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IMF Projects Jamaica's Economy to Expand by 8 1/4% for FY 2021/2022

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) stated in their latest preliminary assessment for Jamaica that the improvements made by Jamaica prior to the pandemic allowed the economy to formulate a strong policy response to combat the virus. Despite experiencing two COVID-19 waves this year, Jamaica's economy is now recovering, with tourism returning to nearly 70% of pre-crisis levels and other sectors picking up as well. According to the IMF, the Jamaican economy will grow by 8½ per cent in FY 2021/22, before moderating to 3½ per cent in FY 2022/23. The IMF emphasized that there are some significant risks to this outlook, with COVID-19 remaining the most significant. They also state that, while a third COVID-19 wave was abating and one million people had been vaccinated, new COVID-19 waves in Jamaica or globally could cause further disruptions in tourism, trade and capital flows. Other risks discussed included the uncertain duration of global inflationary pressures and natural disasters. After two consecutive months of above 8% inflation, the IMF projects that inflation will remain elevated and increase to 8.8% at end-2021 before falling to 6.7% at end-2022, which is still higher than the Bank of Jamaica's target range.

Despite the downside risks to the outlook, the IMF notes that a faster pace of vaccinations and the abatement of the pandemic's impact on Jamaica's main tourism market are possible upside risks. The IMF also stated that running fiscal surpluses of about 1% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in FY 2023/24 and beyond would ensure smooth progress to the debt target. Notably, as a result of the crisis, public debt as a per cent of GDP has increased to 109%. Assurances that the debt level will be reduced over time are critical for investor confidence and preservation of macroeconomic stability.

Currency Markets								
International Currency Market								
Currency	19-Nov	I2-Nov	DoD % ∆	WoW % ∆	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ		
EUR: USD	1.129	1.145	-0.71%	-1.35%	-7.58%	-4.93%		
GBP: USD	1.345	1.341	-0.32%	0.28%	-1.60%	1.43%		
USD: CAD	1.264	1.255	0.30%	0.72%	-0.67%	-3.31%		
USD: JPY	113.990	113.890	-0.24%	0.09%	10.40%	9.88%		

Local Foreign Currency Market							
Currency	19-Nov	18-Nov	12-Nov	DoD % Δ	WoW % Δ	YTD % ∆	
USD:JMD	156.87	156.78	154.89	0.06%	1.27%	9.97%	
GBP:JMD	211.84	213.13	209.72	-0.61%	1.01%	9.4%	
CAD:JMD	124.07	126.54	125.73	-1.95%	-1.32%	11.4%	

Global Interest Rates							
Rates	19-Nov	12-Nov	DoD ∆ bps	WoW ∆ bps	YTD Δ	YoY ∆ bps	
10 Year US Treasury Bond	1.55%	1.56%	-3.93	-1.51	63.30	71.69	
10 Year UK Gilt	0.88%	0.91%	-4.60	-3.50	68.20	55.60	
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	3.70%	3.68%	-0.30	1.60	24.60	-33.10	
5 Year US Treas- ury Bond	1.22%	1.22%	0.18	0.03	86.06	84.85	
5 Year UK Gilt	0.64%	0.67%	-4.40	-3.00	72.80	63.50	

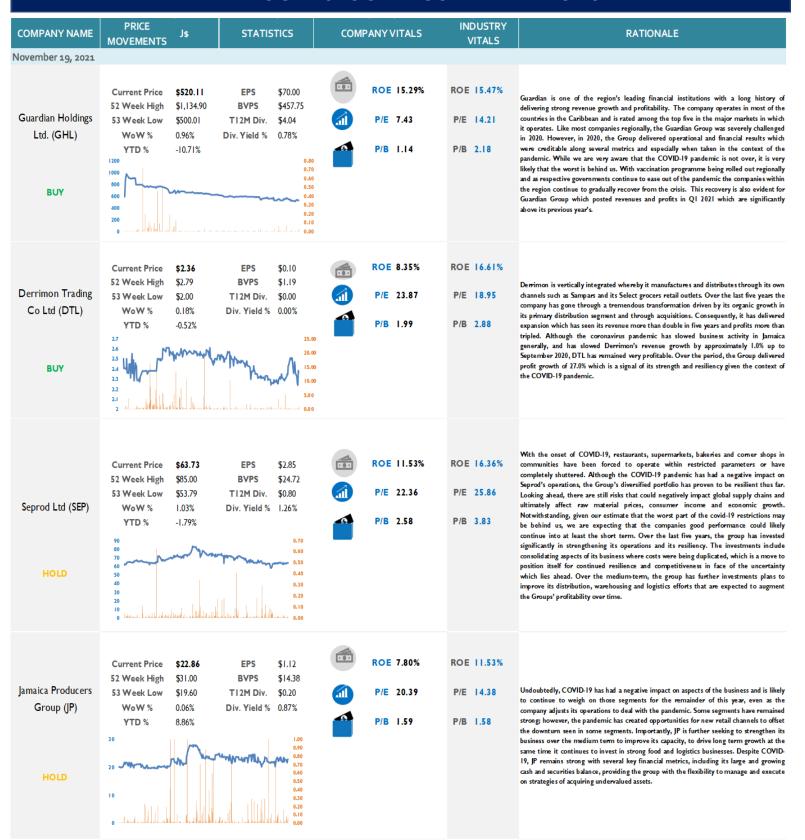
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Week in Review: Nov 15 - Nov 19, 2021							
Local Equity Market							
BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS							
ADVA	ADVANCERS DECLINERS						
MTLJA	48.89%	ccc	-25.44%				
AMG	32.94%	PTL	-18.60%				
KLE	23.97%	SCIJMD	-15.81%				

JSE Main Market activity (excluding preference shares) resulted from trading in 48 stocks of which 15 advanced, 30 declined and 3 traded firm. Market volume (excluding preference shares) amounted to 64,645,855 units valued at over \$1,198,599,421. JSE Junior Market activity (excluding preference shares) resulted from trading in 41 stocks of which 14 advanced, 25 declined and 2 traded firm. Market volume (excluding preference shares) amounted to 36,478,450 units valued at over \$152,608,103.

