



US Business Activity Expanded at a Faster Pace in October

According to the most recent IHS Markit report, the United States (US) Flash Composite Output Index, which measures services and manufacturing activity, rose to a three-month high of 57.3 in October 2021 from 55.0 in September. A reading above the 50-mark threshold indicates an expansion in private sector output. The faster pace of expansion was driven by the services sector, which expanded at the fastest rate since July. Meanwhile, the pace of expansion for manufacturing has slowed to its slowest since July 2020, as goods producers have been severely hampered by material shortages and supply chain delays. In light of this, as well as higher transportation costs and wage bills, the US economy experienced stronger inflationary pressures during the month. Business sentiment for the next 12 months fell to the lowest in eight months, with companies expressing concerns about ongoing supply issues, labour shortages and price pressures.

Although COVID-19 has relatively been trending lower than its September highs, it remains a major downside risks for the US economy. COVID-19 and its variants are likely to continue to have an impact on supply chains, raw materials and input costs in the short term. Considering this, we continue to believe that the risks associated with COVID-19 will continue to limit the pace of US expansion over the short-term.

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Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	25-Oct*	22-Oct	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	154.20	154.19	0.01%	8.10%
GBP:JMD	213.73	212.78	0.45%	10.4%
CAD:JMD	124.01	125.51	-1.20%	11.3%

^{*}Using Midday Rates

Caribbean & Latam

 Latin American currencies firmed on Monday, with Brazil's real lifting off six-month lows, as rallying commodity prices kept sentiment buoyed in the resource-rich region.

USA & Canada

 Stocks have moved modestly higher during trading on Monday, adding to the strong gains posted last week. With the continued upward move on the day, the S&P 500 has reached a new record intraday high.

Europe

 European stocks were mixed on Monday despite an easing of worries surrounding embattled property group China Evergrande.

<u>Asia</u>

 Asian shares held recent gains on Monday ahead of a week packed with major quarterly earnings announcements, while news of trials of a property tax in China and ongoing troubles in the sector weighed on markets in Hong Kong and mainland China.

Local Equity Market

Stock Index	Today's close	DoD Δ	DoD% ∆	YTD % ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ
JSE Combined Index	406,296.67	2,307.78	0.57%	3.53%	8.96%
JSE Index	403,250.99	2,672.56	0.67%	1.93%	7.12%
All Jamaican Composite Index	446,738.55	3,121.23	0.70%	3.05%	8.25%
JSE Select Index	9,820.59	87.67	0.90%	0.80%	6.96%
Junior Market Index	3,284.82	-17.31	-0.52%	24.27%	33.11%

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS						
	ADVANCERS			DECLINERS		
AFS	14.07%		CBNY	-29.03%		
JP	13.50%		KEX	-10.78%		
KLE	10.00%		tTech	-9.57%		

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of 83 stocks, of which 27 advanced, 41 declined and 15 traded firm.

International Markets

Ir	nternationa	l Equity Ma	arkets		
Index	25-Oct	DoD % Δ	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ	Currence
S&P 500	4,566.48	0.47%	21.58%	31.77%	Currenc
Dow Jones	35,741.15	0.18%	16.78%	26.14%	EUR: USD
FTSE All Share	4,117.93	0.22%	12.09%	24.39%	GBP: USD
Euro Stoxx 50	4,188.31	-0.01%	17.89%	30.93%	1160 640
Nikkei 225	28,600.41	-0.71%	4.21%	21.62%	USD: CAD
MSCI World Index	744.29	0.27%	15.17%	27.90%	USD: JPY

International Currency Market							
Currency	25-Oct	DoD % ∆	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ % Δ			
EUR: USD	1.1611	-0.27%	-4.95%	-2.10%			
GBP: USD	1.38	0.10%	0.72%	5.60%			
USD: CAD	1.24	0.15%	-2.68%	-5.65%			
USD: JPY	113.71	0.19%	10.13%	8.60%			

Global Interest Rates					
Rates	25-Oct	DoD ∆bps	YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps	
10 -Year US Treasury Bond	1.63%	0.00	72.00	79.00	
10-Year UK Gilt	1.14%	-1.00	94.00	86.00	
GOI 2025 Global Bond	3.58%	-6.00	13.00	-59.00	

Commodities							
Commodity	25-Oct	DoD % Δ	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ % Δ			
Crude Oil	83.56	-0.24%	72.22%	109.69%			
Gold	1,806.84	0.79%	-4.82%	-5.01%			
Silver	24.56	0.97%	-6.98%	-0.19%			
Aluminium	2,875.50	0.26%	45.26%	56.07%			

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 Income		e J\$14.24	13	4.85%	2.89%	2.18%
Global	Equity	J\$15.67	7 I	11.10%	4.13%	0.00%
Global	Fixed Income	J\$13.164	44	4.04%	4.01%	4.66%
Global	Money Market (U	S\$) US\$10.9	179	3.54%	2.82%	2.42%
Global	Fixed Income (US	\$) US\$11.28	37 I	6.48%	2.48%	3.15%
Local M	loney Market	J\$11.470	04	4.26%	3.99%	4.13%
	Global Money Market Local Mone		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 incom throug (i) A Ja	nieve an attractive total through capital injection and e growth. This is offered th two separate Funds: amaican 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 capital growth and risk diversification.
money market instruments money market instruments debt sec		est in regional, sovereign ecurities, local and ational corporate bonds.	To invest in fixed income, high dividend yielding stock REITs and structured produ			

With a suite of six investment portfolios, each with a distinct financial profile, JN Mutual Funds offers a premium opportunity for investors to align their personal financial strategy with their goals, time horizons and risk profile.

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