

Stock Watch

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STOCKS IN THE NEWS

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STOCK	STOCK DATA	4-WEEK PRICE MOVEMENT (\$)	RECOMMENDATION & RATIONALE
NCBFG NCB Financial Group Limited	CLOSE PRICE: \$65.77		RECOMMENDATION: MARKETWEIGHT <p>In March 2024, NCB Financial Group Limited saw several board appointments and resignations, which were said to have been done with the intention to enhance oversight and diversity within the group. The resignations from various NCB Group boards were from Sanya Goffe and Sandra Glasgow. The persons appointed to various NCBG boards were Gary Brown, John Bailey, and Howard Shearer. Additionally NCBFG had also made declared a dividend payment of JMD \$0.50 per share, payable on the 18th of March. While a major change in the board could negatively impact investor sentiment, the declaration of dividends, which has shortly followed the previous dividend payment on December 1st, 2023, shows strength and confidence in the company's performance.</p>
	YTD CHANGE: (0.62%)		
	P/E RATIO: 7.17x		
	P/B RATIO: 1.02x		
JBG Jamaica Broilers Group Limited	CLOSE PRICE: \$33.21		RECOMMENDATION: OVERWEIGHT <p>Jamaica Broilers Group (JBG) experienced a slight revenue increase driven by growth in poultry sales during its third quarter, with profits marginally declining. Total revenues reached \$23.6 billion for the quarter ending January 31 and \$70.3 billion for the nine-month period, with profits standing at \$1.3 billion and \$3.8 billion, respectively. The expansion of its Cumberland Hatchery by over \$200 million reflects JBG's commitment to meeting market demands, while the decision to discontinue operations in Haiti helped offset previous losses. JBG has also agreed to sell its Iowa hatchery assets for US\$23 million as part of a strategy to streamline operations and reduce costs by consolidating around its South Carolina processing plant. These developments are expected to increase the company's revenue growth and investor confidence.</p>
	YTD CHANGE: (2.75%)		
	P/E RATIO: 8.16x		
	P/B RATIO: 1.37x		
SALF Salada Foods Limited	CLOSE PRICE: \$3.90		RECOMMENDATION: UNDERWEIGHT <p>Over the past month, Salada announced that it will be reviewing its dividend policy in response to investor concerns about increased staff and administrative costs, with no indication of allocation to dividend payments. The company that is it is shifting from paying no dividends and investing internally, to profit allocation to dividends. Salada has also been growing its exports to various Caricom countries, in an effort to diversify its sales and move away from relying on the USA, UK, and Canada, and has seen increased demand from countries within the Lesser Antilles. This expansion into the Caricom region, along with partnerships with large companies such as Publix and Walmart are positive indications for long-term growth.</p>
	YTD CHANGE: (2.01%)		
	P/E RATIO: 22.11x		
	P/B RATIO: 3.82x		

