

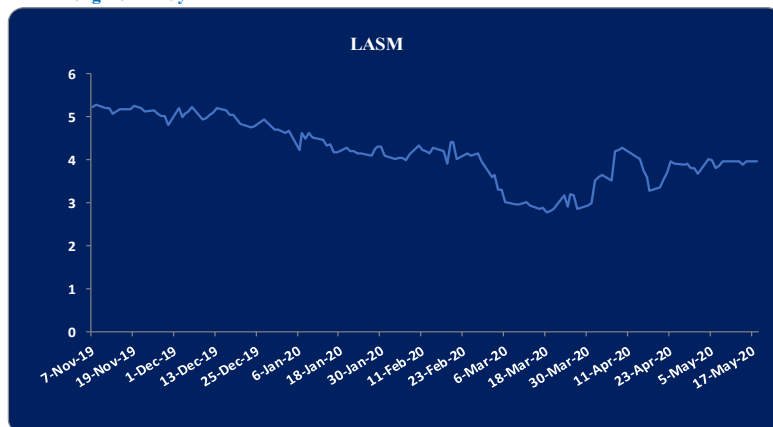


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## LOCAL STOCK MARKET: (JS) +

Stock Symbol	JBG	LASM*	PURITY	FOSRICH	WIG*
Current Price (\$)	24.86	3.97	1.69	3.62	0.70
Trailing EPS (\$)	1.81	0.28	0.03	0.20	0.05
P/E (times)	13.76	14.17	58.88	18.39	15.01
Projected P/E	14.56	13.20	32.09	17.44	13.65
Projected EPS (\$)	1.71	0.30	0.05	0.21	0.05
Book Value per share (\$)	13.45	1.57	3.33	1.58	0.31
Price/Book Value (times)	1.85	2.53	0.51	2.30	2.25
Dividend Yield (2019 %)	1.34%	1.65%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Volumes	38,228	24,398	9,455	19,426	1,871,460
Recommendation	BUY	HOLD	SELL	SELL	HOLD

\*-Long Term Buy



## STOCK OF THE DAY: Lasco Manufacturing Limited (LASM)

for the year ended December 31, 2019:

Lasco Manufacturing Limited (LASM) for the nine months ended December 31, 2019, reported total revenue of \$5.84 billion compared to \$5.61 billion in 2018.

Cost of sales amounted to \$3.70 billion (2018: \$3.68 billion) for the period, an increase of 1% year on year.

As a result, gross profit of \$2.14 billion was recorded for the period, 11% more than the \$1.94 billion booked for the corresponding period in 2018.

LASM posted other loss of \$2.21 million relative to other income of \$4.61 million for the prior corresponding period.

Operating expenses increased 9% to close the period at \$1.11 billion versus \$1.02 billion booked for the corresponding period last year. Consequently, LASM recorded operating profit of \$1.02 billion, 11% higher than the \$919.19 million booked in 2018.

Finance costs for the period fell 17% to \$75.13 million compared to \$90.03 million in the prior year's comparable period.

As such, profit before taxation amounted to \$949.36 million, an increase of 14% from the \$829.15 million recorded for the previous corresponding period. Taxes recorded for the period amounted to \$168.67 million compared to \$128.64 million incurred for the corresponding period in 2018. For the third quarter, profit before tax increased \$63.64 million or 28% to \$289.29 million (2018:\$ 225.65 million).

Net profit for the nine months totaled \$780.69 million, a 11% uptick when compared to \$700.51 million in 2018.

Consequently, earnings per share (EPS) for the period amounted to \$0.19 relative to \$0.17 in 2018. The twelve months trailing EPS amounts to \$0.28. The number of shares used in the calculations amounted to 4,124,913,151 units.

