

Week ending July 28, 2023

JA\$ FIXED INCOME

- The JA\$ Fixed income market traded with low levels of liquidity conditions during the week.
- The BOJ auctioned its weekly 30-day CD offering \$28 Billion to the market. The issue was over-subscribed resulting in a Weighted Average Yield of 8.91% which is an 11bps decrease over last week's auction.
- The market is expected to trade with moderate 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 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	July 12, 2023	July 12, 2023	July 12, 2023
Current Yield	7.79%	7.80%	8.42%
Previous Yield	7.86%	7.89%	8.00%
Net Change	-0.07%	-0.09%	0.42%
Next Auction	August 9, 2023	August 9, 2023	August 9, 2023

(Source: Bank of Jamaica)

GLOBAL BOND MARKET

- Debt from Mexican state-owned Petroleos Mexicanos was among the best performing in emerging markets on Friday after the Mexican Government was said to have provided a US\$4 Billion capital injection. PEMEX bonds gained across the curve with 2033 Notes increasing by 1.4 cent to 92.60.
- TSTT reported its Fiscal Year results and June 2023 quarterly results. FY2023 ending in the March 2023 quarter showed an 8% rise in EBITDA to the highest since the pandemic, despite lower revenues. June '23 quarter (1QFY24) had revenues up 9% Y/Y. TSTT's also reported positive free cash flow for the year (adjusted for restructuring related payments). Leverage below 4x at 3.8x at the end of FY23 and further down to 3.55x as of the end of June.
- As broadly expected, the US FOMC unanimously voted to raise the Fed funds rate target range to 5.25%-5.5%. The post-meeting statement was little changed, still containing a bias toward "additional policy firming." While the statement has a hawkish bias, Chair Powell's post-meeting press conference tilted a little toward the dovish side.

(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) this week.
- At the end of trading, Friday July 28, 2023, the Jamaican dollar was valued at \$155.68 against the US\$ which represents an approximately \$0.39 depreciation in the value of the JA\$ for the week.

	Weighted Avg. Sell Rates						Weekly Change (\$)
	21-Jul-23	24-Jul-23	25-Jul-23	26-Jul-23	27-Jul-23	28-Jul-23	
USD	155.2814	155.2629	155.3548	155.6408	155.5517	155.6806	(0.3992)
CAD	117.6402	118.1922	117.2885	117.8478	118.2285	118.0801	(0.4399)
GBP	202.3920	197.8199	199.6198	200.3165	203.2188	201.1535	1.2385
EUR	175.4185	173.9096	170.978	175.0088	174.2715	175.0946	0.3239

(Source: Bank of Jamaica)

REGIONAL EQUITY MARKETS

JAMAICA

Weekly market activity resulted from trading in 122 stocks of which 47 advanced, 61 declined and 14 traded firm.

The Market volume amounted 134,541,602 units valued at over J\$853,230,861.71.

The market volume leaders are FESCO Limited with 19,795,284 units (14.49%), followed by Dolla Financial Services Limited with 17,249,151 units (12.62%) and Spur Tree Spices Limited with 15,365,754 units (11.24%).

The US\$ market volume (excluding blocks) amounted to 2,117,495 units valued at over US\$77,386.71.

The following reflect the movement of the JSE Indices:

- The JSE Index declined by 2,597.54 points (0.79%) to close at 325,270.08.
- The Junior Market Index declined by 19.78 points (0.50%) to close at 3,909.27.
- The JSE Combined Index declined by 2,604.76 points (0.76%) to close at 339,284.26.
- The JSE All Jamaican Composite Index declined by 2,430.83 points (0.67%) to close at 360,086.67.
- The JSE Select Index declined by 16.24 points (0.20%) to close at 8,188.17.
- The JSE USD Equities Index advanced by 5.15 points (2.16%) to close at 244.05.
- The JSE Cross Listed Index declined by 0.82 points (1.31%) to close at 61.64.
- The JSE Financial Index declined by 1.19 points (1.64%) to close at 71.58.
- The JSE Manufacturing & Distribution Index advanced by 0.26 points (0.26%) to close at 100.66.

