# **DAILY MARKET SUMMARY**

# **December 4, 2024**

# LOCAL STOCK MARKET: (JS)\*

| Stock Symbol                | GHL    | KW    | DOLLA     | JMMBGL  | ELITE |
|-----------------------------|--------|-------|-----------|---------|-------|
| Last Traded Price (\$)      | 315.00 | 31.20 | 2.90      | 22.00   | 1.90  |
| Trailing EPS (\$)           | 83.93  | 2.08  | 0.17      | 5.27    | 0.06  |
| P/E (times)                 | 3.75   | 14.93 | 17.01     | 4.17    | 33.25 |
| Projected P/E (times)       | 3.89   | 14.28 | 16.32     | 5.86    | 34.45 |
| Projected EPS (\$)          | 81.03  | 2.18  | 0.18      | 3.75    | 0.06  |
| Book Value per share (\$)   | 435.67 | 33.42 | 0.42      | 29.59   | 1.41  |
| Price/Book Value<br>(times) | 0.72   | 0.93  | 6.98      | 0.74    | 1.34  |
| Dividend Yield (2023)       | 0.21%  | 2.52% | 2.44%     | 0.96%   | N/A   |
| Volumes                     | 2,324  | 4,463 | 7,780,944 | 511,569 | 100   |
| Recommendation              | BUY    | BUY   | HOLD      | HOLD    | SELL  |



#### **STOCK OF THE DAY:** Kingston Wharves Limited (KW)

Unaudited financials for the nine months ended September 30, 2024:

Kingston Wharves Limited (KW) for the nine months ended September 30, 2024, reported a 11% increase in Revenue totalling \$7.84 billion compared to \$7.05 billion in the corresponding period last year. Revenue for the third quarter had a 4% increase to close at \$2.73 billion compared to \$2.62 billion for the comparable quarter of 2023. The cost of sales amounted to \$4.42 billion (2023: \$3.71 billion), this represents an increase of 19% year over year. Consequently, gross profit increased by 3% to \$3.43 billion compared to \$3.34 billion for the nine months ended September 30, 2023. The company booked gross profit of \$1.19 billion for the third quarter versus \$1.38 billion reported for the similar quarter of 2023.

Other operating income decreased by 5% to close at \$613.16 million (2023: \$645.14 million), while administrative expenses increased by 10% from \$1.25 billion in 2023 to \$1.37 billion in the period under review. As a result, operating profit for the nine months ended September 30, 2024, amounted to \$2.67 billion, a 2% decrease relative to \$2.74 billion reported in 2023.

Profit Before Tax for the nine months ended September 30, 2024, amounted to \$2.52 billion, a 5% decrease relative to \$2.66 billion reported in 2023. Finance costs totalled \$153.61 million, a 103% increase from the corresponding period last year. (2023: \$75.76 million).

Net Profit for the nine months ended September 30, 2024, had a 4% decrease to reach \$2.18 billion (2023: \$2.28 billion). Net profit attributable to shareholders for the nine months amounted to \$2.09 billion, a 6% decrease from the \$2.22 billion reported in 2023. For the third quarter, Net profit attributable to shareholders was \$732.64 million (2023: \$927.20 million).

Consequently, Earnings per share for the nine months amounted to \$1.46 (2023: EPS: \$1.55), while Earnings per share for the quarter totaled \$0.51 (2023: EPS: \$0.65). The number of shares used in these calculations was 1,430,199,578.

# FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET TRADING SUMMARY

|          | PURCHASE RATE |            |                          | SALES RATE |          |                          |
|----------|---------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|----------|--------------------------|
| Currency | Highest       | Lowest     | Weighted<br>Average Rate | Highest    | Lowest   | Weighted<br>Average Rate |
| USD      | 160.0000      | 124.1048   | 156.0713                 | 178.1760   | 124.1850 | 157.5942                 |
| CAD      | 112.5000      | 89.5440    | 111.5015                 | 126.6720   | 104.8000 | 111.7934                 |
| GBP      | 203.0600      | 162.7630   | 192.6420                 | 223.5540   | 174.0000 | 202.1466                 |
| EURO     | 166.5000      | 133.3320   | 165.3747                 | 188.7320   | 156.0000 | 167.2247                 |
| *Data    | a as at Dagam | bor 2 2024 |                          |            |          |                          |

\*Rates as at December 3, 2024

#### MONEY MARKET

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The Jamaican dollar fixed income market had very high liquidity, with overnight funds readily available, in today's (December 4, 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 (December 4, 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 6.01 % and a 5-year return of 11.39%. The Fund also has a 10-year return of 9.03%. Rates are as of October 31, 2024.



#### US Companies Added 146,000 Jobs in November, ADP Data Show

#### ECB's Rehn Sees More Grounds for December Interest-Rate Cut

The European Central Bank will continue to ease policy in the coming

months, Governing Council member Olli Rehn told Finnish newspaper

Inflation has slowed to the targeted 2% and euro-area economic growth

grounds for cutting the benchmark rate in December and this direction in

https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2024-12-04/ecb-s-rehn-sees-more-

is fragile, Rehn said in an interview. "These factors have added to the

monetary policy is set to continue into the coming months."

grounds-for-december-interest-rate-cut?srnd=phx-economics-v2

Employment at US companies remained firm in November, adding to evidence of a slowing but resilient labor market.

Private payrolls rose by 146,000 last month after an October increase that was revised down to 184,000, according to ADP Research Institute data released Wednesday. The median projection in a Bloomberg survey of economists called for a rise of 150,000.

https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2024-12-04/us-companies-added-146-000-jobs-in-november-adp-data-show

### PLATINUM PORTFOLIO

| Platinum Portfolio Yield Measures as at December 02, 2024 |                |  |
|---|----------------|--|
|   | Percentage (%) |  |
| Yield to Maturity   | 7.22           |  |
| Weighted Average Coupon                                   | 4.89           |  |
| Current Yield   | 6.39           |  |

The platinum portfolio has an effective maturity of 18.31 years and duration of 11.26 years.

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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.

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