WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

August 3rd, 2026

Investment Playbook

EQUITIES

Stock Ticker	Stock Information (as at July 31st, 2026)	Comments
SEP Seprod Limited	P/E: 13.1x P/B: 1.38x Price: $75.35 Div Yield 4.06%	**MARKETWEIGHT** 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: 19.27x P/B: 9.62x Price: $10.25 Div Yield 2.49%	**MARKETWEIGHT** 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: 10.7x P/B: 2.55x Price: $114.7 Div Yield 1.78%	**MARKETWEIGHT** 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: 9.96x P/B: 0.95x Price: $2.99 Div Yield 4.03%	**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: 15.77x / 13.92x P/B: 0.45x / 0.4x Price: $9.32 / $0.05 Div Yield: 5.79% / 6.56%	**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: 10.77x P/B: 1.76x Price: $7.18 Div Yield 2.65%	**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: 10.06x P/B: 0.78x Price: $75.15 Div Yield 3.19%	**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: 16.54x P/B: 2.36x Price: $6.12 Div Yield 4.08%	**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: 23.82x P/B: 9.48x Price: $18.33 Div Yield 4.23%	**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: 16.34x P/B: 2.44x Price: $19.77 Div Yield 2.33%	**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: 8.61x P/B: 1.06x Price: $57.54 Div Yield 3.13%	**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: 22.09x P/B: 45.59x Price: $35.02 Div Yield: 4.25%	**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: 0.57x Price: $13.98 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 July 31st, 2026)	Comments
HLT 3.75% 2029 Hilton Domestic Operating	Price (Bid/Ask): $96.05/ $96.13 Yield to Maturity (Bid/Ask): 5.31%/5.28% Maturity: May 1st, 2029 Modified Duration: 2.54 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): $99.61/$99.79 Yield to Maturity (Bid/Ask): 5.53%/5.42% Maturity: May 13th, 2028 Modified Duration: 1.66 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): $96.46/$96.51 Yield to Maturity (Bid/Ask): 5.19%/5.17% Maturity: April 1st, 2029 Modified Duration: 2.46 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	30/07/2026	23/07/2026	Week/Week Return	Year-to-Date Return	1 Year Return	Yield
Capital Growth	75.149	74.493	0.88%	-2.43%	0.58%	-
Money Market	18.740	18.737	0.02%	2.48%	5.64%	4.21%
Income Portfolio	100.000	100.000	-	-	-	4.56%
FX Bond Portfolio (US$)	1.690	1.691	-0.04%	2.24%	10.27%	3.53%
Real Estate Portfolio	21,383.963	21,441.867	-0.27%	14.76%	21.26%	-
FX Growth Portfolio	1.141	1.473	-22.53%	2.73%	10.30%	-
FX Income Accumulator Portfolio	1.073	1.072	0.11%	1.83%	3.17%	4.82%

“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 July 31, 2026, the local stock market, measured by the Combined Index, improved by 1.95%. The Main Market Index improved by 2.20%, the Junior Market Index declined by 2.03%, and the JSE USD Equities Index improved by 9.28%. During the TransJamaican Highway Limited (USD)was the largest gainer, rising by approximately 15.88% to close at $0.07. Express Catering Limited was the biggest decliner, which fell by 18.83% to close at $1.94.

Large-cap stocks, reflecting those listed on the Main Market Index are outperforming on a YTD basis, improving by 17.62%, relative to its Junior Market counterpart which has declining by 12.49%.

For the week ending July 31, 2026, overall market activity resulted from 128 stocks of which 47 advanced, 62 declined and 19 traded firm. Market volume amounted to 216,196,733 units valued at over $1,391,036,866.48. Key contributors to trading volume are TransJamaican Highway Limited with 39,508,316 (17.99%), followed by Wigton Energy Limited with 39,326,876 units (17.90%) and Derrimon Trading Company Limitedwith 37,406,941 units (17.03%).

Revisiting relevant news during the week:

Wigton taps Mayberry for $10-billion solar push

Wigton Energy Limited (WIG) has entered into agreements with Mayberry Investments Limited (MIL) to provide financial advisory services in connection with the company's planned $10 billion (US$62 million) expansion through the development of two solar projects.
Wigton taps Mayberry for $10-billion solar push

PBS secures up to US$30m from IDB Invest

Kingston, Jamaica — PRODUCTIVE Business Solutions Limited (PBS) has secured up to US$30 million in financing from IDB Invest to fund working capital and growth investments across its 24-country technology business.
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DOLPHIN COVE'S US$2.5-M LIFT

Dolphin Cove Limited has added approximately US$2.533 million to its net book value after revaluing its Jamaican properties, an adjustment disclosed while its majority shareholder has agreed to sell its controlling stake and is seeking to add four directors.
DOLPHIN COVE'S US$2.5-M LIFT

TJH pursues new revenue streams

TRANSJAMAICAN Highway Limited (TJH) is looking beyond its existing toll road operations, pursuing opportunities to operate the Montego Bay Perimeter Road and participate in future highway developments.
TJH pursues new revenue streams

Sygnus deepens Bahamas presence with IDB Invest facility

SYGNUS Investment Bahamas Inc (SIB) has begun the phased rolled out of a receivables purchase platform supported by an uncommitted revolving working-capital facility of up to US$10 million from IDB Invest.
Sygnus deepens Bahamas presence with IDB Invest facility

