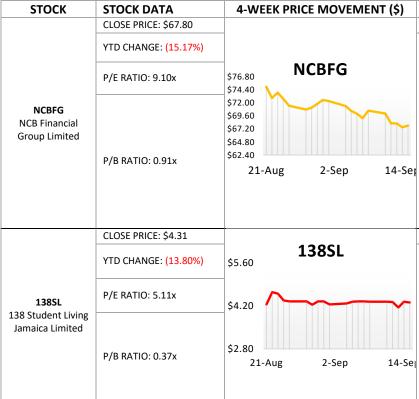
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### STOCKS IN THE NEWS

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### **RECOMMENDATION & RATIONALE**

### RECOMMENDATION: MARKETWEIGHT

The share price of NCBFG has shed 15.17% year-to-date, due to low investor sentiments and many speculations surrounding the company. Despite an increase in profit in its second quarter of the current financial year, in comparison to the first quarter, NCBFG continues to feel the effects of the ongoing economic challenges. The year-to-date profit fell almost 50% to \$13.73 billion when compared to the same period in the previous financial year. Nonetheless, NCBFG is anticipated to continue exhibiting stable growth across its banking & investment and insurance segments, which was reflected in the credit ratings upgrade to 'BB-'by S&P Global Ratings.

NCBFG announced plans of an APO, which the company intends to use the proceeds from its impending APO to clear debts, expand its footprint into new territories and help to resume dividend payments.

### RECOMMENDATION: MARKETWEIGHT

138SL was established on August 15, 2014, with the primary purpose of designing, building, and managing living facilities at the University of the West Indies (UWI), Mona Campus, under a concession agreement with UWI. Currently, 138SL is in the process of raising approximately \$2.15 billion, with the potential to increase it to \$3.225 billion through an additional public offering that began on September 8. The offering has a reserved price of \$4.05 and a non-reserved price of \$4.40. The company intends to use the capital raised to reduce its existing debt of \$4.20 billion, as well as to support various other initiatives and improve cash flow, enabling more regular dividend payouts.



