

Week ending April 21, 2023

## JA\$ FIXED INCOME

- The JA\$ Fixed income market traded with high levels of liquidity conditions during the week.
- The BOJ auctioned its weekly 30-day CD offering \$20 Billion to the market. The issue was over-subscribed with the weighted average coming out at 8.32% which represents a 17bps decrease over last week's auction.
- The GOJ has announced that it will reopen the FR 10% 2028 bond on April 26, 2023, offering \$9 Billion to the market.
- The market is expected to trade with high levels of liquidity next week.

See closing repo rates below:

Tenor	Current Rate %
Overnight	7.50 - 8.00
30 days	8.15 - 8.35
90 days	8.50 - 8.65
180 days	8.75 - 8.95
365 days	9.00 - 9.15

## 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	2.75 - 3.00
30 days	4.50 - 4.75
90 days	4.85 - 5.00
180 days	5.25 - 5.50
365 days	5.65 - 5.75

### JA\$ Treasury-Bill Weighted Average Yields

Instrument	90 Day Treasury Bill	180 Day Treasury Bill	270 Day Treasury Bill
Last Auction	April 12, 2023	April 12, 2023	April 12, 2023
Current Yield	8.14%	8.32%	8.36%
Previous Yield	8.21%	8.31%	8.41%
Net Change	-0.08%	0.01%	-0.05%
Next Auction	May 10, 2023	May 10, 2023	May 10, 2023

(Source: Bank of Jamaica)

## GLOBAL BOND MARKET

- Guatemala's long-term foreign currency debt rating was upgraded by S&P to BB, two levels below investment grade, on cautious fiscal and monetary policies and stable economic growth
- Costa Rica's unemployment rate fell to 11% during the December-February period from 11.8% previously, according to the National Statistics Institute
- Short-maturity Treasury yields jumped Friday, pricing in a quarter-point rate increase from the Federal Reserve by June, spurred in part by an unexpected surge in a gauge of consumer inflation expectations.
- Fitch Affirms Heritage Petroleum Company Limited's Ratings at 'BB'; Outlook Stable
- A key measure of US inflation remained brisk in March but showed hints of moderating, giving the Federal Reserve room to pause interest-rate hikes following one more anticipated increase next month
- The International Monetary Fund trimmed its global-growth projections, warning of high uncertainty and risks as financial-sector stress adds to pressures emanating from tighter monetary policy and Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

(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)
- At the end of trading, Friday April 21, 2023, the Jamaican dollar was valued at \$153.85 against the US\$ which represents an approximately \$0.53 depreciation in the value of the JA\$ for the week.

	Weighted Avg. Sell Rates						Weekly Change (\$)
	14-Apr-23	17-Apr-23	18-Apr-23	19-Apr-23	20-Apr-23	21-Apr-23	
USD	153.3149	153.2516	153.7011	153.8214	153.7598	153.8519	(0.5370)
CAD	115.1600	115.0364	115.1511	114.8076	115.4233	118.9373	(3.7773)
GBP	191.5598	190.3513	188.9717	189.501	191.4545	191.7166	(0.1568)
EUR	170.4435	170.3079	167.5425	170.9315	173.3601	171.9829	(1.5394)

(Source: Bank of Jamaica)

## REGIONAL EQUITY MARKETS

### JAMAICA

Weekly Market activity resulted from trading in 120 stocks of which 59 advanced, 49 declined and 12 traded firm.

The Market volume amounted 100,909,946 units valued at over J\$522,544,642.70.

The market volume leaders are TransJamaica Highway Limited J\$ Ordinary with 21,672,712 units (20.88%), followed by Wigton Windfarm Limited with 13,445,318 units (12.95%) and Stanley Motta Limited with 9,788,167 units (9.43%).

The US\$ market volume (excluding blocks) amounted to 2,886,158 units valued at over US\$309,642.40.

#### The following reflect the movement of the JSE Indices:

- The JSE Index declined by 3,595.44 points (1.07%) to close at 331,860.65.
- The Junior Market Index advanced by 108.61 points (2.96%) to close at 3,774.36.
- The JSE Combined Index declined by 2,360.71 points (0.68%) to close at 344,198.94.
- The JSE All Jamaican Composite Index advanced by 2,970.66 points (0.80%) to close at 374,094.82.
- The JSE Select Index advanced by 25.32 points (0.31%) to close at 8,136.66.
- The JSE USD Equities Index advanced by 6.12 points (2.58%) to close at 243.09.
- The JSE Cross Listed Index declined by 5.87 points (9.22%) to close at 57.83.
- The JSE Financial Index advanced by 0.51 points (0.67%) to close at 76.58.
- The JSE Manufacturing & Distribution Index declined by 3.62 points (3.66%) to close at 95.35.

