

Week ending March 24, 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 \$18 Billion to the market. The issue was over-subscribed with the weighted average coming out at 8.85% which represents a 169bps decrease over last week's auction.
- The maturity of the GOJ VR 2023 BMI Note led to increased levels in the market which also contributed to drop in the BOJ CD average yield.
- The market is expected to trade with improved 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	March 8, 2023	March 8, 2023	February 8, 2023
Current Yield	8.21%	8.31%	8.41%
Previous Yield	8.09%	8.44%	8.45%
Net Change	0.12%	-0.13%	-0.04%
Next Auction	April 12, 2023	April 12, 2023	April 12, 2023

(Source: Bank of Jamaica)

## GLOBAL BOND MARKET

- The US Federal Reserve raised interest rates (0.25% this time) at a ninth straight meeting and indicated there may be more hikes to come in a clear sign it's confident that its bid to quell inflation won't deepen a nascent banking crisis
- While closely monitoring the banking situation, the Bank of England raised interest rates 25 basis points to 4.25% this week. The Bank also left the door open for further increases if inflation persists.
- Panama tapped international bond markets for \$1.8 billion in its first issuance since November, showing strong demand from emerging-market investors despite the turmoil in the US and Swiss banking systems
- Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis President James Bullard said that financial stability issues can be tackled via additional steps to ease bank strains, while monetary policy can keep targeting high inflation  
(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)
- At the end of trading, Friday March 24, 2023, the Jamaican dollar was valued at \$151.75 against the US\$ which represents an approximately \$0.23 appreciation in the value of the JA\$ for the week.

	Weighted Avg. Sell Rates						Weekly Change (\$)
	17-Mar-23	20-Mar-23	21-Mar-23	22-Mar-23	23-Mar-23	24-Mar-23	
USD	151.9881	151.8193	151.7059	151.7168	151.665	151.7520	0.2361
CAD	111.0275	111.0531	111.2713	112.0362	111.9984	110.9809	0.0466
GBP	185.5300	184.6446	184.8084	185.8395	185.3363	186.2308	(0.7008)
EUR	164.7343	164.1649	162.1556	166.1004	167.0591	166.0324	(1.2981)

(Source: Bank of Jamaica)

## REGIONAL EQUITY MARKETS

### JAMAICA

Weekly market activity resulted from trading in 123 stocks of which 38 advanced, 78 declined and 7 traded firm.

The Market volume amounted 146,219,573 units valued at over J\$497,337,749.76.

The market volume leaders are Trans Jamaica Highway Limited with 33,902,708 units (20.07%), followed by First Rock Real Estate Investments Limited (US\$) with 19,351,773 units (11.46%) and Wigton Windfarm Limited with 15,730,977 units (9.31%).

The US\$ market volume (excluding blocks) amounted to 22,685,363 units valued at over US\$1,658,741.10.

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

- The JSE Index declined by 3,041.31 points (0.93 %) to close at 322,420.29.
- The Junior Market Index declined by 106.60 points (2.85 %) to close at 3,629.45.
- The JSE Combined Index declined by 3,824.69 points (1.13 %) to close at 334,072.41.
- The JSE All Jamaican Composite Index declined by 5,039.79 points (1.37 %) to close at 363,092.98.
- The JSE Select Index declined by 97.58 points (1.21 %) to close at 7,938.23.
- The JSE USD Equities Index advanced by 25.30 points (13.29 %) to close at 215.70.
- The JSE Cross Listed Index advanced by 0.63 points (1.13 %) to close at 56.58.
- The JSE Financial Index declined by 0.53 points (0.69 %) to close at 75.78.
- The JSE Manufacturing & Distribution Index declined by 1.44 points (1.54 %) to close at 91.96.

(Source: Jamaica Stock Exchange)

### TRINIDAD

Weekly market activity resulted from trading 25 securities of which 4 advanced, 17 declined and 4 traded firm.

The Market volume amounted to 940,639 shares crossing the floor of the Exchange valued at TT\$18.666 million.

The volume leaders are Massy Holdings Limited with 217,108 shares (23.08%), followed by National Enterprises Limited with 166,724 shares (17.72%) and First Citizens Group Financial Holding Limited with 146,062 shares (15.53%).

