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WISYNCO Wisynco Group Limited	P/E: 14.77x P/B: 3.23x Price: \$17.43 Div Yield 2.41%	OVERWEIGHT Throughout the pandemic, Wisynco has managed to improve its operational efficiency but given the effects of COVID-19 on industries such as tourism and education, the Company was unable to deliver significant revenue growth. Now, with tourism rebounding and schools operating at a greater level, Wisynco has married its improved operational efficiency with stronger revenue growth, allowing for significant net profit growth. As tourism is expected to continue growing towards its pre-pandemic level of output, we expect Wisynco to continue to perform well. Wisynco Equity Report
JMMBGL JMMB Group Limited	P/E: 6.39x P/B: 1.34x Price: \$31.94 Div Yield 0.78%	OVERWEIGHT Given its relatively low P/E ratio and considering the Group's consistently strong performance throughout the pandemic, the market has been underpricing JMMBGL significantly relative to its local counterparts. JMMBGL's price has declined by 15.7% YTD which provides investors with an opportunity to acquire JMMBGL shares at a more attractive price. The the long-term outlook for the company and the stock remains favorable, buoyed by an expanding regional footprint. JMMB Equity Report
MASSY Massy Holdings Limited	P/E: 8.67x P/B: 1.01x Price: \$80.00 Div Yield 4.38%	OVERWEIGHT Massy Holdings Limited. (MHL, Massy), through its portfolio companies, engages in trading, manufacturing, distribution, and service industry businesses throughout the Caribbean region. The company operates through three portfolios: Integrated Retail, Gas Products, Motors, and Machine and two business lines: Financial Services, and Strategic and Other Investments. In financial year 2020, Massy transitioned from a Conglomerate to an Investment Holding Company. By so doing, Massy's strategy has changed, with the Group focusing mainly on its core portfolios. These core areas of the business represent Massy's competitive advantages, are well-positioned to scale, and are therefore expected to drive strategic growth going forward. Massy Equity Report

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LASD Lasco Distributors	P/E: 8.35x P/B: 1.22x Price: \$2.75 Div Yield 3.27%	OVERWEIGHT Lasco Distributors has continued its growth trajectory, displaying resilience throughout the pandemic, and we expect this to continue post-pandemic supported by the improving economic backdrop of the global economy. As continued domestic demand for goods and services remain strong, the company is also looking to strengthen its exports as well as continue to launch new product lines. However, this isn't without challenges as global supply shocks has affected LASD's gross margins. In response, management has prudently managed operational costs such that higher imported inflationary costs has not completely eroded the bottom line, resulting in continued growth. Lasco Distributors Equity Report
SCIJMD/SCIUSD Sygnus Credit Investments	P/E: 10.81x / 13.01x P/B: 0.68x / 0.82x Price: \$12 / \$0.10 Div Yield: 3.34% / 2.76%	OVERWEIGHT Sygnus' business model is built on providing capital and direction to the underbanked, targeting the middle market. To accomplish this, the Company has executed several equity raises, the most recent of which was its APO launch in December 2020. Sygnus has demonstrated their commitment to growth and being the market leader in the regional private credit space with their acquisition of a Puerto Rico-based, private credit firm, Acrecent Financial in Q3 of their financial year. The stock trades at significant discount relative to peers both from a P/E perspective and a P/B perspective. At present, given Sygnus' strong current and expected future growth, the market is pricing Sygnus at a steep discount to its book value per share.
TROPICAL Tropical Battery Limited	P/E: 16.27x P/B: 2.85x Price: \$2.31 Div Yield 0.87%	OVERWEIGHT Tropical Battery has been aggressively pursuing revenue diversification strategies, to reduce its dependence on auto battery and accessory sales. This is evident by the company's recent launch of three new subsidiaries aimed at providing renewable energy solutions for commercial customers. In addition, the company recently implemented a new inventory management system that has yielded improved operational efficiencies in addition to targeted sales initiatives that have improved revenue growth. We believe that the Company will continue to grow as they build out new revenue lines, improve operational efficiencies and drive targeted sales initiatives. Tropical Battery Equity Report

