

Eurozone's Business Activity Rebounds in March

The IHS Markit Flash Eurozone PMI Composite Output Index, which measures services and manufacturing activities, increased to an 8-month high of 52.5 in March, which is higher than the previous month's final reading of 48.8. March's preliminary reading is above the 50.0 threshold, indicating that private sector output increased during the month. The Eurozone's private sector activity has increased for the first time in six months, owing to accelerated growth in manufacturing output, as global demand continues to recover. However, the overall expansion was offset by the contraction in the services sector which continued to be impacted by COVID-19 related restrictions. Notwithstanding the contraction in the services sector, the decline was the lowest on record since August 2020. Manufacturing and service sector jobs also increased during the month, with manufacturing job growth reaching a 31-month high and service sector employment up for the second month in a row. Specifically, employment increased in the region as firms boosted capacity in line with fuller order books and optimism for the year ahead. However, concerns about rising virus infection rates dampened business sentiment.

Although Eurozone's business activity has rebounded, rising COVID-19 cases, tightening of restrictions in a number of countries, and the relatively slow pace of vaccination rollout in the region continue to add uncertainty to the economic outlook and may weigh on business activity in the coming months, especially in the service sectors. However, the ongoing negative impact on business activity might be moderated by increased manufacturing output as manufacturers continue to benefit from the recovery in global demand.



Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	24-Mar	23-Mar	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	145.86	146.35	-0.33%	10.03%
GBP:JMD	203.37	201.48	0.94%	5.0%
CAD:JMD	117.13	117.09	0.04%	16.9%

Caribbean & Latam

The Mexican peso held steady against the dollar on Wednesday after four straight sessions of losses as signs of quickening inflation raised expectations that the central bank will hold interest rates after a policy meeting on Thursday.

USA & Canada

The S&P 500 and the Dow rose on Wednesday on a boost from economy-linked financial and industrial stocks as Fed Chair Jerome Powell and Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen offered an optimistic view of a recovery from the coronavirus pandemic.

Europe

European stocks hit a two-week low on Wednesday as renewed lockdowns across the eurozone and a row over the supply of COVID-19 vaccines dented sentiment ahead of the release of business activity data.

Asia

Asian shares hit a two-week low on Wednesday, oil weakened further and the dollar neared four-month highs as coronavirus lockdowns in Europe and potential U.S. tax hikes hit risk appetite, leading to a flight to safety.

Local Equity Market

Stock Index	Today's close	DoD Δ	DoD% ∆	YTD % ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ
JSE Combined Index	393,402.79	943.43	0.24%	0.25%	12.36%
JSE Index	392,671.43	966.73	0.25%	-0.74%	10.31%
All Jamaican Composite Index	430,742.20	1,009.51	0.23%	-0.64%	10.28%
JSE Select Index	9,781.91	18.20	0.19%	0.40%	7.05%
Junior Market Index	2,986.61	5.06	0.17%	12.98%	42.16%

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS							
ADVANCERS DECLINERS							
MEEG	11.22%		138SL	-20.06%			
MTL	10.99%		sos	-14.36%			
ROC	6.06%		CBNY	-10.34%			

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							
Index	24-Mar	DoD % Δ	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ			
S&P 500	3,889.14	-0.55%	20.38%	58.91%			
Dow Jones	32,420.06	-0.01%	13.60%	56.58%			
FTSE All Share	3,826.52	0.24%	-8.82%	28.86%			
Euro Stoxx 50	3,832.55	0.14%	2.33%	41.16%			
Nikkei 225	28,405.52	-2.04%	20.07%	57.00%			
MSCI World Index	663.81	-0.75%	17.44%	59.47%			

3.50%

GOJ 2025 Global Bond

Euro Stoxx 50	3,83	32.55	0.14%	2.33%	41.16%	US
Nikkei 225	28,4	05.52	-2.04%	20.07%	57.00%	_
MSCI World Index	66	3.81	-0.75%	17.44%	59.47%	US
Global Interest Rates						
Rates		24-Mar	DoD ∆bps	YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps	C
10 -Year US Treasury	Bond	1.61%	-1.22	-30.91	76.18	(
10-Year UK Gilt		0.76%	-0.50	-6.40	27.90	(

-0.20

International Currency Market							
Currency	24-Mar	DoD % A	YTD% ∆	YoY% ∆			
EUR: USD	1.1812	-0.31%	5.34%	9.49%			
GBP: USD	1.37	-0.47%	3.25%	16.37%			
USD: CAD	1.26	-0.12%	-3.21%	-13.06%			
USD: JPY	108.71	0.11%	0.09%	-2.27%			

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	Commodity	24-Mar	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ	YoY% ∆			
	Crude Oil	60.79	5.25%	-0.44%	153.19%			
-	Gold	1,734.18	0.41%	14.30%	6.24%			
-	Silver	25.10	0.15%	40.59%	75.75%			
-	Aluminium	2,258.00	1.73%	24.75%	45.91%			

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

-370.20

-35.00



JN MUTUAL FUNDS



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JN Muti	ual Funds	NAV Pri	ce	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield Estimated Yearly Income)
Global Diversified Income		e J\$13.930	05	5.03%	0.65%	2.05%
Global	Equity	J\$15.028	82	11.21%	-0.18%	0.00%
Global	Fixed Income	J\$12.828	88	5.44%	1.36%	5.29%
Global	Money Market (U	S\$) US\$10.69	935	3.52%	0.71%	3.68%
Global Fixed Income (US\$)		\$) US\$10.9	175	13.41%	-0.87%	4.59%
Local Money Market		J\$11.163	J\$11.1631 4.34%		1.20%	4.21%
	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	return income throug (i) A Ja	ieve an attractive total through capital injection and growth. This is offered h two separate Funds: maican dollar (J\$) and JS 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	debt se	est in regional, sovereign ecurities, local and ational corporate bonds.	To invest in fixed income, high dividend yielding stocks REITs and structured produc	

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