

Week ending May 26, 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 \$32 Billion to the market. The issue was over-subscribed with the weighted average coming out at 8.24% which represents a 30bps increase over last week's auction.
- The GOJ retapped two bonds on Friday May 26, 2023; the FR 10% 2028 and FR 9.625% 2031. Both bonds were oversubscribed with the weighted averages being 8.56% and 8.33 respectively
- 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 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	4.85 - 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	May 10, 2023	May 10, 2023	May 10, 2023
Current Yield	7.82%	7.97%	8.00%
Previous Yield	8.14%	8.32%	8.36%
Net Change	-0.31%	-0.34%	-0.36%
Next Auction	June 7, 2023	June 7, 2023	June 7, 2023

(Source: Bank of Jamaica)

GLOBAL BOND MARKET

- US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said Friday that the United States will likely have enough reserves to push off a potential debt default until June 5. "We now estimate that Treasury will have insufficient resources to satisfy the government's obligations if Congress has not raised or suspended the debt limit by June 5," Yellen wrote in a letter to House Speaker Kevin McCarthy.
- Costa Rica's fiscal deficit narrowed to 0.7% of GDP in the first quarter of the year versus 0.8% last year, Primary surplus grew to 1% of GDP in the first quarter versus 0.9% last year, and Central government debt fell to 60.9% of GDP in the first quarter from 63.8% a year ago.
- Negotiators for the White House and House Republicans resumed talks on lifting the US debt ceiling amid an impasse just days before a potentially catastrophic default, according to a person familiar with the matter. Talks between President Joe Biden's team and representatives of House Speaker Kevin McCarthy had been at a standstill since White House negotiators left the Capitol on Tuesday.

(Source: Bloomberg)

FX MARKET

- The foreign exchange market traded with low to 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 May 26, 2023, the Jamaican dollar was valued at \$155.33 against the US\$ which represents an approximately \$0.06 depreciation in the value of the JA\$ for the week.

	Weighted Avg. Sell Rates						Weekly Change (\$)
	19-May-23	22-May-23	23-May-23	24-May-23	25-May-23	26-May-23	
USD	155.2650	155.0299	Labour Day	155.412	155.2144	155.3311	(0.0661)
CAD	115.2029	116.073	Labour Day	114.7846	114.3091	115.5221	(0.3192)
GBP	194.3380	191.2976	Labour Day	193.6638	192.9214	192.5723	1.7657
EUR	169.9040	171.1649	Labour Day	169.864	166.0613	170.1430	(0.2390)

(Source: Bank of Jamaica)

REGIONAL EQUITY MARKETS

JAMAICA

Weekly Market activity resulted from trading in 126 stocks of which 52 advanced, 59 declined and 15 traded firm.

The Market volume amounted 133,381,604 units valued at over J\$463,892,649.76.

The market volume leaders are Paramount Trading (Ja.) Limited with 28,036,663 units (20.81%), followed by Fosrich Company Limited with 18,817,782 units (13.97%) and TransJamaica Highway Limited with 16,964,046 units (12.59%).

The US\$ market volume (excluding blocks) amounted to 1,357,823 units valued at over US\$85,025.38.

The following reflect the movement of the JSE Indices:

- The JSE Index advanced by 7,095.73 points (2.15%) to close at 337,061.22.
- The Junior Market Index advanced by 3.77 points (0.10%) to close at 3,750.17.
- The JSE Combined Index advanced by 6,655.33 points (1.95%) to close at 348,830.07.
- The JSE All Jamaican Composite Index advanced by 8,941.45 points (2.46%) to close at 372,672.30.
- The JSE Select Index advanced by 157.27 points (1.96%) to close at 8,164.27.
- The JSE USD Equities Index declined by 16.41 points (7.24%) to close at 210.20.
- The JSE Cross Listed Index advanced by 0.55 points (0.86%) to close at 64.18.
- The JSE Financial Index advanced by 1.02 points (1.37%) to close at 75.46.
- The JSE Manufacturing & Distribution Index advanced by 2.68 points (2.73%) to close at 100.86.