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PROVENJMD/ PROVENUSD Proven Group Limited	P/E: 25.46x / 25.33x P/B: 1.04x / 0.98x Price: \$29.03 / \$0.19 Div Yield: 2.8% / 2.74%	OVERWEIGHT Proven has shown a decline in profitability throughout the current financial year, a performance driven by lower share of earnings of associates and higher operating expenses. The company continues to demonstrate its appetite for growth through acquisitions as evidenced by the recent 100% acquisition of Fidelity Bank (Cayman). The company has a history of acquiring companies with accretive value. We expect that profit margins will improve in the future as one-off spending related to recent acquisitions pass.
LUMBER Lumber Depot Limited	P/E: 9.32x P/B: 2.78x Price: \$2.05 Div Yield 2.54%	OVERWEIGHT Lumber represents an option to gain exposure to the construction sector which has been a relatively resilient and fast-growing sector. With this sector tailwind, lumber has shown strong revenue growth since its 2019 listing and the financial year 2022 revenue and net profit are 10.1% and 26.8% higher than financial year 2021 revenue and earnings, respectively. We are still monitoring how the company progresses given the loosening of restrictions and continued growth in the construction sector. We also note that despite the growth it has shown over the last 2 years, the stock still trades at an attractive PE compared to Junior market peers. Lumber Depot Equity Report
LAB The Limners and Bards Limited	P/E: 17.87x P/B: 4.41x Price: \$2.68 Div Yield 3.37%	OVERWEIGHT The LAB saw strong demand for its services throughout the pandemic, with revenue growth of 35% in FY2021. For the latest financial year revenue grew by approximately 10%, an indication of continued demand for the Company's services. However, net profit declined by 7% primarily due to higher administration costs, currency translation losses and losses on "SCOPE Caribbean". To date, SCOPE has not been profitable which has negatively impacted the Lab's net profit growth. This is not abnormal for a new business, and we expect this should turnaround as the business scales. The 2022 FY was the first full operational year for SCOPE, which saw take up of its services offered while it continues to explore additional revenue streams. With the LAB consistently positive operating cash flows and a current cash balance that is 1.64x larger than the Company's current liabilities, we believe the Lab is poised to invest its capital efficiently towards further growth. The LAB Equity Report

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JBG Jamaica Broilers Group Limited	P/E: 7.43x P/B: 1.65x Price: \$31.88 Div Yield 2.10%	OVERWEIGHT JBG's financial performance has rebounded nicely from the lows seen in FY2020, driven by the recovery in the Jamaican economy and tourist arrivals, coupled with JBG's growing presence in the US market and the increasing production of the Best Dressed Chicken line of products. Despite efforts made to decrease the impact of its Haiti operations, it continued to weigh on group performance. Positive results from expansion into the United States and recovery in Jamaican operations have offset poor performance in Haiti, resulting in increased sales and profitability, as well as a return to operating cash inflows. Jamaica Broilers Group Equity Report
GK GraceKennedy Limited	P/E: 9.78x P/B: 1.10x Price: \$76.36 Div Yield 2.65%	MARKETWEIGHT For the nine months ended September 30, 2022, GK reported significant top-line growth, however, margin deterioration contributed to a decline in the bottom line. Revenues increased by 12.2% and profits remained flat as operating expenses grew at a rate of 13.6%. The company cited challenges presented by high inflation globally, sustained supply chain issues, increasing interest rates, and foreign currency volatility as issues that have affected profit margins. GK continues to advance its merger & acquisition (M&A) strategy, following the acquisition of Bluedot in the second quarter of 2022, the company continues to seek M&A transactions locally and internationally. These acquisitions stand to add more diversity and growth to the company's earnings. GraceKennedy Group Equity Report
LASM Lasco Manufacturing	P/E: 8.83x P/B: 1.59x Price: \$4.00 Div Yield 2.50%	MARKETWEIGHT Our expectation is for the Company, like others, to continue benefiting from an improving local economic backdrop. There has been an increase in the revenue growth rate for the six months ended December 31, 2022, when compared to the financial year ended March 31, 2022. However, this was partially offset by a slight reduction in the gross profit margin, owing to global supply chain issues and the general inflationary environment. Lasco Manufacturing Equity Report