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SEP Seprod Limited	CLOSE PRICE: \$84.65		RECOMMENDATION: OVERWEIGHT <p>SEP has engaged in a co-manufacturer agreement with Upfield Holdings B.V., a prominent global producer of margarine and butter. This collaboration significantly contributed to a noteworthy 44% increase in revenues during 2023. By the year's end, the company's net profit soared by 86.83%, reaching \$5.45 billion, while its asset base expanded by 4.29% to \$54.44 billion. Despite encountering challenging macroeconomic conditions both domestically and internationally, SEP remains dedicated to various strategic endeavors aimed at bolstering its financial standing and performance. These efforts involve enhancing technological integration to enhance operational efficiency and productivity, pursuing a 40% growth in exports, investing in human capital development, capitalizing on synergies resulting from the acquisition of A.S. Bryden Holdings Limited (ASBH) in June 2022, and further expanding its regional platform to reinforce its position as the preferred partner for esteemed brands.</p>
	YTD CHANGE: 6.22%		
	P/E RATIO: 13.56x		
	P/B RATIO: 2.07x		
FTNA Fontana Limited	CLOSE PRICE: \$8.66		RECOMMENDATION: OVERWEIGHT <p>FTNA operates a chain of pharmacies across seven locations in Jamaica, alongside retailing various consumer goods such as cosmetics, household essentials, and school supplies. The Board of Directors has declared an interim dividend of \$0.10 per share, scheduled for disbursement on January 5, 2024, marking the concluding dividend for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2023. Despite a 9.37% rise in revenue for the six-month period concluding in December 2023, FTNA encountered a 2.17% decline in net profit, attributed to operating expenses and the cost of sales. Even with the company's resumption of corporate tax payments in 2024 at a rate of 12.50%, FTNA is positioned to leverage its expanding customer base and economies of scale as it continues to bolster its brand and presence across Jamaica, notably with the recent opening of a new store in Portmore.</p>
	YTD CHANGE: (13.49%)		
	P/E RATIO: 16.74x		
	P/B RATIO: 3.98x		
TJH Transjamaican Highway Limited	CLOSE PRICE: \$3.34		RECOMMENDATION: OVERWEIGHT <p>TJH serves as the concessionaire for Highway 2000 East-West, responsible for the development, operation, and maintenance under a 35-year Concession Agreement with the National Road Operating & Constructing Company ("NROCC"). The continued increase in traffic at toll plazas, coupled with the upcoming opening of the toll plaza on the May Pen to Williamsfield section of the highway, are expected to significantly enhance revenue. The December 2022 acquisition of Jamaican Infrastructure Operator (JIO) is anticipated to further reduce operating expenses. These developments supported the US\$31 million uptick in net profit for the financial year ended December 2023. The Government of Jamaica (GOJ), recently announced plan to list its 20% stake in TJH on the JSE over the next 12 months through a special infrastructure vehicle.</p>
	YTD CHANGE: 30.77%		
	P/E RATIO: 11.29x		
	P/B RATIO: 5.53x		

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<p>WISYNCO WISYNCO Group Limited</p>	<p>CLOSE PRICE: \$20.37</p> <p>YTD CHANGE: (5.26%)</p> <p>P/E RATIO: 14.74x</p> <p>P/B RATIO: 3.19x</p>	<p>WISYNCO</p>	<p>RECOMMENDATION: OVERWEIGHT </p> <p>WISYNCO's main operations include bottling and distributing water and beverages, manufacturing various disposable products for industrial, tourism, and retail sectors, and distributing and retailing food items. For the six-month period ending in December 2023, the company saw a 12.09% rise in revenue, reaching \$26.98 billion, leading to a 10.40% increase in net profit. WISYNCO foresees continued revenue expansion by introducing five new product lines, which is projected to nearly double its monthly production capacity to meet the growing demand both domestically and internationally. To accommodate this demand, the company plans to have two additional manufacturing lines operational by February and April 2024, following the initial installation in December 2023.</p>
<p>WIG Wigton Windfarm Limited</p>	<p>CLOSE PRICE: \$1.12</p> <p>YTD CHANGE: 41.77%</p> <p>P/E RATIO: 41.71x</p> <p>P/B RATIO: 2.50x</p>	<p>WIG</p>	<p>RECOMMENDATION: MARKETWEIGHT </p> <p>WIG stands ready to take advantage of the opportunities presented by the Ministry of Science, Energy, and Technology's Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), which targets the procurement of up to 500MW of electrical energy by 2025. Recently, WIG made a significant announcement: its joint venture, the Wigton-IEC Joint Venture with Innovative Energy Company DBA IEC SPEI Limited, has secured a substantial contract valued at US\$7.78 million with MJB Airports Limited, dated December 22, 2023. This contract involves the design, engineering, and installation of roof-mounted and floating solar photovoltaic systems, boasting a capacity of Six Megawatt Alternating Current (6 MWac), along with a Battery Energy Storage System. Despite experiencing a decline of 17.50% in production and a marginal 0.10% decrease in availability for the nine months ending December 2023, leading to a 13.70% reduction in revenue and a 2.60% decrease in net profit, WIG remains proactive. In February 2024, WIG entered into an Addendum to the Power Interchange Agreement concerning Wigton Phase I with the Jamaica Public Service Company Limited. This addendum extends the operation period for another three years from April 2024, enabling the continued generation of energy using existing equipment at the plant.</p>