## **TOP 5 PICKS FOR 2023**

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STOCK	STOCK DATA	4-WEEK PRICE MOVEMENT (\$)	RECOMMENDATION & RATIONALE								
	CLOSE PRICE: \$28.10		RECOMMENDATION: OVERWEIGHT								
	YTD CHANGE: (14.72%)	JMMBGL \$30.60	JMMBGL is now reaping the benefits of its strategies to diversify revenue, b organically and through acquisitions. In the quarter ending June 2023, despending economic conditions, the company achieved a 1% revenue grow								
	P/E RATIO: N/A	Ann an	challenging economic conditions, the company achieved a 1% revenue growth, and its profit surged to \$2.55 billion, a significant improvement compared to the								
JMMBGL JMMB Group Limited	P/B RATIO: 1.00x	\$27.00 \$25.20 21-Aug 2-Sep 14-Se <sub>1</sub>	net loss of \$2.18 billion in the same period last year. The company has plans for further geographical expansion and product diversification. Moreover, JMMBGL intends to launch its previously announced share buyback program, which will reduce the number of outstanding shares, expected to enhance the stock's performance. In the meantime, current shareholders can expect an interim dividend of \$0.0025 per ordinary share.								
	CLOSE PRICE: \$19.31		RECOMMENDATION: OVERWEIGHT								
	YTD CHANGE: (12.03%)	<b>JP</b> \$20.50	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								
<b>JP</b> Jamaica	P/E RATIO: 1.67x	\$19.80	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								
Jamaica Producers Group Limited	P/B RATIO: 0.69x	\$18.40 \$17.70 \$17.00 21-Aug 2-Sep 14-Se <sub>1</sub>	by almost 8 times in its second quarter ended June 30, 2023. JP remains fo on implementing efficiency-improving initiatives, particularly in its log operations. The company is well-prepared to pursue potential acquisition other growth opportunities because it is well-capitalized and holds a sposition in terms of liquidity.								
	CLOSE PRICE: \$2.19		RECOMMENDATION: OVERWEIGHT								
	YTD CHANGE: 37.74%	\$2.70 <b>RPL</b>	RPL remains susceptible to the volatility of oil prices, but it's putting a significant focus on growing product sales volume. The company has faced higher costs								
<b>RPL</b> Regency	P/E RATIO: 74.02x	\$2.40	driven by inflation and listing expenses, resulting in a 35.64% decrease in ne								
Petroleum Company Limited	P/B RATIO: 7.60x	\$2.10 \$1.80 21-Aug 2-Sep 14-Sep	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 has aspirations to extend its LPG operations to different regions while striving to become a multinational corporation.								
	CLOSE PRICE: \$1.90		RECOMMENDATION: OVERWEIGHT								
	YTD CHANGE: (14.03%)	TROPICAL \$2.20	TROPICAL derives around 80% of its income from traditional battery sales a holds about 65% of the market share in Jamaica. The company has adopted								
TROPICAL Tropical Battery	P/E RATIO: 14.04x	\$2.00	growth strategy to diversify into new product categories in the renewable energy and electric vehicle sectors. The Company's new inventory management system promises to improve operational efficiency and thereby profitability. With its								
Company Limited	P/B RATIO: 2.33x	\$1.80 21-Aug 2-Sep 14-Sep	current energy-saving joint venture with CAC 2000 Limited, ENRVATE, as well as the formation three new subsidiaries, namely Tropical Energy, Tropical Finance and Tropical Mobility the Company is well positioned for robust growth in the long-term surpass industry-average growth rates in the upcoming years.								
	CLOSE PRICE: \$0.69	VIII.0	RECOMMENDATION: OVERWEIGHT								
	YTD CHANGE: (2.82%)	\$0.88 <b>WIG</b>	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								
<b>WIG</b> Wigton Windfarm Limited	P/E RATIO: 24.95x	\$0.72 \$0.64	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								
	P/B RATIO: 1.74x	\$0.56 \$0.48 \$0.40 21-Aug 2-Sep 14-Sep	position to improve on its earnings and cash balance over the long-ter Company is also expected to benefit from the Ministry of Science, Ener Technology's Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) to procure up to 500MW of el energy by 2025. Additionally, the 10% limitation on shareholding should e 2024 which would lead to an increase in demand or ownership by pensior institutional investors and high network clients as WIG pays stable dividen								



