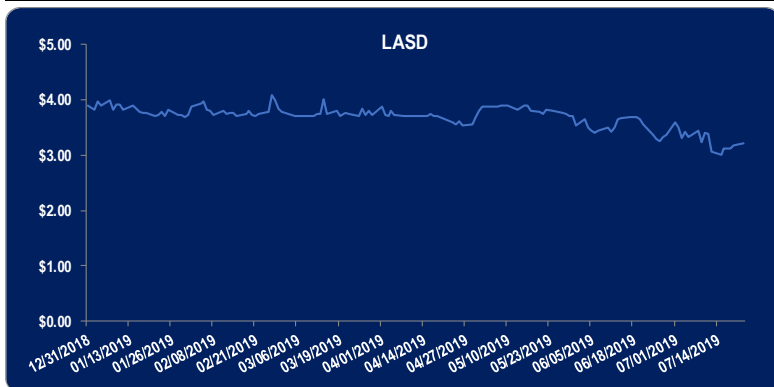


DAILY RECOMMENDATION



LOCAL STOCK MARKET: (JS) +

Stock Symbol	ISP	ECL	AMG	LASD	BPOW
Current Price (\$)	13.85	5.87	2.31	3.21	7.99
Trailing EPS (\$)	0.48	0.27	0.07	0.17	0.25
P/E (times)	28.82	21.49	34.15	18.83	32.41
Projected P/E	25.15	20.13	24.37	17.12	31.35
Projected EPS (\$)*	0.55	0.29	0.09	0.19	0.25
Book Value per share (\$)	3.20	0.16	0.96	1.48	1.59
Price/Book Value (times)	4.32	36.78	2.41	2.17	5.03
Dividend Yield (2018 %)	N/A	13.14%	N/A	3.03%	0.45%
Volumes	NIL	106,107	157,887	354,542	11,000
Recommendation	SELL	BUY	SELL	HOLD	SELL



STOCK OF THE DAY: Lasco Distributors Limited (LASD)

For the year ended March 31, 2019:-

Lasco Distributors Limited (LASD) posted 11% growth in revenue to \$18.13 billion, up from \$16.27 billion in the corresponding period in 2018. For the quarter, revenue increased by 19% closing at \$4.80 billion (2018: \$4.03 billion). Cost of sales amounted to \$14.58 billion, up 11% on the \$13.10 billion reported in the prior comparable period. Within the fourth quarter, cost of sales went up 19% to \$3.88 billion versus \$3.25 billion in the previous quarter in 2018.

Consequently, gross profit recorded an increase of 12% year over year, closing at \$3.55 billion compared to the \$3.17 billion generated for the same period in the prior year. However, gross profit for the quarter climbed 18% totalling \$922.61 million (2018: \$779.28 million).

Other operating income fell by 66% to end the year end at \$136.01 million relative to \$395.41 million in the corresponding period last year. For the quarter, other operating loss closed at \$37.31 million versus other operating income of \$326 million in the same quarter last year.

Operating expenses of \$2.98 billion were booked for the year end, a growth of 20% on \$2.49 billion recorded for the comparable period of 2018. Administrative cost went up 15% to close at \$2.20 billion (2018: \$1.92 billion). Selling and promotional cost closed at \$775.77 million (2018: \$568.17 million).

Operating profit fell by 35% to close at \$705.86 million for the period under review. For the quarter, there was a decline to \$37.47 million relative to \$493.77 million recorded in the prior comparable quarter in 2018. Finance cost totalled \$13.92 million (2018: \$524,000), while for the quarter, finance costs closed at \$13.44 million (2018: \$170,000).

Pre-tax profit amounted to \$691.94 million, a 36% decrease from the \$1.08 billion reported in the previous year. For the quarter, Pre-tax profit saw a decline to \$24.02 million (2018: \$493.60 million). Net profit for the period closed at \$597.78 million (2018: \$1 billion), a 40% decline year over year following taxation of \$94.16 million (2018: \$75.49 million). As for the quarter, net loss amounted to \$23.07 versus net profit of \$468.66 million reported in the previous corresponding quarter.

Earnings per share for the year ended March 2019, totalled \$0.17 versus \$0.29 for the corresponding period in 2018. For the quarter, loss per share amounted to \$0.01 (2018: \$0.13). The total amount of shares outstanding used for this calculation was 3,507,259,835 units.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET TRADING SUMMARY *

	PURCHASE RATE			SALES RATE		
	Highest	Lowest	Weighted	Highest	Lowest	Weighted
			Average Rate			Average Rate
USD	138.600	103.827	136.4405	142.354	103.500	137.9634
CAN	106.000	81.590	104.8042	108.400	98.500	105.8834
GBP	172.000	134.396	168.3020	177.444	159.600	171.7389
EURO	154.800	115.013	145.7468	159.300	145.000	154.1729

*Rates as at July 19, 2019

MONEY MARKET

The Jamaican dollar fixed income market was liquid in today's (July 22, 2019) trading session. The over night rate stood at 0.50% to 0.80% while the 30-day rate ranged at 1.60% to 1.90%.

