

Stock Watch

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STOCKS IN THE NEWS

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STOCK	STOCK DATA	4-WEEK PRICE MOVEMENT (\$)	RECOMMENDATION & RATIONALE
PAL Palace Amusement Company (1921) Limited	CLOSE PRICE: \$1.42		RECOMMENDATION: MARKETWEIGHT → Cinema operator PAL reported revenues of \$1.52 billion for the fiscal year ending in June 2023. This substantial increase in revenue led to a remarkable turnaround in net profit, soaring to \$228.14 million, a significant improvement from the net loss of \$260.68 million in the previous year. PAL has not only surpassed its pre-pandemic income but has also returned to a profitable status, driven by enhancements in its cinema operations, film-related activities, and screen advertising efforts. This financial performance comes after the 600-to-1 stock split on February 28, 2023, which removed PAL from its status as the most expensive stock on the JSE. The company's profitability is expected to persist in the current fiscal year, thanks to the return of cinemagoers and the release of premier and blockbuster films.
	YTD CHANGE: (42.34%)*		
	P/E RATIO: 7.21x		
	P/B RATIO: 16.74x		
iCREATE iCREATE Limited	CLOSE PRICE: \$0.88		RECOMMENDATION: ZEROWEIGHT ↓ Following the resignation of the president and CEO, the troubled tech firm, iCreate, was suspended from the JSE Junior Market because for failing to submit 2022 audited financials within the specified timeframe. iCreate eventually published their financials, revealing a net loss of \$46.84 million, a worsening from the previous year's net loss of \$32.26 million. The company also reported a 6-month net loss of \$136.16 thousand as of June 2023. Since the suspension was lifted, following the appointment of a mentor, the company's stock price has significantly declined due to negative sentiment surrounding the company. Although trading has resumed, many shareholders remain on edge for a possible delisting, which would see a complete loss on their investments.
	YTD CHANGE: (50.28%)		
	P/E RATIO: N/A		
	P/B RATIO: 1.88x		
AFS Access Financial Services Limited	CLOSE PRICE: \$29.29		RECOMMENDATION: UNDERWEIGHT ↓ Microfinance institution, AFS, reported a 20.72% uptick in net profit for the 3-month period ended June 2023. Net Profit was primarily boosted by higher interest income from loans due to tighter monetary conditions globally and domestically. The company has taken the necessary measures to grow the loan portfolio and improve bad debt recovery. AFS raised debt via corporate bonds in September 2023, which has replaced existing debt and provided financing for IT expenditure and loan disbursement.
	YTD CHANGE: 15.31%		
	P/E RATIO: 25.35x		
	P/B RATIO: 2.90x		

