

Week ending February 19, 2021

JA\$ FIXED INCOME

- The JA\$ Fixed income market traded with moderate liquidity conditions during the week.
- The BOJ auctioned its 30-day CD this week offering JA\$15 Billion to the market. The auction continues to be oversubscribed; the weighted average increased from 1.29% to 2.49%.
- The BOJ has opted to leave its benchmark rate at 0.5%
- The market is expected to trade with moderate liquidity conditions next week

See closing repo rates below:

Tenor	Current Rate %
Overnight	0.35 – 0.50
30 days	1.50 – 1.90
90 days	2.25 – 2.50
180 days	2.75 - 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. There continues to be broker demand for long-term repo funding in the market, while supply is mainly for short-term placements. See closing repo rates below:

Tenor	Current Rate %
Overnight	1.00 -1.25
30 days	1.75-2.00
90 days	2.25-2.50
180 days	2.75-3.00
365 days	3.25-3.50

JA\$ Treasury-Bill Weighted Average Yields

Instrument	90 Day Treasury Bill	180 Day Treasury Bill	270 Day Treasury Bill
Last Auction	February 10, 2021	February 10, 2021	February 10, 2021
Current Yield	1.53%	1.96%	2.41%
Previous Yield	0.74%	0.81%	0.99%
Net Change	0.79%	1.16%	1.42%

(Source: Bank of Jamaica)

GLOBAL BOND MARKET

- GOJ global bond prices fell over the course of the week on moderate trading activity
- Jamaica's debt-to-GDP ratio surpassed 110% as the government sees "unprecedented" revenue declines due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Finance Minister Nigel Clarke told Parliament on Thursday as he presented the administration's 2020-2021 budget proposal.
- Jamaica's Central Bank left its overnight lending rate unchanged at 0.5%
- Dominican Republic bonds closed the week lower across the curve as long end maturities led the declines
- Governments, companies and households raised \$24 trillion last year to offset the pandemic's economic toll, bringing the global debt total to an all-time high of \$281 trillion by the end of 2020, or more than 355% of global GDP, according to the Institute of International Finance.

(Source: Bloomberg)

FX MARKET

- The foreign exchange market traded with moderate demand over the week amidst low to moderate supply.
- There was no intervention from the Bank of Jamaica (BOJ) during the week.
- At the end of trading, Friday February 19, 2021, the Jamaican dollar was valued at \$152.05 against the US\$ which represents an approximately \$1.35 depreciation in the value of the JA\$ for the week.

	Weighted Avg. Sell Rates						
	12-Feb-21	15-Feb-21	16-Feb-21	17-Feb-21	18-Feb-21	19-Feb-21	Weekly Change (\$)
USD	150.7052	151.3417	151.4183	Holiday	151.7867	152.0571	(1.3519)
CAD	119.6875	119.7333	120.6032	Holiday	119.7662	121.4762	(1.7887)
GBP	207.0761	208.2503	209.9078	Holiday	209.57	213.5268	(6.4507)
EUR	186.1086	187.1337	186.5002	Holiday	183.9363	186.7712	(0.6626)

(Source: Bank of Jamaica)

REGIONAL EQUITY MARKETS

JAMAICA

Market activity resulted from trading in 103 stocks of which 53 advanced, 42 declined and 8 traded firm.

The Market volume amounted to 148,782,576 units valued at over J\$474,779,966.03.

The market volume leaders are Paramount Trading Limited with 60,628,495 units (40.75%), followed by Wigton Windfarm Limited with 12,658,679 units (8.51%) and TransJamaica Highway Limited with 8,980,539 units (6.04%).

The US\$ market volume (excluding blocks) amounted to 1,313,187 units valued at over US\$320,303.42.

The following reflect the movement of the JSE Indices:

- The JSE Combined Index advanced by 1,792.48 points (0.46%) to close at 391,135.12.
- The JSE Index advanced by 965.45 points (0.25%) to close at 391,243.99.
- The JSE All Jamaican Composite Index advanced by 950.90 points (0.22%) to close at 428,964.48.
- The JSE Select Index advanced by 55.52 points (0.58%) to close at 9,667.59.
- The JSE Cross Listed Index advanced by 4.11 points (4.77%) to close at 90.27.
- The Junior Market Index advanced by 84.98 points (3.02%) to close at 2,899.13.
- The JSE USD Equities Index declined by 4.76 points (2.42%) to close at 192.08.
- The JSE Financial Index advanced by 0.23 points (0.23%) to close at 99.59.
- The JSE Manufacturing & Distribution Index advanced by 0.59 points (0.67%) to close at 88.23.

(Source: Jamaica Stock Exchange)

TRINIDAD

The Market activity resulted from trading 28 securities of which 8 advanced, 13 declined and 7 traded firm.

