

DAILY MARKET SUMMARY



LOCAL STOCK MARKET: (J\$) +

Stock Symbol	DCOVE	SJ	MEEG	JAMT	JETCON
Current Price (\$)	16.64	35.52	5.30	4.00	4.46
Trailing EPS (\$)	1.13	3.31	0.29	0.28	0.28
P/E (times)	14.69	10.72	18.18	14.27	15.87
Projected P/E	10.85	9.77	14.03	13.41	16.15
Projected EPS (\$)*	1.53	3.64	0.38	0.30	0.28
Book Value per share (\$)	9.19	15.32	1.49	1.55	0.70
Price/Book Value (times)	1.81	2.32	3.56	2.58	6.36
Dividend Yield (2017 YTD %)	4.81%	3.60%	N/A	1.50%	0.52%
Volumes	NIL	104,400	1,356	3,559	148,000
Recommendation	SELL	BUY	HOLD	HOLD	HOLD

FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET TRADING SUMMARY *

	PURCHASE RATE			SALES RATE		
	Highest	Lowest	Weighted Average Rate	Highest	Lowest	Weighted Average Rate
USD	131.060	100.010	124.2717	135.250	116.500	125.4777
CAN	101.000	72.930	95.8355	108.430	92.000	97.5264
GBP	170.310	121.500	164.1074	186.870	161.000	166.8253
EURO	150.000	107.060	141.6972	164.660	121.340	148.4559

*Rates as at December 18, 2017

MONEY MARKET

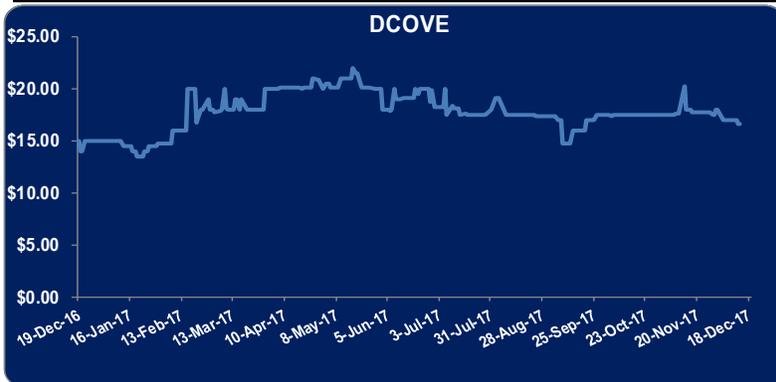
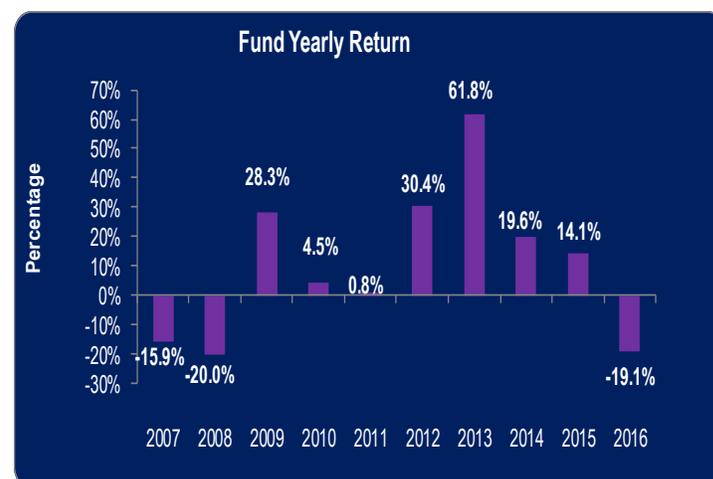
The Jamaican dollar fixed income market was liquid in today's (December 19, 2017) trading session. The overnight rates were quoted around 2.50% to 2.85% while the 30-day rates were between 3.75% to 4.00%.

The US dollar fixed income market was also liquid during today's (December 19, 2017) trading session; The overnight market rates were quoted at 1% while the 30-day market rates stood around 1.0% to 1.2%.

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 3 year return of 1.1% and a 5 year return of 14.5% as at November 30, 2017. The Fund also has a 3 month return of 1.7%.



STOCK OF THE DAY: Dolphin Cove (DCOVE)

For the nine months ended September 30, 2017:-

Dolphin Cove (DCOVE) reported Total Revenue of US\$13.03 million, an 8% increase when compared to US\$12.04 million booked the year prior. Total Revenue for the quarter amounted to US\$4.37 million (2016: US\$3.93 million). According to the company "In the three-month period of 2017 revenue was up by 11% compared to the three-month period of the prior year and this was assisted by the arrival of cruise ships diverted from other destinations as a result of Hurricane Irma in 2017. The number of visitors to our parks increased by 3% over the prior nine-month period."

Revenue from Dolphin Attraction contributed US\$7.35 million to Total Revenue; this represents a 5% increase when compared to the US\$6.99 million reported in 2016. Revenues from the Ancillary Services totalled US\$5.68 million, up by 13% from last year's US\$5.04 million.

Total direct cost for the period totalled US\$736,361, this was 4% more than the US\$707,93 million reported in 2016. Gross Profit for the period increased by 9%, amounting to US\$12.29 billion relative to 2016's total of US\$11.33 billion.

