



## The JSE Online Trading Platform Nominated for the Jamaica Computer Society President's Awards

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On Saturday, October 31, 2015, the Jamaica Stock Exchange (JSE) was a special guest at the Jamaica Computer Society's (JCS) Conference that was held in Montego Bay from October 29 - 31, 2015 and culminated with an awards banquet on Saturday, October 31, 2015, at the Hyatt Ziva Hotel. At the awards banquet the JSE's Online Trade Platform was nominated for the President's Awards along with RADA Anti-Predial Larceny System. The JSE Online Trading Platform was launched on May 6, 2015, to allow investors to buy and sell securities using the internet. The development and delivery of the JSE's Online Trading platform satisfies one of the JSE's strategic objectives, that of placing our customers central to growth. The JSE aims to:

- Provide a high quality, robust platform where investors can readily place their orders
- Continuously find ways to provide access for local, regional and global investors to participate in our market and
- Offer products and services that are flexible, responsive and innovative

According to Mrs. Marlene Street Forrest, JSE's General Manager, "to have been nominated for the Jamaica Computer Society President's Awards is a significant achievement by the Stock Exchange and it shows that the Stock Exchange is being recognized for its cutting edge products." She went on to thank the Board for giving its blessing to JSE's management to develop the Online Trading Platform and the team that developed the platform. Mrs. Street Forrest stated that teamwork is the best stimulant to achieve great success and this can be seen in the timely development of the Online Trading Platform. She also thanked MIF/IDB for their contribution to the project.

Mrs. Street Forrest further commented, "Although the JSE did not cop the award just to be nominated for this award is a significant achievement given that the criteria for nomination for the JCS President's award is that the project must be one that is ICT driven and exemplifies

the direct effect that ICT's capability of enhancing organization efficiency and efficacy. The project must demonstrate good IT Governance and Project Management while utilizing country relevant emerging technology." She congratulated RADA on winning the award and for their contribution to the Jamaican economy through the farming industry. She went on to thank the Jamaica Computer Society for considering the JSE for such a prestigious award.

Miss Suzette McNaught, JSE's IT and Project Manager, thanked the team and the developer of the Online Trading Platform for their hard work and dedication to the effort and stated that, "This shows that local talent can develop internationally recognized products and that young Jamaicans in IT and other industries should be motivated to produce greater works". Ms. McNaught thanked Mrs. Street Forrest for the confidence she placed in her to manage this project and for her vision and foresight in conceiving such a game changing idea where persons from across the globe can buy and sell securities on the JSE's online trading platform by just the click of a button.