The Market volume amounted to 1,101,775 shares crossing the floor of the Exchange valued at TT\$31.689 million.

The volume leaders are Trinidad Cement Limited with 190,001 shares (17.24%) followed by Angostura Holdings Limited with 106,967 shares (9.71%) and Scotia Bank T&T Limited with 85,584 shares (7.77%).

The following reflect the movement of the TTSE Indices: -

- The COMPOSITE Index advanced by 1.27 points (0.10%) to close at 1,325.38.
- The ALL T&T Index advanced by 0.73 points (0.04%) to close at 1,764.47.
- The CROSS-LISTED Index advanced by 0.24 points (0.20%) to close at 119.86.
- The SME Index traded firm at 59.17.

(Source: Trinidad and Tobago Stock Exchange)

BARBADOS

This week, the Regular Market traded a total volume of 21,437 shares. The top three companies traded were Eppley Caribbean Property Fund SCC – Value Fund with 8,710 (40.63%), Eppley Caribbean Property Fund SCC – Development Fund with 6,080 (28.36%) and Goddard Enterprises Limited with 5,975 shares (27.87%).

The BSE Indices ending February 19, 2021.

INDICES	TODAYS TRADING	LAST TRADING	CHANGES	% Change
	19-Feb-21	12-Feb-21		
Local	2,443.64	2,445.89	-2.25	-0.092%
Cross-list	933.43	933.43	-	-
Composite	595.45	595.98	-0.53	-0.089%

(Source: Barbados Stock Exchange)

REGIONAL EQUITY MARKETS

- Transjamaica Highway Limited (TJH) has advised that Mr. Ivan Anderson has been appointed to the post of Managing Director of the Company effective April 19, 2021. Mr. Anderson succeeds Mr. Thierry Parizot who has served as Managing Director of TJH for the past two years. Mr. Parizot will have continuing responsibility for the Company until Mr. Anderson assumes his new responsibilities.
- KPREIT has advised that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Knutsford Court Hotel, Leeward Suite, 16 Chelsea Avenue, Kingston 5 on February 23, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
- Pulse Investments Limited (PULS) has advised that at a meeting of their Board of Directors on February 12, 2021, the Board resolved to pay a dividend to shareholders of PULS in the amount of half a cent (\$0.005) per share, on April 7, 2021. The record date is March 5, 2021, and the ex-dividend date is March 4, 2021.
- Sterling Investments Limited (SIL) has that at a meeting held on February 16, 2021, their Board of Directors declared a dividend of US\$0.000614 per share, payable on March 18, 2021, to shareholders on record as at March 4, 2021.
- Mailpac Group Limited (MAILPAC) has advised that at a Board Meeting on February 11, 2021, an interim dividend was declared, of \$0.06 per share, to be paid to shareholders on record at the close of business on March 1, 2021, with a payment date of March 15, 2021. The ex-dividend date is February 26, 2021. The ex-dividend date is March 3, 2021.

Top Advancers and Decliners for the week.

Advancers				Decliners			
Symbol	Close Price (\$)	Change (\$)	%	Symbol	Close Price (\$)	Change (\$)	%
CBNY	1.24	0.73	143.14%	SYGUSD	0.12	(0.03)	-20.00%
1385L	7.04	3.04	76.00%	EPLY8.25	6.50	(1.50)	-18.75%
LUMBER	2.51	0.36	16.74%	tTech	4.11	(0.59)	-12.55%

