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WISYNCO Wisynco Group Limited	P/E: 17.84x P/B: 2.84x Price: \$23.19 Div Yield 1.99%	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
SGJ Scotia Group Jamaica Limited	P/E: 7.82x P/B: 1.03x Price: \$50.03 Div Yield 3.6%	OVERWEIGHT 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
MASSY Massy Holdings Limited	P/E: 8.59x P/B: 0.76x Price: \$73.79 Div Yield 7.61%	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: 10.95x P/B: 1.13x Price: \$3.5 Div Yield 3.51%	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: 16.16x / 13.65x P/B: 0.55x / 0.46x Price: \$11.1 / \$0.06 Div Yield: 10.24% / 12.12%	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 capital raises involving equity, preference shares and debt raise. 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. This acquisition has significantly added to the group's income and overall profitability. 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. Sygnus Credit Investments Equity Report
LASM Lasco Manufacturing	P/E: 9.96x P/B: 1.63x Price: \$6.38 Div Yield 2.99%	OVERWEIGHT We expect that the Company's growth trajectory will be sustained, however, in the short term, the financial results have seen an impact from the overall macroeconomic conditions since the pandemic. Margins across the board have been compressed despite record profitability in 2022. Despite continued record tourism arrivals and growth in key sectors such as entertainment, steps need to be taken to restore margin progression. Against this backdrop it is notable that inflationary pressures and supply issues that plagued the company from 2022 to the first quarter of this year will likely begin to ease in the spring of 2023, suggesting a rebound in net profit growth for the company moving forward beyond FY 2023. Plans to further expand its geographical footprint by driving the contribution of export to its revenue will be value-added to the long-term sustainability of the Company's operations Lasco Manufacturing Equity Report

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LUMBER Lumber Depot Limited	P/E: 13.83x P/B: 2.09x Price: \$2.49 Div Yield 2.77%	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
TJH TransJamaican Highway Limited	P/E: 14.29x P/B: 6.33x Price: \$6.62 Div Yield 3.86%	OVERWEIGHT The Group continues to experience stronger-than-projected traffic growth, as evidenced by the performance during the third quarter of the 2023 financial year, and this trend is expected to persist at least in the short term. Additionally, the JIO acquisition has improved operating efficiency, and it is expected that as the group continues to reduce debt, profitability and cash flow generation will continue to improve. TJH Equity Report
CCC Caribbean Cement Company Limited	P/E: 15.53x P/B: 2.91x Price: \$107.15 Div Yield 1.87%	OVERWEIGHT Caribbean Cement Company Limited presents a compelling investment opportunity, characterized by financial resilience, dominant market positioning, and exposure to an attractive growth vehicle. The Company's robust liquidity and capital base provide a solid foundation for sustained expansion and consistent dividends to shareholders, while its alignment with the Caribbean's long-term infrastructure and housing priorities supports resilient demand for its products. CCC Equity Report

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GK GraceKennedy Limited	P/E: 8.99x P/B: 0.77x Price: \$71.22 Div Yield 3.32%	MARKETWEIGHT For the year ended December 31, 2022, GK reported significant top-line growth, however, margin deterioration contributed to a decline in the bottom line. Revenues increased by 10.5% while profits saw a 15.1% decline of flat as operating expenses grew at a faster rate than revenues. 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, after it increased its stake in Catherine's Peak Bottling Company Limited in the first quarter of 2023 to move its ownership stake from 35% to 70%, thus granting them a stronger position in the spring water market. 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
MAILPAC Mailpac Group Limited	P/E: 19.69x P/B: 7.04x Price: \$2.56 Div Yield 1.13%	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 demand driven by pandemic restrictions has passed and while we anticipate online shopping will remain integral for the everyday consumer, the outsized growth we witnessed in FY2020 and FY2021 will not be repeated. 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. However, the current slowdown in demand and consequently revenue and profit growth underscores our MARKETWEIGHT recommendation Mailpac Group Equity Report
FTNA Fontana Limited	P/E: 16.59x P/B: 3.27x Price: \$7.63 Div Yield 3.28%	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

