

**WISE**  
**WEEKLY MARKET UPDATE**  
May 20, 2005

**Main Board**

**Market Data**

Volume: 6,127,885  
Value: \$ 106,401,032.55  
Advances/Declines: 12 / 9  
Composite Index: 1224.5900 points  
Nominal Change in Index: 0.2638 points  
Percentage Change in Index: 0.02 per cent  
All T&T Index: 1564.4800 points  
Nominal Change in All T&T Index: 6.7661 points  
Percentage Change in All T&T Index: 0.43 per cent

**Volume Leaders by Company:**

National Commercial Bank of Jamaica – 2,756,657 shares traded or 44.99 per cent  
Guardian Holdings Limited – 608,948 shares traded or 9.94 per cent  
Barbados Shipping & Trading – 465,715 shares traded or 7.60 per cent

**Major Advances:**

L J Williams 'B' - up 11 cents or 9.09 per cent  
National Enterprises Ltd – up \$1.00 or 6.67 per cent  
Caribbean Communications Network – up \$1.00 or 4.88 per cent

**Major Declines:**

National Commercial Bank Jamaica – down 15 cents or 6.67 per cent  
Angostura Holdings Ltd – down 28 cents or 5.86 per cent  
RBTT Financial Holdings Ltd – down \$1.50 or 3.30 per cent

**Exchange Rate**

US\$1 = TT\$6.2999

**Second Tier Market**

Mora Ven Holdings share price was unchanged during the week with no shares being traded.

**Mutual Fund Market**

Praetorian Property Mutual Fund share price inched up 3 cents or 0.55 per cent to close at \$5.51. A total of 10,000 shares traded this week.

**Weekly Summary**

Trading activity picked up this week as a total volume of 6,127,885 shares valued at \$106,401,032.55 crossed the floor, compared with 3,680,116 shares last week, up 66.52 per cent. Twelve shares advanced while nine declined. The

composite index ended virtually unchanged, up 0.2638 points or 0.02 per cent to close at 1224.5900 points. The All T&T index increased by 0.43 per cent to 1564.4800 points, up 6.7661 points to end the week.

National Commercial Bank Jamaica shares were most heavily traded this week with a total of 2,756,657 shares changing hands or 44.99 per cent of all trades. Second was Guardian Holdings Ltd shares with 608,948 shares traded for 9.94 per cent of the overall volume. Rounding off the top three was Barbados Shipping & Trading with 465,715 shares crossing the floor or 7.60 per cent of the total volume.

Price-wise, LJ Williams B shares led advances, moving up 9.09 per cent or 11 cents to \$1.32. National Enterprises Ltd gained 6.67 per cent on its share price to close at \$16.00, up \$1.00. Caribbean Communications Network share price appreciated by 4.88 per cent to \$21.50, up by \$1.00.

On the decline side, National Commercial Bank Jamaica lost 6.67 per cent off its share price to close at \$2.10 per share, down 15 cents. Angostura Holdings Ltd closed at \$4.50 per share, down 5.86 per cent or 28 cents. RBTT Financial Holdings Ltd fell 3.30 per cent or \$1.50 to \$44.00 per share.

**RBTT Financial Holdings Ltd**

**Results for the year ended 31 March 2005.**

RBTT Financial Holdings (RBTT) increased its earnings per share (EPS) from \$ 2.35 as at March 2004 to \$2.68 as at March 2005. This represents a gain of 14.05 per cent over the period.

Two factors negatively impacted RBTT's performance:

An unrealised before tax mark to market loss of \$87 million related to the downgrading of the sovereign credit rating of Grenada as a result of Hurricane Ivan during the 2004 calendar year.

A post retirement medical benefit expense for employees in accordance with IAS 19 of \$111 million before tax.

Under IAS 19 (Accounting for Employee Benefits) an independent actuarial valuation is conducted to determine the present value of any potential future liability arising from benefits to employees. The accounting standard requires recognition of the liabilities in the period in which the benefit is earned by the employee rather than when it is payable. As a result this provision should not impact on cash flow as at March 31<sup>st</sup> 2004.

