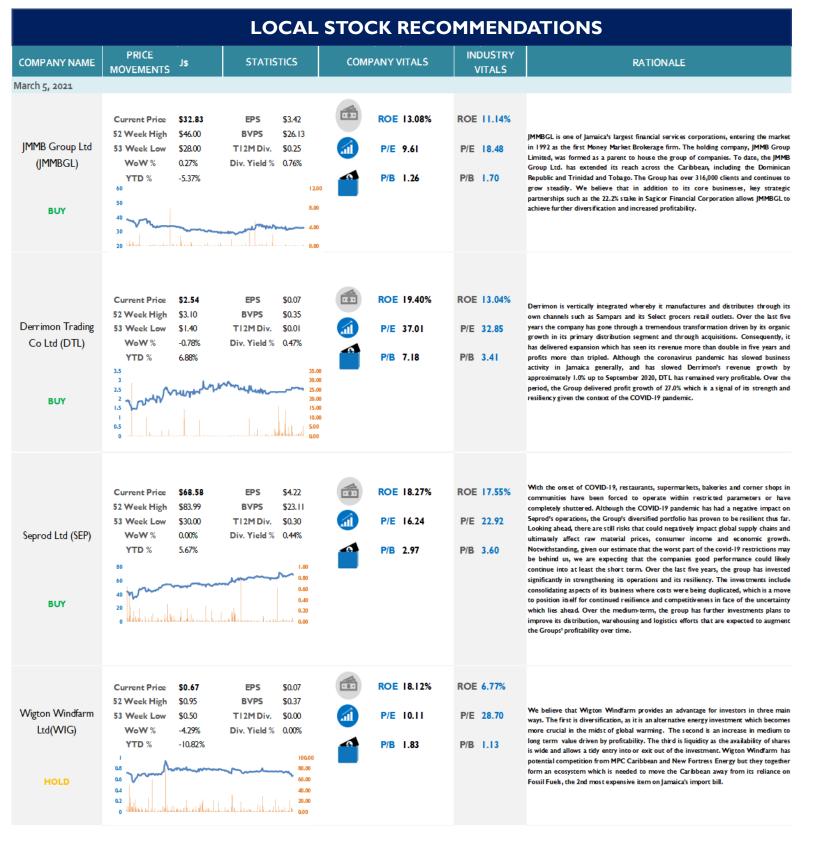
Global Interest Rates							
Rates	5-Mar	26-Feb	DoD $\Delta$ bps	WoW ∆ bps	YTD $\Delta$ bps	YoY ∆ bps	
10 Year US Treasury Bond	1.57%	1.40%	1.00	17.00	66.00	52.00	
10 Year UK Gilt	0.76%	0.82%	3.00	-6.00	56.00	39.00	
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	3.54%	3.66%	1.00	-12.00	9.00	-39.00	
5 Year US Treas- ury Bond	0.80%	0.73%	1.00	7.00	44.00	2.00	
5 Year UK Gilt	0.37%	0.40%	3.00	-3.00	46.00	12.00	

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	Week in Review: Mar I - Mar 5 2021							
	Local Equity Market							
	BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS							
AD	VANCERS		DE	CLINERS				
GWEST	20.00%		CBNY	-61.45%				
CFF	16.11%	Τ	ICREATE	-19.35%				
DCOVE	15.63%		EFRESH	-17.65%	•			

JSE Main Market activity (excluding preference shares) resulted from trading in 44 stocks of which 22 advanced, 20 declined and 2 traded firm. Market volume (excluding preference shares) amounted to 69,080,654 units valued at over \$502,230,953. JSE Junior Market activity (excluding preference shares) resulted from trading in 40 stocks of which 18 advanced, 19 declined and 3 traded firm. Market volume (excluding preference shares) amounted to 39,156,351 units valued at over \$111,876,909.

