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Eurozone's Business Activity Expands at a Slower Pace in August

The IHS Markit Flash Eurozone PMI Composite Output Index, which measures services and manufacturing activity, fell to a two-month low of 59.5 in August and down from 60.2 in July. Despite the decline, the preliminary August's reading is above the 50.0-point threshold, indicating that private sector output expanded during the month. August's preliminary reading showed that the services sector growth exceeding manufacturing sector output for the first time since the pandemic, supported by the continued reopening of the Eurozone's economy. Demand has continued to outstrip supply, causing firms' costs and prices to rise at some of the fastest rates seen over the past 20 years. Additionally, hiring remained the strongest for 21 years as businesses increased their capacity to meet rising demand. However, rising concerns about the spread of the Delta variant dampened business confidence.

Based on preliminary indicators, consumer confidence edged lower in August due mainly to the spread of the Delta coronavirus variant. The highly transmissible Delta variant and its uncertainty remain a major risk to the region's recovery, potentially reducing demand and causing further supply issues. As a result, while the region's vaccination plan is likely to offset some of the pressures, the pace of expansion of Eurozone business activity is likely to be slowed in the short term by the ongoing public health crisis.



Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	24-Aug	20-Aug	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	153.14	154.27	-0.74%	7.35%
GBP:JMD	209.26	209.62	-0.17%	10.1%
CAD:JMD	122.45	120.75	1.41%	10.8%

Caribbean & Latam

Brazil's real was headed for its best day in nearly five months on Tuesday after the government eased some concerns over rising debt levels, while most other Latin American currencies tracked gains in commodity prices.

USA & Canada

Stocks have moved modestly higher in morning trading on Tuesday, extending the upward move seen in the previous session. With the continued advance, the Nasdaq and the S&P 500 have reached new record intraday highs.

Europe

European stocks failed to hold early gains and ended on a mixed note on Tuesday as investors largely stayed cautious amid a surge in coronavirus cases of the Delta variant in several countries.

Asia

Asia's robust economic recovery from last year's coronavirus low is losing momentum as a surge in COVID-19 cases sees shops empty again and factories close, dimming prospects for corporate profit growth after a blockbuster half year.

¢ ^{\$**}	Local Equity Market									
Stock Ir	ndex	Today's close	DoD Δ	DoD% Δ	YTD % Δ	ΥοΥ% Δ				
JSE Combined Index		412,641.10	-2,470.52	-0.60%	5.15%	11.63%				
JSE Index		409,567.27	-2,885.86	-0.70%	3.53%	10.04%				
All Jamaican Compo	site Index	449,128.28	-2,990.07	-0.66%	3.60%	10.12%				
JSE Select Index		10,051.79	-98.34	-0.97%	3.17%	7.50%				
Junior Market Index		3,333.52	20.47	0.62%	26.11 %	31.86%				
		BEST AND WO	ORST PERF	ORMERS						
	ADVANC	ERS		DE	CLINERS					
SSLVC	25.00%		s	CIJA	-17.93%					
PURITY	12.94%		IN	DIES	-7.75%					
FESCO	10.67%			JP	-7.41%					

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of 76 stocks, of which 36 advanced, 33 declined and 7 traded firm.

International Markets

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Ir	iternationa	l Equity Ma	International Currency Market						
Index	24-Aug	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ	ΥοΥ% Δ	Currency	24-Aug			XoX% A
S&P 500	4,486.37	0.15%	19.44%	30.75%	Currency	2Aug			
Dow Jones	35,366.26	0.09%	15.55%	24.93%	EUR: USD	1.1757	0.10%	-3.76%	-0.26%
FTSE All Share	4,104.84	0.31%	11.74%	20.65%	GBP: USD	1.37	0.07%	0.43%	5.10%
Euro Stoxx 50	4,178.08	0.04%	17.60%	25.40%		1.24	0.47%	1.02%	4 710/
Nikkei 225	27,732.10	0.87%	1.05%	20.65%	USD: CAD	1.26	-0.47%	-1.02%	-4.71%
MSCI World Index	734.50	0.55%	13.65%	27.24%	USD: JPY	109.67	-0.03%	6.22%	3.48%
	Global I	nterest Rat	es			C	ommoditie	s	
Rates	24-0		ns YTD Ab		Commodity	y 24-Aug		YTD% Δ	ΥοΥ% Δ

Gl	Commodities								
Rates	24-Aug	DoD Abps	YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps	Commodity	24-Aug	DoD % A	YTD% (ΥοΥ% Δ
10 -Year US Treasury Bond	1.29%	4.18	38.03	63.93	Crude Oil	67.68	3.11%	39.49%	58.80%
	0.54%	0.30	34.10	32.50	Gold	1,803.58	-0.10%	- 4.99 %	-6.50%
10-Year UK Gilt					Silver	23.87	I.04%	- 9.58 %	-10.27%
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	3.58%	0.30	13.00	-68.00	Aluminium	2,615.00	0.50%	32.10%	47.70%

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



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JN Muti	NAV Pri	ce	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)		
Global	Diversified Incom	e J\$14.03	14	3.07%	1.38%	2.22%	
Global	Equity	J\$ 16.128	88	14.78%	7.13%	0.00%	
Global	Fixed Income	J\$13.078	86	4.13%	3.33%	4.93%	
Global	Money Market (U	S\$) US\$10.85	581	3.56%	2.26%	2.40%	
Global	Fixed Income (US	(\$) US\$11.23	303	6.63%	I.97%	3.15%	
Local M	1oney Market	J\$11.410	00	4.40%	3.44%	4.19%	
	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Market Fund	Global 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 capit growth and risk diversification.	
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