Global Equity Indices							
Index	31-Dec	12-Nov	19-Nov	WoW % ∆	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ % Δ	
S&P 500	3,756.07	4,682.85	4,697.96	0.32%	25.08%	31.16%	
Euro Stoxx 50	3,552.64	4,370.33	4,356.47	-0.32%	22.63%	26.20%	
MXWD Index	646.27	756.83	754.92	-0.25%	16.81%	23.70%	
JSE Main Market Index	395,614.93	395,171.32	386,813.17	-2.12%	-2.22%	-0.13%	
JSE Junior Market Index	2,643.38	3,449.28	3,348.31	-2.93%	26.67%	32.17%	
JSE Combined Index	392,435.92	400,424.14	391,678.97	-2.18%	-0.19%	2.10%	

	Upcoming Week: Nov	22 - Nov 2	6, 2021	
Country	Report	Period	Forecast	Prior
US	Initial Jobless Claims	20-Nov	261,000	268,000
US	GDP Annualized QoQ	3Q \$	2.20%	2.00%
US	U. of Mich. Sentiment	Nov F	66.90	66.80
US	MBA Mortgage Applications	19-Nov-21	-	-2.80%
US	New Home Sales	Oct	800,000	800,000
GE	Markit/BME Germany Manufacturing PMI	Nov P	56.70	57.80
UK	Markit UK PMI Manufacturing SA	Nov P	57.30	57.80
EC	Markit Eurozone Manufacturing PMI	Nov P	57.30	58.30

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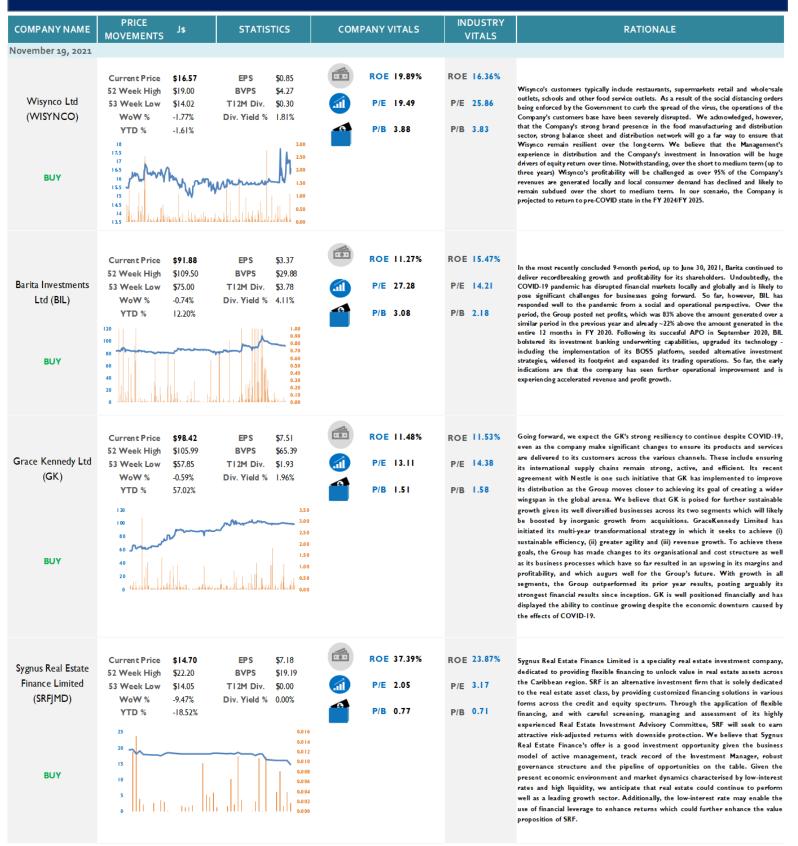
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JN Mutual Funds	NAV Price	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)
Global Diversified Income	J\$13.9859	2.65%	1.05%	2.18%
Global Equity	J\$15.4340	5.70%	2.51%	0.00%
Global Fixed Income	J\$13.2104	3.95%	4.37%	4.66%
Global Money Market (US\$)	US\$10.9448	3.55%	3.08%	2.42%
Global Fixed Income (US\$)	US\$11.3142	5.99%	2.73%	3.15%
Local Money Market	J\$11.5578	4.68%	4.78%	4.13%

	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Market Fund	Global Fixed Income Funds	Global Diversified Income Fund	Global Equity Fund
Objective	To preserve capital whilst	To preserve capital whilst	To achieve an attractive total	To provide long-term	To provide long-term capital
	providing US dollar (US\$)	providing Jamaican Dollar	return through capital injection and	investment growth through	growth and risk
	money market returns	(J\$) money market returns	income growth. This is offered	exposure to a diversified	diversification.
			through two separate Funds:	range of asset classes.	
			(i) A Jamaican dollar (J\$) and		
			(ii) A US dollar (US\$) fund.		
Strategy	To invest in local and global	To invest in local and global	To invest in regional, sovereign	To invest in fixed income,	To invest in the shares of
	money market instruments	money market instruments	debt securities, local and	high dividend yielding stocks,	local and international
	for safety, liquidity and	for safety and liquidity and	international corporate bonds.	REITs and structured products	companies which offer
	yield.	yield			strong growth possibilities
					and consistent income

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