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SVL Supreme Ventures Limited	P/E: 26.38x P/B: 7.82x Price: \$17.68 Div Yield 3.67%	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: 5.8x P/B: 2.11x Price: \$2.41 Div Yield 2.03%	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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SOS Stationery & Office Supplies Limited	P/E: 19.63x P/B: 2.13x Price: \$1.57 Div Yield 1.27%	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 Sagikor Group Jamaica Limited	P/E: 9.63x P/B: 1.36x Price: \$39.21 Div Yield 3.01%	Sagikor 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.
JBG Jamaica Broilers Group Limited	P/E: N/A P/B: 0.64x Price: \$16.85 Div Yield 2.53%	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. The loss making Haiti operation has been discontinued which should contribute to improved margins in the coming quarters. Positive results from expansion into the United States and recovery in Jamaican operations, along with stringent cost control have contributed to the surge in profitability in the first half of the 2023 financial year.
JMMBGL JMMB Group Limited	P/E: 5.5x P/B: 0.53x Price: \$16.87 Div Yield 1.78%	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 5.8% YTD which provides investors with an opportunity to acquire JMMBGL shares at a more attractive price. The long-term outlook for the company and the stock remains favorable, buoyed by an expanding regional footprint. In July JMMBGL closed on its acquisition of a commercial bank in the Dominican Republic (DR) which now enables the company to offer a full range of financial services in the market. The DR operations currently contributes 17% of net operating revenue and we will be keen to watch the effect of the expansion to JMMBGL's performance over the next few quarters.
SEP Seprod Limited	P/E: 13.04x P/B: 1.47x Price: \$79.15 Div Yield 2.66%	Seprod saw its financial performance surge for the 2022 financial year, owing to the strategic acquisition of AS Bryden, with revenues and net profit growing by 82% and 93% respectively. Going into the 2023 financial year, we expect easing of supply chain pressures, stability in commodity prices, and further consolidation of profits from AS Bryden to further lift net profits. Along with new products, Seprod also plans to aggressively target growth in export markets and is currently in the process of making necessary investments to increase capacity of its margarine plant.

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Fixed Income

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HLT 3.75% 2029 Hilton Domestic Operating	Price (Bid/Ask): \$97.32/ \$97.49 Yield to Maturity (Bid/Ask): 4.66%/4.60% Maturity: May 1st, 2029 Modified Duration: 2.95 Credit Rating: BB+ (S&P)	The Hilton Hotels gives investors access to several global brands in the hospitality and travel sector. As of 2022, Hilton managed, franchised, or owned 7,165 hotels and resorts, totaling 1.1 million rooms in 123 countries. The industry also continues to represent a potential travel recovery play as the demand for business transient (short stay business travel) and group travel continues to gain momentum with trends through 2Q23 continuing to look strong.
SFCCN 5.3% 2028 Sagcor Financial Corporation	Price (Bid/Ask): \$99.84/\$100.00 Yield to Maturity (Bid/Ask): 5.30%/5.37% Maturity: May 13th, 2028 Modified Duration: 2.06 Credit Rating: BBB (S&P) / BB+ (Fitch)	OVERWEIGHT SFCCN 5.3% 2028 gives investors exposure a global life insurer with a growing footprint in the North American Market. While the credit has seen some spread compression, we believe that there might be more to come. This comes as it trades slightly cheap relative to peers with the major concern as it relates to macroeconomic exposure to Caribbean government debt is likely to be improved with the Ivori transaction. In this regard, the successful closure of the acquisition means that there is potential for more spread compression. In addition to this, approaching closer to the end of the Fed hiking cycle might also limit the potential downside tailwinds on price from even more restrictive monetary policy. <u>SFCCN Fixed Income Report</u>
MAT 3.75% 2029 Mattel Inc	Price (Bid/Ask): \$97.87/\$97.97 Yield to Maturity (Bid/Ask): 4.49%/4.45% Maturity: April 1st, 2029 Modified Duration: 2.87 Credit Rating: BBB (S&P) / BBB-(Fitch) / Baa3 (Moody's)	Mattel markets toy products that are sold to its wholesale customers and direct to retail consumers. The Company offers products for children and families, including toys for infants and preschoolers, girls and boys. A rebound in dolls, especially Barbie and Frozen, is the key to Mattel outperforming projections for 2023.