(*) Adjusted to reflect the 600:1 stock split

TOP 5 PICKS FOR 2023

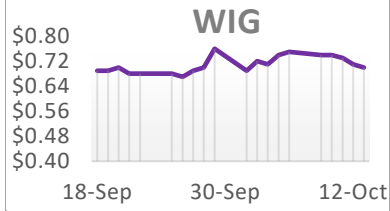
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JMMBGL JMMB Group Limited	CLOSE PRICE: \$27.64		RECOMMENDATION: OVERWEIGHT ↑ JMMBGL is now reaping the benefits of its strategies to diversify revenue, both organically and through acquisitions. In the quarter ending June 2023, despite challenging economic conditions, the company achieved a 1% revenue growth, and its profit surged to \$2.55 billion, a significant improvement compared to the net loss of \$2.18 billion in the same period last year. The company has plans for further geographical expansion, highlighting a gateway into Central America and a host of product diversification initiatives. The CEO, Keith Duncan, has announced a number of new products soon to be rolled-out under its payment solutions portfolio, while also expanding the offering in the digital solutions market. These additions are anticipated to significantly boost revenue, as it improves upon its Vision 2026 outlook.
	YTD CHANGE: (16.12%)		
	P/E RATIO: 3.44x		
	P/B RATIO: 1.00x		
JP Jamaica Producers Group Limited	CLOSE PRICE: \$20.00		RECOMMENDATION: OVERWEIGHT ↑ In April 2023, the merger of PanJam Investment Limited and JP was finalized, resulting in the formation of the Pan Jamaica Group Limited ("PJG"). This process involved transferring JP's operating businesses to PJG in exchange for a 34.50% stake in PJG. PJG is now considered an associated company of JP, and JP's interest in PJG is its largest asset. This amalgamation substantially boosted JP's net profit by almost 8 times in its second quarter ended June 30, 2023. JP remains focused on implementing efficiency-improving initiatives, particularly in its logistics operations. The company is well-prepared to pursue potential acquisitions and other growth opportunities because it is well-capitalized and holds a strong position in terms of liquidity.
	YTD CHANGE: (8.88%)		
	P/E RATIO: 1.73x		
	P/B RATIO: 0.72x		
RPL Regency Petroleum Company Limited	CLOSE PRICE: \$2.40		RECOMMENDATION: OVERWEIGHT ↑ RPL is putting a significant focus on growing product sales volume, while navigating price volatility. The company has faced higher costs driven by inflation and listing expenses, resulting in a 35.64% decrease in net profit for the 6 months ended June 2023. However, beyond the advantages of opening new service stations to increase revenue and profit, RPL intends to introduce technology-driven cost-saving measures that should enhance profitability. Additionally, RPL aspires to extend its LPG operations to different regions while striving to become a multinational corporation. The company is expected to benefit from increasing trend in international fuel prices, though not anticipated to hit the highs of 2022 at the onset of the Russia-Ukraine War.
	YTD CHANGE: 31.45%		
	P/E RATIO: 70.64x		
	P/B RATIO: 7.25x		
TROPICAL Tropical Battery Company Limited	CLOSE PRICE: \$1.98		RECOMMENDATION: OVERWEIGHT ↑ TROPICAL derives around 80% of its income from traditional battery sales and holds about 65% of the market share in Jamaica. The company has adopted a growth strategy to diversify into new product categories in the renewable energy and electric vehicle sectors. Its new inventory management system promises to improve operational efficiency and profitability. With its current energy-saving joint venture with CAC 2000 Limited, ENRVATE, as well as the formation of three new subsidiaries, namely Tropical Energy, Tropical Finance and Tropical Mobility, TROPICAL is well positioned for robust growth in the long-term and to surpass industry-average growth rates in the upcoming years.
	YTD CHANGE: (10.41%)		
	P/E RATIO: 14.56x		
	P/B RATIO: 2.41x		
WIG Wigton Windfarm Limited	CLOSE PRICE: \$0.70		RECOMMENDATION: OVERWEIGHT ↑ Wigton recently received approval for the granting of a twenty (20) year generation license which began in April 2023, which will enable the continuity of Phase I, which was licensed for 20 years, expiring in 2024. This means that WIG will continue to generate revenue from Phase I, which will place the company in a
	YTD CHANGE: (1.41%)		
	P/E RATIO: 24.95x		

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P/B RATIO: 1.74x



position to improve on its earnings and cash balance over the long-term. The Company is also expected to benefit from the Ministry of Science, Energy and Technology's Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) to procure up to 500MW of electrical energy by 2025. Additionally, the 10% limitation on shareholding should expire in 2024 which could lead to an increase in demand or ownership by pension funds, institutional investors and high network clients as WIG pays stable dividends.

