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Stock Ticker	Stock Information (as at May 29th, 2026)	Comments
SEP Seprod Limited	P/E: 11.29x P/B: 1.48x Price: \$80.74 Div Yield 3.18%	OVERWEIGHT Seprod remains a leading food and beverage company with a strong track record of revenue growth and dividend generation, supported by strategic acquisitions and regional expansion. The acquisition of AS Bryden significantly enhanced scale, driving substantial increases in revenue and profitability, while ongoing consolidation continues to support earnings growth. Geographic diversification and a broader regional footprint also provide resilience against domestic demand pressures in post-Melissa conditions, while supporting the Company's ability to sustain earnings and dividend generation.
TJH TransJamaican Highway Limited	P/E: 14.08x P/B: 7.03x Price: \$7.49 Div Yield 3.41%	OVERWEIGHT The Group continues to experience stronger-than-projected traffic growth, and this momentum is expected to persist in the near term. Operational efficiency has improved following the JIO acquisition, supporting enhanced profitability and cash flow generation as debt levels continue to decline. Coupled with an attractive dividend yield, these factors position TJH as a compelling opportunity for income-focused investors, with post-Melissa recovery dynamics expected to provide additional support to traffic volumes and overall growth.
CCC Caribbean Cement Company Limited	P/E: 12.52x P/B: 2.46x Price: \$102.57 Div Yield 1.98%	OVERWEIGHT Caribbean Cement Company Limited presents a compelling investment opportunity, driven by its dominant market positioning, financial resilience, and exposure to an attractive growth trajectory. The Company has effectively leveraged its monopoly position to sustain strong sales growth and improving profitability, supported by ongoing margin expansion and lower finance costs following debt reduction. Its robust liquidity and capital base provide a solid foundation for continued expansion and consistent dividend distributions. Looking ahead, demand is expected to remain resilient, driven by rebuilding activity in the post-Melissa environment and increased infrastructure and housing investment across the Caribbean, supporting the Company's medium-term growth outlook.

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LASD Lasco Distributors	P/E: 10.16x P/B: 0.96x Price: \$3.05 Div Yield 3.95%	MARKETWEIGHT LASCO Distributors has continued its growth trajectory, supported by steady demand across its core product lines and ongoing market expansion. The Company is strengthening its platform through investments in distribution, marketing, and logistics infrastructure, alongside a growing focus on exports and its pharmaceutical portfolio. While operations remained intact during Hurricane Melissa, broader economic disruptions have contributed to higher operating and financing costs, weighing on margins. Despite this, cost discipline has supported earnings stability. In the current environment, LASD's focus on essential goods and its expanding distribution network position it to remain resilient while supporting longer-term growth.
SCIJMD/SCIUSD Sygnus Credit Investments	P/E: 17.26x / 16.22x P/B: 0.5x / 0.47x Price: \$10.2 / \$0.06 Div Yield: 5.29% / 5.63%	MARKETWEIGHT Sygnus' business model is built on providing capital and direction to the underbanked, targeting the middle market. To support this strategy, the Company has executed several capital raises across equity, preference shares and debt, positioning it as a regional leader in private credit. Although Jamaica accounts for approximately 41% of total exposure, portfolio risk is mitigated by a sector mix weighted toward infrastructure and financial services, with limited exposure to hospitality and agriculture. This composition materially reduces earnings and credit headwinds in the post-Melissa environment. This cash flow stability also supports consistent income generation, and a strong dividend yield reinforcing return visibility within a more defensive earnings profile.
LASM Lasco Manufacturing	P/E: 9.52x P/B: 1.56x Price: \$6.35 Div Yield 3%	MARKETWEIGHT LASCO Manufacturing has faced a more constrained operating environment, with Hurricane Melissa disrupting production and weighing on output and margins in the near term. Despite this, the Company has demonstrated gradual stabilization, supported by cost management and consistent demand for its core product lines. As a key supplier within the LASCO group, LASM continues to benefit from its positioning in essential goods, although near-term performance may remain pressured. Over the medium term, normalization of operations and continued focus on efficiency are expected to support recovery and earnings growth.

