

Week ending December 15, 2023

JA\$ FIXED INCOME

- The JA\$ Fixed income market traded with low liquidity conditions during the week.
- The BOJ auctioned its weekly 30-day CD offering \$21.5 Billion to the market. The issue was over-subscribed, resulting in a Weighted Average Yield of 9.78%, a 4 bps decrease over last week's auction.
- The market is expected to trade with low levels of liquidity next week.

See closing repo rates below:

Tenor	Current Rate %
Overnight	6.00 – 6.50
30 days	6.25 - 6.50
90 days	7.35 - 7.50
180 days	7.65 – 7.85
365 days	7.00 –7.15

US\$ FIXED INCOME

The US\$ Fixed income market continues to trade with moderate liquidity conditions over the week. Supply of US\$ funding has decreased in recent weeks. Liquidity is expected to remain relatively tight in the near term.

Tenor	Current Rate %
Overnight	2.75 -3.00
30 days	4.85-5.00
90 days	5.25-5.50
180 days	5.65-5.75
365 days	5.85-5.95

JA\$ Treasury-Bill Weighted Average Yields

Instrument	90 Day Treasury Bill	180 Day Treasury Bill	270 Day Treasury Bill
Last Auction	November 8, 2023	November 8, 2023	November 8, 2023
Current Yield	7.91%	8.42%	8.43%
Previous Yield	7.75%	7.80%	9.00%
Net Change	0.16%	0.63%	-0.57%

(Source: Bank of Jamaica)

GLOBAL BOND MARKET

- Venezuela and Guyana on Thursday pledged they would never "use force" in settling their decades-old land dispute over the oil-rich Essequibo region which has been heating up recently
- Estimates that Guyana's economy will grow between 25% to 30% are "very conservative," Guyana's president said. Oil production continues to boom, heading towards of 1.2 million barrels a day.
- The European Central Bank main refinancing rate was unchanged as economists expected. Main refinancing rate was unchanged at 4.50% (estimate 4.50%)
- The Bank of England kept interest rates at a 15-year high, sticking with its message that borrowing costs will remain elevated for some time despite growing bets on a wave of cuts in 2024.
- The Federal Reserve held interest rates steady for a third meeting and gave its clearest signal yet that its aggressive hiking campaign I finished by forecasting a series of cuts next year.
- Atlanta Fed President Raphael Bostic expects the Federal Reserve to begin cutting interest rates "sometime in the third quarter" of 2024 if inflation falls as expected, Reuters reports, citing an interview with him

(Source: Bloomberg)

FX MARKET

- The foreign exchange market traded with low to moderate demand over the week amidst moderate supply.
- There was no BOJ intervention this week.
- At the end of trading, Friday December 15, 2023, the Jamaican dollar was valued at \$156.15 against the US\$ which represents an approximately \$0.53 appreciation in the value of the JA\$ for the week.

	Weighted Avg. Sell Rates						Weekly Change (\$)
	8-Dec-23	11-Dec-23	12-Dec-23	13-Dec-23	14-Dec-23	15-Dec-23	
USD	156.6891	156.2925	156.3614	156.47	156.3544	156.1580	0.5311
CAD	115.0146	115.5714	115.2053	115.6876	116.6061	117.1709	(2.1563)
GBP	195.6825	195.5541	194.575	198.7405	197.6913	198.1423	(2.4598)
EUR	170.2818	169.3675	168.6544	171.0001	172.4354	170.7087	(0.4269)

(Source: Bank of Jamaica)

REGIONAL EQUITY MARKETS

JAMAICA

This week's market activity resulted from trading in 124 stocks of which 50 advanced, 59 declined and 15 traded firm.

The Market volume amounts to 67,819,160 units valued at over J\$289,845,318.70.

The market volume leaders are Caribbean Flavours and Fragrance Limited with 12,166,946 units (17.71%), followed by Wigton Windfarm Limited with 6,817,300 units (9.92%) and TransJamaican Highway Limited with 6,240,660 units (9.08%).

The US\$ market volume (excluding blocks) amounted to 897,103 units valued at over US\$32,769.64.

