

Week ending August 27, 2021

JA\$ FIXED INCOME

- The JA\$ Fixed income market traded with moderate liquidity conditions during the week.
- The BOJ auctioned its weekly 30 day CD offering \$10 Billion to the market. The issue was heavily over-subscribed with the weighted average being 1.52% which was a 29 basis point increase over last week's auction.
- The Government of Jamaica auctioned the Benchmark 2025 and 2050 notes. The auctions were oversubscribed with the 2025 having an average yield of 4.32% and the 2050 having an average yield of 7.39%.
- The market is expected to trade with moderate liquidity next week.

See closing repo rates below:

Tenor	Current Rate %
Overnight	0.5 – 1.00
30 days	2.25 – 2.50
90 days	2.50 – 2.75
180 days	2.85 - 3.00
365 days	3.25 – 3.50

US\$ FIXED INCOME

The US\$ Fixed income market continues to trade with fair liquidity conditions over the week. Demand for long term funding remains relatively strong while the supply of short-term funds is readily available from brokers. Liquidity is expected to remain stable in the near term.

Tenor	Current Rate %
Overnight	1.00 -1.25
30 days	2.00-2.25
90 days	2.50-2.75
180 days	3.00-3.25
365 days	3.50-3.75

JA\$ Treasury-Bill Weighted Average Yields

Instrument	90 Day Treasury Bill	180 Day Treasury Bill	270 Day Treasury Bill
Last Auction	August 13, 2021	August 13, 2021	August 13, 2021
Current Yield	0.88%	1.20%	1.31%
Previous Yield	0.94%	1.18%	1.32%
Net Change	-0.06%	0.02%	-0.01%

(Source: Bank of Jamaica)

GLOBAL BOND MARKET

- GOJ bond prices were up marginally over the week amidst moderate trading activities.
- Jamaica is to enter the second set of three no movement days this weekend to help combat the rising covid-19 cases.
- Barbados' economy remains depressed by the pandemic with tourism expected to recover gradually in the second half of 2021, the IMF said following virtual meetings with country representatives.
- Suriname is to receive US\$150m from the IDB this year according to the Ministry of Finance and Planning. Contingent on the IMF approval of the Extended Fund Facility, the IDB has pledged a total of US\$570M over the next three years to support the recovery plan
- Credito Real called an ordinary shareholders meeting for Sept. 10 to consider asset sales and the amortization and/or repurchase of debt, according to a Mexico stock exchange filing
- Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell said the central bank could begin reducing its monthly bond purchases this year, though it won't be in a hurry to begin raising interest rates thereafter

(Source: Bloomberg)

FX MARKET

- The foreign exchange market traded with low to moderate demand over the week amidst moderate supply.
- There was no intervention from the Bank of Jamaica (BOJ) during the week.
- At the end of trading, Friday August 27 2021, the Jamaican dollar was valued at \$152.26 against the US\$ which represents an approximately \$2.01 appreciation in the value of the JA\$ for the week.

	Weighted Avg. Sell Rates						Weekly Change (\$)
	20-Aug-21	23-Aug-21	24-Aug-21	25-Aug-21	26-Aug-21	27-Aug-21	
USD	154.2733	153.7314	153.1368	152.9233	152.5336	152.2611	2.0122
CAD	120.7455	121.2116	122.4466	121.4598	121.0481	121.2666	(0.5211)
GBP	209.6169	209.2776	209.2572	207.9415	209.0176	211.6878	(2.0709)
EUR	182.3008	182.5439	183.0725	181.1598	181.5918	181.1857	1.1151

(Source: Bank of Jamaica)

REGIONAL EQUITY MARKETS

JAMAICA

Weekly market activity resulted from trading in 114 stocks of which 58 advanced, 47 declined and 9 traded firm.

The market volume amounted to 255,176,619 units valued at over J\$2,329,549,651.70.

The market volume leaders are FESCO Limited with 148,453,213 units (58.18%), followed by Wigton Windfarm Limited with 17,872,719 units (7.00%) and Radio Jamaica Limited with 14,635,177 units (5.74%).

The US\$ market volume (excluding blocks) amounted to 680,090 units valued at over US\$118,374.81.

The following reflect the movement of the JSE Indices:

- The JSE Combined Index advanced by 1,723.14 points (0.41%) to close at 418,584.13.
- The JSE Index advanced by 1,353.99 points (0.33%) to close at 415,715.09.
- The JSE All Jamaican Composite Index advanced by 3,337.66 points (0.73%) to close at 457,710.62.
- The JSE Select Index declined by 31.78 points (0.31%) to close at 10,203.11.
- The JSE Cross Listed Index declined by 3.52 points (4.10%) to close at 82.43.
- The Junior Market Index advanced by 47.13 points (1.42%) to close at 3,358.31.
- The JSE USD Equities Index declined by 0.86 points (0.47%) to close at 183.76.
- The JSE Financial Index declined by 1.17 points (1.14%) to close at 101.13.
- The JSE Manufacturing & Distribution Index advanced by 3.62 points (3.47%) to close at 107.80.