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GK GraceKennedy Limited	P/E: 9.82x P/B: 0.73x Price: \$69.65 Div Yield 3.41%	MARKETWEIGHT GK has reported solid top-line growth and continues to advance its merger & acquisition (M&A) strategy, having increased its ownership stake in Catherine's Peak Bottling Company Limited to 100% and recently acquiring the remaining stake in Dairy Industries (Jamaica) Limited, strengthening its position across key segments. The company continues to pursue M&A opportunities both locally and internationally, which should enhance earnings diversification and support long-term growth. While revenue growth remains steady, profitability has been pressured by higher operating and logistics costs, softer performance in certain domestic and remittance segments, and more recently, disruptions related to Hurricane Melissa. Despite these challenges, GK's diversified business model, strong international performance, and continued expansion efforts position the Group to maintain resilience and support future growth.
FTNA Fontana Limited	P/E: 17.68x P/B: 2.53x Price: \$6.54 Div Yield 3.82%	MARKETWEIGHT Fontana has been growing and expanding since listing on the junior exchange in 2019, with recent acquisitions increasing its footprint to eleven locations. In its most recent quarter, revenue grew by 5.6% year-on-year to \$2.86 billion; however, net profit declined by 38%, largely due to disruptions caused by Hurricane Melissa, including temporary store closures and reduced trading hours in key locations. Operating expenses also increased by 22.2%, reflecting acquisition-related costs and new concept launches. While operations have since normalized, elevated cost pressures may continue to weigh on profitability in the near term. Nonetheless, the Company remains well positioned to support continued expansion, and its larger network is expected to drive long-term growth.
SVL Supreme Ventures Limited	P/E: 21.89x P/B: 8.79x Price: \$16.91 Div Yield 4.26%	MARKETWEIGHT Supreme Ventures remains the market leader in Jamaica's lottery and gaming industry, supported by its established distribution network and continued product expansion. The Company has executed on its growth strategy through acquisitions and new product offerings, which have supported steady market activity and revenue generation. However, the operating environment has become more challenging, as Hurricane Melissa disrupted activity in key western parishes, contributing to a decline in industry sales and highlighting the sector's geographic concentration. Additionally, the continued shift in consumer spending toward gaming and betting, however increasing competition within the lottery segment, may place pressure on margins over the medium term. While new products such as Scratchaz support engagement, the pace of growth will depend on sustained consumer uptake and normalization of activity in affected regions.

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WISYNCO Wisynco Group Limited	P/E: 16.11x P/B: 2.41x Price: \$19.49 Div Yield 2.37%	MARKETWEIGHT The operating environment is becoming more constrained, as hurricane-related hotel closures continue to limit demand from key tourism-linked channels, while newly implemented taxes on sugary drinks and alcoholic beverages are expected to weigh on consumption across core product categories. Wisynco, however has strengthened its operational efficiency and expanded production capacity in recent years, supporting revenue growth and margin expansion even amid disruptions caused by Hurricane Melissa. Improved output and distribution execution have allowed the Company to offset temporary weakness in its hotel and food service channels, highlighting the resilience of its broader distribution network. Despite these pressures, the Company's expanded capacity and diversified channels continue to support earnings resilience, even as near-term growth moderates within the current operating environment.
SGJ Scotia Group Jamaica Limited	P/E: 8.33x P/B: 0.98x Price: \$53.04 Div Yield 3.39%	MARKETWEIGHT SGJ offers stable exposure to the financial sector, supported by a strong credit risk framework and relatively low non-accrual loans. Profitability continues to benefit from loan portfolio growth and disciplined cost management, reinforcing steady earnings performance. The Group is also focused on improving operational efficiency and strengthening its core business, which should support sustainable growth over the medium term. Coupled with its consistent and attractive dividend payments, the Company remains a compelling option for income-focused investors seeking stability and long-term value.
CAR Carreras Limited	P/E: 13.98x P/B: 28.85x Price: \$22.16 Div Yield 6.72%	MARKETWEIGHT Carreras Limited operates within a highly regulated environment and continues to benefit from the relatively inelastic demand profile of its core products, supporting stable revenue and strong cash flow generation. However, the upcoming increase in Special Consumption Tax (SCT) on cigarettes is expected to present headwinds, as higher prices may accelerate the shift toward illicit trade, which already represents a significant portion of market consumption. While the Company has historically managed tax-related pressures through pricing and portfolio adjustments, the extent of the impact will depend largely on the effectiveness of enforcement measures aimed at curbing illegal supply. Despite these challenges, Carreras' strong market position and the nature of its product offering continue to support earnings resilience, particularly within a defensive portfolio context.

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JBG Jamaica Broilers Group Limited	P/E: N/A P/B: 0.61x Price: \$14.99 Div Yield 0%	The group recently identified accounting issues within its US operations which have affected reported earnings and reduced near-term visibility on cash flow generation. Management has initiated corrective actions, including enhanced oversight and operational adjustments, alongside a broader restructuring of its overseas operations. This is supported by recently secured senior secured financing, which provides additional liquidity and extends the group's debt maturity profile, while the balance sheet has also strengthened following a recent revaluation exercise. Notwithstanding these measures, the group remains under monitoring given the need for consistent execution of the turnaround plan and improved transparency around underlying operating performance.