The following reflect the movement of the JSE Indices:

- The JSE Index declined by 882.21 points (0.28%) to close at 311,317.38.
- The Junior Market Index declined by 5.07 points (0.14%) to close at 3,695.69.
- The JSE Combined Index declined by 871.94 points (0.27%) to close at 324,332.88.
- The JSE All Jamaican Composite Index declined by 836.80 points (0.24%) to close at 346,035.74.
- The JSE Select Index declined by 70.59 points (0.89%) to close at 7,824.16.
- The JSE USD Equities Index declined by 11.28 points (4.89%) to close at 219.33.
- The JSE Cross Listed Index advanced by 0.01 points (0.02%) to close at 56.22.
- The JSE Financial Index advanced by 0.23 points (0.34%) to close at 67.53.
- The JSE Manufacturing & Distribution Index declined by 0.14 points (0.14%) to close at 98.74.

(Source: Jamaica Stock Exchange)

TRINIDAD

The Market activity resulted from trading 26 securities of which 14 advanced, 4 declined and 8 traded firm.

The Market volume amounted to 916,568 shares crossing the floor of the Exchange valued at TT\$27.186 million.

The volume leaders are JMMB Group Limited with 270,000 shares (29.46%), followed by Clico Investments Fund with 197,931 shares (21.59%) and National Flour Mills Limited with 72,504 shares (7.91%).

The following reflect the movement of the TTSE Indices: -

- The COMPOSITE Index advanced by 7.29 points (0.55%) to close at 1,322.73.
- The ALL T&T Index advanced by 8.66 points (0.49%) to close at 1,786.58.
- The CROSS-LISTED Index advanced by 0.81 points (0.70%) to close at 116.06.
- The SME Index declined by 0.48 points (0.71%) to close at 66.76.

(Source: Trinidad and Tobago Stock Exchange)

BARBADOS

This week, the Regular Market traded a total volume of 71,370 shares. The top three securities traded were FirstCaribbean International Bank with 49,437 (69.27%), Goddard Enterprises Limited with 17,891 (25.07%) and Eppley Caribbean Property Fund SCC – Value Fund with 4,000 shares (5.61%).

The BSE Indices ending December 15, 2023

INDICES	TODAY'S TRADING	LAST TRADING	CHANGES	% Change
	15-Dec-23	8-Dec-23		
Local	2,761.13	2,758.25	2.88	0.104%
Cross-list	798.6	798.6	0.00	0.000%
Composite	668.59	667.9	0.69	0.103%

(Source: Barbados Stock Exchange)

REGIONAL EQUITY MARKETS

- MGL has advised that following the court-ordered meeting of the holders of its ordinary stock units held on July 26, 2023, at which MIL stockholders gave their approval to the scheme of arrangement between MIL and its stockholders. The Supreme Court of Judicature of Jamaica granted the final order sanctioning the scheme at the 2nd hearing held on September 28, 2023. Pursuant to the scheme, all ordinary stock units in MIL held by MIL stockholders will be cancelled and MIL stockholders will be issued the same number of stock units in Mayberry Group Ltd. (MGL), the new parent company of the Mayberry group of companies. For further information, please visit www.jamstockex.com.
- GK has also advised that the Company purchased 100,966 GK shares under the GraceKennedy Share Repurchase Programme on November 29, 2023. For further information, please visit www.jamstockex.com.
- SGJ has also advised that at a meeting held on December 8, 2023, the Board of Directors agreed to a final dividend of \$0.40 per share payable on January 19, 2024, to all shareholders on record as at December 28, 2023. The ex-dividend date is December 27, 2023.
- SPURTREE has advised that at a meeting held on December 8, 2023, the Board of Directors agreed to a final dividend of \$0.0150 per share payable on January 26, 2024, to all shareholders on record as at December 22, 2023. The ex-dividend date is December 21, 2023.
- SEP has advised that its Board of Directors declared a dividend of fifty-five cents (\$0.55) per share payable on December 22, 2023 to all shareholders on record as at December 15, 2023. The ex-dividend date is December 14, 2023.
- JMMBGL has advised that it is considering a funding partnership with IDB Invest for potential financing of up to US\$100 million. JMMBGL has further advised that the actual completion of the transaction is contingent upon various factors, including but not limited to market conditions, authorizations and approvals, and the satisfaction of customary closing conditions. As such, this disclosure serves as notice of JMMBGL's intent, recognizing the inherent uncertainties in such transactions. For further information, visit www.jamstockex.com.

