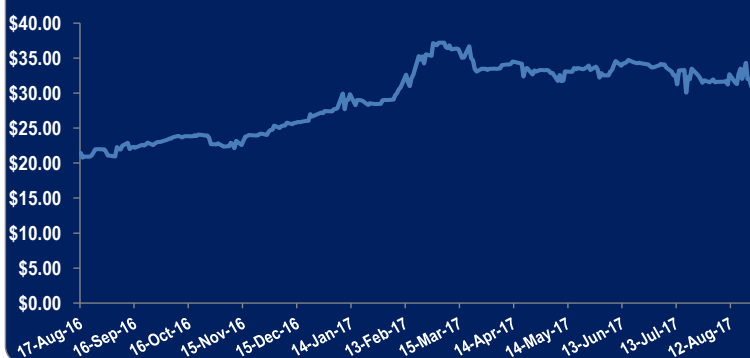


## DAILY MARKET SUMMARY

LOCAL STOCK MARKET: (J\$) <sup>+</sup>

Stock Symbol	SJ	SGJ	DTL	JAMT	BRG
Current Price (\$)	31.05	46.93	7.10	4.90	16.04
Trailing EPS (\$)	3.23	3.96	0.42	0.26	1.48
P/E (times)	9.62	11.84	16.71	18.82	10.82
Projected P/E	9.82	11.05	10.17	16.42	11.44
Projected EPS (\$)*	3.16	4.25	0.70	0.30	1.40
Book Value per share (\$)	15.32	30.54	3.79	1.54	4.67
Price/Book Value (times)	2.03	1.54	1.88	3.18	3.44
Dividend Yield (2016 YTD %)	3.83%	4.57%	N/A	N/A	3.57%
Volumes	42,184	56,384	NIL	11,000	1,658
Recommendation	BUY	HOLD	BUY	HOLD	HOLD

SJ



## STOCK OF THE DAY: Sagcor Group Jamaica Limited (SJ)

For the six months ended June 30, 2017:-

Total Revenues increased by 5% to \$30.36 billion from \$29 billion in 2016, while for the second quarter Total Revenues were down 1% to total 15.09 billion compared to 15.29 billion in 2016. Total revenue was broken down as follows;

Net premium revenue increased by 12% to a total of \$17.41 billion compared to \$15.61 billion last year.

Net Investment Income declined to \$8.96 billion from \$10.05 billion in 2016, an 11% decline.

Fees and other revenue increased 19% to \$3.99 billion from \$3.34 billion in 2016.

Benefits and Expenses totaled \$23.60 billion for the period, a slight decline of 0.3% from \$23.67 billion, while for the second quarter Benefits and Expenses were down 10% to close at \$11.11 billion relative to \$12.28 billion in 2016. This was mainly driven by increases in commission and related expense and administration expenses and a decline in Changes in insurance and annuity liabilities. Commission and related expenses grew by 15% to \$2.38 billion from \$2.07 billion while administration expenses increased by 31% to \$9.27 billion (2016:\$7.1 billion). The company highlighted that "the increases were influenced by business expansion - in particular the Cards and Payments business." Changes in insurance and annuity liabilities decline by 86% to total \$465.34 million relative to \$3.26 billion in 2016.

Share of profit from joint venture amounted to \$16.53 million relative to \$10.96 million a year prior. Share of profit from associate for the period totaled \$233.13 million compared to \$329.43 million last year. As such, Profit before Taxation amounted to \$7.01 billion, a 24% gain when compared to the \$5.67 billion booked in 2016.

Investment and corporation taxes of \$1.35 billion was reported for the period (2016: \$1.37 billion), as such net profit for the six months totaled \$5.65 billion (2016:\$4.31 billion), an increase of 31%. Profit for the quarter amounted to \$3.06 billion relative to \$2.40 billion in 2016. Earnings per share for the quarter amounted to \$0.783 (2016:\$0.615), while EPS for the period totaled \$1.45 relative \$1.10 in 2016. The twelve month trailing EPS amounted to \$3.22.

