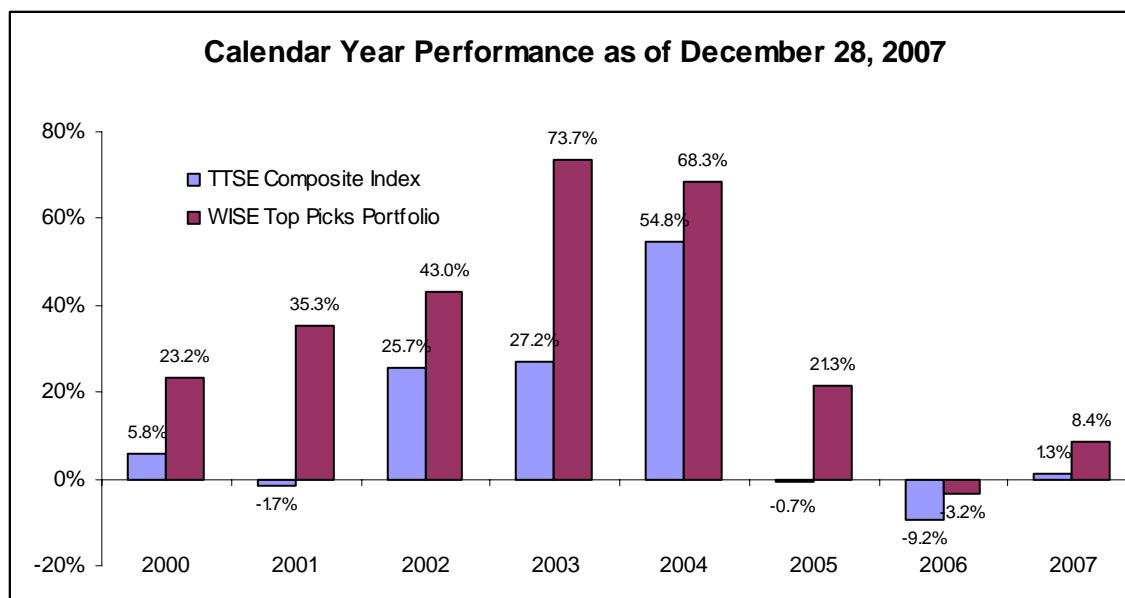


WISE Top Picks For 2008

A New Year breathes!...drum roll please...it's that time when we present our much anticipated Top Picks for the year. For anyone who is unaware, WISE Top Picks is a list of the five stocks listed on the Trinidad and Tobago Stock Exchange that we believe would provide superior shareholder return and display potential for growth. These stocks are selected based on good fundamental value, an assessment of the quality of management and a general outlook for the respective economic sectors. Due consideration is also given to the liquidity and availability of the stock on the market. Before the release of our 2008 picks, however, let us first review the stock market over the last year and take a look at the performance of our 2007 Top Picks.

Many investors hoped that 2007 would have been the year to pull the equity market out of the doldrums, however, the stock market in 2007 failed to gain much momentum, with the Composite Index closing up a minimal 1.33 per cent and the All T&T Index down 0.42 per cent. Nonetheless, in Q4 alone, the Composite Index advanced 4.85 per cent and the All T&T Index rose 1.79 per cent indicating an increase in investor confidence and a reflection of positive market sentiment going into the new year. Added to this, WISE's Top Picks for 2007 outperformed the market with an average portfolio return (exclusive of dividends) of 6.12 per cent. Since its inception in 2001, WISE Top Picks has consistently outperformed the benchmark index.

WISE Top Picks 2007					
Pick	Open	Close	Return	Dividend Paid	Return w/ Dividend
AMCL	\$43.75	\$47.99	9.69%	\$0.80	11.52%
NML	\$42.66	\$48.00	12.52%	\$1.10	15.10%
OCM	\$18.99	\$17.79	-6.32%	\$0.72	-2.53%
SBTT	\$27.03	\$29.69	9.84%	\$0.63	12.17%
TCL	\$7.01	\$7.35	4.85%	\$0.06	5.71%
Avg. Ret.			6.12%		8.39%
Composite	969.1669	982.0321	1.33%		
All T&T	1205.7260	1200.6873	-0.42%		



So with no further adieu, our five Top Picks for 2008 in alphabetical order are GraceKennedy Limited (GKC), National Commercial Bank (Jamaica) Limited (NCBJ), Republic Bank Limited (RBL), Sagicor Financial Corporation (SFC) and Trinidad Cement Limited (TCL).

GraceKennedy Limited

In line with its 2020 Vision of transforming from a trading company to a global consumer group with Jamaican roots, GraceKennedy acquired WT (Holdings) Limited Group in the UK in February 2007. Shortly thereafter, in March, the Jamaican conglomerate bought a 30 per cent stake in Barbados' Trident Insurance Company and in July, the Company acquired a 90 per cent holding in ONE1 Financial Limited, a financial services company in Trinidad and Tobago. More recently, on November 1, 2007, GKC completed the sale of 25 per cent of the shareholding in GraceKennedy Money Services Caribbean (GKMS Caribbean) to The Western Union Company (Western Union) for a consideration of US\$29 million.

