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## STOCKS IN THE NEWS

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STOCK	STOCK DATA	4-WEEK PRICE MOVEMENT (\$)	R									
	CLOSE PRICE: \$7.66		R									
	YTD CHANGE: 70.60%											
		LASM	g									
	P/E RATIO: 12.38x	\$7.60	а									
	,	\$7.40	t									
LASM		\$7.20 \$7.00	n									
LASCO		\$6.80	n									
Manufacturing		\$6.60	t									
Limited		\$6.40	n									
	P/B RATIO: 2.31x	\$6.20	С									
		\$6.00	u									
		1-Oct 11-Oct 21-Oct 31-Oct	ir									
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	CLOSE PRICE: \$37.03		R									
JBG	YTD CHANGE: 8.43%	JBG										
		\$42.00	٧									
	P/E RATIO: 7.46x	\$37.00	р									
		\$32.00	S									
		\$27.00	is									
Jamaica Broilers		\$22.00 \$17.00	g									
Group Limited		\$17.00	v									
	P/B RATIO: 1.39x	\$7.00	е									
		\$2.00	S									
		1-Oct 11-Oct 21-Oct 31-Oct	t									
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	CLOSE PRICE: \$1.04	OMNI	R									
	YTD CHANGE: 4.00%	\$1.10	C									
		\$1.08	ir									
	P/E RATIO: 5.14x	A // A	t									
OMNI		\$1.06	ir T									
Omni Industries		\$1.04	T									
Limited		\$1.02	C									
	D/D DATIO : 55	\$1.00	t									
	P/B RATIO: 1.08x		S									
		\$0.98 1-Oct 11-Oct 21-Oct 31-Oc										

#### RECOMMENDATION & RATIONALE

RECOMMENDATION: MARKETWEIGHT

Lasco Manufacturing (LASM) is navigating a complex environment of global supply chain disruptions, marked by rising costs, shipment delays, and raw material shortages. Despite these challenges, the company has taken proactive measures, including expanding inventory and supplier networks, to mitigate risks. On the growth front, LASM is finalizing a major US retail distribution deal and aims to increase exports to 15% of total revenue by focusing on non-liquid products like plant-based nutrition drinks. Investments in a new production line, set to increase capacity by 40% by 2025, and exploration of international partnerships underline the company's commitment to long-term growth. While these initiatives demonstrate growth potential, near-term cost pressures and uncertainties temper the immediate outlook, requiring cautious optimism from investors.

## RECOMMENDATION: OVERWEIGHT

Jamaica Broilers Group (JBG) has entered the canned goods market with Vienna sausages under its Best Dressed Chicken brand, diversifying its product offerings to meet the growing demand for ready-to-eat, shelf-stable meals. The demand has exceeded expectations, and production is set to double by 2028. The company is also seeing strong export growth and success with processed poultry products and partnerships with KFC and Popeyes. Operational improvements, such as plant expansions, support this strategy. While the Jamaican segment saw a slight decline in Q1 2024, JBG's US market remains stable, positioning the company for growth. For investors, this expansion into new markets and operational efficiency present long-term opportunities, though short-term local challenges may persist.

## RECOMMENDATION: OVERWEIGHT

Omni Industries, a thermoplastics manufacturer, is investing \$40 million in advanced manufacturing technology to boost growth. This state-of-the-art injection molding machine will revolutionize production, increasing efficiency, reducing costs, and expanding product offerings. This investment will help Omni meet rising demand for agricultural crates, household items, and industrial packaging solutions. By adapting to market dynamics, Omni aims for sustainable growth and exceptional customer value. This strategic move is expected to increase profitability, strengthen market position, attract new investors and, ultimately, benefit shareholders.