(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+	98.79	108.11	0.38%
Bancolumbia SA 5.125% 09/11/2022	5.125%	2.945	NR	97.69	106.95	0.61%
Centrais Eletricas Brasileiras 5.75% 10/27/2021	5.750%	625.702	BB-	94.99	103.72	0.26%
Chicago Board of Education US\$ Bond 6.319% 11/01/2029	6.319%	257.125	BB-	112.64	122.64	3.30%
Credito Real SAB De CV 9.50% 02/07/2026	9.500%	400.000	BB	106.90	114.47	6.07%
Digicel Group 0.5 Ltd 10.00% 04/01/2024	10.000%	988.311	CCC-	91.78	99.69	11.55%
Digicel Group 0.5 Ltd 8.00% 04/01/2025	8.000%	399.208	CC	70.30	77.93	15.91%
Digicel Group Ltd 7.125% 04/01/2022	7.125%	21.004	NR	0.86	5.93	563.83%
Digicel Group Two Ltd 8.25% 09/30/2022	8.250%	27.166	NR	1.26	9.51	261.19%
Digicel Group Two Ltd 9.125% 04/01/2024	9.125%	7.817	NR	0.85	6.73	159.33%
Genworth Holdings Inc 6.50% 06/15/2034	6.500%	300.000	CCC+	90.67	101.19	6.36%
Govt. of Aruba 4.625% 09/14/2023	4.625%	253.000	BBB-	98.76	106.35	0.53%
Govt. of Bahamas 5.75% 01/16/2024	5.750%	300.000	BB-	95.49	103.34	4.51%
Govt. of Bahamas 6.00% 11/21/2028	6.000%	750.000	BB-	90.42	99.12	6.16%
Govt. of Bahamas 6.95% 11/20/2029	6.950%	300.000	BB-	94.53	101.62	6.70%
Govt. of Bahamas 8.95% 10/15/2032	8.950%	825.000	BB-	101.16	109.34	7.72%
Govt. of Barbados 6.50% 10/01/2029	6.500%	530.595	NR	99.66	107.10	5.16%
Govt. of Bermuda 4.138% 01/03/2023	4.138%	353.905	A	103.73	107.63	0.04%
Govt. of Bermuda 4.854% 02/06/2024	4.854%	402.203	A	107.20	113.65	0.21%
Govt. of Costa Rica 4.375% 04/30/2025	4.375%	500.000	B	92.17	100.23	4.31%
Govt. of Dominican Republic 5.875% 04/18/2024	5.875%	611.492	BB-	104.03	110.58	0.90%
Govt. of Dominican Republic 4.875% 09/23/2032	4.875%	3,066.000	BB-	100.98	107.03	4.11%
Govt. of Dominican Republic 5.875% 01/30/2060	5.875%	3,200.000	BB-	96.71	104.21	5.61%
Govt. of Panama 9.375% 04/01/2029	9.375%	951.425	BBB	145.73	152.58	2.24%
Govt. of Trinidad 4.375% 01/16/2024	4.375%	550.000	BB+	102.96	109.76	0.95%
Govt. of Trinidad 4.5% 06/26/2030	4.500%	500.000	BB+	101.99	108.95	3.37%
Govt. of Venezuela 9.250% 05/07/2028	9.250%	2,000.000	DD+	5.72	14.43	69.05%
Govt. of Venezuela 9.25% 09/15/2027	9.250%	4,000.000	DD+	5.57	14.51	71.23%
Instituto Costa de Electricidad 6.95% 11/10/2021	6.950%	500.000	B	96.30	104.51	0.61%
National Gas Company 6.05% 01/15/2036	6.050%	400.000	BB+	101.25	109.93	5.09%
Petrobras Global Finance 4.375% 05/20/2023	4.375%	931.670	BB-	98.91	108.15	0.71%
Petrobras Global Finance 4.75% 01/14/2025 Euro Denom	4.750%	446.148	BB-	105.55	116.49	0.46%
Petroleos De Venezuela SA 12.75% 02/17/2022	12.750%	3,000.000	NR	2.58	7.93	549.05%
Petroleos De Venezuela SA 5.375% 04/12/2027	5.375%	3,000.000	NR	0.47	7.24	86.61%
Petroleos De Venezuela SA 9.00% 11/17/2021	9.000%	2,394.240	NR	0.87	7.27	1030.63%
Petroleos De Venezuela SA 9.75% 05/17/2035	9.750%	3,000.000	NR	1.89	7.35	108.38%
Sagcor Finance Ltd 8.875% 08/11/2022	8.875%	318.103	BB	98.68	103.43	-5.92%
Scotiabank Peru S.A.A 4.50% 12/13/2027	4.500%	400.000	BBB	100.40	107.04	0.58%
Telecom Services TT 8.875% 10/18/2029	8.875%	300.000	B	100.78	107.63	7.51%
Trinidad Generation Unlimited 5.25% 11/04/2027	5.250%	600.000	BB+	102.08	108.62	3.49%
Trinidad Petroleum Holdings Ltd. 9.75% 06/15/2026	9.750%	570.265	BB-	109.76	116.84	2.38%
Unicomer 7.875% 04/01/2024	7.875%	350.000	BB-	98.59	103.75	5.95%

GOJ Global Bond Indicative Prices

BOND	CURRENCY	SIZE (M)	COUPON	BID	OFFER	Offer YTM
GOJ 2022	USD	208.239	11.625%	106.00	110.00	0.412%
GOJ 2025	USD	401.176	7.625%	112.70	120.70	1.329%
GOJ 2025	USD	85.225	9.250%	118.80	127.80	2.83%
GOJ 2028	USD	1421.447	6.750%	114.30	123.55	2.60%
GOJ 2036	USD	250.000	8.500%	137.85	146.55	4.27%
GOJ 2039	USD	1243.238	8.000%	136.70	146.70	4.15%
GOJ 2045	USD	1815.000	7.875%	135.90	145.90	4.70%
AIRIAM 2027	USD	77.381	8.125%	100.50	110.00	4.74%
NROCC 2024	USD	294.180	9.375%	114.00	122.20	2.18%