GKC has had three successful quarters for fiscal 2007, with the third quarter showing the largest growth, year on year. The Group reported Earnings Per Share (EPS) of JMD1.72 for Q307, up an outstanding 38.71 per cent or JMD0.48 on Q306. This brought the EPS for the Nine Months (NM) Ended September 30, 2007 to JMD5.09, an increase of 28.21 per cent or JMD1.12 on NM06. For FY07, we have forecasted an EPS of \$0.70, which at the current price of \$6.20 translates to a P/E of 8.86 times. At the forecasted EPS and a multiple of 10 times, this share has an expected return of approximately 13 per cent on the current price.

It is evident from the Group's performance over the last three quarters, that GKC is starting to reap the benefits from the reorganized corporate structure undertaken in December 2006. The improved efficiencies, the expansion of the Grace line into the international market, and developments within their financial services division will continue to serve the Company well in 2008.

National Commercial Bank (Jamaica) Limited

For fiscal 2007, National Commercial Bank (Jamaica) Limited registered a Net Profit of JMD\$6.60 billion. This represented an increase of JMD\$1.11 billion, or 20.32 per cent, on the previous financial year. The Bank reported Earnings Per Share (EPS) of JMD\$2.68, up a significant 20.18 per cent on the corresponding EPS of JMD\$2.23 in fiscal 2006.

The Retail Banking segment showed the largest year on year growth and the Bank's loan portfolio continues to be a major contributor to its revenue stream. Additionally, NCBJ has consistently delivered a 20 per cent increase in growth over the past two years and it is anticipated that this growth trend will continue over the next fiscal year. NCBJ's outstanding performance is a testament to the Bank's commitment to positioning itself as Jamaica's leading financial services entity.

Republic Bank limited

Republic Bank Limited, one of the leading commercial banks, continued to deliver excellent financial results in fiscal 2007. For the financial year ended September 30, 2007, RBL reported Earnings Per Share (EPS) of \$8.33, which was up a noteworthy 109.82 per cent on the comparable EPS in fiscal 2006. This phenomenal growth was largely due to the fact that the Bank sold its investment in FirstCaribbean International Bank. However, if we exclude this component for both years and compare year on year growth in core earnings, the Bank was still up a considerable 18.70 per cent from an EPS of \$5.08 (FY06) to \$6.03 (FY07).

Over the last five years, RBL had an average growth rate of approximately 30 per cent. The Bank has positioned itself as a market leader and going forward, we anticipate that RBL will continue to deliver admirable results.

Sagicor Financial Corporation

In its continued drive to becoming an international financial services group, Sagikor Financial Corporation, not only listed on the London Stock Exchange in February of last year, but subsequently acquired Gerling at Lloyd's Group and Byrne & Stacey Underwriting Limited in the UK. Added to this, at the beginning of December, SFC announced a \$5 share price bid for Barbados Farms Limited (BFL), one of the largest land-owning companies in Barbados.

For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2007, SFC reported Earnings Per Share (EPS) of BD\$0.376, which was up a substantial 24.92 per cent on the corresponding EPS of fiscal 2006. Q307 on Q306, the EPS was up an outstanding 66.07 per cent from BD\$0.112 cents to BD\$0.186 cents. For FY07, we have forecasted an EPS of \$1.90, which at the current price of \$15.79 translates to a P/E of 8.31 times. At the forecasted EPS and a multiple of 10 times, this share has an expected return of approximately 20 per cent on the current price.

Through the acquisitions in the UK, SFC is well poised to expand its property and casualty insurance business and thereby further enhance its Premium Revenue. Additionally, over the last three years the Group had an average growth rate of approximately 30 per cent. SFC's year to date return was approximately 18 per cent and we remain confident that this growth will carry on for the next four quarters.

Trinidad Cement Limited

For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2007, Trinidad Cement Limited (TCL) reported Earnings Per Share (EPS) of 52 cents. This represented an increase of 36.84 per cent or 14 cents on the comparable Nine Month period in FY06. For FY07, we have forecasted an EPS of \$0.75, which at the current price of \$7.35 translates to a P/E of 9.8 times. At the forecasted EPS and a multiple of 11 times, this share has an expected return of approximately 12 per cent on the current price.

Trinidad Cement Limited's cement plant in Barbados, Arawak Cement Company Limited (ACCL), commissioned its new Petcoke fuel system in October 2007, which will impact positively on ACCL's increased fuel costs. Also, for the Nine Months to September 30, 2007, Caribbean Cement Company Limited (CCCL) returned to profitability from a prior period loss.

With the construction sector expected to remain strong in the year ahead, a continued favourable performance by Readymix (West Indies) Limited, a subsidiary of TCL, and strong demand both in the Caribbean domestic and export markets, TCL, the "One Caribbean, One Company" Group is well positioned for continued growth in 2008.

Discuss with your investment advisor if the aforementioned stocks will be suitable in your investment portfolio based on your current asset allocation mix and investment strategy. Attractive gains can be made on the market so don't pass up on the opportunity to reap these benefits by waiting idly by for the market to "correct" itself.

(Statistics provided was based on share price and indices data available as at December 28, 2007)

The WISE Top Picks is an equal-weighted hypothetical portfolio of our preferred stocks and is not intended to represent a balanced portfolio. It is limited to locally listed stocks and individual investors must do their own asset allocation to determine which of these stocks, if any, fit their portfolios. Past performance is no guarantee of future returns.

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