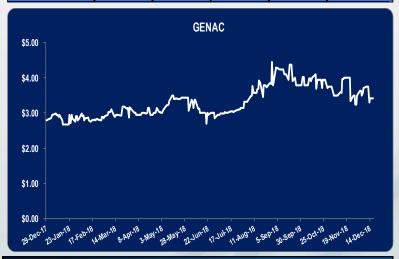
# DAILY RECOMMENDATION



| LOCAL STOCK MARKET: (J\$) <sup>+</sup> |       |         |       |       |          |  |  |
|--|-------|---------|-------|-------|----------|--|--|
| Stock Symbol                           | CFF   | SEP     | GENAC | SALF  | PROVENJA |  |  |
| Current Price (\$)                     | 19.00 | 30.94   | 3.42  | 31.00 | 26.50    |  |  |
| Trailing EPS (\$)                      | 1.05  | 1.44    | 0.30  | 2.11  | 1.27     |  |  |
| P/E (times)                            | 18.08 | 21.44   | 11.44 | 14.66 | 20.86    |  |  |
| Projected P/E                          | 16.68 | 12.97   | 13.77 | 13.51 | 18.73    |  |  |
| Projected EPS (\$)*                    | 1.14  | 2.38    | 0.25  | 2.29  | 1.41     |  |  |
| Book Value per<br>share (\$)           | 4.71  | 14.66   | 1.96  | 9.04  | 17.74    |  |  |
| Price/Book Value (times)               | 4.03  | 2.11    | 1.74  | 3.43  | 1.49     |  |  |
| Dividend Yield<br>(2018 %)             | 1.32% | 3.07%   | 4.25% | 3.39% | 3.64%    |  |  |
| Volumes                                | NIL   | 541,759 | NIL   | 900   | NIL      |  |  |
| Recommendation                         | HOLD  | BUY     | HOLD  | BUY   | SELL     |  |  |



## STOCK OF THE DAY: General Accident Insurance Company Limited (GENAC)

## For the nine months ended September 30, 2018: -

GENAC reported Gross premium written of \$7.40 billion, 20% higher than the \$6.18 billion reported for 2017. As a result, net premium written increased by 26% from \$1.04 billion last year to \$1.32 billion. Excess of loss reinsurance remained at \$70.38 million, the same as 2017. Net premium written for the third quarter amounted to \$478.73 million relative to \$369.96 million booked for the corresponding period in 2017.

Net changes in unearned premiums totaled \$120.45 million, 54% higher than the \$78.18 million recorded the previous year. Consequently, net premiums earned grew by 24% to a total of \$1.20 billion compared to \$965.12 million for the same period last year. For the quarter, net premium earned totaled \$430.90 million compared to \$347.35 million booked for the similar quarter of 2017.

Commission income grew by 51%, year over year, from \$328.66 million in 2017 to \$494.97 million in 2018, while commission expenses also went up by 32% from \$236.04 million to \$312.28 million.

Claims expenses saw an increase of 10%, closing the period at \$865.94 million (2017: \$788.15 million), while management expenses climbed by 35% to total \$553.88 million (2017: \$409.56 million). GENAC noted that one contributing factor to the rise in expenses was the growth in Administrative expenses, "due to new hires to drive the strategic plan."

Underwriting loss for the period totaled of \$27.70 million, this compares to a loss of \$34.83 million in 2017. The company also made an underwriting loss of \$20.02 million for the third quarter when compared to a profit of \$33.15 million in 2017.

In addition, investment income closed at \$228.73 million, a 56% increase when compared with last year's \$146.33 million, while other income totaled \$4.51 million, (2017: \$1.95 million). Other operating expenses grew by 45% to \$32.46 million when compared to \$22.41 million in 2017.

As such, profit before taxation amounted to \$173.08 million (2017: \$91.04 million). Net Profit totaled \$144.18 million for the period, an 88% uptick when compared to the \$76.78 million reported last year, subsequent to tax charges of \$28.91 million. However, net profit for the quarter was \$48.73 million, a 29% drop versus the same period of 2017 which had net profits of \$68.44 million. Total comprehensive income amounted to \$126.14 million (2017: \$130.42 million), following a loss on available investments for sale of \$18.03 million (2017: \$6 million).

As such, earnings per share for the period amounted to \$0.14 (2017: \$0.07) while EPS for the quarter amounted to \$0.05 compared to \$0.07 in 2017. The twelve months trailing EPS is \$0.28. The stock traded at \$3.97 as at November 15, 2018. The number of shares used in our calculations amounted to 1,031,250,000 units.