## **TOP 5 PICKS FOR 2024**

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STOCK	STOCK DATA	4-WEEK PRICE MOVEMENT (\$)	RECOMMENDATION & RATIONALE									
	CLOSE PRICE: \$84.55		RECOMMENDATION: OVERWEIGHT									
	YTD CHANGE: 6.10%		In 2023, Seprod Ltd. achieved significant growth, with revenue up 44 and net profit surging 86.83% to \$5.45 billion, driven by its partnersh									
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	P/E RATIO: 22.10x	<b>SEP</b> \$86.00	with Upfield Holdings B.V. and the integration of A.S. Bryden Holdings									
		\$85.00	Limited (ASBH). For the first three quarters of 2024, revenue rose 14%, but net profit declined 16% to \$2.97 billion, attributed to the post-									
		\$84.00	Hurricane Beryl economic slowdown, a U.S. travel advisory reducing									
SEP		\$83.00	hotel occupancy, and a 44% drop in profits from its Trinidad subsidiary,									
Seprod Limited		\$82.00	which had one-off gains in 2023. The 44.8% acquisition of Caribbean									
		\$81.00	Producers (CPJ) bolstered Seprod's hospitality presence, while ASBH's									
	P/B RATIO: 2.10x	\$80.00	Barbados expansion and a planned 40% export growth remain key									
		\$79.00 \$78.00	drivers. A US\$6 million investment in the Bog Walk facility, boosting									
		\$77.00	production by 300%, underscores Seprod's strategy for Caribbean									
		1-Oct 11-Oct 21-Oct 31-Oc	market leadership. These initiatives position Seprod for strong regional									
			growth.									
	CLOSE PRICE: \$8.15		RECOMMENDATION: OVERWEIGHT									
	YTD CHANGE: (18.58%)	_	Fontana Pharmacy (FTNA) is a 55-year-old Jamaican chain with seven									
	P/E RATIO: 17.26x	<b>FTNA</b> \$8.60	locations, which provide several product offerings to include cosmetics, household essentials, and school supplies, along v									
		\$6.00	pharmeceutical products. On July 9 <sup>th</sup> , the company's Board declared									
		\$8.40	\$0.25 per share dividend, following a \$0.10 payout in January. For the									
		\$8.20	FY ended June 2024, FTNA's revenue increased by 11.04% to \$8.13									
FTNA	P/B RATIO: 3.50x	\$8.00	billion, while net profit fell by 9.98% to \$589.78 million, primarily d									
Fontana Limited			to a rise in administrative expenses associated with increased customer									
		\$7.80	service training, insurance rates, and security costs. Despite a \$40.05									
		\$7.60	million tax charge resulting from surpassing the JSE's 5-year listing									
		\$7.40	mark, FTNA remains well-positioned to manage its tax obligations. Total assets grew to \$5.7 billion, with liabilities increasing by 3.05% primarily									
		1-Oct 11-Oct 21-Oct 31-Oc	due to a \$57 million rise in non-current portion of lease liabiltiy. In early									
			2024, FTNA launched a customer service training initiative and									
			continued website upgrades to enhance customer experience an									
			online sales.									
	CLOSE PRICE: \$3.46	_	RECOMMENDATION: OVERWEIGHT									
	VTD CHANGE: 27 600/		TJH, the concessionaire for Highway 2000 East-West, operates under a									
	YTD CHANGE: 27.68%		35-year agreement with NROCC, managing the highway's development									
	D/F DATIO: 10 27::	тјн	and maintenance. Revenue prospects are promising with the addition of the new May Pen-Williamsfield toll plaza, increasing traffic at existing									
	P/E RATIO: 10.27x	- \$3.45	plazas, and a planned Rubis Energy gas station on the Portmore leg by									
		\$3.40	2025, expected to drive further highway usage. On September 11, 2024,									
		/	TJH declared a dividend of 9.52 cents per share, lower than the 18.66									
<b>TJH</b> TransJamaican		\$3.35	cents paid in 2023 but slightly higher than dividends in earlier years.									
Highway		\$3.30	Cost reductions from the 2022 acquisition of Jamaican Infrastructure									
Limited		\$3.25	Operator (JIO) supported a record US\$23.97 million profit in 2023, and									
	P/B RATIO: 4.98x	\$3.20	profits rose 26% year-to-date in Q2 2024 to US\$13.9 million, driven by increased revenues and lower finance costs. Additionally, as Kingston's									
		\$3.15 1-Oct 11-Oct 21-Oct 31-Oc										
			Catherine, Clarendon, and Manchester more attractive, TJH is well-									
			positioned to capitalize on growing demand, with these developments									
			indicating further growth potential.									

