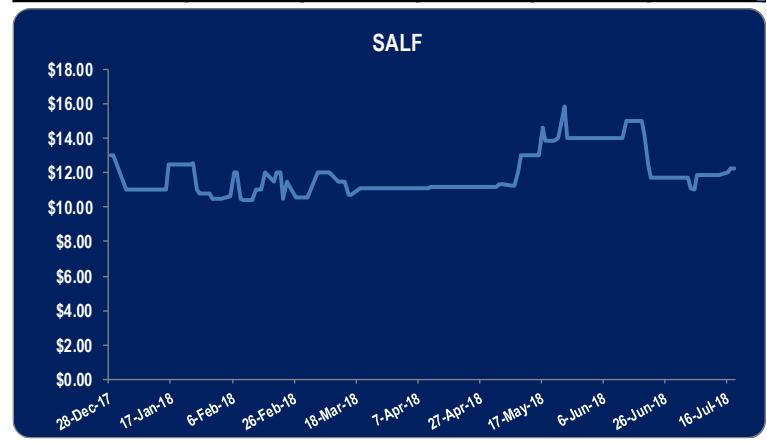


DAILY MARKET SUMMARY



LOCAL STOCK MARKET: (JS) +

Stock Symbol	AMG	ECL	CAR	KREMI	SALF
Current Price (\$)	2.00	7.50	9.13	6.07	12.23
Trailing EPS (\$)	-0.16	0.24	0.72	0.29	1.00
P/E (times)	n/a	31.48	12.72	20.84	12.24
Projected P/E	23.68	25.72	12.06	18.37	9.43
Projected EPS (\$)*	0.08	0.29	0.76	0.33	1.30
Book Value per share (\$)	0.88	0.34	0.42	1.83	8.00
Price/Book Value (times)	2.28	22.06	21.70	3.32	1.53
Dividend Yield (2018 %)	N/A	6.52%	4.49%	0.79%	4.09%
Volumes	NIL	38,000	460,377	17,772	NIL
Recommendation	SELL	HOLD	BUY	HOLD	BUY



STOCK OF THE DAY: Salada Foods Jamaica Limited (SALF)

For the six months ended March 31, 2018:

Salada Foods, recorded a 19% increase in turnover for the six months to close at \$482.27 million (2017: \$404.38 million). For the second quarter revenues amounted to \$254.51 million (2017: \$209.10 million), a 22% rise. The company stated that, "Top line growth was attributed to improved sales through our local distributor and sales of products manufactured under contract. Sales of our flagship brand Jamaica Mountain Peak into the local trade grew by 11% over the corresponding period. Our entry into the convenience channel coupled with trade marketing initiatives continue to drive awareness and trial of the brand. The contract manufacturing segment of the business grew by 65% when compared to the corresponding period of the prior year."

Cost of sales for the six months increased by 12% to close the period at \$291.04 million relative to \$259.92 million in 2017. As such, gross profit amounted to \$191.23 million, a 32% increase year over year from the \$144.46 million booked in the prior year. Gross profit for the second quarter posted a 31% growth to close at \$106.76 million relative to \$81.67 million booked for the comparable quarter in 2017.

Other operating income for the first six months amounted to \$2.03 million relative to loss of \$2.11 booked in 2017.

Administrative expenses rose by 0.1% to \$61.06 million (2017: \$61.01 million), while selling and promotional expense fell 10% from \$27.55 million in 2017 to \$24.83 million.

Consequently, this resulted in an operating profit of \$107.37 million, up 100% compared with the \$53.79 million reported for the corresponding six months for prior year. SALF disclosed that this improvement was due to, "Growth in revenue and management's focussed attention on curtailing expenses." Operating profit for the second quarter recorded a 99% improvement to \$65.78 million (2017: \$33.06 million).

The company reported net finance loss of \$52,000 for the period; this compares to the net finance income of \$7.68 million for the same period in 2017. For the six months ended March 31, 2018 net profit climbed significantly by 79%, from \$44.91 million in 2017 to \$80.28 million, whilst net profit for the quarter rose by 94% to \$53.51 million in 2018 relative to \$27.61 million in 2017.

Earnings per stock unit for the six months amounted to \$0.78 (2016: \$0.45). The EPS for the second quarter was \$0.52 (2017: \$0.27). The trailing twelve month EPS is \$1.00. SALF stock price closed the trading period on May 11, 2018 at a price of \$11.26.

