

US Business Activity Expands at Slightly Slower Pace in March

According to the latest release from IHS Markit, the United States (US) Flash Composite Output Index measuring services and manufacturing activity recorded a preliminary reading of 59.1 in March 2021, which was slightly lower than the 59.5 recorded in February. In the US, the services sector activity continued to drive the increase in output, thanks to strong client demand and generally looser COVID-19 restrictions. The manufacturing sector also contributed to the expansion of the private-sector output; however, input shortages and suppliers' delays slowed the pace of expansion. Prices for raw materials, personal protective equipment (PPE), and gasoline rose as a result of supply chain disruptions, causing the overall rate of input cost inflation to escalate. As a result, firms sought to partially pass on costs to clients, which led to the overall pace of selling price inflation hitting the sharpest on record.

The vaccine roll-out, the reopening of the US economy and the government's \$1.9 trillion stimulus package are all working to reengage consumer spending and bolster demand. However, manufacturers may face further cost pressures due to the ongoing uncertainty surrounding the pandemic and its negative impact on supply-chains, which could keep inflation fears in focus. Supply chain disruptions and the continuing struggle for factories and their suppliers to find workers could slow the pace of private-sector expansion, which may constrain output in the short term.



Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	25-Mar	24-Mar	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	146.52	145.86	0.45%	10.53%
GBP:JMD	201.23	203.37	-1.05%	3.9%
CAD:JMD	117.69	117.13	0.48%	17.5%

Caribbean & Latam

 Mexico's peso strengthened further against the dollar on Thursday after the central bank left its key rate on hold, while Latin American stocks were weighed down by worries over a resurgence in the pandemic.

USA & Canada

 After coming under pressure early in the session, stocks showed a significant turnaround over the course of the trading day on Thursday. The major averages all bounced well off their lows of the session and into positive territory.

Europe

 European stocks ended lower on Thursday as fears over extended coronavirus restrictions in the eurozone sparked a flight from energy and financial stocks to firms seen as safer during heightened economic uncertainty.

<u>Asia</u>

 Crude oil producers from Europe, Africa and the United States faced difficulties selling to Asia, especially China, as buyers took cheaper oil from storage while refinery maintenance has reduced demand, industry sources said on Thursday.

Local Equity Market

Stock Index	Today's close	DoD Δ	DoD% ∆	YTD % ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ
JSE Combined Index	393,196.23	-206.56	-0.05%	0.19%	16.50%
JSE Index	392,618.43	-53.00	-0.01%	-0.76%	14.77%
All Jamaican Composite Index	430,693.51	-48.69	-0.01%	-0.65%	14.82%
JSE Select Index	9,732.08	-49.83	-0.51%	-0.11%	12.59%
Junior Market Index	2,972.19	-14.42	-0.48%	12.44%	40.61%

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS						
	ADVANCERS			DECLINERS		
CBNY	23.08%		INDIES	-11.38%		
MDS	13.98%		MEEG	-8.65%		
sos	11.11%		MJE	-6.50%		

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of 81 stocks, of which 41 advanced, 30 declined and 10 traded firm.

International Markets

International Equity Markets							
Index	25-Mar	DoD % Δ	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ			
S&P 500	3,909.72	0.53%	21.02%	57.93%			
Dow Jones	32,619.48	0.62%	14.30%	53.86%			
FTSE All Share	3,804.75	-0.57%	-9.33%	22.62%			
Euro Stoxx 50	3,832.57	0.00%	2.33%	36.87%			
Nikkei 225	28,729.88	1.14%	21.45%	46.98%			
MSCI World Index	664.44	0.24%	17.55%	55.40%			

	international Currency Planket								
	Currency	25-Mar	DoD % ∆	YTD% ∆	YoY % ∆				
	EUR: USD	1.1764	-0.41%	4.91%	8.11%				
•	GBP: USD	1.37	0.37%	3.61%	15.64%				
	USD: CAD	1.26	0.30%	-2.87%	-11.09%				
	USD: JPY	109.16	0.40%	0.51%	-1.84%				

	Glo	obal Inte	% 1.42 -29.49 75.53 % -2.90 -9.30 28.40		
	Rates	25-Mar	DoD ∆bps	YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps
	10 -Year US Treasury Bond	1.62%	1.42	-29.49	75.53
	10-Year UK Gilt	0.73%	-2.90	-9.30	28.40
1	GOJ 2025 Global Bond	3.51%	1.00	-34.00	-347.70

Commodities							
Commodity	25-Mar	DoD % Δ	ΥΤD % Δ	ΥοΥ% Δ			
Crude Oil	58.46	-4.45%	-4.26%	138.71%			
Gold	1,727.76	-0.40%	13.87%	6.86%			
Silver	25.09	-0.01%	40.55%	73.33%			
Aluminium	2,246.00	-0.53%	24.09%	46.08%			

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



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 Incom	e J\$13.910	08	5.02%	0.50%	2.08%
Global	Equity	J\$14.923	34	13.38%	-0.88%	0.00%
Global	Fixed Income	J\$12.830	02	5.41%	1.37%	5.49%
Global	Money Market (U	S\$) US\$10.69	946	3.52%	0.72%	3.68%
Global Fixed Income (US\$)		\$) US\$10.91	188	13.49%	-0.86%	4.60%
Local M	loney Market	J\$11.163	39	4.33%	1.21%	4.29%
	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Market Fund	Glob	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 incom throug (i) A Ja	hieve an attractive total n through capital injection and ne growth. This is offered gh two separate Funds: amaican dollar (J\$) and 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	debt s	vest in regional, sovereign securities, local and ational corporate bonds.	To invest in fixed income, high dividend yielding stocks REITs and structured produc	

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