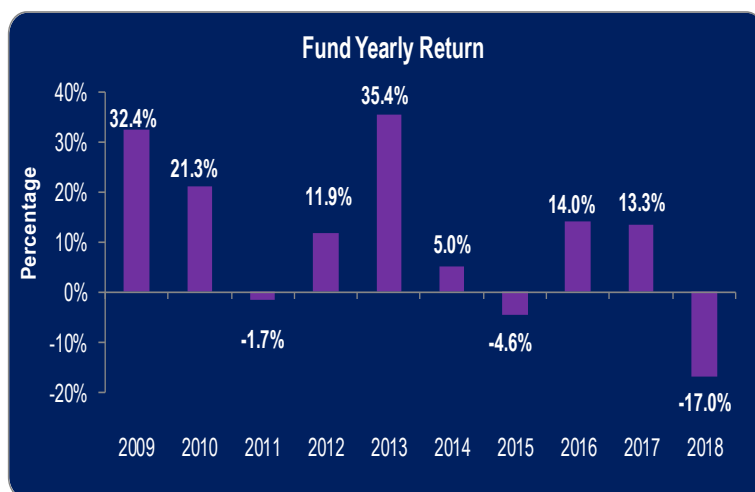
The US dollar fixed income market was also liquid during today's (July 22, 2019) trading session; The overnight market rates were quoted at 2.00% to 2.20% while the 30-day market rates stood at 2.40% to 2.70%.

OVER THE COUNTER FUNDS (CI FUNDS)

CI American Small Companies Fund

This fund invests primarily in equity and equity-related securities of small to mid-capitalization North American companies.

The fund has a 3 year return of 5.5% and a 5 year return of 3.3%. The Fund also has a 10 year return of 10.5%. Rates are as at June 30, 2019.



"Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell and his colleagues look primed to cut interest rates by a quarter percentage point later this month, eschewing a bigger move in what would be their first reduction in borrowing costs in more than a decade. Faced with slow global economic growth and elevated trade tensions, the policy makers are also likely to leave open the possibility of further cuts down the road as they seek to sustain the record-long U.S. economic expansion. "I'd like to go 25 basis points at the upcoming meeting," St. Louis Fed President James Bullard, a 2019 voter and one of the central bank's most dovish policy makers, told reporters Friday. Bullard characterized such a move as a recalibration, rather than kicking off multiple cuts. "I think easing cycle is a little bit strong for this situation," he said, instead citing episodes in the 1990s when the Fed made downward adjustments in the policy rate to take out insurance against external shocks and keep the economy growing. Investors are fully pricing a quarter-point cut at the July 30-31 Federal Open Market Committee meeting. But they scaled back bets for a half-point reduction after the New York Fed took the unusual step of walking back comments made on Thursday by its president, John Williams, that were interpreted as a call for a more aggressive policy move."

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2019-07-21/powell-preference-and-fomc-split-support-quarter-point-july-cut?srnd=economics-vp>

"The U.K.'s planned exit from the European Union may have already pushed the U.K. into a technical recession, according to the National Institute of Economic and Social Research. In a gloomy set of new forecasts, Niesr predicted that, even assuming a smooth exit in October, the nation will grow 1% in 2019 and 1% in 2020. There's an around a one-in-four chance that the economy is already shrinking, the think tank said. The outlook worsens if there is a no-deal Brexit, with Niesr seeing the possibility of a "severe" downturn in the event of a disorderly departure. Even if an "orderly" no deal exit is secured, Niesr says the economy will stagnate next year, with inflation accelerating to 4.1% as the pound drops about 10%. "However we look at it, there will not be much economic joy in a no-deal Brexit," said Niesr director Jagjit Chadha. The pound fell after the report and traded at \$1.2464 as of 10:08 a.m. in London. GDP falls by around 2% following an orderly no-deal Brexit under the Niesr forecasts, but remains flat if there is a policy response. The long-term impact will still be that output is 5% lower "in a permanent way" relative to a soft Brexit or remaining in the U.K., the think tank said. Niesr sees a 30% chance of the economy shrinking in 2020. In an orderly no-deal Brexit, the BOE will cut the key rate to 0.25% by end of 2019, but then it rebounds sharply to 1.75% by end of 2020. The budget deficit rises to 2.7% of GDP in an orderly no deal, breaking the rule that structural borrowing should be below 2% in 2020-21."

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PLATINUM PORTFOLIO

Platinum Portfolio Yield Measures as at July 22, 2019

	Percentage (%)
Yield to Maturity	5.65
Weighted Average Coupon	5.514
Current Yield	4.87

The platinum portfolio has an effective maturity of 13.17 years and duration of 4.56 years.

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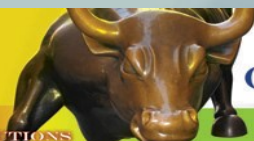
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SELL: We believe the stock is overpriced relative to the soundness of the company's fundamentals and long-term prospects.

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