

DAILY MARKET SUMMARY



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LOCAL STOCK MARKET: (JS) +

Stock Symbol	WISYNCO	CCC	LASM	SML	VMIL
Current Price (\$)	15.76	59.67	3.55	5.50	5.36
Trailing EPS (\$)	0.66	2.99	0.28	0.35	0.31
P/E (times)	23.84	19.96	12.66	15.82	17.38
Projected P/E	24.77	15.16	11.39	19.02	21.29
Projected EPS (\$)*	0.64	3.94	0.31	0.29	0.25
Book Value per share (\$)	3.70	12.43	1.75	5.52	2.56
Price/Book Value (times)	4.26	4.80	2.03	1.00	2.09
Dividend Yield (2019 %)	1.55%	N/A	1.65%	4.50%	5.05%
Volumes	437,353	13,540	511,000	2,124	185,147
Recommendation	HOLD	BUY	BUY	HOLD	SELL

FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET TRADING SUMMARY

Currency	PURCHASE RATE			SALES RATE		
	Highest	Lowest	Weighted Average Rate	Highest	Lowest	Weighted Average Rate
USD	149.250	116.235	146.3763	155.520	118.008	148.0728
CAN	112.800	91.560	111.2534	116.650	102.000	113.7081
GBP	196.700	170.000	195.4972	201.290	171.000	196.3554
EURO	171.501	153.000	168.9125	178.521	169.300	178.3594

*Rates as at November 24, 2020

MONEY MARKET

The Jamaican dollar fixed income market was liquid in today's (November 25, 2020) trading session. The overnight rate stood at 0.30% to 0.50%, while the 30-day rate was 1.40% to 1.60%.

The US dollar fixed income market was also liquid during today's (November 25, 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%.



STOCK OF THE DAY: Lasco Manufacturing Limited (LASM)

For the six months ended September 30, 2020:

Lasco Manufacturing Limited (LASM) for the six months ended September 30, 2020, recorded an increase of \$276.02 million or 7% in revenue to total \$4.12 billion relative to the \$3.85 billion recorded for the comparable period in 2019.

Cost of sales amounted to \$2.52 billion (2019: \$2.43 billion) for the period, an increase of 4% year on year. As a result, gross profit of \$1.60 billion was recorded for the period, 13% more than the \$1.42 billion booked in September 2019.

LASM posted other operating loss of \$18.18 million, compared to other operating income of \$13.91 million reported for the prior year.

Operating expenses closed the period at \$667.84 million compared to \$721.99 million booked for the corresponding period last year.

Consequently, LASM recorded operating profits of \$914.65 million, 28% higher than the \$714.03 million booked in 2019. Operating profits rose 41% to close the second quarter at \$507.76 million relative to \$359.21 million in the prior comparable quarter.

Finance costs for the six months declined by 41% to \$31.83 million compared to \$53.96 million in the prior year's comparable period.

As such, profit before taxation amounted to \$882.82 million, an increase of 34% from the \$660.07 million recorded for the previous year. Taxes recorded for the period amounted to \$145.35 million (2019: \$97.51 million). Thus, net profit for the six months period totalled \$737.47 million compared to \$562.56 million in 2019, an increase of 31%.

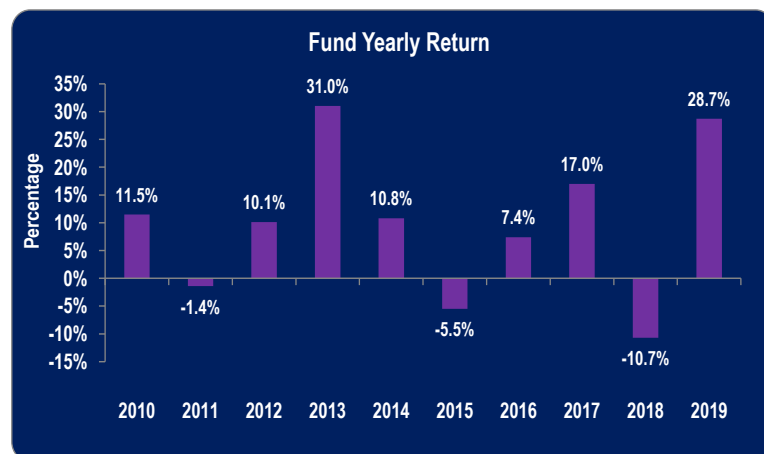
Consequently, Earnings per share for the period ended September 30, 2020 amounted to \$0.18 relative to \$0.14 in 2019. The trailing twelve months EPS amounts to \$0.28. The number of shares used in the calculations amounted to 4,130,913,151 units.

Over The Counter Funds (CI FUNDS)

CI American Value Corporate Class

This fund invests primarily in equity and equity-related securities of companies in the United States.

The fund has a 3 year return of 3.1% and a 5 year return of 5.4%. The Fund also has a 10 year return of 7.6%. Rates are as at October 31, 2020.



*Prices are as at November 25, 2020 *Projections are made to the company's financial year end

“The U.S. merchandise-trade deficit widened in October as imports reached the highest in more than a year, outpacing a gain in the value of exports. The shortfall grew to \$80.3 billion from \$79.4 billion in September, according to Commerce Department data released Wednesday. The median estimate by economists in a Bloomberg survey was for a negative balance of \$80.4 billion. Imports rose by 2.2% to \$206.3 billion, the highest since September 2019, while exports increased 2.8% to \$126 billion.”

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-11-25/u-s-goods-trade-gap-widens-as-imports-rise-to-highest-in-a-year?srnd=economics-vp>

“Chancellor of the Exchequer Rishi Sunak warned the U.K. will suffer its deepest recession in more than 300 years as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, with 2.6 million unemployed, as he set out government spending plans. “Our health emergency is not yet over and our economic emergency has only just begun,” Sunak told Parliament. “So our immediate priority is to protect people’s lives and livelihoods.”

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-11-25/sunak-reveals-u-k-spending-in-first-skirmish-with-virus-legacy?srnd=economics-vp>

PLATINUM PORTFOLIO

Platinum Portfolio Yield Measures as at November 23, 2020

	Percentage (%)
Yield to Maturity	4.02
Weighted Average Coupon	4.907
Current Yield	4.89

The platinum portfolio has an effective maturity of 13.38 years and duration of 4.83 years.

STRUCTURED PRODUCT

Mayberry Platinum

The Mayberry Platinum portfolio is ideal for investors seeking a short to medium-term investment with returns denominated in hard currency. The portfolio comprises Investment Grade corporate and sovereign bonds, which provide strong yield and performance. The primary objective of this product is to provide our clients with income as well as capital appreciation. The Platinum portfolio enables the client to take full advantage of a diversified bond portfolio and is ideal for persons who do not have the time to actively manage their own portfolio

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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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