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### RECOMMENDATION: MARKETWEIGHT



WISYNCO specializes in bottling and distributing beverages, manufacturing disposable products for various industries, and distributing food items. For the fiscal year ended June 2024, revenue increased by 11% to \$54.27 billion, driving a 5.9% rise in net profit to \$5.19 billion. The company completed a significant \$7 billion expansion, commissioning new beverage and water production lines that boosted capacity by 50%, with additional lines expected to become operational by early 2025. Export sales grew by 25% in Q4, driven by demand from the U.S., U.K., and Caribbean markets. WISYNCO remains focused on meeting rising demand locally and internationally, positioning itself for further revenue and profit growth. While higher operating expenses from the expansion pressured margins, the company's robust performance and increased capacity support a positive outlook. Effective cost management as operations scale will be vital for sustaining financial success.

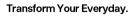
## RECOMMENDATION: OVERWEIGHT

Wigton Windfarm Ltd. (WIG), now rebranded as Wigton Energy, is wellpositioned to capitalize on Jamaica's Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), which targets 500MW of renewable energy by 2025. The company has strategically diversified beyond wind energy into solar projects, securing a US\$7.78 million contract with MBJ Airports Limited for a 6 MWac solar photovoltaic system and reaching the pre-award bid stage for a 49.83 MW solar project in collaboration with SunTerra Energy. Wigton is also driving accessibility to renewable energy through solar leasing initiatives, such as projects with Jamaica Inn and Carreras, and received a new generation licence to repower Phase I, adding 20.7 MW of capacity. For Q1 2024, Wigton demonstrated strong financial performance, with a 15% revenue increase to \$712.15 million and a 143% surge in net profit to \$165.81 million, boosted by a 24% rise in wind turbine production and lower finance costs. With plans to remove the 10% ownership cap to attract greater stock demand, explore electric vehicle opportunities, and actively support Jamaica's goal of achieving 50% renewable energy by 2030, Wigton Energy's diversification efforts and operational achievements position it strongly for future growth. While its robust strategy supports an overweight recommendation, careful monitoring of revenue trends remains critical.