Company	Ticker	Most Recent Report	Quarter End	52 Week Range	Market Cap	Last Sale	Price Changes			EPS	P/E	BVPS	P/B	ROAE (%)	Dividends/Share	Expected Dividend Yield	Recommendation
							1 Day	Weekly	YTD								
				(\$)	(J\$ Billion)	Price (\$)				(\$)	Ratio (X)	(\$)	Ratio (X)	TTM	(\$)	(%)	
JSE Main Market																	
Finance																	
Barita Investments Limited	BIL	Q3	31-Jun-23	70.00 - 109.02	86.46	72.24	-0.34%	-1.95%	-28.69%	2.90	24.90	29.67	2.44	9.53%	3.03	4.19%	MARKETWEIGHT
JMMB Group Limited	JMMBGL	Q1	30-Jun-23	25.01 - 38.93	54.05	27.64	0.00%	-1.57%	-16.12%	8.03	3.44	27.77	1.00	30.97%	0.50	1.81%	OVERWEIGHT
Jamaica Stock Exchange Limited	JSE	Q2	30-Jun-23	8.25 - 16.90	6.94	9.90	0.00%	5.32%	-36.33%	0.64	15.56	3.36	2.94	20.70%	0.44	4.39%	OVERWEIGHT
NCB Financial Group Limited	NCBFG	Q3	30-Jun-23	55.00 - 90.00	154.62	62.68	2.92%	-3.23%	-21.57%	7.45	8.41	74.57	0.84	11.12%	0.00	0.00%	MARKETWEIGHT
Proven Group Limited JMD	PROVENJA	Q1	30-Jun-23	18.70 - 32.40	17.64	22.00	3.19%	3.19%	-21.65%	-0.74	N/A	25.60	0.86	-2.96%	0.81	3.69%	OVERWEIGHT
Sygnus Credit Investments Limited	SCIJMD	YE	30-Jun-23	10.67 - 16.37	3.81	10.93	-0.46%	-1.18%	-13.73%	2.28	4.79	30.99	0.35	7.48%	0.41	3.71%	OVERWEIGHT
Scotia Group Jamaica Limited	SGJ	Q3	31-Jul-23	30.00 - 36.99	104.55	33.60	0.21%	4.64%	-1.84%	5.50	6.10	36.58	0.92	15.48%	1.40	4.17%	MARKETWEIGHT
Sagicor Group Jamaica Limited	SJ	Q2	30-Jun-23	42.00 - 59.42	167.67	42.93	2.14%	-2.14%	-24.57%	4.76	9.02	22.34	1.92	22.73%	1.60	3.73%	OVERWEIGHT
Victoria Mutual Investments Limited	VMIL	Q2	30-Jun-23	2.70 - 5.09	4.14	2.76	-1.78%	-4.50%	-31.34%	0.31	8.77	2.01	1.37	16.19%	0.00	0.00%	-
Sector Average											8.02	1.40					
Manufacturing																	
Caribbean Cement Company Limited	CCC	Q2	30-Jun-23	45.10 - 63.50	42.56	50.00	0.42%	2.02%	-17.33%	5.62	8.89	26.36	1.90	23.20%	0.00	0.00%	OVERWEIGHT
Jamaica Broilers Group Limited	JBG	Q1	29-Jul-23	26.00 - 39.99	40.62	33.87	1.32%	-0.38%	9.26%	3.85	8.79	22.35	1.52	17.73%	0.67	1.98%	OVERWEIGHT
Seprod Limited	SEP	Q2	30-Jun-23	60.50 - 80.00	50.61	69.00	-3.25%	4.86%	-2.82%	4.58	15.06	40.82	1.69	11.70%	1.50	2.17%	MARKETWEIGHT
Wisynco Group Limited	WISYNCO	YE	30-Jun-23	16.00 - 20.70	68.93	18.38	-5.79%	1.94%	4.02%	1.31	14.00	5.63	3.26	25.27%	0.40	2.18%	OVERWEIGHT
Sector Average											11.68	2.09					
Communication																	
Radio Jamaica Limited	RJR	Q1	30-Jun-23	1.38 - 2.60	3.49	1.44	-10.00%	-12.73%	-37.93%	0.08	17.26	1.89	0.76	4.39%	0.02	1.39%	OVERWEIGHT
Sector Average											17.26	0.76					
Retail																	
Carreras Limited	CAR	Q1	30-Jun-23	7.80 - 9.24	39.32	8.10	0.00%	0.25%	-4.82%	0.82	9.85	0.43	18.96	213.36%	0.78	9.63%	MARKETWEIGHT
Caribbean Producers Jamaica Limited	CPJ	Q3	31-Mar-23	8.75 - 14.43	11.52	10.47	0.19%	12.94%	-9.59%	0.59	17.82	3.67	2.86	17.41%	0.06	0.59%	UNDERWEIGHT
Sector Average											13.84	2.86					
Conglomerates																	
GraceKennedy Limited	GK	Q2	30-Jun-23	70.00 - 93.49	72.25	72.60	-0.98%	-2.38%	-12.76%	7.59	9.57	76.79	0.95	10.33%	2.02	2.78%	OVERWEIGHT
Jamaica Producers Group Limited	JP	Q2	30-Jun-23	17.27 - 28.00	22.44	20.00	2.56%	7.76%	-8.88%	11.58	1.73	27.97	0.72	39.04%	0.25	1.25%	OVERWEIGHT
PanJam Investment Limited	PJAM	Q2	30-Jun-23	40.01 - 65.00	53.52	50.20	0.00%	3.02%	-12.28%	5.10	9.84	68.40	0.73	9.64%	1.41	2.80%	OVERWEIGHT
Sector Average											7.04	0.80					