(Source: Jamaica Stock Exchange)

TRINIDAD

Weekly market activity resulted from trading 27 securities of which 8 advanced, 14 declined and 5 traded firm.

The market volume amounted to 1,276,096 shares crossing the floor of the Exchange valued at TT\$19.903 million.

The volume leaders are GraceKennedy Limited with 330,153 shares (25.87%), followed by NCB Financial Group Limited with 260,739 shares (20.43%) and National Flour Mills Limited with 155,999 shares (12.22%).

The following reflect the movement of the TTSE Indices: -

- The COMPOSITE Index advanced by 0.06 points (0.00%) to close at 1,430.96.
- The ALL T&T Index declined by 11.94 points (0.61%) to close at 1,933.61.
- The CROSS-LISTED Index advanced by 1.81 points (1.47%) to close at 125.17.
- The SME Index traded firm to close at 38.31.

(Source: Trinidad and Tobago Stock Exchange)

BARBADOS

This week, the Regular Market traded a total volume of 66,208 shares. The three companies traded were Eppley Caribbean Property Fund SCC – Value Fund with 33,175 (50.11%), Goddard Enterprises Limited with 29,978 (45.28%) and FirstCaribbean International Bank with 3,055 shares (4.61%).

The BSE Indices ending August 27, 2021.

INDICES	TODAY'S TRADING	LAST TRADING	CHANGES	% Change
	27-Aug-21	20-Aug-21		
Local	2,441.86	2,442.63	-0.77	-0.032%
Cross-list	1,140.86	1,140.86	-	-
Composite	598.1	598.3	-0.2	-0.033%

(Source: Barbados Stock Exchange)

REGIONAL EQUITY MARKETS

- Portland JSX Limited (PJX) has announced the successful completion of a privately placed USD5 million Cumulative Preference Shares offering. The Preference Shares mature in five (5) years and are subject to certain terms and conditions. The proceeds of the Offer were used to co-invest in securities of an existing Portland Caribbean Fund II portfolio company, Outsourcing Management Limited which does business as ITEL. The Preference Shares are expected to be fully serviced by returns from the related investment.
- Portland JSX Limited (PJX) will hold its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. (St. Lucia time), McNamara Corporate Services Inc., Bella Rosa Road, Gros Islet, Saint Lucia, or 8:30 a.m. Jamaica time. Access is available by visiting www.webex.com. To register, please click 'Join a Meeting' at the top of the screen then enter Meeting Number or Access Code: 132145 2917. Once your request has been approved, you will receive instructions to join the meeting.
- ISP Financial Services (ISP) has advised of the postponement of the Company's Annual General Meeting (AGM) scheduled for September 16, 2021. In light of the current situation with the Covid-19 Pandemic, an application is underway to the Jamaican Courts for permission to conduct the AGM virtually, under the rules of the Jamaica Stock Exchange and the laws of Jamaica.
- INDIES has advised that its AGM will now be held at 10:00 a.m. on August 27, 2021 at the Montego Bay Yacht Club, Sunset Drive, Montego Bay, St. James.

Top Advancers and Decliners for the week.

Advancers				Decliners			
Symbol	Close Price (\$)	Change (\$)	%	Symbol	Close Price (\$)	Change (\$)	%
FESCO	3.17	1.00	46.08%	ISP	17.40	(7.60)	-30.40%
PBS 9.75% Pref.	104.00	23.50	29.19%	JETCON	0.91	(0.26)	-22.22%
KLE	1.22	0.27	28.42%	JMMBGL 7.25% Pref.	1.30	(0.20)	-13.33%

(Source: Jamaica Stock Exchange)