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
				(\$)	(J\$ Billion)	Price (\$)	1 Day	Weekly	YTD	(\$)	Ratio (X)	(\$)	Ratio (X)	TTM	(\$)	(%)	
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Finance																	
Barita Investments Limited	BIL	Q3	30-Jun-24	69.90 - 81.00	88.42	73.88	1.16%	-1.64%	-0.23%	2.69	27.47	30.24	2.44	8.98%	0.00	0.00%	MARKETWEIGHT
JMMB Group Limited	JMMBGL	Q1	30-Jun-24	20.00 - 28.24	45.80	23.42	-0.34%	-2.13%	-9.65%	3.83	6.11	25.99	0.90	14.03%	0.25	1.07%	OVERWEIGHT
Jamaica Stock Exchange Limited	JSE	Q2	30-Jun-24	8.45 - 12.95	7.84	11.18	-1.06%	4.00%	11.69%	0.52	21.60	3.70	3.02	14.66%	0.13	1.14%	MARKETWEIGHT
NCB Financial Group Limited	NCBFG	Q3	30-Jun-24	49.00 - 74.00	126.57	51.31	-0.93%	-1.29%	-22.47%	8.31	6.17	65.32	0.79	13.39%	0.00	0.00%	OVERWEIGHT
Proven Group Limited JMD	PROVENJA	Q1	30-Jun-24	13.91 - 27.00	15.36	19.16	-2.79%	-4.20%	-14.84%	1.29	14.84	20.04	0.96	6.42%	0.85	4.45%	OVERWEIGHT
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Sygnus Credit Investments Limited	SCIJMD	YE	30-Jun-24	10.00 - 12.98	4.12	11.82	-0.25%	0.34%	8.54%	2.71	4.36	32.45	0.36	8.49%	0.69	5.85%	OVERWEIGHT
Scotia Group Jamaica Limited	SGJ	Q3	31-Jul-24	32.26 - 47.44	142.45	45.78	-1.99%	1.22%	19.37%	6.00	7.63	42.41	1.08	15.27%	1.35	2.95%	MARKETWEIGHT
Sagicor Group Jamaica Limited	SJ	Q2	30-Jun-24	36.00 - 49.50	154.98	39.68	0.33%	-0.80%	-16.90%	3.24	12.24	25.23	1.57	13.32%	1.23	3.09%	OVERWEIGHT
Victoria Mutual Investments Limited	VMIL	Q2	30-Jun-24	2.35 - 3.58	3.89	2.59	0.78%	0.39%	-5.82%	0.47	5.56	2.95	0.88	18.66%	0.00	0.00%	-
Sector Average Manufacturing											9.81		1.33				
A.S. Bryden & Sons Holdings Ltd.	ASBH	Q2	30-Jun-24	28.01 - 45.00	47.25	34.00	0.00%	0.00%	2.69%	0.08	436.02	0.48	70.28	17.14%	0.00	0.00%	MARKETWEIGHT
Caribbean Cement Company Limited	CCC	Q3	30-Sep-24	49.46 - 75.00	59.72	70.17	-2.43%	-4.89%	21.70%	7.17	9.79	32.16	2.18	24.34%	1.90	2.70%	OVERWEIGHT
Jamaica Broilers Group Limited	JBG	Q1	27-Jul-24	30.00 - 40.00	44.43	37.05	0.95%	0.05%	8.49%	4.96	7.47	26.62	1.39	20.27%	0.86	2.32%	OVERWEIGHT
Seprod Limited	SEP	Q2	30-Jun-24	65.00 - 90.00	61.43	83.74	-0.32%	-0.96%	5.08%	3.83	21.89	40.21	2.08	10.07%	1.65	1.97%	OVERWEIGHT
Wisynco Group Limited	WISYNCO	Q1	30-Sep-24	19.00 - 23.00	80.70	21.52	-0.97%	-2.09%	0.09%	1.37	15.70	7.01	3.07	20.99%	0.45	2.09%	OVERWEIGHT
Sector Average											13.71		2.18				
Communication																	
Radio Jamaica Limited	RJR	Q1	30-Jun-24	0.80 - 2.09	3.03	1.25	0.00%	0.00%	-35.57%	-0.27	N/A	1.64	0.76	-16.33%	0.02	1.28%	MARKETWEIGHT
Sector Average											0.00		0.76				
Retail																	
Carreras Limited	CAR	Q2	30-Jun-24	8.00 - 12.00	56.89	11.72	0.34%	6.64%	42.06%	0.73	15.98	0.51	23.13	157.03%	0.86	7.34%	MARKETWEIGHT
Caribbean Producers Jamaica Limited	СРЈ	YE	30-Jun-24	8.00 - 13.89	9.90	9.00	1.35%	0.67%	2.97%	0.95	9.51	5.07	1.78	20.60%	0.06	0.63%	OVERWEIGHT
Sector Average				1							12.75		12.45				
Conglomerates																	
GraceKennedy Limited	GK	Q3	30-Sep-24	60.00 - 82.90	73.67	74.03	-0.30%	-0.27%	-6.79%	8.48	8.73	85.62	0.86	10.36%	2.17	2.93%	OVERWEIGHT
Jamaica Producers Group Limited	JP	Q2	30-Jun-24	18.01 - 27.45	24.66	21.98	0.37%	4.02%	-0.09%	3.73	5.89	32.75	0.67	12.28%	0.30	1.36%	OVERWEIGHT
PanJam Investment Limited	PJAM	Q2	30-Jun-24	42.72 - 53.99	50.13	47.02	-5.01%	-5.05%	-2.33%	3.07	15.32	72.11	0.65	4.36%	0.55	1.17%	OVERWEIGHT
Sector Average											9.98		0.73				
Real Estate																	