(Source: Jamaica Stock Exchange)

### TRINIDAD

Weekly Market activity resulted from trading 25 securities of which 10 advanced, 11 declined and 4 traded firm.

The Market volume amounted to 1,229,942 shares crossing the floor of the Exchange valued at TT\$29.816 million.

The volume leaders are National Enterprises Limited with 391,940 shares (31.87%), followed by Ansa McAl Limited with 189,186 shares (15.38%) and Guardian Holdings Limited with 101,750 shares (8.27%).

#### The following reflect the movement of the TTSE Indices: -

- The COMPOSITE Index declined by 3.34 points (0.26%) to close at 1,304.60.
- The ALL T&T Index advanced by 3.95 points (0.20%) to close at 1,967.68.
- The CROSS-LISTED Index declined by 1.56 points (1.84%) to close at 83.28.
- The SME Index advanced by 0.35 points (0.57%) to close at 61.51.

(Source: Trinidad and Tobago Stock Exchange)

### BARBADOS

This week, the Regular Market traded a total volume of 88,646 shares. The three securities traded were Goddard Enterprises Limited with 87,746 (98.98%), Insurance Corporation of Barbados Limited with 800 (0.90%) and Cave Shepherd and Company Limited with 100 shares (0.11%).

#### The BSE Indices ending April 21, 2023

INDICES	TODAY'S TRADING	LAST TRADING	CHANGES	
	21-Apr-23	14-Apr-23		% Change
Local	2,455.34	2,458.13	-2.79	-0.114%
Cross-list	803.79	803.79	0.00	0.000%
Composite	596	596.67	-0.67	-0.112%

(Source: Barbados Stock Exchange)

## REGIONAL EQUITY MARKETS

- PJAM has advised that Joanna Banks, President of PJAM, will be appointed Executive Vice President, Strategy and Business Development of Sagicor Group Jamaica Limited (SJ), with effect from July 17, 2023. Ms. Banks will be demitting the office of President of PJAM at this time. SJ is an associated company of the Pan Jamaica Group.
- FESCO has advised that the Company has acquired the assets related to the liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) business of Wilson Beck LPG Limited (WB). The transaction was completed on Wednesday, April 5, 2023. This asset purchase supports the advancement of FESCO's goals for entering the cooking gas market under the FESGAS brand.
- Caribbean Producers Limited (CPJ) has also advised that in 2016, Tax Administration Jamaica (TAJ) conducted a GCT audit for the period January 2012 to December 2015 and proposed an adjustment to the returns for the period. Over the years proceeding, the management under the oversight of the Board of Directors dialogued with TAJ and other relevant authorities to review and resolve the proposed adjustments. On March 29th, 2023, the Management of CPJ agreed to a final assessment of J\$328M, of which J\$88M was already agreed upon and paid over, in 2017, to the TAJ. The company had set aside reserves to mitigate against the sum payable upon final assessment which has now been settled with the TAJ.
- Guardian Holdings Limited (GHL) hereby advises that Mr. Alan Sadler who previously held the position of Group Vice President, Insurance Operations, now holds the position of President, Guardian Shared Services Limited (GSSL).
- Kingston Wharves Limited is pleased to announce key management appointments. Rodrigo Olea has been appointed Chief Operations Officer, Terminal Division and Valrie Campbell has been appointed General Manager for Group Operations. The latest assignments are geared at positioning the company for its next phase of growth, CEO Mark Williams said.

### JSE Top Gainers and Decliners for the week

Symbol	Close Price (\$)	Change (\$)	%	Symbol	Close Price (\$)	Change (\$)	%
<b>EPLY7.75 (PREF.)</b>	<b>20.02</b>	<b>3.82</b>	<b>23.58%</b>	<b>SRFJMD</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>(1.70)</b>	<b>-14.53%</b>
<b>PJX</b>	<b>11.44</b>	<b>1.64</b>	<b>16.73%</b>	<b>SIL US\$</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>(0.0033)</b>	<b>-14.16%</b>
<b>GENAC</b>	<b>5.85</b>	<b>0.80000</b>	<b>15.84%</b>	<b>MFS</b>	<b>3.04</b>	<b>(0.44)</b>	<b>-12.64%</b>