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET TRADING SUMMARY \*

Currency	PURCHASE RATE			SALES RATE		
	Highest	Lowest	Weighted Average Rate	Highest	Lowest	Weighted Average Rate
USD	150.050	120.000	146.8991	150.250	121.000	147.1157
CAN	106.600	86.000	105.5362	107.500	94.050	106.3199
GBP	180.000	140.000	173.1496	183.500	166.900	179.5943
EURO	154.700	142.000	150.7579	162.250	151.000	161.6932

\*Rates as at May 15, 2020

## MONEY MARKET

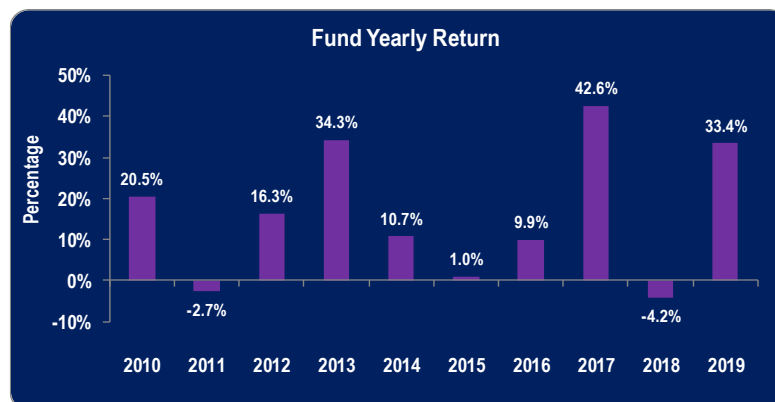
The Jamaican dollar fixed income market was liquid in today's (May 18, 2020) trading session. The over night rate stood at 0.30% to 0.50%, while the 30-day rate was 1.10% to 1.30%.

The US dollar fixed income market was also liquid during today's (May 18, 2020) trading session; The overnight market rates were quoted at 1.80% while the 30-day market rates stood at 2.20% to 2.50%.

## Over The Counter Funds (CI FUNDS)

### Signature Global Technology Corporate Class

This fund invests primarily in equity and equity-related securities of companies around the world that have developed or are developing technological products, processes or services. The fund has a 3 year return of 15.7% and 5 year return of 14.7%. The Fund also has a 10 year return of 14.5%. Rates are as at April 30, 2020.



U.S.: Equity Futures Extend Gain on Vaccine Hope: Markets Wrap.

“U.S. stock-index futures extended gains on Monday after an experimental vaccine showed promising early signs of helping to fend off the new coronavirus. Crude oil advanced. S&P 500 contracts jumped to session highs after Moderna Inc. said its vaccine tests yielded signs it can create an immune-system response in the body. The shares surged 26% in trading before the market opened in New York.”

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-05-17/pound-slips-asian-stock-futures-trade-mixed-markets-wrap?srnd=premium>

Europe: BOE Forecast to Boost Bond-Buying in June to Sustain Virus Fight

“The Bank of England’s promise that it’s willing to do more to help the fight against the coronavirus pandemic is resonating with economists, who expect an increase in asset purchases at the next meeting. Almost half of the 15 analysts surveyed by Bloomberg expect officials to raise their buying target by 100 billion pounds (\$122 billion) to 745 billion pounds on June 18. Three said it’ll go even higher.”

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-05-18/boe-forecast-to-boost-bond-buying-in-june-to-sustain-virus-fight?srnd=economics-vp>

PLATINUM PORTFOLIO

Platinum Portfolio Yield Measures as at May 18, 2020

	Percentage (%)
Yield to Maturity	5.29
Weighted Average Coupon	4.991
Current Yield	5.80

The platinum portfolio has an effective maturity of 12.89 years and duration of 4.21 years.

STRUCTURED PRODUCT

Mayberry Individual Retirement Plan (IRP)

IRP is a Retirement Scheme for all persons who are self employed or are employed in non-pensionable positions and do not otherwise contribute to an approved Superannuation Fund or an-other approved Retirement Scheme. The IRP will help some people make substantially greater contributions then they might otherwise do.

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**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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