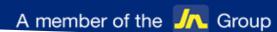
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China's Manufacturing Sector Expands at a Slower Pace in August

According to the National Bureau of Statistics, China's official manufacturing Purchasing Manager's Index (PMI) declined to 51.0 in August 2020, just below the 51.1 reading recorded in July. It is important to note that a reading above 50 indicates an expansion in the manufacturing sector. However, August's expansion was slightly below market expectations for an increase to 51.2. The slower pace in expansion was partially driven by weakness in production and raw materials sub-indices, both of which were impacted by disruptions from heavy rains and flooding across southwestern China. In addition, the new export orders sub-index is still in a contractionary phase despite a marginal improvement month over month.

Even though the expansion in China's manufacturing activity has remained somewhat steady since March 2020, the resurgence in coronavirus cases globally is likely to impact external demand for China's goods. The risk of weaker external demand, the continued uncertainty surrounding the duration of the virus and the intensifying trade tensions between the United States and China could weigh negatively on the pace of expansion for China's manufacturing sector over the short-term.



Foreign Exchange Market

| Currency | 31-Aug | 28-Aug | DoD % Δ | YTD% Δ |
|----------|--------|--------|----------------|---------------|
| USD:JMD | 149.29 | 149.59 | -0.20% | 12.61% |
| GBP:JMD | 200.20 | 196.91 | 1.67% | 16.7% |
| CAD:JMD | 114.02 | 115.25 | -1.07% | 13.8% |

Caribbean & Latam

The Brazilian real slipped on Monday as data showed the country's finances deteriorated further due to the COVID-19 pandemic, while Colombia's peso held steady after an expected cut in interest rates.

USA & Canada

The Trump administration is looking to tighten oil sanctions on Venezuela in the near future, top U.S. envoy for the country told Reuters on Monday, by potentially removing exemptions that allow some oil companies to receive crude oil from the OPEC member.

Europe

European shares opened higher on Monday as heavyweight oil and gas players were supported by higher crude prices, while positive service sector data from China also brewed optimism over an economic recovery.

<u>Asia</u>

Asian shares notched a 29-month high on Monday as investors wagered global central banks would keep topping up the policy punchbowl for years to come, while an upbeat reading on China's service sector augured well for recovery there.

Local Equity Market

| | Local Equity market | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------|---------|----------------|---------|--|--|--|
| Stock Ind | ex | Today's close | DoD Δ | DoD% ∆ | YTD % Δ | ΥοΥ% Δ | | | |
| JSE Combined Index | | 367,381.41 | 3,355.81 | 0.92% | -27.95% | -29.40% | | | |
| JSE Index | | 370,282.72 | 4,232.34 | 1.16% | -28.21% | -29.40% | | | |
| All Jamaican Composite | e Index | 405,730.79 | 4,681.28 | 1.17% | -28.37% | -29.57% | | | |
| JSE Select Index | | 9,222.32 | 100.33 | 1.10% | -30.18% | -32.25% | | | |
| Junior Market Index | | 2,480.92 | -50.34 | -1.99% | -24.42% | -29.23% | | | |
| | | BEST AND W | ORST PERF | ORMERS | | | | | |
| 1 | ADVANCI | ERS | | DE | CLINERS | | | | |
| ROC | 10.53% | • | | ECL | -12.41% | | | | |
| SGJ 5.49% | | | | PTL | -10.59% | | | | |
| PJAM | 5.18% | | FIRST | ROCKJMD | -8.45% | | | | |

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of 68 stocks, of which 29 advanced, 30 declined and 9 traded firm.

International Markets

| International Equity Markets | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|-----------|----------------|---------|---------|--|--|--|
| Index | 31-Aug | DoD % Δ | YTD% ∆ | ΥοΥ% Δ | | | |
| S&P 500 | 3,500.31 | -0.22% | 8.35% | 19.61% | | | |
| Dow Jones | 28,430.05 | -0.78% | -0.38% | 7.68% | | | |
| FTSE All Share | 3,342.44 | -0.46% | -20.35% | -15.45% | | | |
| Euro Stoxx 50 | 3,272.51 | -1.30% | -12.62% | -4.50% | | | |
| Nikkei 225 | 23,139.76 | 1.12% | -2.18% | 11.76% | | | |
| MSCI World Index | 586.44 | 0.55% | 3.75% | 14.79% | | | |

| International Currency Market | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|--------|----------------|--------|---------------|--|--|--|
| Currency | 31-Aug | DoD % Δ | YTD% ∆ | YoY% Δ | | | |
| EUR: USD | 1.1932 | 0.24% | 6.41% | 8.65% | | | |
| GBP: USD | 1.3365 | 0.09% | 0.81% | 9.95% | | | |
| USD: CAD | 1.3048 | -0.39% | 0.45% | -1.98% | | | |
| USD: JPY | 105.90 | 0.50% | -2.50% | -0.36% | | | |

| Global Interest Rates | | | | Commodities | | | | | |
|---------------------------|--------|----------|----------|-------------|-----------|----------|----------------|---------|----------------|
| Rates | 31-Aug | DoD ∆bps | YTD ∆bps | YoY ∆bps | Commodity | 31-Aug | DoD % Δ | YTD% ∆ | ΥοΥ % Δ |
| 10 -Year US Treasury Bond | 0.70% | -2.00 | -122.00 | -80.00 | Crude Oil | 42.81 | -0.37% | -29.89% | -22.30% |
| I0-Year UK Gilt | 0.31% | 0.00 | -51.00 | -17.00 | Gold | 1,969.01 | 0.21% | 29.77% | 29.51% |
| GOJ 2025 Global Bond | 4.29% | 1.00 | 44.00 | 8.00 | Silver | 28.18 | 2.46% | 57.85% | 53.36% |
| <u> </u> | | | | | Aluminium | 1.800.00 | 0.00% | -0.55% | 2.68% |

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



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| JN Mutual Funds | | NAV Pı | rice | 12 Months Growth Rate | YTD Growth Rate | Yield (Estimated Yearly Income) | |
|----------------------------|---|--|--|--------------------------|--|--|--|
| Global Diversified Income | | J\$13.54 | 122 | -4.80% | -7.25% | 2.70% | |
| Global I | Equity | J\$14.00 | 800 | -20.93% | -22.56% | 0.00% | |
| Global I | Fixed Income | J\$12.55 | 500 | 6.06% | 4.73% | 4.59% | |
| Global I | Money Market (US | S\$) US\$10.4 | 1901 | 3.01% | 2.20% | 3.69% | |
| Global Fixed Income (US\$) | | S) US\$10.5 | 171 | 2.39% | 1.75% | 5.07% | |
| Local Money Market | | J\$10.92 | 299 | 3.73% | 2.74% | 4.60% | |
| | Global Money Market Fund | Local Money Market Fund | Global Fixed Income Fur | | 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 | To achieve an attractive total return through capital injection and 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 capita 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 | | |

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