(Source: Jamaica Stock Exchange)

TRINIDAD

Weekly Market activity resulted from trading 25 securities of which 9 advanced, 12 declined and 4 traded firm.

The Market volume amounted to 2,343,804 shares crossing the floor of the Exchange valued at TT\$27.114 million.

The volume leaders are Massy Holdings Limited with 1,323,673 shares (56.47%), followed by National Enterprises Limited with 243,757 shares (10.40%) and GraceKennedy Limited with 137,152 shares (5.85%).

The following reflect the movement of the TTSE Indices: -

- The COMPOSITE Index declined by 3.89 points (0.31%) to close at 1,267.48.
- The ALL T&T Index declined by 0.45 points (0.02%) to close at 1,927.58.
- The CROSS-LISTED Index declined by 1.06 points (1.33%) to close at 78.52.
- The SME Index advanced by 7.14 points (11.49%) to close at 69.27.

(Source: Trinidad and Tobago Stock Exchange)

BARBADOS

This week, the Regular Market traded a total volume of 66,383 shares. The top three securities traded were Goddard Enterprises Limited with 58,200 (87.67%), Eppley Caribbean Property Fund SCC - Value Fund with 6,943 (10.46%) and Barbados Farms Limited with 1,000 shares (1.51%).

The BSE Indices ending May 26, 2023

INDICES	TODAY'S TRADING	LAST TRADING	CHANGES	
	26-May-23	19-May-23		% Change
Local	2,537.04	2,542.38	-5.34	-0.210%
Cross-list	803.79	803.79	0.00	0.000%
Composite	615.42	616.69	-1.27	-0.206%

(Source: Barbados Stock Exchange)

REGIONAL EQUITY MARKETS

- FOSRICH has advised that the Company has set the Record Date for the Company's upcoming Rights Issue. The approved Record Date is Friday, June 2, 2023. FOSRICH has also advised of the incorporation of FosRich USA, Inc., which is being established with a view to pursuing various business opportunities in the United States of America.
- Sygnus Credit Investments (SCI) has also advised that the Board of Directors of the Company on May 12, 2023, approved the buyback of up to US\$9 million of SCI's JMD and USD ordinary shares via Open Market Repurchase (OMR) spanning a period of three (3) years ending June 2026. The buyback is as prescribed by the Articles of Association of the Company.
- NCB Financial Group Limited (NCBFG) has advised that "the Honourable Michael Lee-Chin, OJ has indicated that he is taking a leave of absence effective immediately from the Boards of NCBFG, National Commercial Bank Jamaica Limited (NCBJ) and Guardian Holdings Limited (GHL) to allow him to focus on certain pressing business and personal matters.
- TROPICAL has advised that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in an online format using the Zoom platform. For further details, please visit www.jamstockex.com.
- Fontana Limited (FTNA) has advised that the payment of dividends will be considered at a Board of Directors' meeting to be held on Thursday, June 8, 2023.
- Image Plus Consultants Limited (IPCL) has declared a dividend of six cents (\$0.06) per ordinary stock unit payable on June 21, 2023 to shareholders on record as at May 31, 2023. The ex-dividend date is May 30, 2023.

JSE Top Gainers and Decliners for the week

Symbol	Close Price (\$)	Change (\$)	%	Symbol	Close Price (\$)	Change (\$)	%
SRFJMD	13.42	3.31	32.74%	JPS7 (PREF.)	60.00	(26.01)	-30.24%
JMMBGL7.00NC (PREF.)	2.48	0.5600	29.17%	ROC	1.85	(0.65)	-26.00%
SRFUSD	0.11	0.0208	23.32%	PJX	9.25	(2.05)	-18.14%