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Unit Trust

Unit Trust Fund	12/02/2026	06/02/2026	Week/Week Return	Year-to-Date Return	1 Year Return	Yield
Capital Growth	76.390	76.187	0.27%	-0.82%	-2.63%	-
Money Market	18.344	18.348	-0.02%	0.32%	4.75%	5.75%
Income Portfolio	100.000	100.000	-	-	-	5.23%
FX Bond Portfolio (US\$)	1.661	1.659	0.07%	0.43%	11.51%	4.07%
Real Estate Portfolio	18,254.291	18,318.764	-0.35%	-2.04%	4.06%	-
FX Growth Portfolio	1.410	1.408	0.12%	0.43%	11.64%	-
FX Income Accumulator Portfolio	1.065	1.060	0.49%	1.02%	3.27%	5.76%

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because someone planted a tree a
long time ago.”

Warren Buffett

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LOCAL EQUITY MARKET

For the week ending February 13, 2026, the local stock market, measured by the Combined Index, declined by 0.41%. The Main Market Index declined by 0.46%, the Junior Market Index improved by 0.31%, and the JSE USD Equities Index improved by 1.24%. During the Margaritaville (TURKS) Limited was the largest gainer, rising by approximately 34.85% to close at \$13.89. Main Event Entertainment Group was the biggest decliner, which fell by 16.46% to close at \$6.04.

Large-cap stocks, reflecting those listed on the Main Market Index are outperforming on a YTD basis, improving by 7.17%, relative to its Junior Market counterpart which has declined by 3.19%.

For the week ending February 13, 2026, overall market activity resulted from 127 stocks of which 63 advanced, 53 declined and 11 traded firm. Market volume amounted to 113,131,794 units valued at over \$719,316,278.85. Key contributors to trading volume are TransJamaican Highway Limited with 30,355,008 (26.16%), followed by Kintyre Holdings (JA) Limited with 11,645,360 units (10.04%) Atlantic Hardware and Plumbing Company Limited with 8,306,543 units (7.16%).

Revisiting relevant news during the week:

Fiscal watchdog warning triggers company tax deadline overhaul

A February warning from Jamaica's fiscal watchdog has prompted the Government to overhaul the timeline for corporate tax collections, moving the filing deadline to April 15 to reduce end-of-year fiscal risk.

Fiscal watchdog warning triggers company tax deadline overhaul

Fontana deepens push into premium beauty with third Orá store

Fontana Limited is accelerating its expansion into higher-margin beauty retail with the opening of its third Orá by Fontana location at Sovereign Centre.

Fontana deepens push into premium beauty with third Orá store

Costs and disruption shape LASCO affiliates' Q3 results

Strong sales growth at LASCO Distributors was not enough to lift profits in the third quarter, as higher operating and financing costs squeezed margins, while sister company LASCO Manufacturing faced production disruption linked to Hurricane Melissa.

Costs and disruption shape LASCO affiliates' Q3 results

Woodcats: The business built on pallets

Long before Woodcats International became a backbone of Jamaica's supply chain, it was a small workshop responding to a quiet but costly gap in the market.

Woodcats: The business built on pallets

Agostini closing in on Massy Distribution acquisition

Trinidad-based Agostini Limited is poised to complete its acquisition of Massy Distribution (Jamaica) after months of regulatory scrutiny over concerns the deal could concentrate control of insulin distribution in a single entity.

Agostini closing in on Massy Distribution acquisition

NIF-anchored Tropical Battery APO as investor demand ebbed

The National Insurance Fund (NIF) took up more than two-thirds of the shares issued in Tropical Battery Company Limited's 2025 additional public offering (APO), according to disclosures, as investor demand softened during the offer period after revisions to previously reported financial results.