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	(\$)	(%)	
JSE Main Market																	
Finance																	
Barita Investments Limited	BIL	Q1	31-Dec-23	69.90 - 81.20	87.49	73.10	4.37%	4.38%	-1.28%	2.36	30.98	30.66	2.38	7.94%	0.00	0.00%	MARKETWEIGHT
JMMB Group Limited	JMMBGL	Q3	31-Dec-23	23.01 - 33.25	50.63	25.89	2.90%	1.45%	-0.12%	14.31	1.81	36.33	0.71	47.51%	0.25	0.97%	OVERWEIGHT
Jamaica Stock Exchange Limited	JSE	YE	31-Dec-23	8.01 - 14.30	7.23	10.31	2.69%	-0.96%	3.00%	0.59	17.38	3.73	2.76	17.18%	0.13	1.24%	OVERWEIGHT
NCB Financial Group Limited	NCBFG	Q1	31-Dec-23	55.00 - 77.00	162.24	65.77	0.49%	-2.99%	-0.62%	9.17	7.17	64.73	1.02	14.62%	0.00	0.00%	MARKETWEIGHT
Proven Group Limited JMD	PROVENJA	Q3	31-Dec-23	18.70 - 28.95	17.61	21.96	-0.63%	-6.95%	-2.40%	1.89	11.63	30.05	0.73	6.62%	0.85	3.88%	OVERWEIGHT
Sygnus Credit Investments Limited	SCIJMD	Q2	31-Dec-23	10.16 - 16.37	3.76	10.80	-1.28%	-3.91%	-0.83%	2.02	5.35	31.23	0.35	6.54%	0.68	6.30%	OVERWEIGHT
Scotia Group Jamaica Limited	SGJ	Q1	31-Jan-24	30.00 - 47.44	146.46	47.07	5.42%	-0.04%	22.74%	5.46	8.62	39.02	1.21	15.06%	1.35	2.87%	UNDERWEIGHT
Sagicor Group Jamaica Limited	SJ	YE	31-Dec-23	36.00 - 53.00	156.30	40.02	-1.04%	-2.51%	-16.19%	3.68	10.88	25.55	1.57	15.67%	1.23	3.06%	OVERWEIGHT
Victoria Mutual Investments Limited	VMIL	Q3	30-Sep-23	2.35 - 4.04	4.07	2.71	-1.45%	-3.56%	-1.45%	0.36	7.51	1.80	1.50	20.25%	0.00	0.00%	-
Sector Average											8.79	1.36					
Manufacturing																	
A.S. Bryden & Sons Holdings Ltd.	ASBH	Q2	30-Jun-23	28.01 - 45.00	49.64	35.72	-7.20%	-9.80%	7.88%	0.04	880.65	0.41	86.15	19.56%	0.00	0.00%	MARKETWEIGHT
Caribbean Cement Company Limited	CCC	YE	31-Dec-23	45.10 - 62.00	50.12	58.89	4.54%	3.70%	2.13%	6.55	8.99	28.26	2.08	25.29%	1.90	3.22%	OVERWEIGHT
Jamaica Broilers Group Limited	JBG	Q3	27-Jan-24	30.00 - 38.24	39.83	33.21	0.09%	0.21%	-2.75%	4.07	8.16	24.25	1.37	18.21%	0.86	2.59%	OVERWEIGHT
Seprod Limited	SEP	Q4	31-Dec-23	61.01 - 90.00	62.09	84.65	0.04%	-0.14%	6.22%	6.24	13.56	40.96	2.07	15.90%	1.65	1.95%	OVERWEIGHT
Wisynco Group Limited	WISYNCO	Q2	31-Dec-23	16.02 - 23.00	76.39	20.37	-2.86%	-0.68%	-5.26%	1.38	14.74	6.39	3.19	23.45%	0.45	2.21%	OVERWEIGHT
Sector Average											11.36	2.18					
Communication																	
Radio Jamaica Limited	RJR	Q3	31-Dec-23	1.26 - 2.26	3.29	1.36	-3.55%	-2.16%	-29.90%	-0.08	N/A	1.87	0.73	-4.14%	0.02	1.18%	MARKETWEIGHT
Sector Average											0.00	0.73					
Retail																	
Carreras Limited	CAR	Q3	31-Dec-23	7.80 - 9.40	43.74	9.01	0.00%	2.50%	9.21%	0.75	12.03	0.51	17.71	157.17%	0.86	9.54%	OVERWEIGHT
Caribbean Producers Jamaica Limited	CPJ	Q2	31-Dec-23	8.22 - 12.00	10.44	9.49	0.00%	-0.84%	8.58%	0.87	10.95	4.52	2.10	21.05%	0.06	0.65%	OVERWEIGHT
Sector Average											11.49	2.10					
Conglomerates																	
GraceKennedy Limited	GK	YE	31-Dec-23	60.00 - 82.90	73.38	73.74	1.15%	-0.46%	-7.15%	7.82	9.43	79.46	0.93	10.26%	2.17	2.94%	OVERWEIGHT
Jamaica Producers Group Limited	JP	YE	31-Dec-23	18.00 - 27.45	26.79	23.87	2.49%	8.50%	8.50%	13.83	1.73	32.52	0.73	55.92%	0.30	1.26%	OVERWEIGHT
PanJam Investment Limited	PJAM	YE	31-Dec-23	40.01 - 57.00	53.18	49.88	-2.31%	0.97%	3.61%	2.36	21.14	71.28	0.70	4.24%	0.55	1.10%	OVERWEIGHT
Sector Average											10.77	0.79					
Real Estate																	
Kingston Properties Limited	KPREIT	YE	31-Dec-23	6.05 - 8.40	7.15	8.08	1.00%	11.91%	3.59%	0.81	9.97	8.35	0.97	10.05%	0.00	0.02%	MARKETWEIGHT
Pulse Investments Limited	PULS	Q2	31-Dec-23	1.68 - 2.90	13.05	2.00	0.00%	-0.50%	-3.38%	0.21	9.44	0.00	1296.19	31.96%	0.00	0.00%	MARKETWEIGHT
Sector Average											9.70	648.58					
Energy																	
Wigton Windfarm Limited	WIG	Q3	31-Dec-23	0.62 - 1.29	12.32	1.12	0.00%	1.82%	41.77%	0.03	41.71	0.45	2.50	5.99%	0.02	1.63%	MARKETWEIGHT