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JSE Main Market																	
Real Estate																	
Kingston Properties Limited	KPREIT	Q2	30-Jun-23	5.53 - 8.50	6.58	7.44	0.00%	9.41%	-4.00%	0.68	10.99	7.88	0.94	8.81%	0.00	0.02%	MARKETWEIGHT
Pulse Investments Limited	PULS	YE	30-Jun-23	1.81 - 3.40	13.37	2.05	-3.76%	-2.38%	-35.53%	0.24	8.50	1.39	1.47	19.05%	0.00	0.00%	OVERWEIGHT
Sector Average											9.75	1.21					
Energy																	
Wigton Windfarm Limited	WIG	YE	31-Mar-23	0.51 - 0.95	7.70	0.70	-1.41%	-6.67%	-1.41%	0.03	24.95	0.40	1.74	7.17%	0.02	2.60%	OVERWEIGHT
Sector Average											24.95	1.74					
Other																	
Supreme Ventures Limited	SVL	Q2	30-Jun-23	20.00 - 31.00	71.15	26.98	3.61%	4.98%	-9.86%	1.18	22.82	1.84	14.66	68.32%	0.93	3.45%	OVERWEIGHT
Kingston Wharves Limited	KW	Q2	30-Jun-23	24.00 - 39.50	40.67	28.44	-7.90%	-5.80%	-15.41%	1.94	14.65	25.53	1.11	7.67%	0.61	2.14%	OVERWEIGHT
TransJamaican Highway Limited	TJH	Q2	30-Jun-23	1.30 - 2.95	32.63	2.61	-0.76%	-10.00%	86.43%	0.02	114.93	0.63	4.14	3.43%	0.09	3.28%	MARKETWEIGHT
Sector Average											18.74	2.63					
JSE Junior Market																	
Finance																	
Dolla Financial Services Limited	DOLLA	Q2	30-Jun-23	1.71 - 3.50	6.05	2.42	0.83%	9.01%	-15.97%	0.16	15.57	0.36	6.74	50.08%	0.00	0.00%	OVERWEIGHT
Lasco Financial Services Limited	LASF	Q1	30-Jun-23	1.61 - 3.08	2.65	2.07	15.64%	7.25%	-28.13%	0.12	17.67	1.66	1.24	7.19%	0.05	2.42%	OVERWEIGHT
Sector Average											16.62	3.99					
Manufacturing																	
Honey Bun (1982) Limited	HONBUN	Q3	30-Jun-23	5.62 - 8.39	2.96	6.28	3.80%	-1.26%	-21.40%	0.57	11.07	2.73	2.30	22.46%	0.16	2.47%	OVERWEIGHT
Lasco Manufacturing Limited	LASM	Q1	30-Jun-23	3.61 - 5.69	19.96	4.83	3.65%	-2.62%	14.45%	0.53	9.10	2.82	1.71	20.78%	0.10	2.07%	OVERWEIGHT
Lumber Depot Limited	LUMBER	Q1	31-Jul-23	1.68 - 2.98	1.77	2.50	4.60%	-1.57%	-7.06%	0.21	11.82	0.91	2.76	25.61%	0.05	2.08%	OVERWEIGHT
Spur Tree Spices Jamaica Limited	SPURTREE	Q2	30-Jun-23	1.91 - 3.80	3.76	2.24	1.82%	1.82%	-30.43%	0.04	52.82	0.45	4.99	9.73%	0.00	0.00%	MARKETWEIGHT
Sector Average											10.66	2.94					
Insurance																	
General Accident Insurance Company (Ja) Limited	GENAC	Q2	30-Jun-23	4.00 - 6.15	5.95	5.77	-0.52%	-1.03%	30.84%	0.65	8.81	3.02	1.91	23.27%	0.24	4.21%	MARKETWEIGHT
Sector Average											8.81	1.91					