NIF-anchored Tropical Battery APO as investor demand ebbed

Index	13/02/2025	06/02/2025	31/12/2025	Week/Week	Year-to-Date
JSE Main Market	340,787.31	342,361.72	317,986.88	-0.46%	7.17%
JSE Junior Market	3,292.84	3,282.73	3,401.41	0.31%	-3.19%
JSE Combined Market	349,492.46	350,927.26	328,444.54	-0.41%	6.41%
JSE USD Equities Market	264.13	260.90	212.16	1.24%	24.50%
JSE Financial Index	62.64	62.96	64.44	-0.51%	-2.79%
JSE M&D Index	121.96	123.98	106.01	-1.63%	15.05%

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INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

U.S.

Stocks decline amid AI disruption concerns

Major U.S. stock indexes finished the week lower as concerns regarding the disruptive potential of artificial intelligence (AI) weighed on stocks across a broad range of industries. The technology-heavy Nasdaq Composite fared worst, shedding 2.10%, while the S&P 500 Index and Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 1.39% and 1.23%, respectively. The S&P MidCap 400 Index held up best but still dropped 0.66%. The Russell 1000 Value Index outperformed its growth counterpart for the seventh consecutive week, extending its year-to-date lead to over 1,100 basis points (11.00 percentage points).

January jobs report dampens rate cut expectations

Hiring in the U.S. was stronger than expected in January, according to data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). On Wednesday, the agency reported that U.S. employers added 130,000 jobs during the month, well ahead of consensus forecasts and the highest monthly gain in over a year. The unemployment rate also declined to 4.3% from 4.4% in December. Job gains were concentrated in the health care, social assistance, and construction industries, while federal government and financial activities employment declined.

Wednesday's report also included sharp downward revisions to prior years, including a cut that brought 2025's total job creation down to just 181,000 from a previously reported 584,000. Nevertheless, January's upside surprise appeared to dampen investors' expectations for a rate cut in the near term, as the probability of the Federal Reserve keeping rates unchanged through June rose from around 25% on Tuesday to over 40% after the release, according to the CME FedWatch tool.

Meanwhile, new applications for unemployment benefits for the week ended February 7 came in at 227,000, down from the previous week's revised reading of 232,000.

Europe

The pan-European STOXX Europe 600 Index hit a new high during the week but ended broadly unchanged, eking out a 0.09% gain in local currency terms. European markets were volatile. Investors digested significantly better-than-expected U.S. jobs data, while concerns about AI disruption also spread to Europe. Among major stock indexes, Germany's DAX rose 0.78%, Italy's FTSE MIB declined 0.97%, and France's CAC 40 Index gained 0.46%. The UK's FTSE 100 Index added 0.74%.

Employment rises more than expected in eurozone

The number of employed people in the euro area rose by 0.2% in the final quarter of 2025, a larger-than-expected increase. Job growth was particularly strong in Spain, up 0.8% from the third quarter. In contrast, German employment showed a small contraction.

In other jobs-related news, the unemployment rate in France rose to 7.9% in the fourth quarter of last year, its highest level since the third quarter of 2021. Unemployment among young people in the country was particularly high, with 21.5% of 15- to 24-year-olds classified as unemployed.

Japan

Japan's stock markets rose sharply over the week, with the Nikkei 225 Index gaining 4.96% and the broader TOPIX Index up 3.24%. The markets surged on the outcome of Japan's February 8 lower house election, where Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi's Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) secured a supermajority, winning more than two-thirds of seats.

The LDP's landslide victory was testament to the public's backing of Takaichi's policy agenda, focused on aggressive fiscal spending, investment, and targeted tax cuts. It also opened the door to her government pursuing an amendment to Japan's constitution, specifically the pacifism clause enshrined in it, for the first time in the post-World War II period. In practice, this sets the stage for a large increase in Japan's defense spending in the coming years.

T. Rowe Price

Index	13/02/2025	06/02/2025	31/12/2025	Week/Week	Year-to-Date
Dow Jones	49,500.93	50,115.67	48,063.29	-1.23%	2.99%
S&P 500	6,836.17	6,932.30	6,845.50	-1.39%	-0.14%
NASDAQ 100	24,732.73	25,075.77	25,249.85	-1.37%	-2.05%
FTSE 100	10,446.35	10,369.75	9,931.38	0.74%	5.19%
Euro Stoxx 50	5,985.23	5,998.40	5,791.41	-0.22%	3.35%

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