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SEP Seprod Limited	P/E: 18.28x P/B: 1.67x Price: \$63.44 Div Yield 2.36%	MARKETWEIGHT Seprod has experienced a deterioration in its cost of sales, owing to global supply chain issues and other inflationary pressures. Despite this, instead of raising prices to consumers by a similar magnitude, Seprod has absorbed some of these costs which have affected profitability. Profits have increased over the 9-month period ended September 30, 2022, however, margins have deteriorated. Therefore, the uncertainty regarding the cost of goods remains a threat to Group profit growth, especially given the current inflationary environment. The Group has acquired A.S Bryden, which will diversify the Group's revenue further and is expected to be accretive. Seprod Equity Report
MAILPAC Mailpac Group Limited	P/E: 14.85x P/B: 8.35x Price: \$1.93 Div Yield 8.81%	MARKETWEIGHT During the peak periods of the pandemic, MAILPAC benefited immensely as online shopping became a larger share of shoppers' wallets. In large part, this period of heavy COVID-19 fear has reduced and while we anticipate online shopping will remain integral for the everyday consumer, the outsized growth we witnessed in FY2020 will likely soften further. Admittedly, the Company has a robust balance sheet with more cash than total liabilities which we believe places MAILPAC in a position to make growth-inducing investments. The current slowdown in demand and consequently revenue and profit growth, matched with the Company's strong balance sheet underscores our MARKETWEIGHT recommendation Mailpac Group Equity Report
SGJ Scotia Group Jamaica Limited	P/E: 8.69x P/B: 0.91x Price: \$32.58 Div Yield 4.30%	MARKETWEIGHT The greatest driver of profitability in FY2021 was the reduction of Expected Credit Losses (ECL) relative to the previous year as the economic backdrop improved. Scotia is not likely to have this benefit recur to the magnitude it did in FY2021. The group has made an accelerated effort to digitize its business in line with its digital strategy to drive efficiency and better service customer needs. SGJ is looking to further consolidate its operations and funnel investments in core operations through technology and talent, while also looking to enter new markets and launch new products. Scotia has two major positives. The first is that the current rising interest rate environment supports the Group's bank model, more so than other listed financial institutions. The second is that SGJ is a consistent source of relatively attractive dividends which makes the Company a good asset for investors with a clear preference for income. Scotia Group Equity Report

