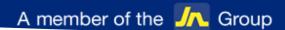
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## United States' Services Activity at a 16-Month High in July 2020

According to the Institute for Supply Management (ISM), United States' (US) Non-Manufacturing Index, which measures the US services sector activity, increased to 58.1 in July 2020 compared to 57.1 in June 2020. July's reading is the highest on record since March 2019 and was above market expectations for the index to record 55 for the month. A reading above 50 indicates growth in the services sector, which currently accounts for more than two-thirds of the US economic activity. The increase in the sector's activity was primarily due to an increase in new orders, which moved from a reading of 61.6 in June to 67.7 in July 2020. However, this increase was not replicated in the employment index, which declined to 42.1 from 43.1 in June 2020.

Although the US services activity rose in July amid the resurgence of coronavirus cases in some states, the uncertainty around the duration of the virus remains high and could impact the services sector in the coming months. We believe that with lockdowns being reinstated in some states, unemployed, which is already at very high levels could increase further and weigh negatively on the services sector performance. Additionally, the uncertainty surrounding the extension of government's stimulus spending package could also add more strain to consumer's propensity to spend and may limit the growth in services sector activity in the short term. On Friday, the US Bureau of Labor Statistics will release its non-farm-payrolls and unemployment data for July, which should provide further insights into the US economy.



# Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	5-Aug	4-Aug	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% $\Delta$
USD:JMD	149.09	148.75	0.22%	12.46%
GBP:JMD	195.04	194.20	0.43%	13.6%
CAD:JMD	113.18	112.17	0.90%	13.0%

### Caribbean & Latam

Most Latin American currencies rose against a weaker dollar on Wednesday, while Brazil's real remained steady ahead of what is expected to the central bank's final interest rate cut in its one-year long easing cycle.

### **USA & Canada**

A resurgence in coronavirus cases is slowing the economic recovery and the disease will continue to weigh on the U.S. economy and American life until at least the end of next year, two Federal Reserve policymakers said on Wednesday.

#### **Europe**

European shares rose on Wednesday, as a batch of positive earnings reports and the huge quantities of stimulus coursing through the financial system again overshadowed concerns about the surge in coronavirus cases in Europe and the United States.

#### **Asia**

Asia's cash premiums for 10ppm gasoil lingered near their lowest levels in more than two months on Wednesday, while the prompt-month spread for the industrial fuel grade in Singapore deepened its contango structure.

### **Local Equity Market**

Stock Ind	lex	Today's close	<b>DoD</b> Δ	DoD% ∆	YTD % ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ
JSE Combined Index		367,927.25	-2,686.69	-0.72%	-27.18%	-30.35%
JSE Index		369,556.63	-2,630.02	-0.71%	-27.53%	-30.57%
All Jamaican Composit	e Index	404,865.14	-2,905.64	-0.71%	-27.68%	-30.75%
JSE Select Index		9,167.83	-69.34	-0.75%	-29.83%	-33.16%
Junior Market Index		2,594.22	-24.83	-0.95%	-22.54%	-27.31%
		BEST AND W	ORST PERF	ORMERS		
	ADVANC	ERS		DE	CLINERS	
1834	17.65%	•		MIL	-15.86%	
KREMI	15.82%		E	LITE	-13.61%	
FIRSTROCKUSD	13.21%			PAL	-12.98%	

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of 75 stocks, of which 36 advanced, 31 declined and 8 traded firm.

### **International Markets**

International Equity Markets							
Index	5-Aug	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ			
S&P 500	3,326.77	0.61%	2.98%	16.94%			
Dow Jones	27,201.52	1.39%	-4.68%	5.77%			
FTSE All Share	3,398.94	1.27%	-19.00%	-13.82%			
Euro Stoxx 50	3,268.38	0.43%	-12.73%	-1.29%			
Nikkei 225	22,514.85	-0.26%	-4.83%	8.66%			
MSCI World Index	559.25	0.62%	-1.06%	11.52%			

International Currency Market								
Currency	5-Aug	DoD % A	YTD% ∆	YoY% Δ				
EUR: USD	1.1859	0.47%	5.76%	5.86%				
GBP: USD	1.3111	0.31%	-1.10%	7.97%				
USD: CAD	1.3275	-0.33%	2.19%	0.54%				
USD: JPY	105.62	-0.09%	-2.75%	-0.31%				

į	Global Interest Rates				Commodities					
	Rates	5-Aug	DoD ∆bps	YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps	Commodity	5-Aug	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% ∆	<b>YoY</b> % Δ
į	10 -Year US Treasury Bond	0.55%	4.00	-137.00	-116.00	Crude Oil	42.12	1.01%	-31.02%	-22.98%
į	10-Year UK Gilt	0.13%	5.00	-69.00	-38.00	Gold	2,038.39	0.95%	34.35%	39.26%
1	GOJ 2025 Global Bond	4.40%	-1.00	55.00	-6.00	Silver	26.98	3.73%	51.10%	64.52%
						Aluminium	1,767.00	-0.17%	-2.38%	0.23%

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



# **JN MUTUAL FUNDS**



August 4, 2020

JN Mutu	al Funds	NAV Pı	rice	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)	
Global Diversified Income		j\$13.76	553	-4.01%	-5.73%	2.30%	
Global I	Equity	J\$14.19	983	-19.80%	-21.47% 4.45%	0.00% 4.73%	
Global I	Fixed Income	J\$12.51	63	6.03%			
Global I	Money Market (US	<b>S\$)</b> US\$10.4	678	2.94%	1.99%	3.74%	
Global Fixed Income (US\$)		US\$10.4	964	2.35%	1.55%	5.15%	
Local M	loney <b>M</b> arket	J\$10.89	965	3.56%	2.43%	4.45%	
	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Market Fund	Globa	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 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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