*Prices are as at July 24, 2018 *Projections are for the forward 12 months from the most recent quarter results

FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET TRADING SUMMARY *

	PURCHASE RATE			SALES RATE		
	Highest	Lowest	Weighted	Highest	Lowest	Weighted
			Average Rate			Average Rate
USD	135.300	100.550	131.0638	143.100	100.000	133.3858
CAN	103.100	72.370	100.9368	115.800	93.000	103.9434
GBP	174.000	142.200	166.9101	201.480	160.000	171.6434
EURO	152.500	112.120	145.3729	179.400	143.000	152.6124

*Rates as at July 23, 2018

MONEY MARKET

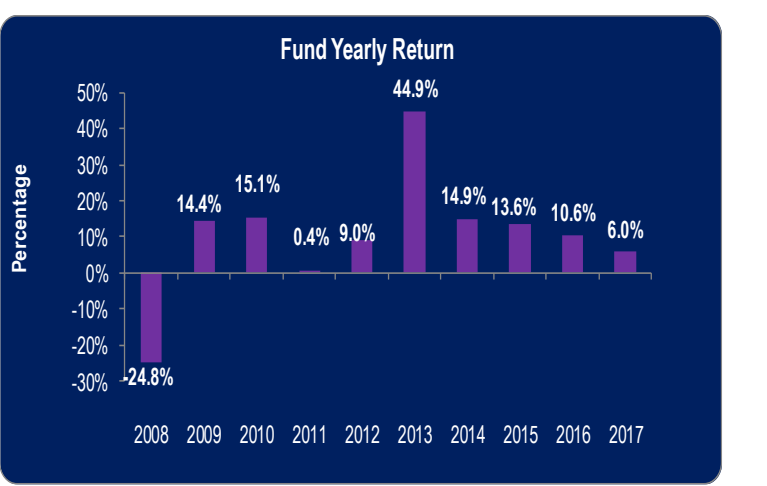
The Jamaican dollar fixed income market was liquid in today's (July 24, 2018) trading session. The over night rate stood at 0.85% to 1.00% while the 30-day rate ranged between 1.30% and 1.60%.

The US dollar fixed income market was also liquid during today's (July 24, 2018) trading session; The overnight market rates were quoted at 1.20% while the 30-day market rates stood at 1.50% to 1.70%.

OVER THE COUNTER FUNDS (CI FUNDS)

CI American Small Companies Fund

This fund's objective is to seek above-average capital growth. It invests primarily in equity and equity-related securities of small to mid-capitalization North American companies. The fund has a 3 year return of 7.8% and a 5 year return of 13.5% as at June 30, 2018. The Fund also has a 10 year return of 10.4%.



U.S.: Trump Wants the Fed to Roll Back the U.S. Economy

Doves on the Federal Reserve evidently have a vocal ally in President Donald Trump. The president’s concern comes at the same time that interest rate watchers are getting nervous about how rapidly the yield curve is flattening, with the rates on 2-year and 10-year notes continuing to converge. While it seems likely for now that the Fed will continue to increase interest rates at least until back to the Fed’s estimation of "neutral" or the yield curve inverts, a pause at that level has the potential to signify the Fed has finally gotten past the era of high interest rates, a precedent set in the 1970s. Doing so would help reorient the economy in the direction in which Trump hopes to move it. Pausing, perhaps ending, interest rate hikes over the next several months would represent a sea change not just for monetary policy but also the makeup of the U.S. economy in the early 1980s. Following the trauma of high inflation in the late 1970s, the Federal Reserve, first under Chairman Paul Volcker and continued by his successor, has been obsessed with maintaining the credibility of the U.S. central bank as an inflation fighter.

<https://www.bloomberg.com/view/articles/2018-07-24/trump-wants-fed-interest-rates-to-roll-back-the-u-s-economy>

PLATINUM PORTFOLIO

Platinum Portfolio Yield Measures as at July 23, 2018	
	Percentage (%)
Yield to Maturity	5.81
Weighted Average Coupon	5.55
Current Yield	5.57

The platinum portfolio has an effective maturity of 13.43 years and duration of 4.62 years.

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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.

Source: www.jamstockex.com, www.bloomberg.com, www.investopedia.com, www.tradewire.com

Asia: China Unveils New Measures to Aid Growth Amid Trade Uncertainty

China unveiled a package of policies to boost domestic demand as trade tensions threaten to worsen the nation’s economic slowdown, sending stocks higher. From a tax cut aimed at fostering research spending to special bonds for infrastructure investment, the measures announced late Monday following a meeting of the State Council in Beijing are intended to form a more flexible response to “external uncertainties” than had been implied by budget tightening already in place for this year. With the economic impact of reciprocal tariffs on trade with the U.S. yet unclear and no end to the trade dispute in sight, policy makers are pulling multiple levers to stabilize the economy. For now, that’s being done without resorting to large-scale stimulus or broad-based monetary easing, as officials remain committed to a multi-year campaign to curb debt growth. The onshore yuan fell as much as 0.65 percent to 6.8295 per dollar, the lowest level since June 2017. Stocks in Shanghai and Hong Kong advanced.

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-07-23/china-says-monetary-policy-will-balance-easing-and-tightening>


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