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Fixed Income

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HLT 3.75% 2029 Hilton Domestic Operating	Price (Bid/Ask): \$96.69/ \$96.83 Yield to Maturity (Bid/Ask): 4.98%/4.93% Maturity: May 1st, 2029 Modified Duration: 2.71 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): 100.01/\$100.06 Yield to Maturity (Bid/Ask): 5.29%/5.27% Maturity: May 13th, 2028 Modified Duration: 0.07 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.
MAT 3.75% 2029 Mattel Inc	Price (Bid/Ask): \$97.03/\$97.15 Yield to Maturity (Bid/Ask): 4.88%/4.83% Maturity: April 1st, 2029 Modified Duration: 2.63 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.

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Unit Trust

Unit Trust Fund	28/05/2026	21/05/2026	Week/Week Return	Year-to-Date Return	1 Year Return	Yield
Capital Growth	73.588	74.084	-0.67%	-4.46%	-3.79%	-
Money Market	18.643	18.606	0.20%	1.96%	5.11%	4.18%
Income Portfolio	100.000	100.000	-	-	-	4.72%
FX Bond Portfolio (US\$)	1.686	1.681	0.26%	1.96%	10.93%	3.83%
Real Estate Portfolio	21,346.862	21,433.004	-0.40%	14.56%	21.52%	-
FX Growth Portfolio	1.487	1.470	1.16%	5.93%	23.92%	-
FX Income Accumulator Portfolio	1.072	1.070	0.11%	1.67%	3.48%	4.92%

“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 ending May 29, 2026, the local stock market, measured by the Combined Index, declined by 0.98%. The Main Market Index declined by 1.06%, the Junior Market Index improved by 0.16%, and the JSE USD Equities Index declined by 6.90%. During the Sygnus Real Estate Finance Limited (USD) was the largest gainer, rising by approximately 17.73% to close at \$0.05. Margaritaville (Turks) Limited was the biggest decliner, which fell by 26.79% to close at \$9.51.

Large-cap stocks, reflecting those listed on the Main Market Index are outperforming on a YTD basis, improving by 7.35%, relative to its Junior Market counterpart which has declining by 8.34%.

For the week ending May 29, 2026, overall market activity resulted from 125 stocks of which 47 advanced, 64 declined and 14 traded firm. Market volume amounted to 358,310,612 units valued at over \$908,496,110.56. Key contributors to trading volume are Kintyre Holdings (JA) Limited with 109,633,211 (30.26%), followed by Wigton Energy Limited with 79,291,492 units (21.89%) and JMMB Group Limited 7.35% Cumulative Redeemable Preference Share with 33,401,376 units (9.22%).

Revisiting relevant news during the week:

BOJ warns inflation could breach target

The central bank is forecasting that inflation could rise above the upper limit of its four to six per cent target range during the June and September 2026 quarters. According to the Bank of Jamaica (BOJ), rising international oil prices are already placing upward pressure on electricity and transportation costs in Jamaica, with domestic fuel prices reflecting increases linked to ongoing geopolitical instability.

BOJ warns inflation could breach target

Barita bets big after BOJ approval

Barita Financial Group Limited has received Bank of Jamaica (BOJ) approval to operate as a financial holding company, completing a major restructuring that positions the organisation for deeper expansion into digital banking and integrated financial services as competition intensifies across Jamaica’s financial sector

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GENAC regional push lifts profit 66%

Regional expansion efforts in Trinidad & Tobago and Barbados helped lift profits at General Accident Insurance Company Jamaica Limited (GENAC) by 66.4 per cent in the first quarter.

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New agro division adds to Q1 growth for Atlantic Hardware

Atlantic Hardware & Plumbing Company Limited has credited the strong performance of its newly established agro-distribution division, combined with continued expansion in its core hardware operations, for helping to drive first-quarter growth for the period ended March 31, 2026.

New agro division adds to Q1 growth for Atlantic Hardware

BARITA’S BIG PROPERTY BET

Barita Investments Limited has unveiled a sweeping property development pipeline spanning Kingston, St Mary, and Ocho Rios as the financial group accelerates its shift beyond the traditional securities-dealer model.

BARITA’S BIG PROPERTY BET

Salada posts stronger half-year profit as sales recover after Hurricane Melissa

Salada Foods Jamaica Limited reported higher revenue and profit for its 2025/26 half-year period, as the company continued recovering from the impact of Hurricane Melissa and benefited from stronger demand across local and export markets.