(Source: Jamaica Stock Exchange)

TRINIDAD

Weekly market activity resulted from trading 26 securities of which 10 advanced, 13 declined and 3 traded firm.

The Market volume amounted to 632,901 shares crossing the floor of the Exchange valued at TT\$24.797 million.

The volume leaders are Massy Holdings Limited with 168,519 shares (26.63%), followed by National Enterprises Limited with 121,752 shares (19.24%) and Republic Financial Holdings Limited with 93,298 shares (14.74%).

The following reflect the movement of the TTSE Indices: -

- The COMPOSITE Index advanced by 4.39 points (0.35%) to close at 1,250.11.
- The ALL T&T Index declined by 8.43 points (0.44%) to close at 1,896.15.
- The CROSS-LISTED Index advanced by 2.53 points (3.34%) to close at 78.20.
- The SME Index advanced by 0.11 points (0.16%) to close at 70.47.

(Source: Trinidad and Tobago Stock Exchange)

BARBADOS

This week, the Regular Market traded a total volume of 579,763 shares. The top three securities traded were Goddard Enterprises Limited with 511,468 (88.22%), Eppley Caribbean Property Fund SCC – Development Fund with 40,810 (7.04%) and Eppley Caribbean Property Fund SCC - Value Fund with 25,810 share (4.45%).

The BSE Indices ending July 28, 2023

INDICES	TODAY'S TRADING	LAST TRADING	CHANGES	% Change
	28-Jul-23	21-Jul-23		
Local	2,623.43	2,665.60	-42.17	-1.582%
Cross-list	803.79	803.79	0.00	0.000%
Composite	635.95	645.97	-10.02	-1.551%

(Source: Barbados Stock Exchange)

REGIONAL EQUITY MARKETS

- Supreme Ventures Limited (SVL) has advised of the purchase of a 15% shareholding in Dolla Financial Services Limited. SVL has also advised that its subsidiary, McKayla Financial Services Limited, has received the approval of the Bank of Jamaica to be granted a Microcredit License.
- Dolla Financial Services Limited (DOLLA) has advised that Mr. Xesus Johnston, who is currently the Chief Executive Officer of Supreme Ventures Gaming Limited, and Ms. Andrea Whittaker, who is currently the Chief Operating Officer of Mayberry Investments Limited, have been invited to join DOLLA's Board of Directors subject to the approval of the Bank of Jamaica in accordance with the Microcredit Act of Jamaica.
- Tropical Battery Limited (TROPICAL) has advised that it has incorporated its newly formed subsidiary, Tropical Battery USA, LLC, in the United States of America. This move signifies TROPICAL's expansion plans into North American markets.
- Jamaican Teas Limited (JAMT) has advised that the Company has recently entered into an agreement to acquire property in Temple Hall, St. Andrew, comprising some 60,000 square feet of factory buildings on about 3 acres of land. Completion of this agreement is expected in or before November 2023. This property will be used to house the Company's manufacturing facilities now located at Bell Road and Montgomery Avenue, St. Andrew.
- At the Annual General Meeting of the Company SOS, held on July 25, 2023, the following resolutions were unanimously passed; for the stock split of the ordinary shares of the Company, that the authorized share capital of the Company be increased from 500,000,000 to 500,000,000,000 be and is hereby approved, and that each of the issued ordinary shares in the capital of the Company be subdivided into nine (9) ordinary shares resulting in the total issued shares in the capital of the Company being increased from 250,120,500 to 2,251,084,500 be and hereby approved. The record date of the stock split is August 2, 2023 and the ex-split date is August 1, 2023

JSE Top Gainers and Decliners for the week

Symbol	Close Price (\$)	Change (\$)	%	Symbol	Close Price (\$)	Change (\$)	%
DOLLA	2.85	0.80	39.02%	CAC	5.10	(1.72)	-25.22%
SCIUSD US\$	0.11	0.03	29.69%	PULS	2.16	(0.49)	-18.49%
TROPICAL	2.11	0.24	12.83%	JPS7 (PREF.)	61.20	(12.45)	-16.90%

