



# Slower Expansion Recorded for Eurozone's Business Activity in September 2020

The United Kingdom's (UK) Composite Output Index measuring services and manufacturing activities eased to a three-month low of 50.4 in September 2020, this is according to the latest release from IHS Markit. September's reading was a dip from the 51.9 recorded in August but was still above the 50.0 threshold, which indicates an expansion within the sectors. This expansion was due to an upturn in output and new orders in the manufacturing sector, bolstered by a resurgence in export trade. The growth in the manufacturing sector in the region was led by the strong upturn in Germany. However, this increase in the overall manufacturing sector was offset by a downturn in the services sector that contracted in the month and recorded an index of 48.0, for its worst performance since May 2020.

The slowdown in business activity in September resulted from the resurgence of coronavirus cases and the retightening of social distancing measures in the region. This slowdown could be signalling a renewed downturn for businesses in the fourth quarter of 2020. However, much of this will depend on whether it is possible to control the second waves of the virus and whether social distance restrictions will be loosened to allow the services sector to pick up again. We anticipate that growth in private sector output is likely to be curbed in the ensuing months. This is because consumer demand is likely to be stifled as businesses continue to grapple with rising cases and the measures governments across the region put in place to curb the spread.



# Foreign Exchange Market

Currency	7-Oct*	6-Oct	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% Δ
USD:JMD	144.20	144.05	0.10%	8.77%
GBP:JMD	189.20	187.72	0.79%	10.2%
CAD:JMD	110.08	110.89	-0.73%	9.9%

<sup>\*</sup>Using Midday Rates

### Caribbean & Latam

Latin American currencies bounced on Wednesday, with Mexico's peso leading gains as the country's newly announced investment push was viewed as positive for its ailing economy.

#### **USA & Canada**

Oil and gas workers withdrew en masse from offshore production facilities, and onshore refineries began storm preparations on Wednesday as Hurricane Delta was forecast to intensify into a powerful, Category 3 storm as it crosses the Gulf of Mexico.

### **Europe**

 European stocks mostly fell on Wednesday, failing to join a recovery in global equities following a selloff on doubts over U.S. stimulus, with blue-chip shares weighing the most.

#### Asia

Philippines and Indonesian shares dropped on Wednesday after the mood on global stock markets was dented by U.S. President Donald Trump's decision to end talks about a U.S. stimulus package, although late gains helped turn other Asian markets positive.

# **Local Equity Market**

Stock Index	Today's close	<b>DoD</b> Δ	DoD% $\Delta$	YTD % ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ
JSE Combined Index	366,659.16	82.78	0.02%	-27.45%	-28.51%
JSE Index	369,280.09	480.87	0.13%	-27.67%	-28.65%
All Jamaican Composite Index	404,829.93	582.72	0.14%	-27.79%	-28.83%
JSE Select Index	8,976.69	11.27	0.13%	-31.38%	-33.39%
Junior Market Index	2,499.98	-33.77	-1.33%	-24.34%	-26.54%

	BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS							
	ADVANCERS			DECLINERS				
GWEST	21.25%		KEX	-18.88%				
CBNY	15.38%		EPLY	-16.67%				
SCIUS	10.38%		PURITY	-14.97%				

Today's combined market activity (excluding preference and deferred shares) resulted in trading of **78** stocks, of which **34** advanced, **38** declined and **6** traded firm.

### International Markets

International Equity Markets							
Index	7-Oct	DoD % $\Delta$	YTD% ∆	ΥοΥ% Δ			
S&P 500	3,419.44	1.74%	5.84%	16.36%			
Dow Jones	28,303.46	1.91%	-0.82%	6.89%			
FTSE All Share	3,336.83	-0.03%	-20.48%	-15.53%			
Euro Stoxx 50	3,233.43	0.00%	-13.66%	-6.85%			
Nikkei 225	23,422.82	-0.05%	-0.99%	9.58%			
MSCI World Index	576.01	1.11%	1.91%	12.00%			

International Currency Market							
Currency	7-Oct	DoD % \( \Delta \)	YTD% ∆	<b>YοY%</b> Δ			
EUR: USD	1.1764	0.26%	4.91%	7.23%			
GBP: USD	1.2914	0.26%	-2.59%	5.05%			
USD: CAD	1.3267	-0.34%	2.13%	-0.32%			
USD: JPY	105.98	0.33%	-2.42%	-1.19%			

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2.15%

Global Interest Rates						Cor	nmodities		
Rates	7-Oct	DoD ∆bps	YTD ∆bps	YoY ∆bps	Commodity	7-Oct	<b>DoD</b> % Δ	YTD% ∆	1
10 -Year US Treasury Bond	0.78%	4.00	-114.00	-78.00	Crude Oil	39.98	-1.70%	-34.52%	
10-Year UK Gilt	0.30%	1.00	-52.00	-15.00	Gold	1,886.98	0.47%	24.37%	
GOJ 2025 Global Bond	4.26%	-2.00	41.00	23.00	Silver	23.76	3.02%	33.11%	
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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	NAV Pi	rice	12 Months Growth Rate	YTD Growth Rate	Yield (Estimated Yearly Income)
Global I	Diversified Income	J\$13.43	373	-5.90%	-7.97%	2.27%
Global I	Equity	J\$13.87	722	-20.64%	-23.28%	0.00%
Global I	Fixed Income	J\$12.57	796	5.98%	4.98%	4.74%
Global I	Money Market (US	S\$) US\$10.5	288	3.24%	2.58%	3.77%
Global I	Fixed Income (US\$	US\$10.5	616	2.70%	2.18%	4.89%
Local M	loney Market	J\$10.96	555	3.78%	3.08%	4.15%
	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	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.
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	rest 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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