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JSE Junior Market																	
Retail																	
Derrimon Trading Company Limited	DTL	Q2	30-Jun-23	1.50 - 2.42	8.43	1.86	0.00%	2.76%	-13.08%	0.11	17.42	1.45	1.28	7.67%	0.00	0.00%	MARKETWEIGHT
Express Catering Limited	ECL	Q1	31-Aug-23	3.90 - 5.95	7.68	4.69	0.00%	5.39%	-8.75%	0.27	17.08	0.65	7.18	44.76%	0.03	0.64%	OVERWEIGHT
Future Energy Source Company Limited	FESCO	Q1	30-Jun-23	3.00 - 5.51	8.93	3.57	0.85%	2.88%	-34.38%	0.23	15.45	0.58	6.11	48.48%	0.00	0.00%	OVERWEIGHT
Fontana Limited	FTNA	YE	30-Jun-23	7.02 - 13.47	14.41	11.53	1.59%	0.09%	29.12%	0.52	21.99	1.95	5.90	28.47%	0.20	1.73%	MARKETWEIGHT
FosRich Company Limited	FOSRICH	Q2	30-Jun-23	1.80 - 4.73	12.61	2.51	0.40%	10.09%	-35.81%	0.04	66.62	0.39	6.49	10.06%	0.00	0.00%	MARKETWEIGHT
Indies Pharma Jamaica Limited	INDIES	Q3	31-Jul-23	2.30 - 3.70	3.94	2.96	0.00%	0.00%	-8.36%	0.16	18.92	0.89	3.34	17.91%	0.11	3.82%	MARKETWEIGHT
Lasco Distributors Limited	LASD	Q1	30-Jun-23	2.08 - 4.95	14.66	4.18	0.24%	0.48%	61.39%	0.42	9.93	2.53	1.65	18.19%	0.09	2.15%	OVERWEIGHT
Regency Petroleum Company Limited	RPL	Q2	30-Jun-23	1.30 - 3.00	3.00	2.09	1.46%	-1.88%	31.45%	0.03	70.64	0.29	7.25	16.18%	0.00	0.00%	OVERWEIGHT
Stationery and Office Supplies Limited	SOS	Q2	30-Jun-23	1.41 - 3.89	3.94	1.75	-2.78%	2.34%	-6.91%	0.13	13.97	0.58	3.02	26.19%	0.18	10.29%	MARKETWEIGHT
Sector Average											16.40	4.69					
Other																	
Mailpac Group Limited	MAILPAC	Q1	31-Mar-23	1.60 - 2.40	5.05	2.02	-0.98%	1.00%	0.00%	0.12	16.56	0.21	9.40	53.30%	0.17	8.42%	MARKETWEIGHT
Main Events Entertainment Group Limited	MEEG	Q3	31-Jul-23	7.00 - 17.50	4.23	14.11	-2.01%	-11.76%	56.95%	0.88	16.10	2.86	4.94	34.83%	0.00	0.00%	MARKETWEIGHT
Tropical Battery Company Limited	TROPICAL	Q3	30-Jun-23	1.80 - 2.85	2.57	1.98	1.02%	3.13%	-10.41%	0.14	14.56	0.82	2.41	17.59%	0.02	1.01%	OVERWEIGHT
The Limners and Bards Limited	LAB	Q3	31-Jul-23	1.63 - 2.95	1.71	1.80	2.27%	4.65%	-34.78%	0.06	30.11	0.63	2.86	9.68%	0.09	5.02%	UNDERWEIGHT
Sector Average											19.33	4.90					
JSE USD Market																	
Finance																	
Proven Group Limited	PROVENUS	Q1	30-Jun-23	0.13 - 0.22	0.11	0.14	1.49%	0.71%	-25.25%	-0.01	N/A	0.17	0.82	-2.96%	0.01	3.68%	OVERWEIGHT
Sygnus Credit Investments Limited	SCIUSD	YE	30-Jun-23	0.08 - 0.13	0.02	0.09	-4.44%	-4.44%	-8.61%	0.02	4.07	0.29	0.30	7.48%	0.00	3.05%	OVERWEIGHT
Sector Average											4.07	0.56					
Other																	
TransJamaican Highway Limited	TJHUSD	Q2	30-Jun-23	0.01 - 0.02	0.21	0.02	4.91%	-7.07%	78.13%	0.00	116.43	0.004	4.19	3.43%	0.00	3.23%	UNDERWEIGHT
Sector Average											4.26	4.29					

Key to Analyst Recommendations

OVERWEIGHT	Security is deemed to be undervalued and is expected to outperform compared to the average market return and/or return of comparable securities in the same sector or industry with at least 10% price appreciation anticipated. The underlying company and/or relevant market conditions are expected to be favourable for the security in subsequent periods.
MARKETWEIGHT	Security is expected to provide similar returns compared to the market in general or at the same pace as comparable companies; neither strongly positive nor negative with a range of roughly -10% to 10% in expected price change.
UNDERWEIGHT	Security is deemed to be overvalued and is expected to underperform compared to the average market return and/or return of comparable securities in the same sector or industry with at least 10% downside anticipated. The underlying company and/or relevant market conditions are expected to be unfavourable for the security in subsequent periods.
ZERO WEIGHT	This security is substantially distressed or at risk of a shock which may significantly impair value.

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