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LOCAL STOCK MARKET: (JS) +

Stock Symbol	WIG	ELITE	LASM*	DTL*	CAR
Current Price (\$)	0.75	3.21	3.77	2.96	6.68
Trailing EPS (\$)	0.06	0.14	0.25	0.11	0.74
P/E (times)	12.45	23.59	14.93	25.78	9.05
Projected P/E	11.81	35.33	13.35	22.89	8.77
Projected EPS (\$)*	0.06	0.09	0.28	0.13	0.76
Book Value per share (\$)	0.31	1.33	1.72	0.52	0.37
Price/Book Value (times)	2.39	2.41	2.20	5.65	18.29
Dividend Yield (2019 %)	N/A	N/A	1.65%	0.40%	7.07%
Volumes	6,687,873	18,736	137,491	83,054	155,204
Recommendation	BUY	SELL	HOLD	HOLD	BUY

*-Long Term Buy



STOCK OF THE DAY: Lasco Manufacturing Limited (LASM)

For the three months ended June 30, 2020:

Lasco Manufacturing Limited (LASM) for the three months ended June 30, 2020 recorded an increase of 3% in total revenue to total \$1.85 billion, relative to the \$1.79 billion recorded for the comparable period in 2019.

Cost of sales amounted to \$1.13 billion (2019: \$1.12 billion) for the quarter, a marginal increase of 1% year on year. As a result, gross profit of \$720.16 million was recorded for the period, 8% more than the \$667.89 million booked for the quarter June 30, 2019. LASM noted that, "the increase in the gross margin is primarily attributable to on-going improvement in manufacturing efficiencies."

LASM posted other loss of \$2.32 million versus other income of \$17.12 million reported for the prior corresponding quarter.

Operating expenses decreased 6% to close the period at \$310.94 million versus \$330.19 million booked for the corresponding period last year. Management mentioned that, "the positive out-turn for the quarter reflects gains from on-going improvements in operational efficiencies, reduction in structural costs and continued streamlining of the operations."

Consequently, LASM recorded operating profits of \$406.90 million, 15% higher than the \$354.82 million booked in 2019. Finance costs for the first quarter decreased 49% to \$16.26 million compared to \$32.06 million in the prior year's comparable period.

As such, profit before taxation amounted to \$390.64 million, an increase of 21% from the \$322.76 million recorded for the previous year. Taxes recorded for the period amounted to \$48.83 million compared to \$40.35 million incurred for the corresponding period in 2019. As such, Net Profit for the first quarter totaled \$341.81 million compared to \$282.42 million in 2019, an increase of 21%.

Consequently, earnings per share for the quarter ended June 30, 2020, amounted to \$0.08 relative to \$0.07 in 2019. The twelve months trailing EPS amounts to \$0.25. The number of shares used in the calculations amounted to 4,130,913,151 units

FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET TRADING SUMMARY

Currency	PURCHASE RATE			SALES RATE		
	Highest	Lowest	Weighted Average Rate	Highest	Lowest	Weighted Average Rate
USD	150.900	116.843	147.9176	156.060	118.008	149.0922
CAN	113.636	85.000	112.2646	115.614	98.000	112.5537
GBP	199.000	155.003	193.4148	199.300	178.000	194.8683
EURO	173.960	134.000	171.1797	178.000	168.000	177.0788

*Rates as at August 10, 2020

MONEY MARKET

The Jamaican dollar fixed income market was liquid in today's (August 11, 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%.

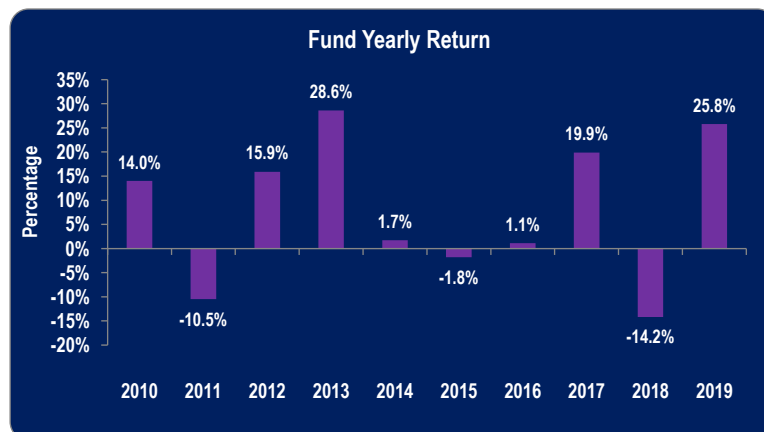
The US dollar fixed income market was also liquid during today's (August 11, 2020) trading session; The overnight market rates were quoted at 1.50% while the 30-day market rates stood at 1.70% to 1.90%.

Over The Counter Funds (CI FUNDS)

Synergy Global Corporate Class

This fund invests primarily in equity and equity-related securities of global momentum companies situated in developed markets represented in the MSCI World Index - CS.

The fund has a 3 year return of 3.9% and a 5 year return of 3.3%. The Fund also has a 10 year return of 7.5%. Rates are as at June 30, 2020.



U.S.: U.S. Recovery Sees Some Momentum After Monthlong Stall

“The latest high-frequency data suggest America’s economic recovery may finally be getting moving again after stalling for a month. Bloomberg Economics created a weekly dashboard of high-frequency, alternative and market-based data to track the economy’s plunge into recession and eventual recovery. New Covid-19 cases have decelerated by the most since the start of the pandemic and applications for unemployment benefits dropped to a pandemic low, though both measures remain extremely elevated.”

<https://www.bloomberg.com/graphics/recovery-tracker/?srnd=economics-vp>

Asia: Early Signs of India Economic Recovery Wane as Virus Surges

“India’s economic activity monitors are beginning to flatline just months after showing signs of returning to life. Latest data from Apple Inc. and Alphabet Inc.’s Google showed mobility suffered in recent weeks after notching up an increase since May, when Asia’s third-largest economy began exiting a nationwide lockdown to contain the coronavirus outbreak. Elsewhere, high-frequency indicators from purchasing managers’ surveys to fuel sales show activity leveling off in July. And that’s not all.”

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-08-10/rolling-lockdowns-to-slow-virus-hurt-india-s-economic-recovery?srnd=economics-vp>

PLATINUM PORTFOLIO

Platinum Portfolio Yield Measures as at August 10, 2020

	Percentage (%)
Yield to Maturity	4.42
Weighted Average Coupon	4.944
Current Yield	5.20

The platinum portfolio has an effective maturity of 12.93 years and duration of 4.65 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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