Kingston Properties Limited	KPREIT	Q2	30-Jun-24	6.50 - 10.00	8.49	9.60	0.00%	1.27%	23.08%	0.87	11.03	8.65	1.11	10.47%	0.00	0.02%	UNDERWEIGHT
Pulse Investments Limited	PULS	Q3	31-Mar-24	1.13 - 2.30	9.72	1.49	-1.32%	-7.45%	-28.02%	0.20	7.48	1.62	0.92	13.11%	0.00	0.00%	OVERWEIGHT
Sector Average											9.25		1.01				
Energy																	
Wigton Windfarm Limited	WIG	Q2	1-Nov-24	0.65 - 1.29	12.10	1.10	2.80%	0.92%	39.24%	0.06	18.77	0.49	2.24	12.47%	0.02	1.65%	OVERWEIGHT
Sector Average											18.77		2.24				
Other																	
Supreme Ventures Limited	SVL	Q3	30-Sep-24	20.00 - 28.50	57.54	21.82	2.68%	-0.37%	-19.48%	0.78	28.08	1.71	12.75	41.90%	0.94	4.30%	OVERWEIGHT
Kingston Wharves Limited	KW	Q2	30-Jun-24	24.01 - 35.23	41.58	29.07	-3.00%	3.97%	7.67%	2.22	13.10	32.91	0.88	7.60%	0.68	2.34%	OVERWEIGHT
TransJamaican Highway Limited	HLT	Q3	30-Sep-24	2.52 - 3.73	45.13	3.61	0.56%	4.34%	33.21%	0.36	9.98	0.71	5.08	57.92%	0.37	10.34%	OVERWEIGHT
Sector Average											17.05		6.24				
Main Market Average								•			11.42		3.37				
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Finance																	
Dolla Financial Services Limited	DOLLA	Q3	30-Sep-24	2.20 - 3.69	8.70	3.48	1.75%	3.57%	28.41%	0.17	20.20	0.42	8.29	43.35%	0.07	1.90%	MARKETWEIGHT
Lasco Financial Services Limited	LASF	Q2	30-Sep-24	1.35 - 2.32	2.37	1.85	0.00%	0.00%	-3.65%	0.09	20.57	1.78	1.04	5.18%	0.00	0.00%	OVERWEIGHT
Sector Average											20.39		4.66				
Manufacturing																	
Honey Bun (1982) Limited	HONBUN	Q3	30-Jun-24	5.67 - 8.99	4.07	8.64	0.12%	-0.69%	35.00%	0.58	15.02	3.34	2.59	18.27%	0.16	1.85%	OVERWEIGHT
Lasco Manufacturing Limited	LASM	Q2	30-Sep-24	4.12 - 9.00	31.99	7.74	-1.02%	1.04%	72.38%	0.61	12.69	3.30	2.34	19.85%	0.12	1.55%	UNDERWEIGHT
Lumber Depot Limited	LUMBER	Q1	31-Jul-24	2.20 - 2.99	1.91	2.70	-3.23%	-3.57%	7.14%	0.19	14.07	1.03	2.63	19.87%	0.07	2.67%	MARKETWEIGHT
Spur Tree Spices Jamaica Limited	SPURTREE	Q2	30-Jun-24	1.57 - 3.33	3.19	1.90	-2.06%	2.15%	-37.09%	0.05	39.26	0.48	3.94	10.40%	0.00	0.00%	MARKETWEIGHT
Sector Average											13.93		2.52				
Insurance																	
General Accident Insurance Company (Ja) Limited	GENAC	Q2	30-Jun-24	4.41 - 8.01	6.96	6.75	26.40%	0.90%	39.18%	0.40	16.78	3.64	1.85	12.07%	0.20	2.91%	MARKETWEIGHT
Sector Average											16.78		1.85				
Retail																	
Derrimon Trading Company Limited	DTL	Q2	30-Jun-24	1.52 - 2.30	8.66	1.91	0.00%	-9.05%	3.24%	0.02	103.68	1.48	1.29	1.28%	0.00	0.00%	OVERWEIGHT
Express Catering Limited	ECL	Q1	31-Aug-24	3.00 - 5.13	5.31	3.24	4.18%	-1.22%	-19.00%	0.15	21.32	0.77	4.22	20.44%	0.02	0.62%	OVERWEIGHT
Future Energy Source Company Limited	FESCO	Q1	30-Jun-24	2.50 - 4.23	9.13	3.65	0.83%	-2.41%	-4.70%	0.18	20.58	0.96	3.79	19.02%	0.00	0.00%	OVERWEIGHT
Fontana Limited	FTNA	YE	30-Jun-24	7.20 - 11.56	9.97	7.98	-0.62%	-2.09%	-20.28%	0.47	16.90	2.33	3.43	22.05%	0.20	2.51%	OVERWEIGHT
FosRich Company Limited	FOSRICH	Q2	30-Jun-24	2.00 - 2.60	11.25	2.24	0.00%	0.45%	-10.40%	0.03	74.70	0.42	5.32	7.42%	0.02	0.94%	MARKETWEIGHT
Indies Pharma Jamaica Limited	INDIES	Q3	31-Jul-24	2.25 - 3.44	4.04	3.03	0.00%	1.00%	4.48%	0.16	18.73	0.94	3.23	17.74%	0.11	3.74%	MARKETWEIGHT
Lasco Distributors Limited	LASD	Q2	30-Sep-24	3.51 - 5.50	15.99	4.56	0.00%	-0.87%	20.95%	0.39	11.65	2.82	1.62	14.65%	0.10	2.19%	OVERWEIGHT
Regency Petroleum Company Limited	RPL	Q2	30-Jun-24	2.00 - 3.00	4.15	2.89	0.00%	-2.69%	19.42%	0.05	57.54	0.34	8.38	15.72%	0.00	0.00%	MARKETWEIGHT
Stationery and Office Supplies Limited	sos	Q2	30-Jun-24	1.35 - 1.99	3.67	1.63	1.87%	-2.40%	-5.78%	0.10	16.99	0.65	2.50	15.59%	0.20	12.27%	MARKETWEIGHT
Sector Average											17.70		3.75				
Other																	
Tropical Battery Company Limited	TROPICAL	Q3	30-Jun-24	1.63 - 2.75	3.20	2.46	0.41%	4.68%	26.15%	0.16	15.74	0.93	2.64	17.49%	0.04	1.63%	OVERWEIGHT