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET TRADING SUMMARY \*

	PURCHASE RATE			SALES RATE		
	Highest	Lowest	Weighted	Highest	Lowest	Weighted
			Average Rate			Average Rate
USD	129.420	98.400	127.5935	147.600	123.000	128.7267
CAN	103.250	75.000	101.4465	118.800	95.000	102.9165
GBP	170.000	120.000	161.1235	192.000	160.600	165.5775
EURO	149.500	109.280	145.6085	174.840	147.500	153.5194

\*Rates as at August 23, 2017

## MONEY MARKET

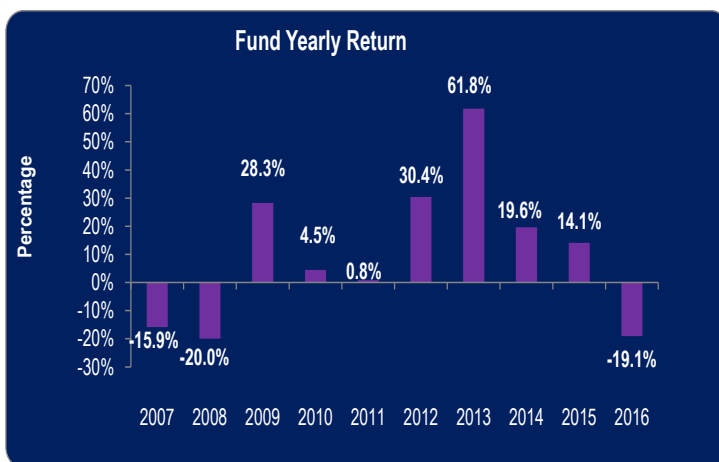
The Jamaican dollar fixed income market was illiquid in today's (August 24, 2017) trading session. The overnight rates were quoted around 3.50% to 4.25% while the 30-day rates were between 5.5% to 5.85%.

The US dollar fixed income market was also liquid during today's (August 24, 2017) trading session; The overnight market rates were quoted at 1% while the 30-day market rates stood around 1.3% to 1.6%.

## OVER THE COUNTER FUNDS (CI FUNDS)

## CI Global Health Sciences Corporate Class

This fund's objective is to obtain maximum long-term capital growth. It invests primarily in equity and equity-related securities of companies around the world that specialize in the health care or medical industry. The fund has a 6 month return of 6.7% and a 5 year return of 15.1% as at July 31, 2017. The Fund also has a three year return of 1.8%.



U.S.: Trump criticizes fellow Republicans over debt ceiling 'mess'

“WASHINGTON (Reuters) - President Donald Trump picked a new fight on Thursday with fellow Republicans whose support he needs to advance his policy agenda, saying congressional leaders could have avoided a "mess" over raising the U.S. debt ceiling if they had heeded his advice. In the latest in what have become regular criticisms of party leaders, Trump sought to assign blame if Congress fails to reach agreement on raising the cap on the amount the federal government may borrow, with a deadline to do so just weeks away. Trump said he had advised Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and House of Representatives Speaker Paul Ryan to link passage of legislation raising the debt ceiling to a measure on veterans affairs that he signed on Aug. 12. "They ... didn't do it so now we have a big deal with Dems holding them up (as usual) on Debt Ceiling approval. Could have been so easy-now a mess!" he said in Twitter posts.”

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-trump-budget-idUSKCN1B41RT>

Europe: Has 'ambitious' British PM aimed too high with EU demands?

“LONDON (Reuters) - Prime Minister Theresa May always said she would be "ambitious" in negotiating Britain's exit from the European Union, and government documents published this month show the scale of that ambition -- wanting the closest of ties without the costs. But the new British proposals for future ties with the EU have been dismissed in Brussels as "fantasy" and no more than an "intra-UK debate". European officials have suggested that Britain should instead stick to a previously agreed timetable for Brexit negotiations. For Britain, the release over two weeks of a series of strategy and discussion documents was intended to counter criticism that it was unprepared for the talks, and to speed up negotiations that have moved slowly over the past 14 months.”

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-britain-eu-idUSKCN1B4230>

PLATINUM PORTFOLIO

Platinum Portfolio Yield Measures as at August 21, 2017	
	Percentage (%)
Yield to Maturity	4.64
Weighted Average Coupon	5.018
Current Yield	4.96

The platinum portfolio has an effective maturity of 13.66 years and duration of 4.36 years.

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