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Investment Playbook

EQUITIES

Stock Ticker	Stock Information (as at June 5th, 2026)	Comments
SEP Seprod Limited	P/E: 10.49x P/B: 1.38x Price: $74.99 Div Yield 3.43%	**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: 13.52x P/B: 6.75x Price: $7.19 Div Yield 3.55%	**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: 12.7x P/B: 2.49x Price: $104.03 Div Yield 1.95%	**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: 9.99x P/B: 0.95x Price: $3 Div Yield 4.02%	**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: 17.14x / 15.95x P/B: 0.49x / 0.46x Price: $10.13 / $0.06 Div Yield: 5.33% / 5.73%	**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: 9.57x P/B: 1.56x Price: $6.38 Div Yield 2.99%	**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: 17.19x P/B: 2.46x Price: $6.36 Div Yield 3.93%	**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: 21.81x P/B: 8.75x Price: $16.85 Div Yield 4.28%	**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: 16.02x P/B: 2.39x Price: $19.39 Div Yield 2.38%	**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: 8.37x P/B: 0.98x Price: $53.29 Div Yield 3.38%	**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: 14.32x P/B: 29.55x Price: $22.70 Div Yield 6.56%	**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: $15 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

Bond & Issuer	Bond Information (as at June 5th, 2026)	Comments
HLT 3.75% 2029 Hilton Domestic Operating	Price (Bid/Ask): $96.30/ $96.48 Yield to Maturity (Bid/Ask): 5.14%/5.07% Maturity: May 1st, 2029 Modified Duration: 2.69 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 Sagicor Financial Corporation	Price (Bid/Ask): $99.75/$100.01 Yield to Maturity (Bid/Ask): 5.44%/5.29% Maturity: May 13th, 2028 Modified Duration: 1.80 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 Ivari 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): $96.73/$96.81 Yield to Maturity (Bid/Ask): 5.01%/4.98% Maturity: April 1st, 2029 Modified Duration: 2.61 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	04/06/2026	28/05/2026	Week/Week Return	Year-to-Date Return	1 Year Return	Yield
Capital Growth	72.514	73.588	-1.46%	-5.86%	-4.87%	-
Money Market	18.675	18.643	0.17%	2.13%	6.17%	4.17%
Income Portfolio	100.000	100.000	-	-	-	4.71%
FX Bond Portfolio (US$)	1.686	1.686	0.03%	1.99%	10.85%	3.80%
Real Estate Portfolio	21,468.633	21,346.862	0.57%	15.21%	22.06%	-
FX Growth Portfolio	1.469	1.487	-1.22%	4.63%	20.19%	-
FX Income Accumulator Portfolio	1.070	1.072	-0.18%	1.48%	3.28%	4.99%

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

Warren Buffett

LOCAL EQUITY MARKET

For the week ending June 05, 2026, the local stock market, measured by the Combined Index, declinedby 1.65%. The Main Market Index declined by 1.52%, the Junior Market Index declined by 3.45%, and the JSE USD Equities Index declined by 3.93%. During the Margaritaville (Turks) Limited was the largest gainer, rising by approximately 35.65% to close at $12.90. Productive Business Solution Ltd USD Ordinary Shares was the biggest decliner, which fell by 27.99% to close at $0.45.

Large-cap stocks, reflecting those listed on the Main Market Index are outperforming on a YTD basis, improving by 5.71%, relative to its Junior Market counterpart which has declining by 11.51%.

For the week ending June 05, 2026, overall market activity resulted from 127 stocks of which 40 advanced, 79 declined and 8 traded firm. Market volume amounted to 400,701,682 units valued at over $754,372,730.50. Key contributors to trading volume are Kintyre Holdings (JA) Limited with 148,431,856 (36.87%), followed by One on One Educational Services Limited with 130,214,915 units (32.35%) and TransJamaican Highway Limited with 25,109,863 units (6.24%).

Revisiting relevant news during the week:

Barita brings merchant bank under flagship brand

Barita's transformation from securities dealer to diversified financial group reached another milestone last week when Jamaica's only merchant bank – Cornerstone Trust & Merchant Bank – was renamed Barita Merchant Bank, bringing one of the group's most important businesses under the same brand as it expands across banking, pensions, asset management and real estate.
Barita brings merchant bank under flagship brand

Dolphin Cove reports net loss after twin shocks

Dolphin Cove Limited (DCOVE) slipped to its first annual loss since the pandemic after a one-two punch from Hurricane Melissa and the bankruptcy proceedings surrounding its parent company, forcing the tourism attraction operator to write down millions of US dollars in related-party balances while battling a sharp decline in visitor traffic.
Dolphin Cove reports net loss after twin shocks

INSIDE LASCO'S POST-LASCELLES PLAN

More than two years after the death of founder Lascelles Chin, LASCO is beginning to put in place the leadership structure that will carry the company beyond its founder era, elevating long-time executive Dr Eileen Chin into expanded roles as it prepares for its next phase of growth.
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Dolla nears Evolve deal

Dolla Financial Services is closing in on the acquisition of Evolve Loan Company's portfolio, a transaction that will give the micro-lender access to thousands of additional borrowers and potentially expand its branch network as it looks to accelerate growth beyond organic lending.
Dolla nears Evolve deal

Stanley Motta's new tower lifts profit, but debt becomes the next test

Stanley Motta Limited's newly completed office tower is beginning to deliver the returns the company hoped for when it embarked on a major expansion of its Half-Way-Tree Road, St Andrew, technology park, helping drive a 60 per cent increase in quarterly profit as rental income surged.
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Index	05/06/2026	29/05/2026	31/12/2025	Week/Week	Year-to-Date
JSE Main Market	336,149.93	341,344.15	317,986.88	-1.52%	5.71%
JSE Junior Market	3,009.87	3,117.58	3,401.41	-3.45%	-11.51%
JSE Combined Market	343,012.24	348,753.30	328,444.54	-1.65%	4.44%
JSE USD Equities Market	234.33	243.92	212.16	-3.93%	10.45%
JSE Financial Index	63.51	64.54	64.44	-1.60%	-1.44%
JSE M&D Index	115.16	116.86	106.01	-1.45%	8.63%

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

U.S.