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

- The COMPOSITE Index declined by 7.79 points (0.59%) to close at 1,321.90.
- The ALL T&T Index declined by 6.48 points (0.33%) to close at 1,971.57.
- The CROSS-LISTED Index declined by 1.29 points (1.45%) to close at 87.71.
- The SME Index traded firm to close at 61.52.

(Source: Trinidad and Tobago Stock Exchange)

### BARBADOS

This week, the Regular Market traded a total volume of 1,476 shares. The two securities traded were Goddard Enterprises Limited with 1,176 (79.67%) and FirstCaribbean International Bank with 300 shares (20.33%).

#### The BSE Indices ending March 24, 2022

INDICES	TODAY'S TRADING	LAST TRADING	CHANGES	% Change
	24-Mar-23	17-Mar-23		
Local	2,486.73	2,527.23	-40.50	-1.603%
Cross-list	803.79	803.79	0.00	0.000%
Composite	603.46	613.09	-9.63	-1.571%

(Source: Barbados Stock Exchange)

## REGIONAL EQUITY MARKETS

- Jamaica Producers Group (JP) has advised that the Company has acquired 100% of the shares of The Juicy Group NV and HPP Belgium NV. JP operates as a market leader in Europe in the business of fresh juice and is owner of A.L. Hoogesteger Fresh Specialist B.V. in the Netherlands and is the major shareholder of Co Beverage Lab S.L. in Barcelona, Spain. The acquisition of The Juicy Group NV and HPP Belgium NV was completed on March 21, 2023, and will form part of the assets that will be transferred to the Pan Jamaica Group as part of the amalgamation agreement between PanJam Investment Limited (PJAM) and JP, which will see JP transferring its core businesses to PJAM in exchange for a 34.5% investment in PJAM. The amalgamation is on schedule for completion in the second quarter of 2023. For further information please visit [www.jamstockex.com](http://www.jamstockex.com).
- Edufocal Limited (LEARN) has advised that the Company has entered into a strategic partnership with Design Privacy Limited to deliver innovative Data Protection e-learning content. For further information, visit [www.jamstockex.com](http://www.jamstockex.com).
- 138SL has advised that at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on March 20, 2023, the following resolutions were passed:
  - THAT the authorized share capital of the Company be increased from 480,500,000 ordinary shares at no par value and 94,500,000 cumulative redeemable preference shares to unlimited authorized share capital.
  - THAT the Company, be and is hereby authorized to issue up to 775,000,000 ordinary shares by way of an offer for subscription to the public pursuant to a prospectus (herein the "Additional Public Offering") in lieu of a rights issue to existing stockholders.
  - THAT the Board of Directors of the Company and/or any duly appointed Committee of the Board of Directors be and is hereby authorized to determine in their discretion any terms and conditions relating to the Additional Public Offering.
  - THAT any pre-emption rights to which the existing stockholders may be entitled, howsoever arising, be and are hereby dis-applied for the purposes of the Additional Public Offering.
  - THAT all ordinary shares issued in the Additional Public Offering once issued and allotted be and are hereby converted into stock units.

### JSE Top Gainers and Decliners for the week

Symbol	Close Price (\$)	Change (\$)	%	Symbol	Close Price (\$)	Change (\$)	%
JPS 7.00% PREF.	397.99	243.91	158.30%	CFF	1.03	(0.36)	-25.90%
KEY	3.50	0.86	32.58%	BPOW	2.06	(0.38)	-15.57%
SIL (US\$)	0.02	0.00	14.29%	CAC	7.02	(1.18)	-14.39%