The Limners and Bards Limited	LAB	Q3	31-Jul-24	1.10 - 1.98	1.28	1.35	0.00%	-4.93%	-22.41%	0.09	15.26	0.72	1.88	13.13%	0.04	2.73%	OVERWEIGHT
Sector Average											15.50		2.26				
Junior Market Average											16.86		3.01				
						JSE	JSD Market										
Finance																	
Proven Group Limited	PROVENUS	Q1	30-Jun-24	0.09 - 0.16	0.12	0.15	8.58%	16.44%	-1.20%	0.01	17.96	0.13	1.16	6.42%	0.01	3.67%	OVERWEIGHT
Sygnus Credit Investments Limited	SCIUSD	YE	30-Jun-24	0.06 - 0.10	0.02	0.07	0.00%	5.64%	-15.07%	0.02	2.79	0.30	0.23	8.49%	0.00	6.36%	OVERWEIGHT
Sector Average											10.38		0.70				
Other																	
TransJamaican Highway Limited	TJHUSD	Q3	30-Sep-24	0.02 - 0.03	0.30	0.02	4.39%	9.17%	40.83%	0.00	10.44	0.004	5.32	57.92%	0.00	9.88%	OVERWEIGHT
Sector Average											10.44		5.32				
US Market Average											10.41		3.01				





# 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 -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 distressed or at risk of a shock which may significantly impair value.

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