



## **US Services Sector Expanded at a Faster Pace in October**

The IHS Markit United States' (US) Services Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) for October was 56.9, up from the 54.6 recorded in September and was slightly higher than the flash estimate of 56.0 earlier in the month. October's reading was above the 50-point threshold which indicates an expansion in business activity across the US service sector. The higher output in October was attributable to stronger demand conditions, despite a slower upturn in new export business as reimposed lockdown measures in key external markets dampened demand. Business expectations improved in October as well to its strongest level since April 2018 amid hopes toward the end of the coronavirus disease and additional stimulus during the pandemic. There was also a steep uptick in new business which some companies indicated was due to looser coronavirus restrictions.

The improvement in the pace of growth in the US services sector in October was the sharpest increase seen since April 2015. Despite the notable increase in output and the improved optimism, we anticipate that consumer demand will likely weaken, given the continued rise in COVID19 cases in the country and globally, which has led some countries to renew containment measures. Additionally, the uncertainty surrounding the current US presidential elections and the protracted negotiations for a second stimulus plan is likely to weigh heavily on the pace of output from the service sector over the short-term.



# Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	4-Nov	3-Nov	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	148.44	147.26	0.80%	11.97%
GBP:JMD	192.82	191.03	0.94%	12.4%
CAD:JMD	110.17	110.37	-0.19%	10.0%

#### Caribbean & Latam

Mexico's peso and several Asian currencies seen as most exposed to four more years of a Donald Trump White House fell on Wednesday as early projections in the U.S.

#### **USA & Canada**

 Technology stocks pushed Wall Street indexes sharply higher on Wednesday as an early vote count pointed to a close race for the White House, although investors remained worried about the prospect of a contested result.

#### **Europe**

 European stocks crept higher after early losses on Wednesday as U.S. President Donald Trump took the lead over Democratic rival Joe Biden in a number of vital swing states, making the race for the White House too close to call.

#### **Asia**

 Global investors in Asia are sticking with bets on China's recovery and holding off on major portfolio changes as early results show a tight U.S. presidential election.

# **Local Equity Market**

Stock Index	Today's close	DoD $\Delta$	DoD% ∆	YTD % ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ
JSE Combined Index	370,090.39	887.82	0.24%	-26.93%	-24.94%
JSE Index	372,723.62	1,110.86	0.30%	-27.12%	-24.86%
All Jamaican Composite Index	408,616.95	1,450.28	0.36%	-27.27%	-25.03%
JSE Select Index	9,099.14	38.85	0.43%	-30.65%	-29.41%
Junior Market Index	2,524.43	-12.67	-0.50%	-24.24%	-25.67%

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS						
ADVANCERS DECLINERS						
KLE	31.82%	<b>4</b>	MEEG	-15.06%		
LASF	11.76%		1834	-10.89%		
FIRSTROCKJMD	9.54%		ECL	-10.62%		

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of 77 stocks, of which 35 advanced, 32 declined and 10 traded firm.

### **International Markets**

International Equity Markets						
Index	4-Nov	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ		
S&P 500	3,447.35	2.32%	6.71%	11.99%		
Dow Jones	27,847.66	1.34%	-2.42%	1.40%		
FTSE All Share	3,309.13	1.67%	-21.14%	-18.41%		
Euro Stoxx 50	3,161.07	2.01%	-15.60%	-13.75%		
Nikkei 225	23,695.23	1.72%	0.16%	3.70%		
MSCI World Index	579.58	2.02%	2.54%	7.00%		

	international Currency Planket							
Currency	4-Nov	DoD % A	YTD% ∆	YoY% Δ				
EUR: USD	1.1716	0.01%	4.49%	5.28%				
GBP: USD	1.2979	-0.61%	-2.10%	0.74%				
USD: CAD	1.3147	0.02%	1.21%	-0.03%				
USD: JPY	104.53	0.04%	-3.76%	-3.73%				

Global Interest Rates							
Rates	4-Nov	DoD ∆bps	YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps			
10 -Year US Treasury Bond	0.77%	-13.00	-115.00	-101.00			
10-Year UK Gilt	0.21%	-6.00	-61.00	-52.00			
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	4.11%	-4.00	26.00	16.00			

Commodities							
Commodity	4-Nov	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% ∆	<b>YoY%</b> ∆			
Crude Oil	38.95	3.43%	-36.21%	-31.11%			
Gold	1,904.15	-0.26%	25.50%	26.12%			
Silver	23.89	-1.39%	33.82%	32.30%			
Aluminium	1,908.50	0.16%	5.44%	5.15%			



# **JN MUTUAL FUNDS**

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JN Muti	ual Funds	NAV Pr	ice	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)	
Global Diversified Income		e J\$13.47	97	-6.27%	-7.68%	2.21%	
Global	Equity	J\$14.07	16	-17.61%	-22.17%	0.00%	
Global	Fixed Income	J\$12.68	10	5.81%	5.82%	4.66%	
Global	Money Market (U	<b>S\$)</b> US\$10.5	523	3.20%	2.81%	3.76%	
Global Fixed Income (US\$)		<b>\$)</b> US\$10.6	113	3.00% 2.66%		4.94%	
Local Money Market		J\$11.01	71	3.97%	3.56%	4.29%	
	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Market Fund	Glo	bal 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	returincon throu (i) A	chieve an attractive total rn through capital injection and me growth. This is offered ugh two separate Funds: Jamaican dollar (J\$) and 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	debt	nvest in regional, sovereign securities, local and mational corporate bonds.	To invest in fixed income, high dividend yielding stock REITs and structured produ		

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