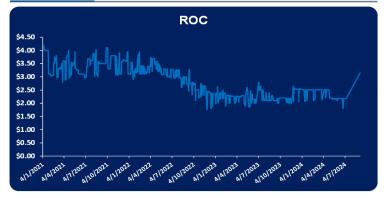
## **LOCAL STOCK MARKET: (JS)\***

| Stock Symbol              | ROC  | JMMBGL | GK        | DOLLA   | ISP   |
|---------------------------|------|--------|-----------|---------|-------|
| Last Traded Price (\$)    | 3.15 | 21.20  | 73.50     | 3.01    | 23.80 |
| Trailing EPS (\$)         | 0.41 | 3.83   | 8.06      | 0.19    | 0.94  |
| P/E (times)               | 7.67 | 5.48   | 8.81      | 15.70   | 25.30 |
| Projected P/E (times)     | 7.31 | 5.07   | 8.92      | 13.94   | 21.65 |
| Projected EPS (\$)        | 0.43 | 4.14   | 7.96      | 0.21    | 1.10  |
| Book Value per share (\$) | 3.52 | 25.03  | 83.19     | 0.46    | 5.98  |
| Price/Book Value (times)  | 0.90 | 0.84   | 0.85      | 6.47    | 3.98  |
| Dividend Yield (2023)     | N/A  | 0.96%  | 2.73%     | 2.44%   | N/A   |
| Volumes                   | 30   | 5,020  | 4,773,822 | 187,179 | NIL   |
| Recommendation            | BUY  | BUY    | HOLD      | HOLD    | SELL  |



#### STOCK OF THE DAY: Ironrock Insurance Company Limited (ROC)

#### Unaudited financials for the six months ended June 30, 2024:

Ironrock Insurance Company Limited (ROC) for the six months ended June 30, 2024, reported a 35% increase in Insurance Revenue totaling \$845.13 million compared to \$627.21 million in the corresponding period last year

Reinsurance Contracts Expense amounted to \$498.60 million (2023: \$383.50 million), this represents an increase of 30% year over year. Consequently, Insurance Service Contracts Expense increased by 43% to \$326.50 million compared to \$227.62 million for the six months ended June 30, 2023.

Insurance Service results increased by 25% to close at \$20.04 million (2023: \$16.09 million), while other income for the six months ended June 30, 2024, amounted to \$861,000, an 88% decrease relative to \$7.13 million reported in 2023. Other income for the second quarter amounted to \$1.09 million (2023: \$3.92 million). Other operating expenses totalled \$75.23 million, a 30% increase from the corresponding period last year. (2023: \$58.06 million).

Profit before taxation for the six months ended June 30, 2024, amounted to \$472,000, a 113% increase relative to the Loss before taxation of \$3.74 million reported in 2023.

Net Profit for the period for the six months amounted to \$202,000, a 105% increase from the Net Loss of \$3.74 million reported in 2023.

Consequently, Earnings Per Share for the six months amounted to \$0.001 (2023: LPS: \$0.02). The number of shares used in these calculations was 214,000,000.

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET TRADING SUMMARY

|          | PURCHASE RATE |          |                          | SALES RATE |          |                          |
|----------|---------------|----------|--------------------------|------------|----------|--------------------------|
| Currency | Highest       | Lowest   | Weighted<br>Average Rate | Highest    | Lowest   | Weighted<br>Average Rate |
| USD      | 158.8513      | 124.3069 | 156.9380                 | 178.3500   | 148.0000 | 158.4373                 |
| CAD      | 117.4000      | 93.3160  | 116.4982                 | 132.0080   | 106.0000 | 117.5188                 |
| GBP      | 206.7500      | 167.6600 | 200.8221                 | 234.3200   | 191.3200 | 207.9055                 |
| EURO     | 175.0000      | 140.2200 | 167.3748                 | 179.9500   | 164.9400 | 178.1031                 |

\*Rates as at September 4, 2024

#### **MONEY MARKET**

The Jamaican dollar fixed income market had very high liquidity, with overnight funds readily available, in today's (September 05, 2024) trading session. The overnight rate stood at 6.00% to 6.25%, while the 30-day rate ranged from 7.00% to 7.50%.

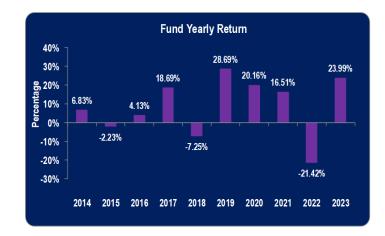
The US dollar fixed income market was moderately liquid, with short-term funds available, during today's (September 05, 2024) trading session. The overnight market rates were quoted at 1.00% to 1.50%, while the 30-day market rates stood at 4.50% to 4.75%.

# **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 7.81 % and a 5-year return of 11.41%. The Fund also has a 10-year return of 8.77%. Rates are as of June 30, 2024.



#### Wall Street's Big Bet on Jumbo Fed Cuts Hangs on US Jobs Report

The bold bet from the likes of Citigroup Inc. and JPMorgan Chase & Co. that the Federal Reserve will slash interest rates by a half-percentage-point this month faces its biggest test yet from Friday's US jobs report.

Interest-rate swap contracts show a roughly 35% chance that the Fed executes a jumbo cut when it meets Sept. 17-18, but a quarter-point reduction is still favored by traders and remains the more popular call among economists. That split has boosted the scope for big gains and losses in the Treasury market around the jobs report, which last month helped send markets into a tailspin when the employment figures missed expectations.

https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2024-09-05/wall-street-s-big-bet-on-jumbofed-cuts-hangs-on-us-jobs-report?srnd=phx-economics-v2

## **UK Firms Expect to Raise Prices by the Least in Three Years**

UK businesses expect to raise their prices by the least in three years — a sign that firms see price pressures remaining contained.

The Bank of England's survey of chief financial officers showed expected price growth over the next year easing to 3.4% last month, the lowest reading since August 2021.

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#### **PLATINUM PORTFOLIO**

# Platinum Portfolio Yield Measures as at September 02, 2024

|                         | Percentage (%) |  |  |
|-------------------------|----------------|--|--|
| Yield to Maturity       | 7.09           |  |  |
| Weighted Average Coupon | 4.89           |  |  |
| Current Yield           | 6.31           |  |  |

The platinum portfolio has an effective maturity of 18.47 years and duration of 11.12 years.

## STRUCTURED PRODUCT

## **USD Money Market**

This portfolio is a full discretionary managed bond portfolio, ideal for clients who have short-term USD liquidity needs. Assets within the portfolio can be used as collateral for loans. The product provides a solid short-term investment option in hard currency and allows the individual to hedge against the prevailing devaluation in the local currency.

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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. Source: www.jamstockex.com, www.bloomberg.com, www.investopedia.com, www.tradewire.com





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