Non-GOJ Global Bond Indicative Prices

Bond	Coupon	Size (US\$m)	Bloomberg Composite Rating	Buyback Price	Sale Price	Indicative Offer Yield
Banco De Credito Del Peru 4.25% 04/01/2023	4.250%	716.301	BBB+	101.29	104.52	1.36%
Bancolumbia SA 5.125% 09/11/2022	5.125%	2.945	NR	100.01	103.94	1.26%
Centrais Eletricas Brasileiras 5.75% 10/27/2021	5.750%	625.702	BB-	98.41	100.64	1.67%
Chicago Board of Education US\$ Bond 6.319% 11/01/2029	6.319%	257.125	BB-	113.13	119.13	3.60%
Credito Real SAB De CV 9.50% 02/07/2026	9.500%	400.000	BB-	92.09	99.84	9.54%
Digicel Group 0.5 Ltd 10.0% 04/01/2024	10.000%	1,037.727	CCC-	94.48	102.39	9.32%
Digicel Group 0.5 Ltd 8.00% 04/01/2025	8.000%	415.176	CC	82.99	90.63	11.49%
Digicel Group Ltd 7.125% 04/01/2022	7.125%	21.004	NR	3.12	6.19	1852.54%
Digicel Group Two Ltd 8.25% 09/30/2022	8.250%	27.166	NR	1.65	7.87	495.49%
Digicel Group Two Ltd 9.125% 04/01/2024	9.125%	7.817	NR	1.50	6.74	188.35%
Genworth Holdings Inc 6.50% 06/15/2034	6.500%	300.000	CCC+	96.88	105.55	5.88%
Govt. of Aruba 4.625% 09/14/2023	4.625%	253.000	BB+	101.48	104.49	0.30%
Govt. of Bahamas 5.75% 01/16/2024	5.750%	300.000	BB-	98.24	104.80	3.62%
Govt. of Bahamas 6.00% 11/21/2028	6.000%	750.000	BB-	94.59	101.88	5.63%
Govt. of Bahamas 6.95% 11/20/2029	6.950%	300.000	BB-	100.62	106.72	5.90%
Govt. of Bahamas 8.95% 10/15/2032	8.950%	825.000	BB-	105.95	112.05	7.34%
Govt. of Barbados 6.50% 10/01/2029	6.500%	530.595	NR	98.28	104.01	5.68%
Govt. of Bermuda 4.138% 01/03/2023	4.138%	353.905	A	102.84	105.43	0.09%
Govt. of Bermuda 4.854% 02/06/2024	4.854%	402.203	A	107.49	110.98	0.32%
Govt. of Costa Rica 4.375% 04/30/2025	4.375%	500.000	B	100.06	105.86	2.68%
Govt. of Dominican Republic 5.875% 04/18/2024	5.875%	611.492	BB-	102.65	106.84	1.60%
Govt. of Dominican Republic 4.875% 09/23/2032	4.875%	3,066.000	BB-	100.73	106.04	4.19%
Govt. of Dominican Republic 5.875% 01/30/2060	5.875%	3,200.000	BB-	97.34	102.31	5.73%
Govt. of Panama 9.375% 04/01/2029	9.375%	951.425	BBB-	145.64	149.99	2.19%
Govt. of Trinidad 4.375% 01/18/2024	4.375%	550.000	BB+	103.70	108.17	0.90%
Govt. of Trinidad 4.5% 06/26/2030	4.500%	500.000	BB+	102.79	108.49	3.38%
Govt. of Venezuela 9.250% 05/07/2028	9.250%	2,000.000	DD+	6.51	14.76	69.46%
Govt. of Venezuela 9.250% 09/15/2027	9.250%	4,000.000	DD+	6.51	14.71	72.75%
Instituto Costa de Electricidad 6.95% 11/10/2021	6.950%	500.000	B	98.52	101.12	1.17%
National Gas Company 6.05% 01/15/2036	6.050%	400.000	BB+	102.00	108.78	5.18%
Petrobras Global Finance 4.375% 05/20/2023	4.375%	916.321	BB-	103.11	106.38	0.65%
Petrobras Global Finance 4.75% 01/14/2025 Euro Denom	4.750%	446.148	BB-	108.93	113.75	0.62%
Petroleos De Venezuela SA 12.75% 02/17/2022	12.750%	3,000.000	NR	2.40	7.95	2494.97%
Petroleos De Venezuela SA 5.375% 04/12/2027	5.375%	3,000.000	NR	2.39	7.64	87.54%
Petroleos De Venezuela SA 9.00% 11/17/2021	9.000%	2,394.240	NR	2.55	7.96	4171.83%
Petroleos De Venezuela SA 9.75% 05/17/2035	9.750%	3,000.000	NR	2.43	7.96	102.69%
Sagicor Financial Co. 5.30% 05/13/2028	5.300%	400.000	BB	103.13	106.41	3.72%
Scotiabank Peru S.A.A. 4.50% 12/13/2027	4.500%	400.000	BBB	97.96	102.82	2.26%
Telecom Services TT 8.875% 10/18/2029	8.875%	300.000	B	104.24	109.24	7.15%
Trinidad Generation Unlimited 5.25% 11/04/2027	5.250%	600.000	BB	99.61	105.08	4.10%
Trinidad Petroleum Holdings Ltd. 9.75% 06/15/2026	9.750%	570.265	BB-	108.78	113.95	1.55%
Unicomer 7.875% 04/01/2024	7.875%	350.000	BB-	101.45	103.96	4.31%

GOJ Global Bond Indicative Prices

BOND	CURRENCY	SIZE (M)	COUPON	BID	OFFER	Offer Yield
GOJ 2022	USD	208.239	11.625%	101.75	104.25	0.276%
GOJ 2025	USD	401.176	7.625%	112.05	118.05	1.175%
GOJ 2025	USD	85.225	9.250%	118.45	123.65	3.10%
GOJ 2028	USD	1421.447	6.750%	114.95	120.20	2.85%
GOJ 2036	USD	250.000	8.500%	135.85	142.85	4.46%
GOJ 2039	USD	1243.238	8.000%	137.80	144.30	4.24%
GOJ 2045	USD	1815.000	7.875%	138.10	144.35	4.75%
AIRIAM 2027	USD	71.429	8.125%	102.50	110.00	4.49%
NROCC 2024	USD	294.180	9.375%	114.20	119.15	2.03%