(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	93.50	99.50	6.42%
Digitel Group 0.5 Ltd 8.00% 04/01/2025	8.000%	438.053	C+	39.75	46.97	62.66%
Genworth Holdings Inc 6.50% 06/15/2034	6.500%	287.493	BB	84.97	90.69	7.78%
Govt. of Aruba 4.625% 09/14/2023	4.625%	85.000	BBB-	97.76	100.88	-2.64%
Govt. of Bahamas 5.75% 01/16/2024	5.750%	300.000	B+	96.03	101.18	3.13%
Govt. of Bahamas 6.00% 11/21/2028	6.000%	750.000	B+	79.11	84.25	10.68%
Govt. of Bahamas 6.95% 11/20/2029	6.950%	300.000	B+	77.33	83.22	10.67%
Govt. of Bahamas 8.95% 10/15/2032	8.950%	825.000	B+	83.95	88.99	10.87%
Govt. of Barbados 6.50% 10/01/2029	6.500%	530.584	B-	90.01	96.26	7.64%
Govt. of Bolivia 4.25% 3/20/2028	4.500%	1,000.000	CCC+	66.50	73.70	14.07%
Govt. of Costa Rica 4.375% 04/30/2025	4.375%	500.000	B+	94.40	100.10	4.31%
Govt. of Dominican Republic 5.875% 04/18/2024	5.875%	24.999	BB-	95.56	99.81	6.14%
Govt. of Dominican Republic 4.875% 09/23/2032	4.875%	3,066.000	BB-	83.52	88.92	6.50%
Govt. of Dominican Republic 5.875% 01/30/2060	5.875%	3,200.000	BB-	75.59	80.46	7.44%
Govt. of Mexico 5.4% 02/09/2028	5.400%	1,250.000	BBB-	98.01	102.68	4.74%
Govt. of Panama 9.375% 04/01/2029	9.375%	951.425	BBB-	116.96	122.09	4.87%
Govt. of Trinidad 4.375% 01/16/2024	4.375%	550.000	BB+	96.63	100.97	2.22%
Govt. of Trinidad 4.5% 06/26/2030	4.500%	500.000	BB+	91.51	97.53	4.93%
Govt. of Uruguay 4.375% 1/23/2031	4.375%	2,072.529	BBB	95.73	100.19	4.35%
Govt. of Venezuela 9.250% 05/07/2028	9.250%	2,000.000	NR	4.53	13.24	80.00%
Govt. of Venezuela 9.25% 09/15/2027	9.250%	4,000.000	NR	4.88	13.16	91.89%
National Gas Company 6.05% 01/15/2036	6.050%	400.000	BB+	88.32	95.78	6.55%
Petrobras Global Finance 4.75% 01/14/2025 Euro Denom	4.750%	271.945	BB-	96.98	101.93	3.35%
Petroleos De Venezuela SA 9.75% 05/17/2035	9.750%	3,000.000	NR	1.72	7.01	107.79%
Sagicor Financial Co. 5.30% 05/13/2028	5.300%	550.000	BB	92.20	96.33	6.20%
Telecom Services TT 8.875% 10/18/2029	8.875%	300.000	B	79.87	84.60	13.23%
Trinidad Generation Unlimited 5.25% 11/04/2027	5.250%	600.000	BB	93.65	99.20	5.54%
Trinidad Petroleum Holdings Ltd. 9.00% 08/12/2029	9.000%	500.000	BB-	100.78	106.78	6.93%
Unicomer 7.875% 04/01/2024	7.875%	350.000	B+	96.43	100.25	4.36%

GOJ Global Bond Indicative Prices

BOND	CURRENCY	COUPON	BID	OFFER Max	Offer Yield
GOJ 2025	USD	7.625%	99.45	105.20	3.88%
GOJ 2025	USD	9.250%	103.75	109.75	4.57%
GOJ 2028	USD	6.750%	102.70	107.95	4.42%
GOJ 2036	USD	8.500%	115.00	122.00	5.99%
GOJ 2039	USD	8.000%	118.10	124.10	5.57%
GOJ 2045	USD	7.875%	114.40	120.90	6.13%
AIRJAM 2027	USD	8.125%	97.50	103.50	6.30%
NROCC 2024	USD	9.375%	99.65	104.65	3.27%