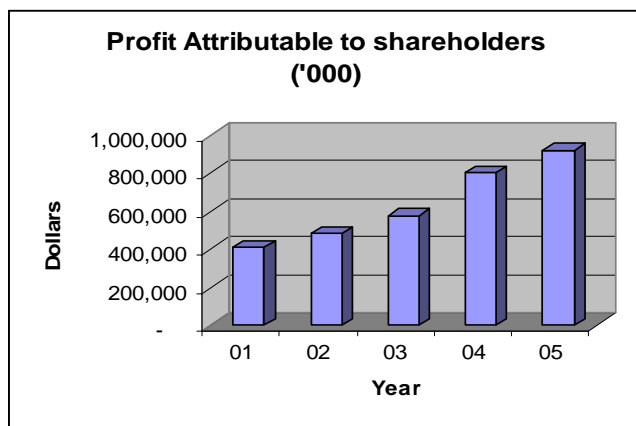
RBTT also benefited from the sale of 9 million shares of Guardian Holdings Limited (GHL) during the financial year, resulting in a realized gain of \$229 million. The sale of GHL shares necessitated in a change in the accounting

treatment for this investment. Prior to the sale RBTT held a 20 per cent stake in GHL and therefore accounted for GHL as an associate company. RBTT now records the residual shares as an investment resulting in a mark to market adjustment. The mark to market gain has resulted in a boost to Shareholders' Equity of \$564 million. RBTT will no longer be entitled to a share of GHL's profit but will instead be impacted by the movement in GHL's share price. This should be taken into account in assessing the future prospects of the Company.

The Group's operations performed creditably during the year. Overall, net interest income grew by 10.49 per cent to \$1.62 billion, while other income increased by 10.71 per cent to reach \$1.17 billion, resulting in total net income of \$2.79 billion, up 10.58 per cent. Non interest expense of \$1.74 billion represented an increase of 9.26 per cent over that of 2004. Operating profit for the year was up 12.83 per cent to \$1.05 billion. Share of profit from associate companies and Joint Ventures increased by 51.45 per cent to \$67.61 million.

Profit before tax for 2005 was \$1.12 billion, up 14.60 per cent from \$974.2 million in 2004. Profit after tax reached \$931 million, up 14.69 per cent, while profit attributable to shareholders increased by 14.78 per cent to \$921.88 million.

Profit attributable to shareholders has more than doubled over the last 5 years, from \$409.49 million in 2001 to \$921.88 million in 2005. This growth is represented by the following graph.



A final dividend of 77 cents per share was declared, which will be paid on 10 June 2005. Total dividends for the year amounted to \$1.18 per share, up 18 per cent from \$1.00 in 2004. At the current price of \$44.00 per share, RBTT offers investors a dividend yield of 2.27 per cent the highest in the Banking Sector and an earnings multiple of 16.15 times, the lowest in its peer group. We expect that there may be some short term price volatility associated with this share but the long term prospects remain relatively strong.

**L.J. Williams Ltd  
Results for the year ended 31 December 2004**

Revenue increased by 17.23 per cent from 997.27 million in 2003 to \$114.04 million in 2004. Cost of sales was up 14.93 per cent to 90.53 million, resulting in gross profit of \$23.51 million. Gross profit margin improved from 19.03 per cent to 20.62 per cent. Pension income declined sharply from \$2.69 million to \$54,000, while other income increased from \$362,000 to \$944,000.

The Group's cost reduction strategy resulted in a drop in administrative expenses of 23.78 per cent to \$20.59 million and marketing expenses falling by 6.58 per cent to \$1.99 million. Operating income from ordinary activities of \$1.93 million was achieved in 2004 compared with a loss of \$7.59 million in the previous year. There was a significant decline in investments from \$2.26 million in 2003 to \$266,000 in 2004 however; the Group recorded exceptional income of \$2.48 million in 2004. The exceptional income was as a result of the settlement of a legal matter with a particular supplier. Earnings before interest and tax (EBIT) for the year amounted to \$4.68 million as opposed to a loss of \$5.32 million in 2003.

