

LOCAL STOCK MARKET: (J\$) +

Stock Symbol	CAR	ECL	GENAC	BIL	JETCON
Current Price (\$)	8.08	6.03	7.25	79.20	1.85
Trailing EPS (\$)	0.72	0.32	0.33	1.95	0.06
P/E (times)	11.18	18.71	22.31	40.57	30.61
Projected P/E	10.45	17.90	19.41	143.12	24.10
Projected EPS (\$) +	0.77	0.34	0.37	0.55	0.08
Book Value per share (\$)	0.33	0.36	2.12	11.23	0.91
Price/Book Value (times)	24.84	16.86	3.42	7.05	2.04
Dividend Yield (2018 %)	7.63%	13.14%	N/A	13.39%	N/A
Volumes	19,221	39,209	29,614	21,645,908	NIL
Recommendation	BUY	BUY	HOLD	SELL	SELL

FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET TRADING SUMMARY *

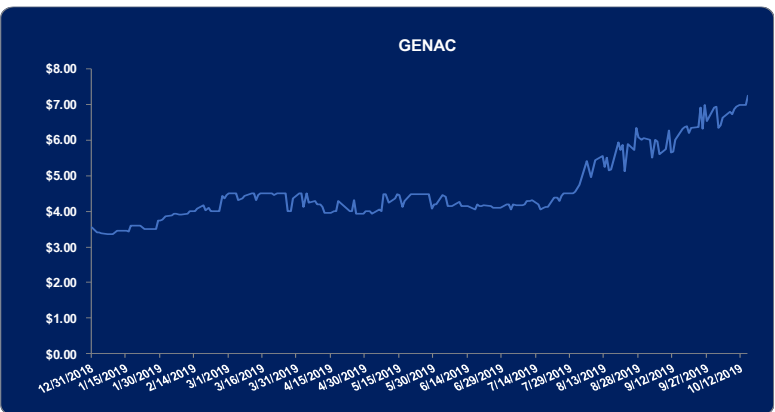
Currency	PURCHASE RATE			SALES RATE		
	Highest	Lowest	Weighted Average Rate	Highest	Lowest	Weighted Average Rate
USD	139.200	102.570	133.3721	142.674	101.400	137.1895
CAN	103.500	80.606	98.6768	106.380	84.341	102.6245
GBP	175.250	135.219	168.5079	178.416	156.500	173.2522
EURO	151.780	112.582	142.1212	155.520	141.000	152.5065

*Rates as at October 14, 2019

MONEY MARKET

The Jamaican dollar fixed income market was liquid in today's (October 15, 2019) trading session. The overnight rate stood at 0.30% while the 30-day rate ranged at 1.30% to 1.50%.

The US dollar fixed income market was also liquid during today's (October 15, 2019) trading session; The overnight market rates were quoted at 2.00% while the 30-day market rates stood at 2.30% to 2.40%.



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

For the six months ended June 30, 2019:-

GENAC for the six months ended June 30, 2019, reported Gross premium written of \$6.57 billion, 41% higher than the \$4.65 billion reported for 2019. Reinsurance ceded rose 45% to close at \$5.45 billion relative to \$3.75 billion booked in 2018. Excess of loss reinsurance trended upwards by 26% to \$67.73 million (2018: \$53.57 million). As a result, net premium written increased by 25% from \$839.89 million last year to \$1.05 billion.

Net changes in unearned premiums totaled \$60.16 million, 17% lower than the \$72.62 million recorded last year. Consequently, net premiums earned for the six months period grew by 29% to a total of \$988.67 million compared to \$767.27 million for the prior year. While net premiums earned for the quarter increased by 25% to a total of \$503.31 million (2018: \$402.61 million).

Commission income grew by 21%, year over year, from \$336.18 million in 2018 to \$406.04 million in 2019, while commission expenses increased by 20% from \$216.18 million to \$259.65 million for the six months period.

Investment income closed at \$79.07 million, a 7% decline when compared with last year's corresponding period of \$84.79 million, while other income totaled \$38.25 million for the period, relative to an income of \$58.32 million in 2018. Other operating expenses grew by 66% to \$34.73 million relative to \$20.90 million in 2018.