(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	98.49	104.49	5.48%
Credito Real SAB De CV 9.50% 02/07/2026	9.500%	400.000	NR	10.50	12.50	127.51%
Digicel Group 0.5 Ltd 8.00% 04/01/2025	8.000%	438.053	C+	36.16	43.41	60.91%
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	2.22	7.98	103.42%
Digicel Group Two Ltd 9.125% 04/01/2024	9.125%	7.817	NR	0.72	5.98	871.43%
Genworth Holdings Inc 6.50% 06/15/2034	6.500%	287.493	BB	84.94	93.17	7.41%
Govt. of Aruba 4.625% 09/14/2023	4.625%	85.000	BBB-	97.72	99.94	4.77%
Govt. of Bahamas 5.75% 01/16/2024	5.750%	300.000	B+	92.35	99.77	6.10%
Govt. of Bahamas 6.00% 11/21/2028	6.000%	750.000	B+	73.56	80.71	11.67%
Govt. of Bahamas 6.95% 11/20/2029	6.950%	300.000	B+	72.38	80.21	11.34%
Govt. of Bahamas 8.95% 10/15/2032	8.950%	825.000	B+	78.54	84.70	11.67%
Govt. of Barbados 6.50% 10/01/2029	6.500%	530.584	B-	87.64	95.32	7.88%
Govt. of Costa Rica 4.375% 04/30/2025	4.375%	500.000	B+	94.90	100.66	4.02%
Govt. of Dominican Republic 5.875% 04/18/2024	5.875%	24.999	BB-	96.19	100.45	5.35%
Govt. of Dominican Republic 4.875% 09/23/2032	4.875%	3,066.000	BB-	82.12	87.33	6.72%
Govt. of Dominican Republic 5.875% 01/30/2060	5.875%	3,200.000	BB-	71.10	76.52	7.83%
Govt. of Panama 9.375% 04/01/2029	9.375%	951.425	BBB-	119.05	124.63	4.54%
Govt. of Trinidad 4.375% 01/16/2024	4.375%	550.000	BB+	96.66	101.69	1.74%
Govt. of Trinidad 4.5% 06/26/2030	4.500%	500.000	BB+	93.05	98.71	4.72%
Govt. of Venezuela 9.250% 05/07/2028	9.250%	2,000.000	NR	5.30	13.90	71.82%
Govt. of Venezuela 9.25% 09/15/2027	9.250%	4,000.000	NR	5.53	13.97	80.96%
National Gas Company 6.05% 01/15/2036	6.050%	400.000	BB+	89.31	94.84	6.66%
Petrobras Global Finance 4.75% 01/14/2025 Euro Denom	4.750%	271.945	BB-	96.58	101.28	3.92%
Petroleos De Venezuela SA 12.75% 02/17/2022	12.750%	3,000.000	NR	1.50	6.36	200.44%
Petroleos De Venezuela SA 5.375% 04/18/2027	5.375%	3,000.000	NR	1.52	5.53	-
Petroleos De Venezuela SA 9.75% 05/17/2035	9.750%	3,000.000	NR	1.03	6.65	99.50%
Sagicor Financial Co. 5.30% 05/13/2028	5.300%	550.000	BB	92.36	97.98	5.77%
Telecom Services TT 8.875% 10/18/2029	8.875%	300.000	B	80.15	85.88	12.71%
Trinidad Generation Unlimited 5.25% 11/04/2027	5.250%	600.000	BB	94.64	100.10	5.21%
Trinidad Petroleum Holdings Ltd. 9.00% 08/12/2029	9.000%	500.000	BB-	102.49	106.97	6.96%
Unicomer 7.875% 04/01/2024	7.875%	350.000	BB-	96.95	101.18	-7.62%

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	2.732%
GOJ 2025	USD	85.225	9.250%	103.75	109.75	4.89%
GOJ 2028	USD	1421.447	6.750%	103.40	108.65	4.32%
GOJ 2036	USD	250.000	8.500%	115.00	122.50	5.96%
GOJ 2039	USD	1243.238	8.000%	117.70	124.20	5.58%
GOJ 2045	USD	1815.000	7.875%	113.55	120.05	6.20%
AIRJAM 2027	USD	53.571	8.125%	97.50	103.50	6.24%
NROCC 2024	USD	294.180	9.375%	99.50	104.70	4.31%