(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
Chicago Board of Education US\$ Bond 6.319% 11/01/2029	6.319%	257.125	BB	96.14	102.49	5.86%
Credito Real SAB De CV 9.50% 02/07/2026	9.500%	400.000	NR	6.68	8.68	149.06%
Digicel Group 0.5 Ltd 8.00% 04/01/2025	8.000%	438.053	C+	34.28	44.15	58.97%
Digicel Group Ltd 7.125% 04/01/2022	7.125%	21.004	NR	0.62	3.56	200.37%
Digicel Group Two Ltd 8.25% 09/30/2022	8.250%	27.166	NR	2.18	7.97	103.54%
Digicel Group Two Ltd 9.125% 04/01/2024	9.125%	7.817	NR	0.68	5.91	707.74%
Genworth Holdings Inc 6.50% 06/15/2034	6.500%	287.493	BB	85.60	93.89	7.31%
Govt. of Aruba 4.625% 09/14/2023	4.625%	85.000	BBB-	97.76	100.12	4.32%
Govt. of Bahamas 5.75% 01/16/2024	5.750%	300.000	B+	90.62	98.12	8.39%
Govt. of Bahamas 6.00% 11/21/2028	6.000%	750.000	B+	73.22	79.79	11.87%
Govt. of Bahamas 6.95% 11/20/2029	6.950%	300.000	B+	72.16	79.91	11.36%
Govt. of Bahamas 8.95% 10/15/2032	8.950%	825.000	B+	78.02	84.30	11.74%
Govt. of Barbados 6.50% 10/01/2029	6.500%	530.584	B-	87.82	95.38	7.83%
Govt. of Costa Rica 4.375% 04/30/2025	4.375%	500.000	B+	94.83	100.55	4.09%
Govt. of Dominican Republic 5.875% 04/18/2024	5.875%	49.998	BB-	96.54	100.90	4.94%
Govt. of Dominican Republic 4.875% 09/23/2032	4.875%	3,066.000	BB-	83.45	88.66	6.50%
Govt. of Dominican Republic 5.875% 01/30/2060	5.875%	3,200.000	BB-	74.07	79.50	7.53%
Govt. of Panama 9.375% 04/01/2029	9.375%	951.425	BBB-	119.24	124.64	4.60%
Govt. of Trinidad 4.375% 01/16/2024	4.375%	550.000	BB+	96.69	101.69	2.08%
Govt. of Trinidad 4.5% 06/26/2030	4.500%	500.000	BB+	93.17	98.93	4.68%
Govt. of Venezuela 9.250% 05/07/2028	9.250%	2,000.000	NR	6.51	14.88	77.01%
Govt. of Venezuela 9.25% 09/15/2027	9.250%	4,000.000	NR	6.46	14.88	74.75%
National Gas Company 6.05% 01/15/2036	6.050%	400.000	BB+	86.14	91.64	7.05%
Petrobras Global Finance 4.75% 01/14/2025 Euro Denom	4.750%	271.945	BB-	96.65	101.53	3.82%
Petroleos De Venezuela SA 12.75% 02/17/2022	12.750%	3,000.000	NR	2.29	7.90	161.49%
Petroleos De Venezuela SA 5.375% 04/12/2027	5.375%	3,000.000	NR	2.23	6.86	
Petroleos De Venezuela SA 9.75% 05/17/2035	9.750%	3,000.000	NR	2.19	7.86	115.39%
Sagicor Financial Co. 5.30% 05/13/2028	5.300%	550.000	BB	92.32	97.95	5.77%
Telecom Services TT 8.875% 10/18/2029	8.875%	300.000	B	79.88	85.61	12.74%
Trinidad Generation Unlimited 5.25% 11/04/2027	5.250%	600.000	BB	95.02	100.63	5.04%
Trinidad Petroleum Holdings Ltd. 9.00% 08/12/2029	9.000%	500.000	BB-	102.21	107.28	6.91%

## GOJ Global Bond Indicative Prices

BOND	CURRENCY	SIZE (M)	COUPON	BID	OFFER	Offer Yield
GOJ 2025	USD	381.176	7.625%	99.60	105.35	3.087%
GOJ 2025	USD	85.225	9.250%	103.75	109.75	5.05%
GOJ 2028	USD	1421.447	6.750%	103.25	108.50	4.42%
GOJ 2036	USD	250.000	8.500%	115.00	122.50	5.97%
GOJ 2039	USD	1243.238	8.000%	119.25	125.75	5.45%
GOJ 2045	USD	1815.000	7.875%	115.00	121.50	6.10%
AIRJAM 2027	USD	53.571	8.125%	97.50	103.50	6.32%
NROCC 2024	USD	294.180	9.375%	99.50	104.70	4.75%