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FTNA Fontana Limited	P/E: 19.53x P/B: 4.49x Price: \$8.79 Div Yield 2.28%	MARKETWEIGHT Fontana has been growing and expanding since listing on the junior exchange in 2019. The Company has plans to expand, which include a new outlet to bring its footprint to a total of seven locations. In its most recent quarter, Net Profit saw a 32.7% increase over the same quarter in the prior financial year. Further, the cost of sales has been impacted given the current inflationary environment and is likely to continue being affected in the near to medium term. However, the company continues to grow organically and is financially positioned to do so. Due to the current environment and increased finance costs, profitability could dampen in the near term but in the long term, the addition of its new outlet could support growth. On balance, the Company has both significant risks and the potential for upside, which underscores our recommendation. Fontana Equity Report
SVL Supreme Ventures Limited	P/E: 24.39x P/B: 16.15x Price: \$26.01 Div Yield 3.57%	MARKETWEIGHT Supreme Ventures is the market leader in the lottery and gaming industry. The company has also in recent years embarked on an aggressive growth strategy through several acquisitions (Champion Gaming and Post To Post Betting). The company would have been impacted by the pandemic as the lockdown measures impacted its operations at Caymanas Park. With the easing of restrictions, the Company should benefit from an easing of lock down restrictions and a normalization of business. Despite this, in the medium term we note that the company now has competition in the lottery segment of the market which may negatively impact margins. The degree to which this might impede the pace of revenue growth will however depend on the take up of new games such as Scratchaz which, at present, seems popular amongst younger consumers as it is a new addition to the Company's product offerings. Supreme Ventures Equity Report
ECL Express Catering Limited	P/E: 33.36x P/B: 13.26x Price: \$5.07 Div Yield: N/A	MARKETWEIGHT ECL has seen improved performance as the tourism industry rebound, following the pandemic, has been robust. However, the Company is not currently operating at pre-covid efficiency levels, as price increases due to the current global supply chain challenges have driven higher costs across all product categories. While we do expect the tourism industry to continue to recover, driving ECL's revenues to grow and likely surpass pre-covid levels by FY2023/FY2024, the inflationary pressures can not be ignored. Longer-term we do expect the company to reap the benefits of their expanded footprint within the Sangsters International Airport as well as the return to trend growth in stopover arrivals. ECL Equity Report

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VMIL Victoria Mutual Investments Limited	P/E: 21.16x P/B: 2.00x Price: \$4.02 Div Yield: 3.86%	OVERWEIGHT Victoria Mutual has recently rebranded under the "VM Group". By association, there has been implications for VMIL. For example, the Company has been significantly more active in the capital markets through its investment banking arm. We expect continued growth in the investment banking space will add considerable value to the Company's bottom line which has already shown clear improvement throughout FY2021. VMIL Equity Report

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MDS Medical Disposable Supplies	P/E: 12.31x P/B: 1.08x Price: \$4.80 Div Yield 1.88%	Medical Disposables and Supplies have quietly been diversifying its revenue streams over the last 2 years. This is inclusive of its purchase of 60% of Cornwall Medical and Dental Supplies(CMDL) which has been consolidated into the company's financials as of their second quarter 2021. This increases the company's exposure to the dental supplies space and expands their reach into the western end of the island. The company has also shifted to providing more confectionary products and we believe its expansion and diversification efforts are worth watching.
SOS Stationery & Office Supplies Limited	P/E: 12.77x P/B: 4.15x Price: \$14.69 Div Yield 1.23%	Stationery and Office Supplies presents investors with another option to benefit from the reopening of the domestic economy. A core segment of their business would have suffered from the lockdown measures and work from home, namely the sale of furniture and its SEEK line of books. However, during that period stationery sales have done well to fill that revenue gap. With the resumption of economic activity, the return to office and the expansion in the BPO sector, SOS might be a large beneficiary in 2022.
SJ Sagicor Group Jamaica Limited	P/E: 13.15x P/B: 1.8x Price: \$48.9 Div Yield 3.28%	Sagicor Group Jamaica Limited would have been adversely impacted by the pandemic even more so than the typical financial sector company due to their exposure to the tourism sector. This would have therefore led to sizeable impairment losses on their investment in associated companies (I.e., Playa Hotel and Resorts). For 2022 we therefore expect to see some amount of recovery as the group has disposed of their investments in Playa which will stem impairment losses while simultaneously still having direct exposure to travel through their US resort (The Hilton DoubleTree) while their banking services should benefit from a pickup in economic activity.