Global Equity Indices						
Index	31-Dec	26-Feb	5-Mar	<b>WoW %</b>	<b>ΥΤD%</b>	<b>ΥοΥ%</b> Δ
S&P 500	3,756.07	3,811.15	3,841.78	0.80%	2.28%	27.05%
Euro Stoxx 50	3,552.64	3,636.44	3,669.54	0.91%	3.29%	9.10%
MXWD Index	646.27	657.15	657.67	0.08%	I. <b>76</b> %	25.12%
JSE Main Market Index	395,614.93	394,528.81	395,736.54	0.31%	0.03%	<b>-9.79</b> %
JSE Junior Market Index	2,643.38	2,920.35	2,897.33	<b>-0.79</b> %	<b>9.6</b> 1%	9.07%
JSE Combined Index	392,435.92	394,384.78	395,241.00	0.22%	0.71%	-8.55%

Country	Upcoming Report	Week: Period	Mar 8 - Mar 12 2021 Forecast	Prior
US	Initial Jobless	6-Mar	725,000	745,000
US	CPI MoM	Feb	0.40%	0.30%
US	U. of Mich.	Mar P	78.00	76.80
US	MBA Mortgage	5-Mar	-	0.50%
UK	Industrial	Jan	-0.80%	0.20%
JN	GDP SA QoQ	4Q F	3.00%	3.00%
JN	GDP Annualized	4Q F	12.60%	12.70%
CA	Bank of Canada	10-Mar	0.25%	0.25%

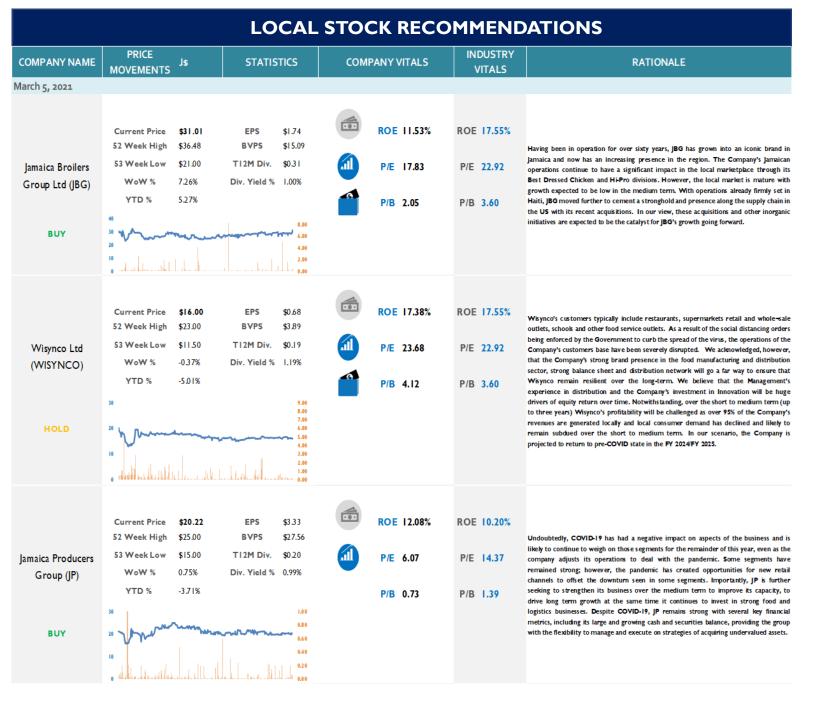


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## <u>Mutual Funds</u>

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JN Mutual Funds		NAV	Price	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate (	Yield Estimated Yearly Income)
Global	Diversified Income	e J\$13.	9206	-0.99%	0.57%	2.07%
Global	Equity	J\$15.	1065	-8.93%	0.34%	0.00%
Global	Fixed Income	J\$12.	8443	5.86%	1.48%	5.32%
Global	Money Market (U	<b>S\$)</b> US\$10	0.6738	3.53%	0.52%	3.48%
Global Fixed Income (US\$)		<b>\$)</b> US\$10	US\$10.9107 5.16%		-0.93%	4.64%
Local Money Market		J\$II.	J\$11.1755 4.76%		1.31%	4.38%
	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Mark Fund	et 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 whi providing Jamaican Dolla (J\$) money market retur	ar return ns 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 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 glo money market instrumen for safety and liquidity a yield	nts debt s	vest in regional, sovereign securities, local and national corporate bonds.	To invest in fixed income, high dividend yielding stocks REITs and structured produc	

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