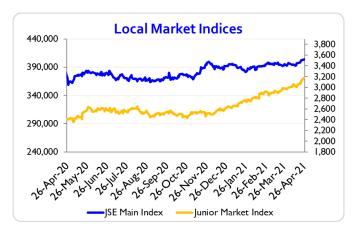
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US Business Activity Rises to Record High in April

According to the latest release from IHS Markit, the United States (US) Flash Composite Output Index, which measures services and manufacturing activity, recorded a preliminary reading of 62.2 in April 2021, which was higher than the final reading of 59.7 recorded in March. Increases in services and manufacturing output, as well as the reopening of many service sector businesses amid looser COVID-19 measures, contributed to the rise in US business activity during the month. However, difficulties sourcing raw materials and the continued supplier delivery delays, which were the most extensive on record, tempered the increase in manufacturing production. Businesses outlook for output over the coming 12 months remained upbeat in April, albeit lower than March. Looser COVID-19 restrictions, continued vaccine roll-out, and greater client demand all contributed to this optimism.

The improvement in private-sector output and improving economic indicators such as jobless claims and retail sales, suggest that the US economy is on the path to recovery. This economic improvement is being supported by the \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 pandemic stimulus package and ongoing vaccine distributions. Based on these and other positive factors, we anticipate that US business activity is likely to continue to expand over the short term. Notwithstanding, the pace of growth could be slowed by the uncertainty surrounding the increasing number of COVID-19 variants as well as general supply constraints which need to improve to come in line with demand.



Foreign Exchange Market

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Currency	26-Apr	23-Apr	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	154.67	154.74	-0.05%	16.67 %
GBP:JMD	215.97	212.54	1.61%	11.5%
CAD:JMD	125.90	124.21	1.36%	25.7%

Caribbean & Latam

 Peru's sol currency tumbled to record lows on Monday as a weekend poll showed a strong lead for socialist presidential candidate Pedro Castillo, while Brazil's real rose as high inflation pointed to tighter monetary policy.

USA & Canada

 Electric carmaker Tesla Inc marginally beat Wall Street expectations for first-quarter revenue on Monday boosted by a jump in environmental credit sales to other automakers and robust demand from China.

Europe

European stocks ended higher on Monday as strong metals prices boosted miners, while a rise in bond yields supported shares of major banks amid optimism the worst of the COVID -19 pandemic had passed.

<u>Asia</u>

 Japanese shares settled higher on Monday as travel-related stocks bounced back from losses driven by fears of coronavirus curbs, and after ANA forecast a smaller-than-expected full-year loss.

•	Local Equity Market								
Stock I	ndex	Today's close	DoD Δ	DoD% Δ	YTD % Δ	ΥοΥ% Δ			
JSE Combined Index	K	405,546.53	1,004.05	0.25%	3.34%	7.55%			
JSE Index		403,647.40	804.80	0.20%	2.03%	5.78%			
All Jamaican Compo	osite Index	443,164.19	873.62	0.20%	2.22%	5.81%			
JSE Select Index		9,881.54	7.78	0.08%	1.42%	0.83%			
Junior Market Index	(3,174.51	23.96	0.76%	20.09%	31.49%			
		BEST AND WO	ORST PERFO	ORMERS					
		DE	CLINERS						
SCIUS	7.71%		R	OC	-26.25%				
LASM	7.57%		SS	SLVC	-13.79%				
ECL	6.46%		С	BNY	-11.32%				

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **84** stocks, of which **40** advanced, **32** declined and **12** traded firm.

International Markets

International Equity Markets						Int	ternation	al Currency	/ Market	
Index	26-	Apr	DoD % A	YTD% Δ	ΥοΥ% Δ	Currency	26-Apr	DoD % A	ΥΤD% Δ	YoY%
S&P 500	4,18	37.62	0.18%	11.49%	47.62%	Currency	20-Apr			
Dow Jones	33,9	81.57	-0.18%	11.03%	42.93%	EUR: USD	1.2086	-0.09%	-1.06%	II.67%
FTSE All Share	3,98	33.59	0.46%	8.44%	25.71%	GBP: USD	1.39	0.17%	1.68%	12.39%
Euro Stoxx 50	4,02	20.83	0.19%	13.18%	43.14%					
Nikkei 225 29, I		26.23	0.36%	6.13%	51.21%	USD: CAD	1.24	-0.63%	-2.57%	-12.09%
MSCI World Index	706	6.32	0.37%	9.29%	49.45%	USD: JPY	108.08	0.19%	4.68%	0.53%
	Glo	obal Int	terest Rate	S			Co	ommodities	;	
Rates		26-Ap	r DoD Abp	s YTD ∆bps	YoY Abps	Commodity	y 26-Apr	DoD % A	YTD% (ΥοΥ% Δ
10 -Year US Treasury	Bond	1.57%	0.90	65.35	96.59	Crude Oil	61.91	-0.37%	27.60%	265.47%
		0.76%	1.20	55.90	46.50	Gold	1,781.38	0.24%	- 6.16 %	2.99 %
10-Year UK Gilt				Silver	26.23	0.84%	-0.67%	71.93%		
GOJ 2025 Global Bon	d	3.40%	2.80	-5.40	-353.20	Aluminium	2,403.50	I.65%	21.42%	58.75%

Sources: Bloomberg, Reuters, Jamaica Stock Exchange, Bank of Jamaica, Jamaica Observer, Jamaica Gleaner, Nasdaq, Investing.com

<u>Mutual Funds</u>

JN MUTUAL FUNDS

April 22, 2021

Fund Managers Ltd.

JN Mutu	al Funds	NAV Prie	ce Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate (Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)	
Global I	Diversified Income	J \$14.113	4.13%	l. 97 %	2.06%	
Global I	Equity	J\$15.555	53 7.05%	3.32%	0.00%	
Global I	Fixed Income	J \$12.932	5.39%	2.17%	5.12%	
Global I	Money Market (US	U S\$10.73	3.63%	1.09%	2.91%	
Global I	Fixed Income (US\$)	US\$10.98	10.81%	-0.26%	3. 99 %	
Local M	oney Market	J\$11.259	4.78%	2.07%	3.81%	
	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Market Fund	Global Fixed Income Funds	Global Diversified	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	To achieve an attractive total return through capital injection ar 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.	
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 product		

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