Featured Stock: GENAC

**General Accident Insurance Company Ltd. (GENAC):
Opening price - $4.17 Price to book - 2.09 times;
P/E - 14.47 times**

This week's stock pick is General Accident Insurance Company (JA) Limited (GENAC). The Company, licensed to operate as a general insurance company under the Insurance Act, 2001, provides commercial and personal property and casualty insurance.

GENAC, for the three months ended March 31, 2019, reported Gross premium written of $2.69 billion, 22% higher than the $2.21 billion reported for 2018. Reinsurance ceded rose 21% to close at $2.11 billion relative to $1.75 billion booked in 2018. Excess of loss reinsurance trended downwards by 2% to $30.25 million (2018: $30.77 million). Net changes in unearned premiums totaled $57.72 million, 12% lower than the $65.93 million recorded last year. Consequently, net premiums earned grew by 33% to a total of $485.36 million compared to $364.66 million for the prior year. Claims expenses saw an increase of 19%, closing the quarter at $294.21 million (2018: $248.08 million), while management expenses climbed by 12% to total $192.26 million compared to 2018's total of $172.31 million. Underwriting profit for the quarter totaled of $41.82 million, this compares to a loss of $7.26 million booked for the first three months of 2018. Profit before taxation amounted to $37.05 million (2018: $34.88 million). Following taxes of $6.17 million (2018: $5.81 million), Net profit totaled $30.87 million for the quarter, an increase of 6% compared to the $29.07 million reported last year. Total comprehensive loss amounted to $2.38 million (2018: $32.73 million) for the quarter ended March 31, 2019.

GENAC (as at Friday June 21, 2019) was trading at 2.09 times its book value with a P/E of 14.47 times.