***The "Monitoring List" represents stocks that are on our radar as our initial expectation for these companies is positive. However, no official recommendation is presented as these stocks are still being evaluated.*

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Unit Trust

Unit Trust Fund	15/02/2023	08/02/2023	Week/Week Return	Year-to-Date Return	1 Year Return	Yield
Capital Growth	86.38	87.72	-1.53%	-9.85%	-8.09%	-
Money Market	15.6287	15.6165	0.08%	0.60%	2.40%	4.38%
Income Portfolio	100.00	100.00	-	-	-	4.90%
FX Bond Portfolio	1.3493	1.3479	0.00%	0.62%	-1.61%	4.52%
Real Estate Portfolio	8,024.87	8,038.20	-0.17%	1.11%	1300.27%	-
FX Growth Portfolio	0.9100	0.9062	0.42%	7.60%	-11.11%	-
FX Income Accumulator	1.0057	1.0051	0.06%	0.44%	-	0.53%

“Someone's sitting in the shade today
because someone planted a tree a
long time ago.”

Warren Buffett

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LOCAL EQUITY MARKET

For the week ended February 17, 2023, the local stock market as measured by the Combined Index declined by 1.76%. The Main Market Index declined by 1.80%, the JSE Junior Market Index declined by 1.45%, and the JSE USD Equities Index advanced by 8.65%. During the week, Margaritaville (Turks) Limited USD was the largest ordinary equity gainer, rising by approximately 29.77% to close at US\$0.13. The biggest decliner was MPC Caribbean Clean Energy Limited, which fell by 26.62% to close at \$63.11.

Small-cap stocks, reflecting those listed on the Junior Market Index have slightly outperformed on a YTD basis, declining by 3.67%, outpacing its Main Market counterpart which has declined 7.21%.

For the week ended February 17, 2023, overall market activity resulted from trading in 127 stocks of which 54 advanced, 63 declined and 10 traded firm. Market volume amounted to 163,083,466 units valued at over \$731,579,595.73. One on One Educational Services Limited was the volume leader with 33,588,275 units (20.36%), followed by Everything Fresh Limited with 29,534,446 units (17.90%), and Image Plus Consulting Limited with 9,490,727 units (5.75%)

Revisiting relevant news during the week:

Margaritaville planning Eastern Caribbean expansion

The Margaritaville Caribbean Group has set its eyes on the Eastern Caribbean for the next phase of growth as it emerges from the pandemic-related lockdown stronger.

Margaritaville planning Eastern Caribbean expansion

GK increases Catherine's Peak stake

GraceKennedy Limited has entered into an agreement with Spike Industries Limited to double its stake to 70 per cent in Catherine's Peak Bottling Company Limited, which is the owner of the Catherine's Peak pure spring water brand.

GK increases Catherine's Peak stake

Lasco Financial diversifying income mix

Following a slowdown in third-quarter earnings, Lasco Financial Services Limited is looking to improve its loan portfolio and rebuild its prepaid card business as it seeks to diversify its earnings.

Lasco Financial diversifying income mix

Wisynco sets new record

Wisynco Group Limited recorded its highest-ever quarterly revenue out-turn of \$12.13 billion as demand continues to increase across all channels despite facing production challenges in its second quarter.

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Tropical Battery enters Dom Rep

Tropical Battery Company Limited, through its subsidiary Tropical Renewable Energy, has entered into an agreement to acquire 50 per cent interest in Dominican Republic-based solar photovoltaic engineering, procurement and construction company KAYA Energy Group in a cash and share offer.

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Cargo Handlers records increased profits

Cargo Handlers Limited (CHL) saw an increase in both profits and revenues for the three-month period ending December 31, 2022.

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JMMB Group profit dips

The JMMB Group saw its profit dip by almost a half in the nine months to the end of December. Profit over the period amounted to \$4.76 billion, down from \$8.82 billion a year earlier.

JMMB Group profit dips - Jamaica Observer

Index	17/02/2023	10/02/2023	30/12/2022	Week/Week	Year-to-Date
JSE Main Market	330,245.04	336,285.42	355,896.64	-1.80%	-7.21%
JSE Junior Market	3,840.26	3,896.65	3,986.44	-1.45%	-3.67%
JSE Combined Market	343,321.81	349,472.69	368,591.98	-1.76%	-6.86%
JSE USD Equities Market	252.75	232.63	233.97	8.65%	8.03%
JSE Financial Index	78.21	80.30	85.88	-2.60%	-8.93%
JSE M&D Index	93.00	93.88	97.42	-0.94%	-4.54%

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INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

U.S.