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				(\$)	(J\$ Billion)	Price (Ś)	1 Day	Weekly	YTD	(\$)	Ratio (X)	(\$)	Ratio (X)	TTM	(\$)	(%)	
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Finance																	
Barita Investments Limited	BIL	Q3	31-Mar-23	73.50 - 115.05	93.47	78.10	0.23%	-1.05%	-22.90%	2.90	26.92	29.67	2.63	9.53%	3.03	3.87%	MARKETWEIGHT
JMMB Group Limited	JMMBGL	Q1	30-Jun-23	25.01 - 43.49	54.33	27.78	0.25%	-1.73%	-15.69%	8.03	3.46	27.77	1.00	30.97%	0.50	1.80%	OVERWEIGHT
Jamaica Stock Exchange Limited	JSE	Q2	30-Jun-23	8.25 - 17.98	6.80	9.70	0.00%	-3.00%	-37.62%	0.64	15.25	3.36	2.88	20.70%	0.44	4.48%	OVERWEIGHT
NCB Financial Group Limited	NCBFG	Q3	30-Jun-23	55.00 - 90.01	167.25	67.80	0.46%	-3.88%	-15.17%	7.45	9.10	74.57	0.91	11.12%	0.00	0.00%	MARKETWEIGHT
Proven Group Limited JMD	PROVENJA	Q1	30-Jun-23	20.00 - 32.50	17.91	22.34	0.77%	1.50%	-20.44%	-0.74	N/A	25.60	0.87	-2.96%	0.81	3.63%	OVERWEIGHT
Sygnus Credit Investments Limited	SCIJMD	YE	30-Jun-23	10.67 - 16.37	3.94	11.30	0.44%	0.53%	-10.81%	2.28	4.96	30.99	0.36	7.48%	0.41	3.59%	OVERWEIGHT
Scotia Group Jamaica Limited	SGJ		31-Jul-23	30.00 - 36.99	102.84	33.05	-2.54%	-1.17%	-3.45%	5.50	6.00	36.58	0.90	15.48%	1.40	4.24%	MARKETWEIGHT
•	SJ	Q3			172.32	44.12	-0.83%	-1.17%		4.76		22.34					
Sagicor Group Jamaica Limited Victoria Mutual Investments Limited	VMIL	Q2 Q2	30-Jun-23 30-Jun-23	43.98 - 59.42 2.70 - 5.21	4.53	3.02	0.33%	-1.58% 5.96%	-22.47% -24.88%	0.31	9.27 9.60	22.34	1.98 1.50	22.73% 16.19%	1.60 0.00	3.63% 0.00%	OVERWEIGHT
Sector Average	VIVIIL	ŲΖ	30-Juli-23	2.70 - 5.21	4.55	5.02	0.55%	5.90%	-24.00%	0.51	9.00 <b>8.23</b>	2.01	1.45	10.15%	0.00	0.00%	-
Manufacturing											0.23		1143				
Caribbean Cement Company Limited	ccc	Q2	30-Jun-23	45.10 - 63.50	40.63	47.74	0.70%	-6.10%	-21.06%	5.62	8.49	26.36	1.81	23.20%	0.00	0.00%	OVERWEIGHT
Jamaica Broilers Group Limited	JBG	Q1	29-Jul-23	26.00 - 39.99	38.81	32.36	1.13%	1.31%	4.39%	3.85	8.40	22.35	1.45	17.73%	0.67	2.07%	OVERWEIGHT
Seprod Limited	SEP	Q2	30-Jun-23	60.50 - 80.00	49.76	67.83	-2.39%	-1.95%	-4.46%	4.58	14.80	40.82	1.66	11.70%	1.50	2.21%	MARKETWEIGHT
Wisynco Group Limited	WISYNCO	YE	30-Jun-23	16.00 - 20.00	65.21	17.39	-3.39%	-0.91%	-1.58%	1.31	13.25	5.63	3.09	25.27%	0.40	2.30%	OVERWEIGHT
Sector Average											11.23		2.00				
Communication																	
Radio Jamaica Limited	RJR	Q1	30-Jun-23	1.38 - 2.60	3.85	1.59	6.00%	13.57%	-31.47%	0.08	19.06	1.89	0.84	4.39%	0.02	1.26%	OVERWEIGHT
Sector Average											19.06		0.84				
Retail																	
Carreras Limited	CAR	Q1	30-Jun-23	7.80 - 9.50	39.32	8.10	0.00%	-1.22%	-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 - 14.49	10.89	9.90	0.51%	0.51%	-14.51%	0.59	16.85	3.67	2.70	17.41%	0.07	0.66%	UNDERWEIGHT
Sector Average											13.35		2.70				
Conglomerates																	
GraceKennedy Limited	GK	Q2	30-Jun-23	70.00 - 94.50	71.62	71.97	1.54%	1.98%	-13.52%	7.59	9.49	76.79	0.94	10.33%	2.02	2.81%	OVERWEIGHT
Jamaica Producers Group Limited	JP	Q2	30-Jun-23	17.10 - 28.00	21.67	19.31	-4.17%	3.65%	-12.03%	11.58	1.67	27.97	0.69	39.04%	0.25	1.29%	OVERWEIGHT
PanJam Investment Limited	PJAM	Q2	30-Jun-23	40.01 - 65.00	45.17	42.37	-6.39%	-4.85%	-25.97%	5.10	8.30	68.40	0.62	9.64%	1.41	3.32%	OVERWEIGHT
Sector Average											6.49		0.75				



