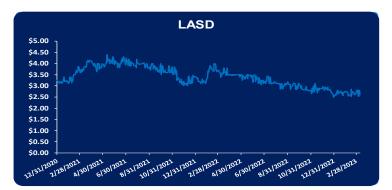


#### **LOCAL STOCK MARKET: (JS)\***

Stock Symbol	MEEG	LASD	CFF	MAILPAC	JETCON
Last Traded Price (\$)	11.00	2.64	1.46	1.88	1.05
Trailing EPS (\$)	0.50	0.33	0.09	0.12	0.05
P/E (times)	22.08	7.91	16.25	15.10	20.57
Projected P/E	19.59	6.90	14.73	14.47	22.92
Projected EPS (\$)	0.57	0.38	0.10	0.13	0.05
Book Value per share (\$)	2.24	2.25	0.65	0.23	1.00
Price/Book Value (times)	4.98	1.17	2.25	8.05	1.05
Dividend Yield (2022)	N/A	3.41%	1.71%	9.14%	N/A
Volumes	73,470	63,275	1,510	50,518	59,620
Recommendation	BUY	BUY	HOLD	HOLD	SELL



### STOCK OF THE DAY: LASCO Distributors Limited (LASD)

#### Financials for the nine months ended December 31, 2022:

Revenue for the nine months ended December 31, 2022 increased 13% to \$19.64 billion (2021: \$17.37 billion). Management noted that this resulted because of growth in both Domestic and Export markets.

Cost of sales for the nine months ended December 31, 2022 increased 12% to \$16.23 billion (2021: \$14.45 billion). Consequently, gross profit for the nine months ended December 31, 2022 increased 17% to \$3.41 billion (2021: \$2,92 billion).

Other operating income for the nine-month period decreased 18% to \$161.23 million (2021: \$196.59 million)

Operating expenses year to date increased 11% to \$2.37 billion (2021: \$2.13 billion).

Profit from operations for the nine months ended December 31, 2022 increased 23% to \$1.20 billion (2021: \$979.18 million).

Finance costs for the nine months ended December 31, 2022 reflected a surged to \$24.72 million relative to \$1.52 million for the corresponding period in 2021.

Profit before taxation for the nine months ended December 31, 2022 increased 20% to \$1.18 billion (2021: \$977.66 million).

LASD recorded taxation for the nine months ended December 31, 2022 of \$245.42 million (2021: \$202.46 hillion)

Net profit for the nine months ended December 31, 2022 increased 20% to \$930.11 million (2021: \$775.20 million).

Total comprehensive income for the nine months ended December 31, 2022 increased 22% to \$963.57 million (2021: \$790.43 million).

Earnings per hare (EPS) for the nine months ended December 31, 2022 was \$0.26 (2021: \$0.22). The twelve-month trailing earnings per share amounted to \$0.33. The number of shares outstanding used for this calculation was 3,510,702,702.

# \*Prices are as at March 10, 2023 \*Projections are made to the company's financial year end

# FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET TRADING SUMMARY

0	PU	RCHASE RA	ГЕ	SALES RATE		
Currency	Highest	Lowest	Weighted Average Rate	Highest	Lowest	Weighted Average Rate
USD	154.3800	131.8000	152.3324	156.2000	145.0000	153.6225
CAD	112.5000	98.0000	110.7062	114.5000	103.3700	112.0059
GBP	183.0000	163.2800	177.5185	186.5000	169.3800	182.5056
EURO	172.6000	143.0000	155.4455	166.8000	153.0000	165.1683

\*Rates as at March 9, 2023

## **MONEY MARKET**

The Jamaican dollar fixed income market was not liquid in today's (March 10, 2023) trading session. The over night rate stood at 7.00% to 8.00%, while the 30-day rate was 8.25% to 8.50%.

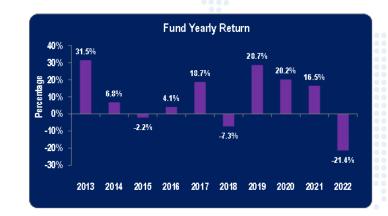
The US dollar fixed income market was also not liquid during today's (March 10, 2023) trading session. The overnight market rates were quoted at 3.00% to 3.25%, while the 30-day market rates stood at 4.35% to 4.50%.

#### **OVER THE COUNTER FUNDS (CI FUNDS)**

### **CI Synergy American Corporate Class**

This fund invests primarily in equity and equity-related securities of companies which 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 4.26% and a 5-year return of 5.57%. The Fund also has a 10-year return of 8.22%. Rates are as at January 31, 2023.



### Stocks Will Be Stuck on Fed Until a Recession Becomes Evident, BofA Says

US stocks hanging on Federal Reserve policy signals are boxed in a "neurotic" trading range that will only break once economic data unambiguously point to a recession, Bank of America Corp. strategists say.

The rate hikes of the past year were not a prelude to a steady Goldilocks economy that's running neither too hot nor too cold, but instead to a "hard landing and credit events," strategists led by Michael Hartnett wrote in a note on fund flows pointing to another risk-off week in markets.

https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2023-03-10/bofa-s-hartnettsees-stocks-stuck-on-fed-until-recession-evident

#### **PLATINUM PORTFOLIO**

Platinum Portfolio Yield Measures as at March 06, 2023					
	Percentage (%)				
Yield to Maturity	7.51				
Weighted Average Coupon	5.43				
Current Yield	6.08				

The platinum portfolio has an effective maturity of 9.49 years and duration of 5.60 years.

# Chinese Stock Bulls Dealt a Blow as Congress Underwhelms

For all the hype in the run-up to the National People's Congress, China stocks bulls were left in the lurch as a terrible week for global markets compounded a selloff spurred by a lack of major policy incentives.

It all began on Monday as a consensus-lagging economic growth target of around 5% announced the previous day dashed expectations for more stimulus. While the key policy meeting brought some good news for state-owned enterprises and software developers, it fell short on big-bang incentives to boost consumption and support the key property sector.

https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2023-03-10/msci-chinastocks-gauge-erases-2023-gains-amid-key-policy-meet

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