Major U.S. stock indexes finished the week lower. Declines were led by the technology-heavy Nasdaq Composite, which fell 4.68%, followed by the Russell 2000 and S&P 500 Indexes, the latter of which posted a weekly loss for the first time since March. The Dow Jones Industrial Average held up best, declining 0.32%.

Early gains tied to artificial intelligence (AI) optimism faded later in the week as investors weighed oil price volatility tied to Middle East headlines, elevated earnings expectations for AI-linked companies, a growing pipeline of AI-related equity issuance, and a stronger-than-expected May payrolls report that helped push Treasury yields higher on Friday. The payrolls surprise supported the view that the U.S. economy remains resilient, but it also raised concerns that persistent price pressures could keep the Federal Reserve on a restrictive path for longer.

Payroll growth beats forecasts

In economic news, Friday's closely watched nonfarm payrolls report capped a week of mixed labor market data with an upside surprise. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that the U.S. economy added 172,000 jobs in May, well ahead of estimates for around 80,000, while April's reading was revised up to 179,000 from 115,000. May job growth was led by gains in leisure and hospitality, local government, and health care. The unemployment rate was unchanged at 4.3%.

Meanwhile, the Labor Department reported on Tuesday that job openings rose to 7.618 million in April, well above expectations for around 6.79 million and the highest level in nearly two years. Private payrolls firm ADP later reported that private employers added 122,000 jobs in May, also above consensus estimates.

Europe

The pan-European STOXX Europe 600 Index declined 0.53% in local currency terms. European markets appeared to lack direction as investors digested the likelihood of successful negotiations between the U.S. and Iran, a possible ceasefire between Israel and Lebanon, and an announcement on Wednesday from the Trump administration that it is planning on imposing new tariffs of 10% to 12.5% on many countries. Among major stock indexes, Germany's DAX closed 1.38% lower, France's CAC 40 Index rose 0.43%, and Italy's FTSE MIB fell 0.29%. The UK's FTSE 100 Index slipped 0.40%.

Eurozone economy contracted in Q1

According to final data from Eurostat, the euro area economy shrank by 0.2% in the first quarter—a downward revision from initial estimates that had pegged gross domestic product growth at 0.1%. The sharpest decline was in Ireland, where the economy contracted 12.1%.

Retail sales fall

Retail sales volumes in the eurozone fell 0.4% sequentially in April, led by nonfood products. A consensus estimate had called for a 0.3% drop. Retail trade fell 0.2% in Germany and 1.5% in Spain. However, retail sales volumes in France increased by 0.3%.

Industrial output in France broadly flat

Industrial production in France edged up 0.1% month over month in April—better than the 0.2% decline that had been expected. The strongest gains included the manufacturing of coke and refined petroleum products and transport equipment.

Japan

Japan's stock market returns were mixed over the week, with the Nikkei 225 Index gaining 0.39% while the broader TOPIX fell 0.20%. Investor sentiment remained cautious amid the fragile ceasefire between the U.S. and Iran, with elevated energy prices keeping inflation risks and the outlook for interest rates firmly in focus.

T. Rowe Price

Index	05/06/2026	29/05/2026	31/12/2025	Week/Week	Year-to-Date
Dow Jones	50,866.78	51,032.46	48,063.29	-0.32%	5.83%
S&P 500	7,383.74	7,580.06	6,845.50	-2.59%	7.86%
NASDAQ 100	28,957.60	30,333.18	25,249.85	-4.53%	14.68%
FTSE 100	10,368.05	10,409.28	9,931.38	-0.40%	4.40%
Euro Stoxx 50	6,062.07	6,050.54	5,791.41	0.19%	4.67%

ABOUT US

> **Barita Investments Limited**, is a publicly-traded company on the JSE, 74.3% owned by Cornerstone Financial Holdings Limited ("Cornerstone").

The Barita Group is made up of Barita Investments Limited and its subsidiary, Barita Unit Trusts Management Company Limited (BUTM). Founded by Rita Humphries-Lewin in 1977, Barita has the distinction of being one of the oldest stock brokerages in Jamaica. The Company is regulated by the Financial Services Commission (FSC), is a member of the JSE and is licensed as a Primary Dealer and Cambio Dealer by the Bank of Jamaica (BOJ or the Central Bank). In August 2018, Cornerstone Financial Holdings Limited (Cornerstone or CFHL) acquired majority shares in Barita and has supported the Company's mission and vision to be a premier investment force in Jamaica and the wider Caribbean.

OUR PRODUCTS AND SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Stock Market investments on any of the three regional exchanges
- Fixed Income Trading
- Investment Banking Services
- Unit Trust Investments
- Currency Trading
- Structured Products
- Retirement Planning
- Wealth Planning
- Market Research

BUTM currently offers seven (7) unit trust products spanning fixed income, equities and real estate and is recognised as a strong player in the middle market retail segment and a leader in unit trust performance.

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