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## **Eurozone's Business Activity Expanded for a Second Consecutive Month**

The IHS Markit Flash Eurozone PMI Composite Output Index, which measures services and manufacturing activities, rose to a 9-month high of 53.7 in April, marginally higher than the final reading of 53.2 recorded in March. The preliminary reading for April is also above the 50.0-point threshold, indicating that private sector output expanded for the second consecutive month after four months of decline. Eurozone's private sector activity increased as a result of a record expansion in manufacturing output, the highest since June 1997, and a return to growth in the service sector for the first time since August 2020. Job growth was recorded in both the manufacturing and services sector during the month, with manufacturing job growth reaching its highest level since February 2018 and service sector job growth reaching its highest level since the pandemic began.

Despite the improvements in Eurozone business activity, consumer confidence, and the continued rollout of vaccines, the fresh wave of coronavirus infections across the Eurozone continues to cloud our outlook for the region and presents the most significant downside risks to growth in the region. The government's retightening of containment measures in response to the new wave of the virus, is likely to have a further impact on demand and supply chains and could weigh heavily on private-sector output growth over the short term.



#### **Foreign Exchange Market**

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Currency	27-Apr	26-Apr	<b>DoD %</b> $\Delta$	<b>YTD%</b> $\Delta$			
USD:JMD	154.82	154.67	0.10%	16.79%			
GBP:JMD	215.78	215.97	-0.09%	11.4%			
CAD:JMD	125.71	125.90	-0.15%	25.5%			

#### Caribbean & Latam

 Most Latin American currencies fell on Tuesday on worries of rising coronavirus infections and ahead of a U.S. Federal Reserve meeting, while the Chilean peso jumped as copper prices rose near to levels seen a decade ago

#### USA & Canada

 The S&P 500 and the Nasdaq were set to open slightly higher on Tuesday as investors geared up for earnings reports from Microsoft and Alphabet, while awaiting cues from the Federal Reserve on its monetary policy stance.

#### **Europe**

 European stocks were little changed on Tuesday following earnings from blue-chip companies such as HSBC and BP, while UBS become the latest bank to disclose a hit from dealing with U.S. investment firm Archegos.

#### <u>Asia</u>

 Asian stocks lacked direction on Tuesday, as a surge in virus cases in the region and the U.S. Federal Reserve's meeting this week kept investors on edge, while stocks in India gained after new coronavirus cases in the country retreated from Monday's record levels.

•	Local Equity Market								
Stock Inde	ex	Today's close	<b>DoD</b> $\Delta$	<b>DoD%</b> $\Delta$	<b>YTD %</b> $\Delta$	ΥοΥ% Δ			
JSE Combined Index		405,498.44	-48.09	-0.01%	3.33%	10.51%			
JSE Index		403,882.90	235.50	0.06%	2.09%	<b>8.93</b> %			
All Jamaican Composite	Index	443,431.43	267.24	0.06%	2.29%	<b>8.99</b> %			
JSE Select Index		9,888.85	7.31	0.07%	1.50%	4.94%			
Junior Market Index		3,150.68	-23.83	-0.75%	19.19%	31.34%			
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Δ	DVANC	ERS		DE	CLINERS				
SCIJA	24.17%		I	KLE	-24.46%				
PURITY	10.90%		ŀ	(EX	-21.44%				
SSLVC	10.00%		(	CFF	-9.91%				

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **86** stocks, of which **42** advanced, **35** declined and **9** traded firm.

### **International Markets**

International Equity Markets						International Currency Market			
Index	27-Apr		YTD% $\Delta$	<b>ΥοΥ%</b> Δ	Currency	27-Apr	<b>DoD % A</b>	<b>YTD% A</b>	YoY%
S&P 500	4,186.61	-0.02%	11.46%	45.45%	Currency	27-Apr			10170
Dow Jones	33,984.93	0.01%	11.04%	40.82%	EUR: USD	1.2087	0.01%	-1.06%	<b>11.62</b> %
FTSE All Share	3,970.50	-0.33%	8.08%	23.30%	GBP: USD	1.39	0.04%	1.72%	11.86%
Euro Stoxx 50	4,011.91	-0.22%	12.93%	39.20%					
Nikkei 225	28,991.89	-0.46%	5.64%	46.55%	USD: CAD	1.24	0.02%	-2.55%	-11.649
MSCI World Index	705.98	-0.05%	9.24%	<b>46.79</b> %	USD: JPY	108.76	0.63%	5.34%	1.41%
	Global Int	erest Rates	;			C	ommodities	;	
Rates	27-Apr	DoD ∆bps	YTD ∆bps	YoY Abps	Commodity	/ 27-Apr	<b>DoD %</b> Δ	<b>YTD%</b> ∆	<b>ΥοΥ</b> %
10 -Year US Treasury Bo	ond 1.63%	6.00	72.00	97.00	Crude Oil	63.21	2.10%	30.28%	394.60
	0.77%	7% 1.00	57.00	47.00	Gold	1,776.22	-0.29%	- <b>6.43</b> %	3.63%
10-Year UK Gilt				Silver	26.27	0.18%	<b>-0.49</b> %	72.75	
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	3.43%	3.00	-2.00	-360.00	Aluminium	2,396.00	-0.31%	21.04%	58.99

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

# <u>Mutual Funds</u>

## **JN MUTUAL FUNDS**

Fund Managers Ltd.

April 23, 2021

JN Muti	ual Funds	NAV Pri	ce Growth		Yield h (Estimated Yearly Income)
Global	Diversified Incom	e J\$14.123	<b>4.32</b>	% 2.04%	2.06%
Global	Equity	J\$15.606	<b>56 7.87</b> %	% 3.67%	0.00%
Global	Fixed Income	J\$12.932	21 5.249	% 2.18%	5.12%
Global	Money Market (U	<b>S\$)</b> US\$10.73	3.629	% I.I0%	2.91%
Global	Fixed Income (US	<b>\$)</b> US\$11.02	293 11.35	% 0.14%	3.99%
Local M	1oney Market	J\$11.257	74 <b>4.67</b> 9	% 2.06%	3.81%
	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Market Fund	Global Fixed Inco	me Funds Global Div Income	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 attracti return through capital income growth. This i through two separate (i) A Jamaican dollar (J (ii) A US dollar (US\$)	injection and investment grow s offered exposure to a di Funds: range of asset cla \$) and	versified 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, debt securities, local a international corporat	nd high dividend yie	elding stocks, local and international

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