Profit before taxation amounted to \$163.56 million (2018: \$114.53 million). Following taxes of \$28.28 million (2018: \$19.09 million). Net profit totaled \$135.28 million for the period, an increase of 42% compared to the \$95.44 million reported last year. While net profit for the quarter totaled \$104.41 million, an increase of 31% compared to the \$79.65 million reported last year.

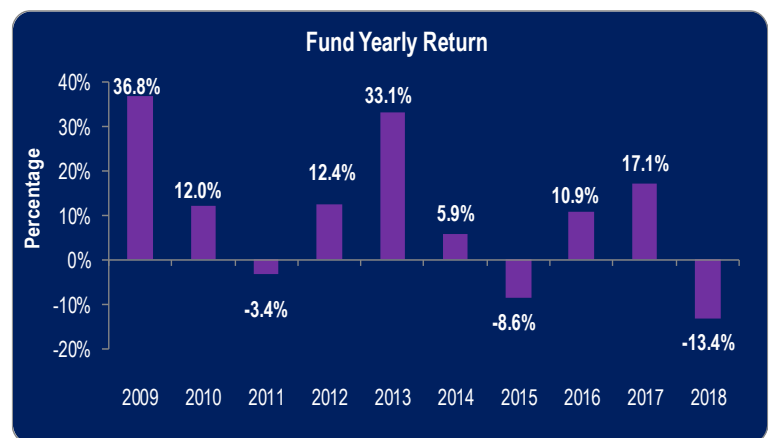
Total comprehensive income amounted to \$131.29 million (2018: \$100.15 million) for the period ended June 30, 2019. While total comprehensive income for the quarter booked \$104.41 million (2018: \$80.70 million).

OVER THE COUNTER FUNDS (CI FUNDS)

CI American Managers Corporate Class

This fund invests primarily in equity and equity-related securities of companies that are located in countries that have signed the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) (or its successor).

The fund has a 3 year return of 7.3% and a 5 year return of 3.8%. The Fund also has a 10 year return of 8.8%. Rates are as at August 31, 2019.



■ U.S: Fed's Bullard Wants Rate Cuts Considered Amid Downside Risks

“Federal Reserve policy maker James Bullard said his colleagues should think about cutting interest rates again to guard against threats to the economy such as the U.S.-China trade dispute. While declining to predict the outcome of this month’s meeting, the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis president told Bloomberg Television’s Tom Keene and Francine Lacqua that inflation and inflation expectations have declined and need to be recentered around the 2% target. “We have to consider additional insurance in the meetings ahead,” he said. “We’re generally speaking in good shape. I have emphasized that we face some downside risks from the trade war and I’ve tried to encourage the committee to take action.”

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2019-10-15/fed-s-bullard-wants-rate-cuts-considered-amid-downside-risks-klrs6zim?>

■ Asia: China Ties Agriculture Binge to Trump Reducing U.S. Tariffs

“Beijing wants a rollback in tariffs in its trade war with the U.S. before China can feasibly agree to buy as much as \$50 billion of American agriculture products that President Donald Trump claims are part of an initial deal, people familiar with the matter said. Chinese officials are willing to start purchasing more U.S. agricultural products as part of the “phase one” trade deal, but it is not likely to reach the \$40 billion to \$50 billion touted by Trump under current circumstances, the people said. The people asked not to be identified discussing the private negotiations. The condition highlights how far apart Washington and Beijing remain, even after reaching the handshake accord touted by the U.S. last week.”

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2019-10-15/china-wants-u-s-to-remove-tariffs-to-hit-50-billion-imports?srnd=premium-asia>

■ PLATINUM PORTFOLIO

Platinum Portfolio Yield Measures as at October 14, 2019

	Percentage (%)
Yield to Maturity	5.34
Weighted Average Coupon	5.442
Current Yield	4.60

The platinum portfolio has an effective maturity of 13.04 years and duration of 4.63 years.

■ STRUCTURED PRODUCT

Mayberry Gold

This portfolio is ideal for investors, both retail and corporate, seeking a conservative, short-term investment. The securities in the Gold are directly owned by the client and provide them with a safe investment option. Our Gold portfolio can also provide investors with coupon payments that can generate a positive income stream.

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MIL Ratings System:

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.

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