Stocks end mixed on data surprises

The major indexes ended mixed as investors weighed some healthy growth and profit signals against worries that inflation trends might be taking an unfavorable turn. Fears that the Federal Reserve would need to raise short-term interest rates more than previously expected caused U.S. Treasury yields to increase and fostered a rise in the U.S. dollar, taking an especially large toll on oil prices and energy stocks. (Oil is priced in U.S. dollars on international markets, resulting in pressure on demand when the dollar appreciates.)

Longer-term trends remain intact, but monthly inflation surprises on upside

The week's highly anticipated inflation data offered a mixed picture. On Tuesday, the Labor Department reported that consumer prices rose 0.5% in January, as expected, versus a revised 0.1% increase in December. A "sticky" increase in shelter prices accounted for nearly half of the gain and compensated for another sharp drop in used car prices. On a year-over-year basis, the inflation rate came in at 6.4%, higher than expected but the slowest pace since October 2021. Annual core (less food and energy costs) inflation was 5.6%, also modestly above expectations but its slowest pace since December 2021.

Growing (if still small) chance that Fed will accelerate rate hikes

Bonds generated negative returns for the week as economic data seemed to confirm recent hawkish comments from Fed officials that there was more work to do to tame inflation. As of the close of trading Friday, futures markets as tracked by CME Group began to price in an 18.1% probability that the Fed would hike rates by a half point (0.50%) at its March policy meeting, almost double the chance priced in the week before. The Fed slowed its rate increase increment to a quarter point (0.25%) at its meeting early in the month.

[T.RowePrice Market Data](#)

Europe

UK inflation slows for third month in a row, retail sales rise

Annualized consumer price growth fell for a third consecutive month in January to 10.1% due mainly to easing services and fuel costs. Core inflation (excluding energy, food, alcohol, and tobacco) eased to a much lower-than-forecast rate of 5.8%. The slowdown in inflation stoked hopes that the Bank of England might opt for a smaller interest rate hike in March or skip one altogether. However, the jobs market remained tight in the three months through December, with the unemployment rate remaining just off an all-time low at 3.7%. Pay, excluding bonuses, rose by 6.7%

Mixed eurozone data show underlying inflation pressure, but economic weakness

Eurozone employment rose to a record high in the final quarter of last year, which could exacerbate ECB policymakers' worries about second-round effects on inflation. Employment rose by 0.4% to 165.07 million, the most since early 2021 and more than double the consensus forecast. On a year-over-year basis, employment grew 1.5% after rising 1.8% in the third quarter.

Separately, industrial production in the eurozone fell in December by 1.1% sequentially, which was more than expected. Energy-intensive industries posted the sharpest declines in output. The Euro area recorded a deficit of EUR 314.7 billion in 2022, compared with a surplus of EUR 116.4 billion the year before, as sharp increases in energy prices caused the value of imports to exceed the value of exports.

China

Housing's slide may have come to an end

Bloomberg reported that prices for new homes in China remained roughly steady in January, breaking a 16-month slide, as demand received a boost from the government lifting of its zero-COVID regime. In recent months, Chinese authorities have rolled out a slew of support measures for the struggling sector as it focuses on restoring economic growth in China. Economists now predict that the government will announce additional policies during or after the highly anticipated annual Parliament meeting, which starts in early March.

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Dow Jones	33,826.69	33,869.27	33,147.25	-0.13%	2.05%
S&P 500	4,079.09	4,090.46	3,839.50	-0.28%	6.24%
NASDAQ 100	12,358.18	12,304.92	10,939.76	0.43%	12.97%
FTSE 100	8,014.31	7,882.45	7,451.74	1.67%	7.55%
Euro Stoxx 50	4,271.18	4,197.94	3,793.62	1.74%	12.59%

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