Sector Average										41.71		2.50					
Other																	
Supreme Ventures Limited	SVL	Q3	30-Sep-23	20.00 - 31.00	65.25	24.74	-0.12%	-0.04%	-8.71%	1.21	20.41	2.00	12.38	67.17%	0.94	3.79%	OVERWEIGHT
Kingston Wharves Limited	KW	YE	31-Dec-23	24.00 - 35.23	43.48	30.40	0.40%	3.26%	12.59%	2.18	13.95	32.22	0.94	7.61%	0.43	1.41%	OVERWEIGHT
TransJamaican Highway Limited	TJH	YE	31-Dec-23	1.36 - 3.73	41.75	3.34	1.83%	3.73%	23.25%	0.30	11.29	0.60	5.53	53.90%	0.37	11.17%	OVERWEIGHT
Sector Average										17.18		3.23					
Main Market Average										13.88		82.68					
Finance																	
Dolla Financial Services Limited	DOLLA	Q4	31-Dec-23	1.71 - 3.00	6.63	2.65	0.00%	-3.64%	-2.21%	0.17	15.36	0.40	6.71	50.48%	0.04	1.55%	OVERWEIGHT
Lasco Financial Services Limited	LASF	Q3	31-Dec-23	1.61 - 2.73	2.42	1.89	2.16%	-1.05%	-1.56%	0.09	20.35	1.41	1.34	6.12%	0.00	0.00%	OVERWEIGHT
Sector Average										17.85		4.02					
Manufacturing																	
Honey Bun (1982) Limited	HONBUN	Q1	31-Dec-23	5.62 - 7.30	2.90	6.16	-12.99%	-10.47%	-3.75%	0.53	11.64	2.98	2.07	18.95%	0.16	2.60%	OVERWEIGHT
Lasco Manufacturing Limited	LASM	Q3	31-Dec-23	3.61 - 6.14	23.52	5.69	-6.57%	2.89%	26.73%	0.59	9.71	2.98	1.91	21.32%	0.12	2.11%	MARKETWEIGHT
Lumber Depot Limited	LUMBER	Q3	31-Jan-24	1.68 - 2.95	1.97	2.79	3.33%	7.72%	10.71%	0.23	11.97	0.94	2.97	27.18%	0.07	2.58%	MARKETWEIGHT
Spur Tree Spices Jamaica Limited	SPURTREE	Q4	31-Dec-23	1.91 - 3.33	4.90	2.92	10.61%	19.67%	-3.31%	0.05	58.46	0.57	5.12	9.17%	0.00	0.00%	MARKETWEIGHT
Sector Average										11.11		3.02					
Insurance																	
General Accident Insurance Company (Ja) Limited	GENAC	Q4	31-Dec-23	4.15 - 6.10	5.55	5.38	-3.58%	-3.93%	10.93%	0.36	14.82	2.94	1.83	12.66%	0.20	3.65%	MARKETWEIGHT
Sector Average										14.82		1.83					
Retail																	
Derrimon Trading Company Limited	DTL	YE	31-Dec-23	1.50 - 2.42	9.47	2.09	1.95%	10.00%	12.97%	0.04	59.09	1.46	1.43	2.51%	0.00	0.00%	OVERWEIGHT
Express Catering Limited	ECL	Q2	30-Nov-23	3.50 - 5.95	6.52	3.98	1.53%	0.51%	-0.50%	0.28	14.25	0.67	5.95	45.04%	0.03	0.65%	OVERWEIGHT
