



UK Business Activity Expands at a Slower Pace in October 2020

According to the latest release from IHS Markit, the United Kingdom's (UK) Flash Composite Output Index, which measures services and manufacturing activities was 52.9 in October 2020, above the 50.0 point threshold signalling another month of growth. This was however below last month's reading of 56.5. The slowdown in the pace of expansion of output was primarily attributable to weaker activities in both the services and manufacturing sectors. However, the rate of expansion slowed considerably for the services sectors due to a renewed downturn across industries such as travel, leisure and hospitality amid tighter restrictions on trade and the impact that the local lockdown measures have had on general consumer spending. While manufacturing activities were weaker in October than in the prior month, the rate of growth in manufacturing was higher than in the services sector. Driving the overall growth in manufacturing output were factors such as previously suppressed demand, rising residential property transactions and the resumption of projects that were delayed due to the pandemic.

Although the UK's government has expanded its job support programme to replace the furlough schemes that are scheduled to end on November 1, 2020; tighter restrictions, rising COVID-19 cases and the uncertainty surrounding the duration of the health crisis are likely to put a strain on consumer demand and by extension business activity in the UK economy. Notwithstanding, the pace of business activity in the short-term might be moderated by a temporary increase in some sectors as customers seek to secure orders before potential supply disruptions as Brexit draws closer. The IMF's latest World Economic update, released in October, shows that the UK economy is projected to contract by 9.8% in 2020, better than the previous forecast of a 10.2% contraction and is also projected to recover with a growth of 5.9% in 2021.



Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	27-Oct	26-Oct	DoD % Δ	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	146.71	145.82	0.61%	10.67%
GBP:JMD	192.17	193.71	-0.79%	12.0%
CAD:JMD	112.26	112.00	0.23%	12.1%

Caribbean & Latam

 The new head of Latin America's main financing institution hopes to leverage concerns about Chinese lending to win the support of U.S. lawmakers for boosting the bank's yearly lending capacity to \$20 billion as the region grapples with the COVID-19 crisis.

USA & Canada

 A gauge of world stock markets edged lower and the U.S. dollar fell on Tuesday as investors grappled with a surge in coronavirus cases and uncertainty over the impending U.S. election.

Europe

 European equities fell in early Tuesday trading as risk-aversion swept markets, with a resurgence of coronavirus cases threatening the global economic recovery and caution ahead of U.S. elections on Nov. 3.

<u>Asia</u>

 There are emerging signs that crude oil demand is gradually recovering in major Asian countries outside China, a key precondition to sustaining any bullish view of the market.

Local Equity Market

Stock Index	Today's close	DoD Δ	DoD% ∆	YTD % ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ
JSE Combined Index	373,560.10	1,562.61	0.42%	-26.06%	-23.49%
JSE Index	377,261.31	1,741.93	0.46%	-26.02%	-23.26%
All Jamaican Composite Index	413,434.57	1,747.97	0.42%	-26.15%	-23.43%
JSE Select Index	9,153.47	59.36	0.65%	-29.94%	-28.10%
Junior Market Index	2,457.96	-3.87	-0.16%	-26.61%	-26.24%

BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS						
ADVANCERS DECLINERS						
SILUS	36.14%		PAL	-20.53%		
ISP	27.03%		FIRSTROCKUSD	-18.56%		
GWEST	14.29%		KPREIT	-14.99%		

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **85** stocks, of which **35** advanced, **42** declined and **8** traded firm.

International Markets

International Equity Markets							
Index	27-Oct	DoD % Δ	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ			
S&P 500	3,390.68	-0.30%	4.95%	12.18%			
Dow Jones	27,463.19	-0.80%	-3.77%	1.87%			
FTSE All Share	3,233.99	-1.13%	-22.94%	-19.75%			
Euro Stoxx 50	3,070.60	-1.12%	-18.01%	-15.29%			
Nikkei 225	23,485.80	-0.04%	-0.72%	3.01%			
MSCI World Index	571.28	-0.31%	1.07%	7.43%			

Currency	27-Oct	DoD % ∆	YTD% ∆	YoY% Δ
EUR: USD	1.1811	0.01%	5.33%	6.60%
GBP: USD	1.3054	0.23%	-1.53%	1.77%
USD: CAD	1.3171	-0.31%	1.39%	0.87%
USD: JPY	104.48	-0.34%	-3.80%	-3.86%

International Currency Market

Global Interest Rates							
Rates	27-Oct	DoD ∆bps	YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps			
10 -Year US Treasury Bond	0.77%	-2.84	-114.49	-102.17			
10-Year UK Gilt	0.23%	-4.30	-59.00	-45.00			
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	4.17%	0.00	32.00	17.20			

	Con	nmodities		
Commodity	27-Oct	DoD % Δ	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ % Δ
Crude Oil	39.44	2.28%	-35.41%	-30.39%
Gold	1,907.43	0.28%	25.71%	26.77%
Silver	24.42	0.57%	36.78%	35.36%
Aluminium	1,822.00	-0.30%	0.66%	5.44%

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



JN MUTUAL FUNDS

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JN Mutu	al Funds	, N	IAV Price	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)
Global I	Diversified Income) J	\$13.4826	-5.03%	-7.66%	1.90%
Global I	Equity	Js	\$13.9897	-17.17%	-22.63%	0.00%
Global I	Fixed Income	Js	\$12.6474	5.77%	5.54%	4.64%
Global I	Money Market (US	5\$) US	\$10.548	I 3.28%	2.77%	3.74%
Global Fixed Income (US\$)		\$) US	\$10.606	6 3.03%	2.62%	4.89%
Local Money Market		JS	\$11.0013	3.89%	3.41%	4.18%
	Global Money Market Fund	Local Money Ma Fund	arket Glo	obal 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 providing Jamaican D	Pollar ret eturns inc thr (i)	achieve an attractive total urn through capital injection and ome growth. This is offered ough two separate Funds: A 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 money market instru for safety and liquidit yield	ments del	invest in regional, sovereign bt securities, local and ernational corporate bonds.	To invest in fixed income, high dividend yielding stocks REITs and structured produc	

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