With the improved revenue and cost reductions the company experienced a favorable cash flow position allowing for a reduction in finance costs of 46.02 per cent to \$1.1 million. Earnings before tax was \$3.58 million while earnings after tax was \$3.43 million compared with a net loss of \$7.67 million last year. Earnings per share were posted at 14 cents (negative 31 cents – 2003).

The Board of Directors proposed preference dividend of 5 cents per share, as well as 5 cents and .5 cents per share for common stockholders of class B and A shares respectively.

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COMPOSITE INDEX 1,224.5900 ALL T&T INDEX 1,564.4800 Adv./Dec. Ratio 12/9  
 CHANGE 0.2638 CHANGE 6.7661  
 % CHANGE 0.02% % CHANGE 0.43%

Security	Fiscal Yr. End	Hist. EPS	Hist. Div.	Est. EPS	Est. Div.	Hist. Yield	Hist. P/E	Est. Yield	Est. P/E	Last Quote	Price Change	% Change	Running EPS	Running P/E	52 Week High	52 Week Low
<b>Banks</b>																
FirstCaribbean Intl.	Oct-31	32.5	15.6	107.0	25.0	1.16%	41.51	1.85%	12.61	13.49	-0.01	-0.07%	80.0	16.86	13.60	9.00
National Commercial Bank Jamaica	Sep-30	13.0	4.8	13.0	4.8	0.00%	16.15	2.29%	16.15	2.10	-0.15	-6.67%	13.0	16.15	2.80	2.00
RBTT Financial Holdings	Mar-31	235.0	100.0	255.0	110.0	2.27%	18.72	2.50%	17.25	44.00	-1.50	-3.30%	244.0	18.03	45.50	39.00
Republic Bank	Sep-30	417.0	200.0	470.0	230.0	1.77%	27.16	2.03%	24.10	113.26	0.76	0.68%	494.0	22.93	113.26	68.50
Scotiabank	Oct-31	173.1	74.0	173.1	74.0	1.89%	22.57	1.89%	22.57	39.07	0.07	0.18%	168.2	23.23	40.00	29.70
<b>Non-Banking/Finance</b>																
ANSA Fin. & Merch. Bank	Dec-31	106.0	32.0	106.0	32.0	1.68%	17.92	1.68%	17.92	19.00	0.20	1.06%	106.0	17.92	19.00	14.40
Capital & Credit Merchant Bank	Dec-31	14.7	1.0	14.7	1.0	0.36%	18.71	0.36%	18.71	2.75	-0.05	-1.79%	16.2	16.98	3.31	1.69
Dehring Bunting & Golding	Mar-31	26.2	2.0	26.2	2.0	0.76%	10.15	0.75%	10.15	2.66	-0.03	-1.12%	26.2	10.15	2.75	2.15
Guardian Holdings	Dec-31	300.0	50.0	400.00	75.0	1.09%	15.33	1.63%	11.50	46.00	0.00	0.00%	98.0	46.94	46.00	34.00
JMMB	Mar-31	7.1	1.5	11.0	1.5	0.91%	23.24	0.91%	15.00	1.65	0.03	1.85%	7.0	23.57	2.13	1.50
National Enterprises	Mar-31	81.0	41.0	90.0	41.0	2.56%	19.75	2.56%	17.78	16.00	1.00	6.67%	86.0	18.60	16.00	9.45
Sagikor Financial Corporation	Dec-04	78.0	30.0	78.0	30.0	1.95%	19.74	1.95%	19.74	15.40	0.07	0.46%	78.0	19.74	15.50	12.86
<b>Conglomerates</b>																
ANSA Mc AI	Dec-31	182.0	65.0	182.0	65.0	1.35%	26.54	1.35%	26.54	48.30	0.94	1.98%	182.0	26.54	48.30	28.00