\*Prices are as at December 18, 2018 \*Projections are made to the company's financial year end

| FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET TRADING SUMMARY * |               |          |          |            |         |          |  |
|---|---------------|----------|----------|------------|---------|----------|--|
|   | PURCHASE RATE |          |          | SALES RATE |         |          |  |
|   |               | Weighted |          |            |         | Weighted |  |
|   | Highest       | Lowest   | Average  | Highest    | Lowest  | Average  |  |
|   |               |          | Rate     |            |         | Rate     |  |
| USD                                       | 132.000       | 94.460   | 127.5745 | 148.090    | 96.060  | 129.1498 |  |
| CAN                                       | 99.500        | 70.030   | 95.0494  | 108.020    | 90.000  | 96.9217  |  |
| GBP                                       | 166.667       | 120.250  | 159.8356 | 183.050    | 153.000 | 162.1543 |  |
| EURO                                      | 142.418       | 102.000  | 136.7392 | 167.120    | 134.000 | 148.8888 |  |

\*Rates as at December 17, 2018

## MONEY MARKET

The Jamaican dollar fixed income market was liquid in today's (December 18, 2018) trading session. The over night rate stood at 1.25% to 1.80% while the 30-day rate ranged at 1.50% to \$2.00%.

The US dollar fixed income market was also liquid during today's (December 18, 2018) trading session; The overnight market rates were quoted at 1.50% while the 30-day market rates stood at 1.80% to 2.10%.

## OVER THE COUNTER FUNDS (CI FUNDS)

#### CI American Value Corporate Class

This fund's objective is to provide superior returns with a limited level of risk by investing in a diversified portfolio of high quality undervalued companies. It invests primarily in equity and equity-related securities of companies in the United States. Any change to the investment objective must be approved by a majority of votes cast at a meeting of shareholders held for that reason. The fund has a 3 year return of 6.0% and a 5 year return of 10.8% as at November 30, 2018. The Fund also has a 10 year return of 11.1%.



#### U.S: U.S. Stock Gains Evaporate, Crude Extends Tumble: Markets Wrap

American equities staged yet another afternoon swoon, with the S&P 500 Index turning negative after rising as much as 1.1 percent. Oil fell to a 16-month low. The benchmark U.S. gauge headed for its fourth straight decline, taking it to a 14-month low. The index is down more than 8 percent in December, poised for the second-worst final-month performance in 90 years. Energy shares sank along with crude. The benchmark U.S. oil grade dropped as much as 8 percent, tumbling past \$46 a barrel as traders fretted about the outlook for growth. Treasuries and the Japanese yen advanced amid a lingering mood of caution after Chinese President Xi Jinping offered no fresh commitments to stimulate the world's second-biggest economy in a keynote speech. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said the U.S. and China are planning to hold meetings next month to seek a trade truce. The dollar slipped and the euro strengthened. With equities beaten down in recent weeks, stock investors are increasingly pinning their hopes on the U.S. Federal Reserve taking a dovish turn Wednesday. While a rate hike is widely expected, historically the central bank has rarely raised borrowing costs during such market turmoil. President Donald Trump continued with his criticism of policy makers, warning them to avoid "yet another mistake" just hours before their two-day meeting begins."

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#### PLATINUM PORTFOLIO

Platinum Portfolio Yield Measures as at December 17, 2018

|                         | Percentage (%) |  |
|-------------------------|----------------|--|
| Yield to Maturity       | 6.37           |  |
| Weighted Average Coupon | 5.57           |  |
| Current Yield           | 6.03           |  |

The platinum portfolio has an effective maturity of 12.82 years and duration of 4.15 years.

#### Asia: \$3.5 Trillion Cash Injection Changes Little for Ordinary Japanese

"It's been the most radical cash injection in history -- a staggering \$3.5 trillion, pumped into Japan's economy over more than five years to slay deflation and kick growth into higher gear. That's still not enough to save Tomoaki Nagai's metal parts factory near Osaka and it's a similar story throughout the world's third-largest economy. North of Tokyo, Hiroyuki and Machiko Hayashi of Utsunomiya worry about Hiroyuki's lack of job security as a wedding photographer. Their stories, and those from two dozen interviews with young couples, factory owners, financial planners and taxi drivers from Akita to Okinawa reveal a sobering reality for Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's Abenomics revival plan: The BOJ's massive monetary experiment just hasn't been the game-changer Governor Haruhiko Kuroda was tasked to deliver. True, some people are breathing a bit easier. Since Kuroda launched the BOJ's radical stimulus, the economy has grown around 1.2 percent annually, moderately better than its potential rate. The yen's steep fall versus the dollar, which exceeded 60 percent from its strongest level, has helped the Toyotas of the world, pushing corporate profits to record levels and, earlier this year, stocks to 27-year highs."

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### ■ STRUCTURED PRODUCT

## **USD Money Market**

This portfolio is a full discretionary managed bond portfolio, ideal for clients who have short-term USD liquidity needs. Assets within the portfolio can be used as collateral for loans. The product provides a solid short-term investment option in hard currency and allows the individual to hedge against the prevailing devaluation in the local currency.

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**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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