JSE Top Gainers and Decliners for the week:

Symbol	Close Price (\$)	Change (\$)	%	Symbol	Close Price (\$)	Change (\$)	%
MGL	9.00	2.00	28.57%	CHL	11.37	(3.58)	-23.95%
ICREATE	0.82	0.13	18.84%	138SLVR	90.00	(24.00)	-21.05%
CFF	1.75	0.25	16.67%	LEARN	1.53	(0.39)	-20.31%

(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	93.00	99.00	6.53%
Credito Real SAB De CV 9.50% 02/07/2026	9.500%	400.000	NR	9.08	13.17	156.56%
Digicel Group 0.5 Ltd 8.00% 04/01/2025	8.000%	-	NR	13.58	22.18	175.72%
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	2.00	7.61	108.44%
Digicel Group Two Ltd 9.125% 04/01/2024	9.125%	7.817	NR	0.50	5.61	594.83%
Genworth Holdings Inc 6.50% 06/15/2034	6.500%	276.103	BB	88.29	95.08	7.17%
Govt. of Bahamas 5.75% 01/16/2024	5.750%	300.000	B+	96.84	100.30	1.73%
Govt. of Bahamas 6.00% 11/21/2028	6.000%	750.000	B+	83.76	89.91	9.14%
Govt. of Bahamas 6.95% 11/20/2029	6.950%	300.000	B+	81.89	89.11	9.39%
Govt. of Bahamas 8.95% 10/15/2032	8.950%	825.000	B+	88.51	94.37	9.92%
Govt. of Barbados 6.50% 10/01/2029	6.500%	530.584	B-	89.53	96.01	7.84%
Govt. of Costa Rica 4.375% 04/30/2025	4.375%	500.000	B+	95.50	101.24	3.43%
Govt. of Dominican Republic 5.875% 04/18/2024	5.875%	24.999	BB-	95.57	99.84	6.32%
Govt. of Dominican Republic 4.875% 09/23/2032	4.875%	3,066.000	BB-	88.02	93.10	5.89%
Govt. of Dominican Republic 5.875% 01/30/2060	5.875%	3,200.000	BB-	83.54	88.76	6.70%
Govt. of Panama 9.375% 04/01/2029	9.375%	951.425	BBB-	110.88	116.29	5.75%
Govt. of Trinidad 4.375% 01/16/2024	4.375%	322.218	BB+	98.59	100.27	0.73%
Govt. of Trinidad 4.5% 06/26/2030	4.500%	500.000	BB+	93.24	98.74	4.73%
Govt. of Venezuela 9.250% 05/07/2028	9.250%	2,000.000	NR	12.48	21.77	58.68%
Govt. of Venezuela 9.25% 09/15/2027	9.250%	4,000.000	NR	14.83	23.95	62.89%
National Gas Company 6.05% 01/15/2036	6.050%	400.000	BB+	87.73	95.24	6.63%
Petrobras Global Finance 4.75% 01/14/2025 Euro Denom	4.750%	271.945	BB	97.12	101.73	3.08%
Petroleos De Venezuela SA 12.75% 02/17/2022	12.750%	3,000.000	NR	11.08	16.60	76.79%
Petroleos De Venezuela SA 5.375% 04/12/2027	5.375%	3,000.000	NR	8.90	13.44	
Petroleos De Venezuela SA 9.75% 05/17/2035	9.750%	3,000.000	NR	10.12	16.29	51.80%
Sagicor Financial Co. 5.30% 05/13/2028	5.300%	550.000	BBB-	93.61	99.16	5.52%
Telecom Services TT 8.875% 10/18/2029	8.875%	300.000	B+	85.28	90.99	11.47%
Trinidad Generation Unlimited 5.25% 11/04/2027	5.250%	600.000	BB	95.92	102.08	4.40%
Trinidad Petroleum Holdings Ltd. 9.00% 08/12/2029	9.000%	500.000	BB-	102.21	107.68	6.30%

GOJ Global Bond Indicative Prices

BOND	CURRENCY	SIZE (M)	COUPON	BID	OFFER	Offer Yield
GOJ 2025	USD	196.237	7.625%	99.95	105.45	2.351%
GOJ 2025	USD	75.056	9.250%	102.75	108.50	4.36%
GOJ 2028	USD	1256.296	6.750%	103.95	109.05	3.84%
GOJ 2036	USD	250.000	8.500%	111.50	122.50	5.89%
GOJ 2039	USD	1243.238	8.000%	122.05	128.55	5.14%
GOJ 2045	USD	1815.000	7.875%	119.10	125.60	5.78%
AIRIAM 2027	USD	41.667	8.125%	98.00	102.50	6.74%
NROCC 2024	USD	147.090	9.375%	98.00	102.00	7.01%