B'dos Shipping & Trading	Sep-30	179.1	51.0	179.1	51.0	1.88%	15.13	1.88%	15.13	27.10	-0.05	0.01%	179.1	15.13	27.15	18.00
Grace, Kennedy & Co.	Dec-31	67.2	7.1	75.0	8.0	0.58%	18.10	0.66%	16.21	12.16	0.11	0.91%	67.2	18.10	12.70	8.80
Neal & Massy Holdings	Sep-30	243.0	76.0	279.00	76.0	1.30%	24.10	1.30%	20.99	58.56	-0.45	-0.76%	265.00	22.10	59.01	30.35
<b>Trading</b>																
Agostini's	Sep-30	18.6	9.0	55.0	25.0	0.86%	56.45	2.38%	19.09	10.50	0.00	0.00%	36.6	28.69	10.50	8.30
BWIA	Dec-31	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00%	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.33	0.00	0.00%	0.0	0.00	1.80	0.21
Furness T'dad	Dec-31	33.0	0.0	33.0	0.0	0.00%	18.64	0.00%	18.64	6.15	0.00	0.00%	33.0	18.64	6.15	5.25
LJ Williams A	Dec-31	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00%	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.62	0.00	0.00%	0.5	124.00	0.62	0.50
LJ Williams B	Dec-31	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00%	0.00	0.00%	0.00	1.32	0.11	9.09%	4.80	27.50	1.50	1.10
Prestige Holdings	Nov-30	39.1	24.0	39.1	24.0	2.29%	26.87	2.29%	26.87	10.50	0.14	1.35%	39.8	26.36	10.50	7.15
<b>Property</b>																
PLIPDECO	Dec-31	126.00	21.0	126.00	21.0	0.95%	17.46	0.95%	17.46	22.00	0.00	0.00%	126.0	17.46	22.00	17.05
Valpark Shopping Plaza	Mar-31	47.3	0.0	47.3	0.0	0.00%	10.57	0.00%	10.57	5.00	0.00	0.00%	47.3	10.57	5.00	5.00
<b>Manufacturing</b>																
Angostura Holdings	Dec-31	29.0	12.0	29.0	12.0	2.67%	15.52	2.67%	15.52	4.50	-0.28	-5.86%	29.0	15.52	5.61	4.70
Berger Paints Trinidad	Dec-31	0.0	17.0	0.0	17.0	5.06%	0.00	5.06%	0.00	3.36	0.00	0.00%	39.0	8.62	3.95	3.10
Caribbean Comm Network	Dec-31	80.0	44.0	80.0	44.0	2.05%	26.88	2.05%	26.88	21.50	1.00	4.88%	80.0	26.88	21.50	7.35
Flavorite Foods	Dec-31	24.0	10.5	41.0	13.0	2.18%	20.04	2.70%	11.73	4.81	0.00	0.00%	24.0	20.04	4.81	4.10
National Flour Mills	Dec-31	13.6	13.0	13.6	13.0	4.56%	20.96	4.56%	20.96	2.85	0.00	0.00%	13.6	20.96	3.20	2.80
Readymix (West Indies)	Dec-31	24.0	9.0	24.0	9.0	1.29%	29.17	1.29%	29.17	7.00	0.00	0.00%	24.0	29.17	7.20	6.15
Trinidad Cement	Dec-31	67.0	20.0	67.0	20.0	1.67%	17.91	1.67%	17.91	12.00	0.00	0.00%	68.0	17.65	12.99	6.15
Trinidad Publishing Co.	Dec-31	50.0	28.0	50.0	28.0	2.64%	21.22	2.64%	21.22	10.61	0.01	0.09%	50.0	21.22	10.65	7.25
Unilever Caribbean Limited	Dec-31	119.0	110.0	119.0	110.0	3.76%	24.61	3.76%	24.61	29.29	0.00	0.00%	119.0	24.61	29.36	29.00
West Indian Tobacco Co.	Dec-31	116.6	114.0	116.6	114.0	5.18%	18.86	5.18%	18.86	21.99	-0.01	-0.05%	116.6	18.86	22.70	17.70