(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	96.89	99.98	6.87%
Chicago Board of Education US\$ Bond 6.319% 11/01/2029	6.319%	257.125	BB	90.60	96.60	6.97%
Credito Real SAB De CV 9.50% 02/07/2026	9.500%	400.000	NR	6.98	10.26	131.04%
Digicel Group 0.5 Ltd 8.00% 04/01/2025	8.000%	438.053	C+	33.09	42.96	60.31%
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	2.17	7.98	103.45%
Digicel Group Two Ltd 9.125% 04/01/2024	9.125%	7.817	NR	0.67	5.90	701.52%
Genworth Holdings Inc 6.50% 06/15/2034	6.500%	287.493	BB	81.62	89.83	7.88%
Govt. of Aruba 4.625% 09/14/2023	4.625%	85.000	BBB-	97.93	100.41	3.72%
Govt. of Bahamas 5.75% 01/16/2024	5.750%	300.000	B+	89.23	96.73	10.08%
Govt. of Bahamas 6.00% 11/21/2028	6.000%	750.000	B+	73.89	80.46	11.58%
Govt. of Bahamas 6.95% 11/20/2029	6.950%	300.000	B+	72.67	80.58	11.16%
Govt. of Bahamas 8.95% 10/15/2032	8.950%	825.000	B+	78.90	85.05	11.58%
Govt. of Barbados 6.50% 10/01/2029	6.500%	530.584	B-	87.47	95.10	7.90%
Govt. of Costa Rica 4.375% 04/30/2025	4.375%	500.000	B+	94.58	100.37	4.19%
Govt. of Dominican Republic 5.875% 04/18/2024	5.875%	49.998	BB-	96.58	100.74	4.48%
Govt. of Dominican Republic 4.875% 09/23/2032	4.875%	3,066.000	BB-	81.58	86.90	6.77%
Govt. of Dominican Republic 5.875% 01/30/2060	5.875%	3,200.000	BB-	72.73	78.27	7.65%
Govt. of Panama 9.375% 04/01/2029	9.375%	951.425	BBB-	119.63	124.56	4.64%
Govt. of Trinidad 4.375% 01/16/2024	4.375%	550.000	BB+	96.56	101.63	2.31%
Govt. of Trinidad 4.5% 06/26/2030	4.500%	500.000	BB+	92.29	98.01	4.83%
Govt. of Venezuela 9.250% 05/07/2028	9.250%	2,000.000	NR	6.92	15.42	73.21%
Govt. of Venezuela 9.25% 09/15/2027	9.250%	4,000.000	NR	6.92	15.42	71.51%
National Gas Company 6.05% 01/15/2036	6.050%	400.000	BB+	86.59	92.10	6.99%
Petrobras Global Finance 4.75% 01/14/2025 Euro Denom	4.750%	271.945	BB-	96.83	101.67	3.76%
Petroleos De Venezuela SA 12.75% 02/17/2022	12.750%	3,000.000	NR	2.87	7.78	163.86%
Petroleos De Venezuela SA 5.375% 04/12/2027	5.375%	3,000.000	NR	2.75	6.67	-
Petroleos De Venezuela SA 9.75% 05/17/2035	9.750%	3,000.000	NR	2.67	7.92	109.43%
Sagcor Financial Co. 5.30% 05/13/2028	5.300%	550.000	BB	91.98	97.62	5.84%
Telecom Services TT 8.875% 10/18/2029	8.875%	300.000	B-	79.72	85.44	12.75%
Trinidad Generation Unlimited 5.25% 11/04/2027	5.250%	600.000	BB	93.87	99.34	5.47%
Trinidad Petroleum Holdings Ltd. 9.00% 08/12/2029	9.000%	500.000	BB-	101.56	106.71	7.09%
Unicomer 7.875% 04/01/2024	7.875%	350.000	BB-	97.39	101.62	-13.78%

### GOJ Global Bond Indicative Prices

BOND	CURRENCY	SIZE (M)	COUPON	BID	OFFER	Offer Yield
GOJ 2025	USD	381.176	7.625%	99.75	105.50	3.167%
GOJ 2025	USD	85.225	9.250%	103.75	109.75	5.12%
GOJ 2028	USD	1421.447	6.750%	103.10	108.35	4.48%
GOJ 2036	USD	250.000	8.500%	115.00	122.50	5.97%
GOJ 2039	USD	1243.238	8.000%	117.75	124.25	5.59%
GOJ 2045	USD	1815.000	7.875%	113.75	120.25	6.19%
AIRIAM 2027	USD	53.571	8.125%	97.50	103.50	6.36%
NROCC 2024	USD	294.180	9.375%	100.00	105.20	4.52%