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						•	JSE Main Mai	ket									
Real Estate																	
Kingston Properties Limited	KPREIT	Q2	30-Jun-23	5.53 - 8.50	6.46	7.30	0.00%	10.94%	-5.81%	0.68	10.78	7.88	0.93	8.81%	0.00	0.02%	MARKETWEIGHT
Pulse Investments Limited	PULS	Q3	31-Mar-23	2.00 - 4.06	14.35	2.20	-4.35%	-5.17%	-30.82%	0.34	6.46	1.42	1.55	27.47%	0.00	0.00%	OVERWEIGHT
Sector Average											8.62		1.24				
Energy																	
Wigton Windfarm Limited	WIG	YE	31-Mar-23	0.51 - 0.95	7.70	0.70	1.45%	-5.41%	-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	71.23	27.01	-0.18%	0.71%	-9.76%	1.18	22.85	1.84	14.67	68.32%	0.93	3.44%	OVERWEIGHT
Kingston Wharves Limited	KW	Q2	30-Jun-23	26.01 - 44.00	38.64	27.02	0.00%	-3.67%	-19.63%	1.94	13.92	25.53	1.06	7.67%	0.61	2.26%	OVERWEIGHT
TransJamaican Highway Limited	TJH	Q2	30-Jun-23	1.30 - 2.88	32.88	2.63	-0.38%	1.15%	87.86%	0.02	115.81	0.63	4.17	3.43%	0.09	3.25%	MARKETWEIGHT
Sector Average											18.38		2.61				
						J	SE Junior Ma	rket									
Finance																	
Dolla Financial Services Limited	DOLLA	Q2	30-Jun-23	1.71 - 3.50	5.85	2.34	-2.09%	-4.49%	-18.75%	0.16	15.06	0.36	6.51	50.08%	0.00	0.00%	OVERWEIGHT
Lasco Financial Services Limited	LASF	Q1	30-Jun-23	1.70 - 3.08	2.43	1.90	8.57%	4.40%	-34.03%	0.12	16.22	1.66	1.14	7.19%	0.05	2.63%	OVERWEIGHT
Sector Average											15.64		3.83				
Manufacturing																	
Honey Bun (1982) Limited	HONBUN	Q3	30-Jun-23	5.62 - 8.90	3.20	6.78	1.04%	2.73%	-15.14%	0.57	11.95	2.73	2.48	22.46%	0.16	2.29%	OVERWEIGHT
Lasco Manufacturing Limited	LASM	Q1	30-Jun-23	3.61 - 5.69	21.66	5.24	0.77%	-1.50%	24.17%	0.53	9.87	2.82	1.86	20.78%	0.10	1.91%	OVERWEIGHT
Lumber Depot Limited	LUMBER	Q1	31-Jul-23	1.68 - 3.00	1.41	1.99	8.15%	-4.33%	-26.02%	0.21	9.41	0.91	2.20	25.61%	0.05	2.61%	OVERWEIGHT
Spur Tree Spices Jamaica Limited	SPURTREE	Q2	30-Jun-23	1.91 - 3.94	3.44	2.05	0.49%	-3.76%	-36.34%	0.04	48.34	0.45	4.57	9.73%	0.00	0.00%	MARKETWEIGHT
Sector Average											10.41		2.78				
Insurance																	
General Accident Insurance Company (Ja) Limited	GENAC	Q2	30-Jun-23	4.00 - 6.15	4.69	4.55	-6.19%	-7.89%	3.17%	0.65	6.95	3.02	1.51	23.27%	0.24	5.34%	MARKETWEIGHT
Sector Average											6.95		1.51				



