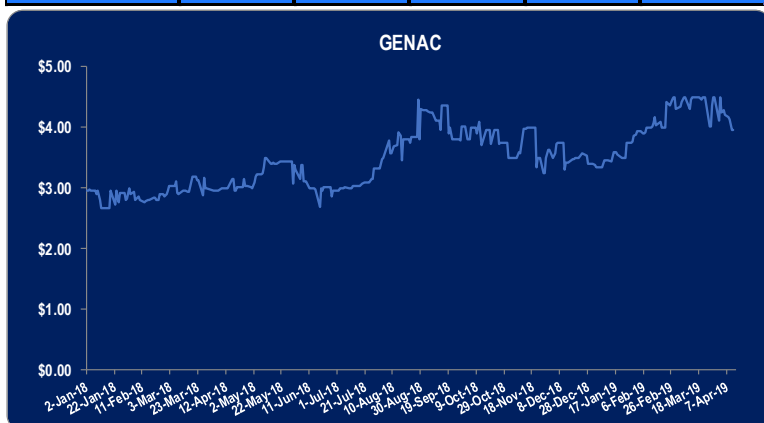


DAILY RECOMMENDATION

LOCAL STOCK MARKET: (JS)⁺

Stock Symbol	CAR	CAC	MDS	JP	GENAC
Current Price (\$)	8.82	9.00	6.50	22.24	4.00
Trailing EPS (\$)	0.73	0.30	0.38	0.73	0.28
P/E (times)	12.15	29.55	16.98	30.60	14.45
Projected P/E	11.49	19.68	16.55	27.16	13.64
Projected EPS (\$)*	0.77	0.46	0.39	0.82	0.29
Book Value per share (\$)	0.28	3.49	2.66	10.79	1.99
Price/Book Value (times)	31.89	2.58	2.44	2.06	2.01
Dividend Yield (2018 %)	N/A	1.23%	2.10%	0.72%	5.20%
Volumes	91,573	NIL	NIL	5,990	3,000
Recommendation	BUY	HOLD	HOLD	SELL	HOLD



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

Audited results for the year ended December 31, 2018:-

GENAC reported Gross premium written of \$8.74 billion, 23% higher than the \$7.11 billion reported for 2017. Reinsurance ceded rose 21% to close at \$6.75 billion relative to \$5.56 billion booked in 2017. Excess of loss reinsurance trended up by 40% to \$127.75 million (2017: \$91.36 million). As a result, net premium written increased by 28% from \$1.46 billion last year to \$1.86 billion. Net premium written for the fourth quarter amounted to \$543.67 million relative to \$416.04 million booked for the corresponding period in 2017.

Net changes in unearned premiums totaled \$231.86 million, 79% higher than the \$129.44 million recorded last year. Consequently, net premiums earned grew by 23% to a total of \$1.63 billion compared to \$1.33 billion for the prior year. For the quarter, net premium earned totaled \$432.26 million compared to \$364.78 million booked for the similar quarter of 2017.

Commission income grew by 22%, year over year, from \$568.04 million in 2017 to \$695.67 million in 2018, while commission expenses increased by 22% from \$273.59 million to \$334.25 million. Claims expenses saw a decrease of 6%, closing the period at \$1.02 billion (2017: \$1.09 billion), while management expenses climbed by 39% to total \$794.06 million compared to the 2017 total of \$572.29 million.

Underwriting profit for the year totaled of \$174.77 million, this compares to a loss of \$35.53 million in 2017. The company also made an underwriting profit of \$202.46 million relative to a loss of \$705,000 within the fourth quarter.

Investment income closed at \$174.68 million, a 47% decline when compared with last year's \$328.38 million, while other income totaled \$47.04 million, relative to a loss of \$25.83 million in 2017. Other operating expenses grew by 42% to \$43.92 million relative to \$30.95 million in 2017.

Profit before taxation amounted to \$352.57 million (2017: \$236.08 million). Following taxes of \$67.20 million (2017: \$14.84 million), Net profit totaled \$285.37 million for the period, an increase of 29% compared to the \$221.24 million reported last year. Net profit for the quarter was \$141.19 million, 2% less than the same period of 2017 which had net profits of \$144.46 million.

Total comprehensive income amounted to \$291.95 million (2017: \$173.35 million) for the year ended December 31, 2018, a 68% uptick.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET TRADING SUMMARY *

	PURCHASE RATE			SALES RATE		
	Highest	Lowest	Weighted	Highest	Lowest	Weighted
			Average Rate			Average Rate
USD	134.900	100.000	130.0256	147.854	99.000	132.3557
CAN	101.000	77.280	99.1254	108.228	78.830	100.3350
GBP	173.300	133.660	165.2402	192.340	130.000	170.1320
EURO	146.800	111.070	137.5505	166.203	134.000	148.7748

