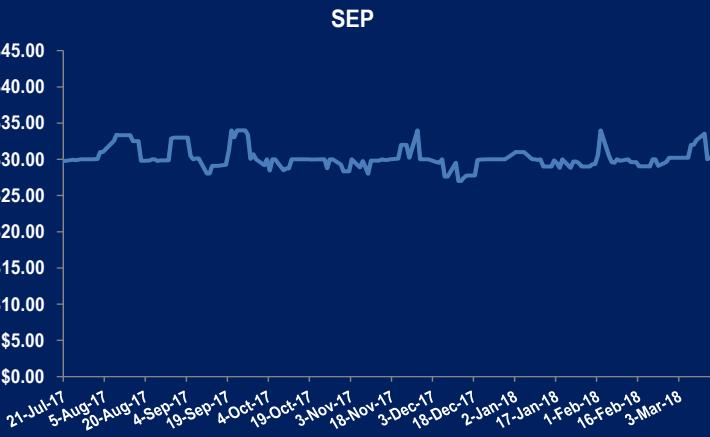


DAILY MARKET SUMMARY



LOCAL STOCK MARKET: (J\$) ⁺

Stock Symbol	LASM	BRG	XFUND	JBG	SEP
Current Price (\$)	3.99	16.46	15.24	19.96	30.19
Trailing EPS (\$)	0.13	1.12	1.22	1.70	1.54
P/E (times)	30.25	14.75	12.47	11.74	19.60
Projected P/E	23.10	16.89	12.88	9.91	17.35
Projected EPS (\$)*	0.17	0.97	1.18	2.01	1.74
Book Value per share (\$)	1.18	4.93	10.12	12.92	18.11
Price/Book Value (times)	3.37	3.34	1.51	1.54	1.67
Dividend Yield (2018 %)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Volumes	927,141	501,659	NIL	33,607	5,600
Recommendation	SELL	HOLD	BUY	BUY	SELL



STOCK OF THE DAY: Seprod Limited (SEP)

For the year ended December 31, 2017:

Seprod Limited (SEP), for the year ending December 31, 2017, reported Revenue of \$16.21 billion compared to the \$15.78 billion recorded for the prior financial year; this represents a 2.7% increase year over year.

Cost of Sales declined by 3.2% from \$12.29 billion to \$11.90 billion. Consequently, Gross Profits improved 23.4% to close at \$4.31 billion (2016: \$3.49 billion). Gross profit for the quarter amounted to \$1.36 billion compared to \$1.11 billion booked for the fourth quarter of 2016.

Selling expenses increased by 11.6% to close the year at \$658.34 million (2016: \$589.83 million). Administrative Expenses for the year increased by 28.7% to total \$3.04 billion (2016: \$2.36 billion). As such, Operating Profit contracted by 8.5%, to total \$1.45 billion (2016: \$1.59 billion). Operating profit for the quarter increased 139.7% to close at \$242.23 million relative to \$101.05 million booked for the prior year's corresponding quarter.

Finance Costs totalled \$377.13 million; an increase of 0.7% compared \$374.63 million in 2016. Share of results of joint venture amounted to a loss of \$72.13 million versus a loss of \$28.16 million recorded in 2016. As such, Pre-tax Profits declined 15.3% to \$1 billion in comparison to profits of \$1.19 billion last year.

Pre-tax Profits for the quarter amounted to \$112.51 million compared to a loss of \$65.17 million booked for the fourth quarter of 2016. Taxation of \$295.15 million was booked for the financial year relative to \$310.21 million in 2016. Net Profit for the year totalled \$709.61 million (2016: \$875.72 million), a 19% decline year over year. Net Profit for the quarter amounted to \$126.81 million versus a loss of \$67.51 million in 2016.

Net Profit attributable to shareholders totalled \$795.29 million relative to \$1.09 billion reported in 2016, while for the quarter SEP booked \$70.13 million (2016: \$13.53 million).