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						J;	SE Junior Ma	arket									
Retail																	
Derrimon Trading Company Limited	DTL	Q2	30-Jun-23	1.56 - 2.42	9.02	1.99	0.00%	8.74%	-7.01%	0.11	18.63	1.45	1.37	7.67%	0.00	0.00%	MARKETWEIGHT
Express Catering Limited	ECL	YE	31-May-23	3.90 - 5.95	7.86	4.80	-0.41%	8.60%	-6.61%	0.26	18.67	0.57	8.35	57.63%	0.03	0.64%	OVERWEIGHT
Future Energy Source Company Limited	FESCO	Q1	30-Jun-23	3.00 - 6.10	8.13	3.25	-1.52%	-0.31%	-40.26%	0.23	14.07	0.58	5.57	48.48%	0.00	0.00%	OVERWEIGHT
Fontana Limited	FTNA	YE	30-Jun-23	7.02 - 13.47	13.11	10.49	-0.38%	-0.94%	17.47%	0.52	20.00	1.95	5.37	28.47%	0.20	1.91%	OVERWEIGHT
FosRich Company Limited	FOSRICH	Q2	30-Jun-23	1.80 - 4.73	10.30	2.05	5.13%	0.49%	-47.57%	0.04	54.41	0.39	5.30	10.06%	0.00	0.00%	MARKETWEIGHT
Indies Pharma Jamaica Limited	INDIES	Q3	31-Jul-23	2.30 - 3.70	4.00	3.00	0.00%	-4.46%	<b>-7.12</b> %	0.16	19.18	0.89	3.38	17.91%	0.11	3.77%	MARKETWEIGHT
Lasco Distributors Limited	LASD	Q1	30-Jun-23	2.08 - 4.95	15.82	4.51	1.58%	2.73%	74.13%	0.42	10.71	2.53	1.78	18.19%	0.09	2.00%	MARKETWEIGHT
Regency Petroleum Company Limited	RPL	Q2	30-Jun-23	1.30 - 3.00	3.14	2.19	0.92%	-1.79%	37.74%	0.03	74.02	0.29	7.60	16.18%	0.00	0.00%	OVERWEIGHT
Stationery and Office Supplies Limited	sos	Q2	30-Jun-23	1.41 - 3.89	3.96	1.76	0.57%	3.53%	-6.38%	0.13	14.05	0.58	3.04	26.19%	0.18	10.23%	MARKETWEIGHT
Sector Average											16.47		4.64				
Other																	
Mailpac Group Limited	MAILPAC	Q1	31-Mar-23	1.60 - 2.50	4.68	1.87	0.54%	1.08%	-7.43%	0.12	15.33	0.21	8.70	53.30%	0.17	9.09%	MARKETWEIGHT
Main Events Entertainment Group Limited	MEEG	Q3	31-Jul-23	5.00 - 17.50	4.57	15.24	4.96%	-7.64%	69.52%	0.88	17.38	2.86	5.34	34.83%	0.00	0.00%	MARKETWEIGHT
Tropical Battery Company Limited	TROPICAL	Q3	30-Jun-23	1.80 - 2.85	2.48	1.91	-3.05%	-2.05%	-13.57%	0.14	14.04	0.82	2.33	17.59%	0.02	1.05%	OVERWEIGHT
The Limners and Bards Limited	LAB	Q3	31-Jul-23	1.63 - 3.00	1.61	1.70	0.00%	-12.82%	-38.41%	0.06	28.44	0.63	2.70	9.68%	0.09	5.32%	MARKETWEIGHT
Sector Average											18.80		4.77				
						,	ISE USD Mar	rket									
Finance																	
Proven Group Limited	PROVEN	Q1	30-Jun-23	0.13 - 0.23	0.11	0.15	0.00%	0.68%	-21.95%	-0.01	N/A	0.17	0.85	-2.96%	0.01	3.52%	OVERWEIGHT
Sygnus Credit Investments Limited	SCIUSD	YE	30-Jun-23	0.08 - 0.13	0.02	0.09	0.00%	0.11%	-3.29%	0.02	4.30	0.29	0.32	7.48%	0.00	2.88%	OVERWEIGHT
Sector Average											4.30		0.58				
Other																	
TransJamaican Highway Limited	TJHUSD	Q2	30-Jun-23	0.01 - 0.02	0.20	0.02	-4.14%	-3.57%	68.75%	0.00	110.30	0.004	3.97	3.43%	0.00	3.41%	UNDERWEIGHT
Sector Average											4.30		3.97				



# 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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