RA Williams adds Cradle of Life to portfolio as it expands into maternal wellness sector

In celebration of World Breastfeeding Week, RA Williams Distributors Limited has officially expanded its distribution network to include Cradle of Life Limited, a comprehensive maternal wellness brand founded by International Board Certified Lactation Consultant Simeca Alexander Williamson.
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Index	31/07/2026	24/07/2026	31/12/2025	Week/Week	Year-to-Date
JSE Main Market	374,012.30	365,960.24	317,986.88	2.20%	17.62%
JSE Junior Market	2,976.70	3,038.29	3,401.41	-2.03%	-12.49%
JSE Combined Market	378,973.79	371,717.03	328,444.54	1.95%	15.38%
JSE USD Equities Market	298.58	273.22	212.16	9.28%	40.73%
JSE Financial Index	70.21	70.14	64.44	0.10%	8.95%
JSE M&D Index	126.06	122.31	106.01	3.07%	18.91%

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

U.S.

Major U.S. stock indexes closed mixed in a week characterized by sharp swings tied to the Federal Reserve's policy meeting, the ongoing U.S.-Iran conflict, and volatility in artificial intelligence (AI)-related shares. The Nasdaq Composite, Dow Jones Industrial Average, and S&P 500 Index all advanced, while the S&P MidCap 400 Index declined and the Russell 2000 Index was little changed. Consumer discretionary led the S&P 500 sectors—supported by a late-week rally in Amazon shares after its better-than-expected earnings results—while utilities and real estate lagged.

Concerns about the sustainability of heavy AI investments continued early in the week, with many AI-related shares coming under pressure amid questions about elevated capital spending, financing arrangements, and rising competition. However, sentiment reversed sharply on Thursday after Microsoft reported stronger-than-expected growth in its Azure cloud business and issued an encouraging outlook, helping support a broad rebound in recently weak technology stocks, though volatility continued through the end of the week.

Fed holds rates steady in 9–3 vote

The Federal Reserve left the federal funds rate target range unchanged at 3.50% to 3.75% on Wednesday. However, three policymakers dissented, voting instead to raise rates, highlighting growing concern within the central bank about inflation remaining above target.

The Fed made no notable changes to its policy statement, while Chair Kevin Warsh offered limited guidance on the conditions that could prompt a future policy adjustment. The lack of clarity appeared to contribute to volatile trading following the decision. Stocks fell sharply on Wednesday, while the Treasury yield curve steepened as short-term yields declined and long-term yields rose. The yield on the 30-year U.S. Treasury bond rose above 5.2% for the first time since 2007 and continued climbing to about 5.26% by Friday afternoon.

Europe

The pan-European STOXX Europe 600 Index ended the week up 0.73% in local currency terms and hit a new intraday high on Friday morning. Key drivers included better-than-expected corporate earnings and a partial recovery in sentiment toward AI-related stocks later in the week. Brent crude oil remaining below USD 100 a barrel also helped. Among major stock indexes, Germany's DAX gained 2.11%, France's CAC 40 Index rose 1.64%, and Italy's FTSE MIB tacked on 0.71%. The UK's FTSE 100 Index climbed 1.23%.

Eurozone economic growth surprises to the upside in Q2; inflation ticked higher in July

Eurozone GDP grew 0.4% sequentially in the second quarter—firmly above market expectations for a 0.2% expansion. AI-related investment and robust government spending helped offset the drag from the U.S.-Iran conflict and higher energy costs. Among the eurozone's large economies, Spain posted the strongest growth, with its GDP expanding 0.7%.

Meanwhile, annual inflation in the eurozone ticked up to 2.9% in July, in line with expectations and up from 2.8% in June. Services inflation rose to 3.3%, while inflation for non-energy industrial goods climbed to 0.9% from 0.7%.

Germany's jobless rate rises in July, but the economy grew faster than expected in Q2

The unemployment rate in Germany rose to 6.4% in July, with the number of unemployed people increasing to more than 3 million. A consensus estimate had pegged the jobless rate at 6.3%. Inflation climbed to 2.8%. In the second quarter, the economy expanded by 0.2% sequentially, exceeding expectations for 0.1% growth. Exports increased; household consumption remained subdued; and capital investment fell.

Japan

Japan's stock markets fell over the week, with the Nikkei 225 Index declining 0.39% and the broader TOPIX Index down 0.20%. There was uncertainty about the human and economic impact of the strong earthquake that hit the Kumamoto Prefecture in the Kyushu region on Tuesday, the biggest in terms of magnitude since the Noto earthquake in January 2024, which caused some degree of supply chain disruption.

T. Rowe Price

Index	31/07/2026	24/07/2026	31/12/2025	Week/Week	Year-to-Date
Dow Jones	52,485.03	51,947.25	48,063.29	1.04%	9.20%
S&P 500	7,489.72	7,411.98	6,845.50	1.05%	9.41%
NASDAQ 100	28,274.20	28,128.34	25,249.85	0.52%	11.98%
FTSE 100	10,868.05	10,736.23	9,931.38	1.23%	9.43%
Euro Stoxx 50	6,358.01	6,280.94	5,791.41	1.23%	9.78%

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- Market Research

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