Future Energy Source Company Limited	FESCO	Q3	31-Dec-23	3.00 - 4.59	9.10	3.64	4.30%	1.39%	-4.96%	0.24	15.11	0.71	5.15	41.07%	0.00	0.00%	OVERWEIGHT
Fontana Limited	FTNA	Q2	31-Dec-23	7.60 - 13.47	10.82	8.66	1.29%	-4.84%	-13.49%	0.52	16.74	2.18	3.98	25.01%	0.20	2.31%	OVERWEIGHT
FosRich Company Limited	FOSRICH	Q3	30-Sep-23	1.80 - 3.13	12.16	2.42	0.83%	13.08%	-3.20%	0.05	51.67	0.41	5.95	11.91%	0.02	0.87%	MARKETWEIGHT
Indies Pharma Jamaica Limited	INDIES	Q1	31-Jan-24	2.40 - 3.70	3.65	2.74	1.11%	0.37%	-5.52%	0.16	16.86	0.96	2.85	17.34%	0.11	4.14%	MARKETWEIGHT
Lasco Distributors Limited	LASD	Q3	31-Dec-23	2.08 - 5.10	14.94	4.26	-3.62%	0.24%	13.00%	0.46	9.22	2.64	1.61	18.90%	0.10	2.35%	OVERWEIGHT
Regency Petroleum Company Limited	RPL	YE	31-Dec-23	1.91 - 3.00	3.23	2.25	1.35%	2.74%	-7.02%	0.03	70.60	0.30	7.50	16.37%	0.00	0.00%	OVERWEIGHT
Stationery and Office Supplies Limited	SOS	YE	31-Dec-23	1.35 - 3.89	3.74	1.66	3.75%	12.16%	-11.70%	0.12	13.44	0.59	2.81	22.83%	0.20	12.05%	MARKETWEIGHT
Sector Average										20.67		4.14					
Other																	
Tropical Battery Company Limited	TROPICAL	Q1	31-Dec-23	1.63 - 2.75	2.73	2.10	0.00%	-0.47%	7.69%	0.17	12.58	0.87	2.42	19.93%	0.04	1.90%	OVERWEIGHT
The Limners and Bards Limited	LAB	YE	31-Oct-23	1.10 - 2.60	1.70	1.79	6.55%	16.23%	2.87%	0.06	29.63	0.63	2.84	9.78%	0.04	2.06%	UNDERWEIGHT
Sector Average										21.10		2.63					
Junior Market Average										17.11		3.13					
Finance																	
Proven Group Limited	PROVENUS	Q3	31-Dec-23	0.12 - 0.20	0.11	0.15	-0.67%	-6.82%	-0.53%	0.01	11.54	0.21	0.72	6.62%	0.01	3.71%	OVERWEIGHT
Sygnus Credit Investments Limited	SCIUSD	Q2	31-Dec-23	0.07 - 0.13	0.02	0.09	0.00%	11.11%	5.39%	0.02	4.58	0.29	0.30	6.54%	0.00	5.13%	OVERWEIGHT
Sector Average										4.58		0.51					
Other																	
TransJamaican Highway Limited	TJHUSD	Q4	31-Dec-23	0.01 - 0.03	0.28	0.02	0.91%	1.84%	30.77%	0.00	11.53	0.004	5.65	53.96%	0.00	10.94%	OVERWEIGHT
Sector Average										4.58		5.65					

US Market Average

4.58

3.08

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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