Earnings Per Share for the year ended December 31, 2017 amounted to \$1.54 relative to \$2.11 for the corresponding period in 2016. The EPS for the quarter totalled \$0.14 compared to \$0.03 booked in 2016.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET TRADING SUMMARY *

	PURCHASE RATE			SALES RATE		
	Weighted		Highest	Lowest	Average	Weighted
	Highest	Lowest				
USD	129.900	100.430	127.4386	133.650	117.000	128.4352
CAN	98.500	75.000	95.1303	110.100	93.000	98.8219
GBP	179.600	138.510	176.9711	196.650	166.000	178.6904
EURO	159.845	122.470	157.0453	161.000	151.000	157.9562

*Rates as at March 15, 2018

MONEY MARKET

The Jamaican dollar fixed income market was liquid in today's (March 16, 2018) trading session. The over night rates were quoted around 2.00% while the 30-day rates were between 2.30% to 2.50%.

The US dollar fixed income market was also liquid during today's (March 16, 2018) trading session; The overnight market rates were quoted 1.00% while the 30-day market rates stood around 1.10% to 1.3%.

OVER THE COUNTER FUNDS (CI FUNDS)

CI Global Value Corporate Class

This fund's objective is to obtain maximum long-term capital growth by identifying securities that the portfolio advisor believes are undervalued and have the potential for future growth. It invests primarily in equity and equity-related securities of companies around the world. The fund may make large investments in any country, including emerging markets or emerging industries of any market. The fund has a 3 year return of 5.3% and a 5 year return of 11.4% as at February 28, 2018. The Fund also has a 6 month return of 4.4%.



For years, investors have gorged on corporate debt. Now they're showing signs of being full. Fewer orders are coming in for new bonds, relative to what's for sale. Companies that sell notes are paying more interest compared with their other debt, according to data compiled by Bloomberg, and once the securities start trading, prices by one measure have been falling about half the time. It's the latest signal that the investment-grade debt market is losing steam after years of torrid gains, as rising rates and talk of tariffs weigh on the outlook for corporate profit. Money managers' restraint amounts to more pain for companies. The average yield on corporate bonds is around its highest levels since January 2012, according to Bloomberg Barclays index data. Even with CVS Health Corp.'s \$40 billion issue last week, sales volume for new investment-grade corporate debt is at its lowest level so far this year since 2014. Outflows from mutual funds and exchange-traded funds, coupled with reduced corporate bond-buying, have created a tough first quarter for investment-grade bonds, said Yuri Seliger, a credit strategist at Bank of America Corp. Take Campbell Soup Co., which sold \$5.3 billion of bonds this week to fund its planned acquisition of snack-maker Snyder's-Lance Inc. Typically, bankers start selling the deal to investors at a relatively high yield compared with Treasuries, which they decrease as demand increases.

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-03-16/investors-have-issues-with-corporate-america-s-new-bond-issues>

Things Investors primed for the European Central Bank's next policy shift were given clear signals on Friday that any change is far from imminent. An unexpected downward revision to euro-area inflation and a softening in labor costs came just hours after ECB chief economist Peter Praet opposed any early tweaking of the institution's language on stimulus. He said policy makers have been surprised by an influx of new workers that could be suppressing wage and price pressures. Investors are on guard for any decision by the ECB to end its bond-buying program and start the clock ticking on an interest-rate increase that could come around the middle of 2019. That would be the first tightening measure in President Mario Draghi's eight-year presidency, which ends in October 2019 and has so far been dominated by crisis measures aimed at averting deflation and the breakup of the bloc. While the euro area is now undergoing its most-robust economic expansion in its near two-decade history, wages and prices are failing to follow suit. Friday's inflation reading showed the rate at 1.1 percent in February, down from an earlier estimate of 1.2 percent. That's the lowest since late 2016, and well below the ECB's goal of just under 2 percent. The core rate, excluding volatile components such as food and energy, held at 1 percent. Separate figures showed labor costs, which include wages as well as indirect benefits such as social insurance, slowed to 1.5 percent last quarter, the weakest since the start of 2017.

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PLATINUM PORTFOLIO

Platinum Portfolio Yield Measures as at March 05, 2018

	Percentage (%)
Yield to Maturity	5.31
Weighted Average Coupon	5.27
Current Yield	4.86

The platinum portfolio has an effective maturity of 12.76years and duration of 5.41years.

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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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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