

DAILY MARKET SUMMARY



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LOCAL STOCK MARKET: (J\$) ⁺

Stock Symbol	LASD	GK	LASM	WISYNCO	SOS
Current Price (\$)	3.53	81.40	4.33	16.47	4.30
Trailing EPS (\$)	0.26	5.67	0.296	0.69	0.20
P/E (times)	13.78	14.36	14.64	23.90	21.86
Projected P/E	12.67	13.47	13.38	23.77	32.63
Projected EPS (\$) ⁺	0.28	6.04	0.324	0.69	0.13
Book Value per share (\$)	1.79	56.78	1.64	3.89	2.50
Price/Book Value (times)	1.97	1.43	2.64	4.24	1.72
Dividend Yield (2019 %)	1.56%	2.55%	1.56%	1.07%	1.76%
Volumes	215,710	206,995	217,306	192,412	44,729
Recommendation	BUY	HOLD	BUY	HOLD	SELL

FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET TRADING SUMMARY

Currency	PURCHASE RATE			SALES RATE		
	Highest	Lowest	Weighted Average Rate	Highest	Lowest	Weighted Average Rate
USD	152.000	117.855	149.2911	157.140	120.203	150.7052
CAN	117.050	96.390	113.5991	122.500	110.500	119.6875
GBP	208.500	166.291	206.1800	213.940	198.000	207.0761
EURO	178.950	135.000	176.5674	187.500	170.000	186.1086

*Rates as at February 12, 2021

MONEY MARKET

The Jamaican dollar fixed income market was liquid in today's (February 15, 2021) trading session. The overnight rate stood at 0.30% to 0.50%, while the 30-day rate was 1.50% to 1.70%.

The US dollar fixed income market was also liquid during today's (February 15, 2021) 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 Distributors Limited (LASD)

For the nine months ended December 31, 2020:

Lasco Distributors Limited (LASD), for the nine months ended December 31, 2020, posted 6% growth in revenue to \$15.23 billion, up from \$14.30 billion in the corresponding period in 2019.

Cost of sales amounted to \$12.44 billion, up 8% on the \$11.48 billion reported in the prior comparable period. Consequently, gross profit fell by 1% year over year, closing at \$2.79 billion compared to the \$2.82 billion generated for the same period in the prior year.

Other operating income rose by 49% to end the nine months period at \$105.68 million relative to \$70.73 million in the corresponding period last year. For the quarter, other operating income decreased by 2% to \$24.93 million (2019: \$25.42 million).

Operating expenses of \$2.02 billion was booked for the nine months, representing an 11% decline on \$2.26 billion recorded for the comparable period of 2019.

Operating profit rose by 39% to close at \$873.81 million for the period under review (2019: \$630.27 million). Finance cost fell by 71% totalling \$3.59 million for the period compared to \$12.56 million in the year prior.

Pre-tax profit amounted to \$870.22 million, an increase of 41% from the \$617.71 million in the previous year. Pre-tax profit saw a 55% increase in the third quarter closing at \$290.72 million (2019: \$187.96 million).

Net profit for the period closed at \$731.25 million (2019: \$557.50 million), a 31% increase year over year following taxation of \$138.97 million (2019: \$60.21 million).

Total comprehensive income for the period amounted to \$767.48 million (2019: \$561.08 million).

Earnings per share for the nine months ended December 31, 2020 totaled \$0.21 versus \$0.16 for the corresponding period in 2019. The trailing twelve months EPS is \$0.26. The total amount of shares outstanding used for this calculation was 3,510,403,292 units.

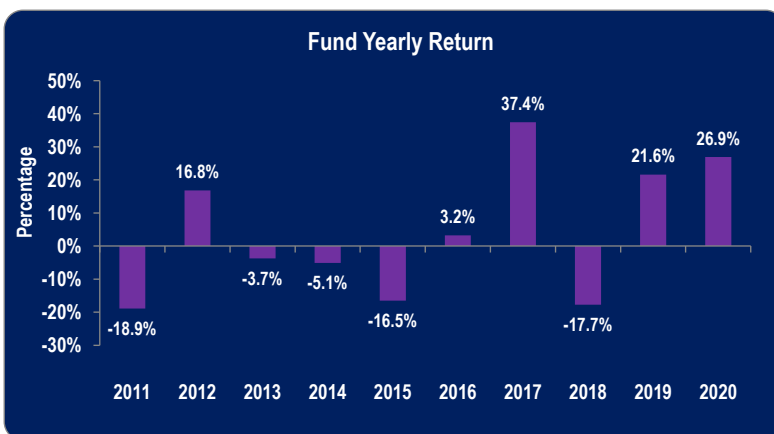
⁺Prices are as at February 15, 2021 *Projections are made to the company's financial year end

Over The Counter Funds (CI FUNDS)

Signature Emerging Markets Corporate Class

This fund invests primarily in equity and equity-related securities of companies located in emerging markets and emerging industries of any market.

The fund has a 3 year return of 7.1% and a 5 year return of 15.1%. The Fund also has a 10 year return of 3.6%. Rates are as at January 31, 2021.



“South Africa is apprehensive about striking a new trade deal with the U.S. and would rather maintain existing relations with the world’s largest economy, the nation’s top trade official said. South Africa is currently party to the so-called Generalized System of Preferences and the African Growth and Opportunity Act, or AGOA, which together allow most sub-Saharan African countries duty-free access to the American market for almost 7,000 products. AGOA is due to expire in 2025, while Richard Neal, the chairman of the House of Representatives’ Ways & Means Committee, has called for the GSP -- the U.S.’s oldest and largest trade-preference program for the world’s poorest economies -- to be updated.”

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2021-02-15/biden-faces-south-african-push-to-extend-trade-concessions?srnd=economics-vp>

“More than 10% of the U.K. workforce is out of a job and struggling to tap government benefits, exposing economic scars set to remain long after the coronavirus fades. About 3.8 million people including actors and musicians in London’s famous theaters don’t qualify for the most lucrative welfare payments, according to the Standard Life Foundation, which campaigns for those on low and middle incomes. They’ve slipped through the cracks during lockdowns because of strict rules that filter out the self employed, contractors and people with patchy work histories. Their plight highlights holes in the government’s safety net that will leave millions of workers worse off for years after Prime Minister Boris Johnson’s rapid vaccination program allows society to reopen.”

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2021-02-15/u-k-faces-up-to-economic-scars-set-to-linger-beyond-covid-19?srnd=economics-vp>

PLATINUM PORTFOLIO

Platinum Portfolio Yield Measures as at February 15, 2021

	Percentage (%)
Yield to Maturity	3.92
Weighted Average Coupon	4.903
Current Yield	4.79

The platinum portfolio has an effective maturity of 13.31 years and duration of 4.88 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 per-sons 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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