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Index	29/05/2026	22/05/2026	12/31/2025	Week/Week	Year-to-Date
JSE Main Market	341,344.15	344,988.25	317,986.88	-1.06%	7.35%
JSE Junior Market	3,117.58	3,112.72	3,401.41	0.16%	-8.34%
JSE Combined Market	348,753.30	352,201.75	328,444.54	-0.98%	6.18%
JSE USD Equities Market	243.92	262.00	212.16	-6.90%	14.97%
JSE Financial Index	64.54	65.17	64.44	-0.97%	0.16%
JSE M&D Index	116.86	117.48	106.01	-0.53%	10.23%

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INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

U.S.

Major U.S. stock indexes rose during the holiday-shortened week, with several benchmarks closing at record highs, as investor sentiment was supported by rising hopes for a U.S.-Iran peace agreement, falling oil prices, and continued momentum in artificial intelligence (AI)-linked stocks. The tech-heavy Nasdaq Composite led among the major benchmarks, buoyed in part by AI optimism, while the Russell 2000, S&P 500, and S&P MidCap 400 Indexes also posted solid gains. The Dow Jones Industrial Average lagged but still rose 0.9%. Markets were closed Monday in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

Early reports that the U.S. and Iran were moving toward a 60-day ceasefire extension and a reopening of traffic through the Strait of Hormuz helped push oil prices lower and supported risk appetite through much of the week. The narrative was complicated by reports of fresh U.S. strikes on Iranian targets, but investor sentiment remained positive through the end of the week amid reports suggesting that a deal was largely done and waiting on final approval.

April PCE data show inflation remains elevated; Fed officials signal hawkish tilt

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) reported that its personal consumption expenditures (PCE) price index rose 0.4% month over month in April, slowing from a 0.7% increase in March. On an annual basis, however, the PCE index rose 3.8%, up from 3.5% in March and the highest reading since May 2023. Core PCE—which excludes food and energy costs—rose 0.2% for the month, down from a 0.3% increase in March, while on an annual basis price growth ticked up to 3.3%, its hottest reading since November 2023. Personal spending rose 0.5%, while personal income was roughly flat.

Meanwhile, several Fed officials maintained a cautious tone on inflation during the week.

Europe

The pan-European STOXX Europe 600 Index advanced 0.14% in local currency terms. European investors continued to look for signs of progress on a U.S.-Iran agreement that could lead to the resumption of oil and gas shipments through the Strait of Hormuz. An MSCI EMEA Index rebalancing that took place on Friday led to some volatility. Among major stock indexes, Germany's DAX closed 0.87% higher, France's CAC 40 Index rose 0.83%, and Italy's FTSE MIB gained 1.06%. In contrast, the UK's FTSE 100 Index slipped 0.54% over the week. The London Stock Exchange was closed on Monday for the late May bank holiday.

ECB warns supply shock more persistent than expected

The published minutes of the European Central Bank's (ECB) monetary policy meeting in late April suggested that some members were open to raising rates. The central bank warned that the energy price shock had been both large and "highly persistent." It noted that the war in the Middle East was weighing on energy markets, confidence, and near-term growth prospects. Separately, various board officials publicly signaled that a June interest rate hike is likely.

German unemployment falls in May

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Germany unexpectedly slipped to 6.3%, down slightly from the 6.4% registered in April. However, the Federal Employment Agency noted that despite the small decline, it expects unemployment to rise over the next few months.

Japan

Japan's equity markets surged to historic highs during the week, with the Nikkei 225 Index rising 4.72% and the broader TOPIX Index gaining 1.66%. The dominant driver was developments between the United States and Iran, which tentatively agreed to a 60-day memorandum of understanding to extend the ceasefire and commence formal nuclear negotiations. For Japan, an economy heavily reliant on energy imports, the prospect of a durable reduction in Middle East tensions provided support.

T. Rowe Price

Index	29/05/2026	22/05/2026	12/31/2025	Week/Week	Year-to-Date
Dow Jones	51,032.46	50,579.70	48,063.29	0.90%	6.18%
S&P 500	7,580.06	7,473.47	6,845.50	1.43%	10.73%
NASDAQ 100	30,333.18	29,481.64	25,249.85	2.89%	20.13%
FTSE 100	10,409.28	10,466.26	9,931.38	-0.54%	4.81%
Euro Stoxx 50	6,050.54	6,019.45	5,791.41	0.52%	4.47%

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- Fixed Income Trading
- Investment Banking Services
- Unit Trust Investments
- Currency Trading
- Structured Products
- Retirement Planning
- Wealth Planning
- Market Research

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