Total Operating Expenses also increased, by 5%, moving from US\$7.42 million in 2016 to US\$7.82 million. This increase was primarily due to a 10% increase in Other Operations which amounted to US\$2.63 million (2016: US\$2.39 million). Selling Expense totalled US\$3.26 million relative to US\$3.16 million, while Administrative Expense amounted to US\$1.93 million (2016: US\$1.88 million).

Finance Income declined by 7%, totalling US\$241,592 relative to US\$259,000 last year.

Finance Cost reported a 12% increase from US\$253,529 for the same period in 2016 to US\$284,924.

Profit before Taxation grew by 14% to US\$4.44 million from US\$3.91 million. Taxes for the period were US\$315,619.

Net Profit for the period was US\$4.12 million 13% more than the US\$3.63 million charged the prior year. Net profit for the quarter amounted to US\$1.52 million (2016: US\$902,679)

Earnings per stock unit for the nine months totalled US\$0.011 relative to US\$0.009 in 2016. EPS for the quarter amounted to US\$0.0039 relative to US\$0.0023 in 2016. The trailing twelve-month EPS amounted to US\$0.0085. The stock traded at JMD\$17.55 as at November 15, 2017. The number of shares used in the calculation was 392,426,376.

US: Here's Where the GOP Tax Plan Stands Right Now

“Congressional Republicans kicked off the final leg of their six-week legislative sprint to overhaul the U.S. tax code and deliver a major policy victory for President Donald Trump before year’s end. The House is scheduled to vote Tuesday on the tax bill and Senate leaders intend to bring the measure up as soon as they get it. House Speaker Paul Ryan brushed aside polls showing the GOP tax bill is unpopular and has many Americans believing their taxes will increase. “No concerns, whatsoever,” Ryan said Tuesday during a press conference ahead of the scheduled House vote on the bill, in response to a question about whether the tax overhaul will translate into a political win for Republicans. “If people are out on TV telling mistruths, disguising the facts of this thing, that’s going to make it unpopular.” Various analyses have shown that the bill’s temporary individual tax cuts -- which expire in 2026 -- will provide initial relief across all income groups, though higher earners would generally get bigger benefits. Some individual taxpayers stand to see higher tax bills because of specific provisions -- including limits on deductions and personal exemptions -- that might affect them.”

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-12-19/house-plans-early-vote-democrats-plan-drama-tax-debate-update>

Europe: Saudi Arabia Rolls Out Expansionary Budget as Economy Stalls

“Saudi Arabia will boost spending in an attempt to revive economic growth as the government enters a critical 12 months for Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman’s plan to prepare the kingdom for the post-oil era. The kingdom plans to boost spending to 1.1 trillion riyals (\$293 billion) compared with 926 billion riyals in 2017, according to the Finance Ministry. Non-oil revenue is expected to rise to 291 billion riyals from 256 billion riyals, with total receipts up 12.5 percent to 783 billion riyals, according to the ministry’s figures. The government expects the budget deficit to narrow to about 7.3 percent of gross domestic product from almost 9 percent this year. After two years of austerity measures prompted by the collapse in oil prices, officials are shifting attention to growth as they try to balance the need to rebuild state coffers while avoiding crippling private businesses. A return to growth could make it easier to push major elements in the prince’s long-term plan in 2018: the introduction of value-added taxation and selling a stake in state-run oil giant Aramco to help create the world’s largest sovereign wealth fund. This year the kingdom “found it appropriate to move to a more optimistic scenario” in its fiscal planning, Economy Minister Mohammad Al Tuwaijri told a news conference in Riyadh. “We’re very satisfied with what happened in 2017, and we’ll continue on this journey.”

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-12-19/saudi-arabia-to-boost-spending-next-year-with-economy-struggling>

PLATINUM PORTFOLIO

Platinum Portfolio Yield Measures as at December 18, 2017	
	Percentage (%)
Yield to Maturity	4.70
Weighted Average Coupon	4.966
Current Yield	4.91

The platinum portfolio has an effective maturity of 15.39 years and duration of 4.88 years.

STRUCTURED PRODUCT

Mayberry Platinum

The Mayberry Platinum portfolio is ideal for investors seeking a short to medium-term investment with returns denominated in hard currency. The portfolio comprises Investment Grade corporate and sovereign bonds, which provide strong yield and performance. The primary objective of this product is to provide our clients with income as well as capital appreciation. The Platinum portfolio enables the client to take full advantage of a diversified bond portfolio and is ideal for persons who do not have the time to actively manage their own portfolio.

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MIL Ratings System:

BUY: We believe the stock is attractively valued. The company has sound or improving fundamentals that should allow it to outperform the broader market. We anticipate the stock will outperform the market over the next 12 months. The risk factors to achieving price targets are minimal.

HOLD: We believe the stock is fairly valued at the current price. The company may have issues affecting fundamentals that could take some time to resolve. Alternatively, company fundamentals may be sound, but this is fully reflected in the current stock price. The risk factors to achieving price targets are moderate. Some volatility is expected. In addition, technically it may be difficult to attain additional volume of the stock(s) at current price.

SELL: We believe the stock is overpriced relative to the soundness of the company’s fundamentals and long-term prospects.

SPECULATIVE BUY: We believe the prospects for capital appreciation exist, however there is some level of uncertainty in revenue growth.

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