*Rates as at April 15, 2019

MONEY MARKET

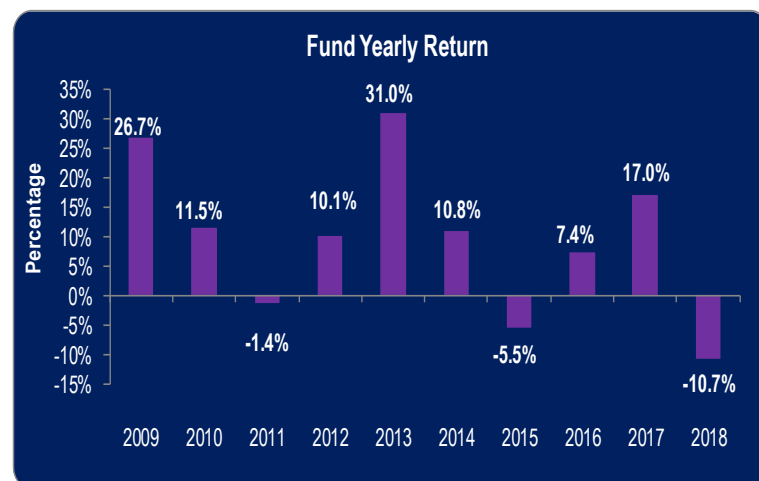
The Jamaican dollar fixed income market was liquid in today's (April 16, 2019) trading session. The over night rate stood at 1.30% to 1.70% while the 30-day rate ranged at 2.20% to 2.40%.

The US dollar fixed income market was also liquid during today's (April 16, 2019) trading session; The overnight market rates were quoted at 2.00% to 2.20% while the 30-day market rates stood at 2.40% to 2.70%.

OVER THE COUNTER FUNDS (CI FUNDS)

CI American Value Corporate Class

This fund invests primarily in equity and equity-related securities of companies in the United States. The fund has a 3 year return of 8.1% and a 5 year return of 5.7% as at March 31, 2019. The Fund also has a 10 year return of 11.1%.



■ U.S.: Bulging Stockpiles to Weigh on U.S. Growth Throughout the Year

The rising stockpiles of cars, furniture and other goods that helped the U.S. economy boom in 2018 are now poised to cause a hangover this year. Inventory accumulation added an average 1.2 percentage point to U.S. growth in the third and fourth quarters, government figures show, and were a key to the year's 3 percent expansion, the fastest since 2005 and President Donald Trump's annual goal. Reversing that buildup will trim growth in 2019, likely starting in the second quarter and continuing through the rest of the year, according to a Bloomberg News survey of 20 economists last week. One overhang is the auto market, where the six-month average of dealer stocks of cars and trucks matches the highest since 2009 at 75 days. Manufacturers and sellers of furniture and clothing share the same problem, as do small businesses. The inventory swing is likely to exacerbate the U.S. slowdown, with the economy already facing headwinds from the waning impact of tax cuts, slowing global growth and continuing trade tensions. "This puts the U.S. economy on a little bit thinner ice and less able to withstand any unexpected shock," said Diane Swonk, chief economist at accounting firm Grant Thornton LLP in Chicago. "This is one more reason it makes sense for the Federal Reserve to hedge its risks by staying on the sidelines." In March, more small-business owners planned to reduce rather than increase inventories in for the first time since December 2017, according to the National Federation of Independent Business's monthly survey released last week. Yet firms said they were continuing to build up stockpiles for the ninth straight month.

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2019-04-16/bulging-stockpiles-to-weigh-on-u-s-growth-throughout-the-year?srnd=economics-vp>

■ PLATINUM PORTFOLIO

Platinum Portfolio Yield Measures as at April 15, 2019	
	Percentage (%)
Yield to Maturity	6.04
Weighted Average Coupon	5.526
Current Yield	5.45

The platinum portfolio has an effective maturity of 13.56 years and duration of 4.60 years.

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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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■ Europe: ECB Officials Lack Enthusiasm for Sub-Zero Tiering

European Central Bank officials lack enthusiasm for any revamp of their negative-interest rate tool and some doubt it will actually happen when an analysis of the policy is completed, according to people with knowledge of the matter. ECB policy makers aren't opposed to President Mario Draghi's move to examine the impact of the measure but many don't yet see merit in a switch to so-called tiering to exempt some bank excess reserves from the deposit rate, said the people. They didn't want to be identified because such discussions are confidential. The euro pared its decline on the news. It was little changed at \$1.1298 as of 12:36 p.m. Frankfurt time, having earlier been as low as \$1.1280. Among various motivations for keeping the status quo are a reluctance to damp the effect of the existing tool, worries about the possibility of signaling future rate cuts, and concerns that the ECB is becoming held responsible for the profitability of lenders, the people said. The combination of inertia and hardening opposition to change in the ECB's sub-zero monetary policy is emerging in the aftermath of an inconclusive meeting last week. Policy makers committed only to analyze the matter as a follow-through from Draghi's surprise call to "reflect" on a potential revamp. The ECB's deposit rate, currently at minus 0.4 percent, has been below zero for nearly half a decade. Draghi didn't consult the Governing Council before his remarks last month. While he didn't mention tiering by name, the comments prompted speculation that the ECB could introduce versions of it which are already used in Japan, Switzerland and Denmark.

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2019-04-16/ecb-officials-are-said-to-lack-enthusiasm-for-sub-zero-tiering?srnd=economics-vp>

■ 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.