

Week ending January 26, 2024

JA\$ FIXED INCOME

- The JA\$ Fixed income market traded with low to moderate levels of liquidity conditions during the week.
- The BOJ auctioned its weekly 30-day CD offering \$35 Billion to the market. The issue was over-subscribed, resulting in a Weighted Average Yield of 10.69%, a 7 bps increase 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	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	January 10, 2024	January 10, 2024	January 10, 2024
Current Yield	8.39%	8.42%	8.72%
Previous Yield	8.10%	8.46%	8.43%
Net Change	0.29%	-0.03%	0.29%

(Source: Bank of Jamaica)

GLOBAL BOND MARKET

- Oil rose to the highest in about two months as US inventories, Chinese stimulus and an attack on a Russian refinery ignited a rush of trend-following algorithmic buying.
- Two months of missile, drone and hijacking attacks against civilian ships in the Red Sea have caused the biggest diversion of international trade in decades, pushing up costs for shippers as far away as Asia and North America.
- The European Central Bank kept interest rates on hold for a third straight meeting and stuck with wording that suggests cuts may still be some way off
- The Bank of Canada held its policy rate steady for a fourth consecutive meeting and explicitly stated for the first time that it won't need to increase it again if the economy evolves in line with its forecasts.
- The Federal Reserve's preferred gauge of underlying inflation cooled to an almost three-year low even with robust holiday spending, keeping the debate alive over whether officials will soon cut borrowing costs.

(Source: Bloomberg)

FX MARKET

- The foreign exchange market traded with moderate demand over the week amidst low to moderate supply.
- The BOJ intervened in the market twice this week, selling US\$.
- At the end of trading, Friday January 26, 2024, the Jamaican dollar was valued at \$156.40 against the US\$ which represents an approximately \$.32 depreciation in the value of the JA\$ for the week.

Weighted Avg. Sell Rates							Weekly Change (\$)
	19-Jan-24	22-Jan-24	23-Jan-24	24-Jan-24	25-Jan-24	26-Jan-24	
USD	156.0787	156.3986	156.5815	156.8738	156.4128	156.3977	(0.3190)
CAD	116.4888	116.1311	124.0498	116.6997	120.9343	116.3749	0.1139
GBP	197.8963	196.8580	197.7902	197.7978	198.4251	199.8788	(1.9825)
EUR	171.2448	172.6870	169.8375	172.4571	172.8693	172.3836	(1.1388)

(Source: Bank of Jamaica)

REGIONAL EQUITY MARKETS

JAMAICA

Overall market activity resulted from trading in 129 stocks of which 67 advanced, 51 declined and 11 traded firm.

Market volume amounted to 142,696,271 units valued at over \$501,748,994.00..

The market volume leaders are JMMB 9.5% with 38,902,251 units (27.01%), followed by TransJamaica Highway Limited with 27,966,462 units (19.41%) and FESCO with 16,684,599 units (11.58%).

The US\$ market volume (excluding blocks) amounted to 1,407,820 units valued at over \$391,250.29

The following reflect the movement of the JSE Indices:

- The JSE Index advanced by 1,899.17 points (0.59%) to close at 323,274.84.
- The Junior Market Index advanced by 29.79 points (0.80%) to close at 3,759.37.
- The JSE Combined Index advanced by 2,041.97 points (0.61%) to close at 336,104.77.
- The JSE All Jamaican Composite Index advanced by 3,664.12 points (1.03%) to close at 360,257.92.
- The JSE Select Index advanced by 49.74 points (0.62%) to close at 8,107.25.
- The JSE USD Equities Index advanced by 10.13 points (4.27%) to close at 247.45.
- The JSE Cross Listed Index declined by 0.60 points (1.10%) to close at 54.18.
- The JSE Financial Index advanced by 0.02 points (0.03%) to close at 69.39.
- The JSE Manufacturing & Distribution Index advanced by 0.74 points (0.72%) to close at 103.02.

(Source: Jamaica Stock Exchange)

TRINIDAD

The Market activity resulted from trading 24 securities of which 9 advanced, 11 declined and 4 traded firm.

The Market volume amounted to 1,778,286 shares crossing the floor of the Exchange valued at TT\$20.4million.

The volume leaders are Massy Holdings Limited with 890,709 shares (50%), followed by Ansa McAL LTD with 89,247 shares (10%)

The following reflect the movement of the TTSE Indices: -

- The COMPOSITE Index declined by 17.37 points (1.44%) to close at 1,190.52.
- The ALL T&T Index declined by 29.07 points (1.60%) to close at 1,787.36.
- The CROSS-LISTED Index declined by 0.67 points (0.86%) to close at 77.24.
- The SME Index traded firm to close at 78.23.

(Source: Trinidad and Tobago Stock Exchange)

BARBADOS

This week, the Regular Market traded a total volume of 155,062 shares. The top three securities traded were Goddard Enterprises Limited with 61,116 (39.41%), Cave Shepherd and Company Limited with 60,000 (38.69%), and Goddard Enterprises Limited with 28,715 shares (18.52%).

The BSE Indices ending January 26, 2024

INDICES	TODAY'S TRADING	LAST TRADING	CHANGES	% Change
	26-Jan-24	19-Jan-24		
Local	2,895.82	2,746.87	148.95	5.423%
Cross-list	798.6	798.6	0.00	0.000%
Composite	700.59	665.2	35.39	5.320%

(Source: Barbados Stock Exchange)

REGIONAL EQUITY MARKETS

- AFS has declared a dividend of \$0.12 per share payable on February 23, 2024, to shareholders on record as at February 9, 2024. The ex-dividend date is February 8, 2024.
- SEP has advised that its Board of Directors received a Take-Over Bid Offer Circular ("Offer Circular") from Musson Investments Limited ("MUSSON") on January 19, 2024 offering to purchase up to 13,948,000 SEP ordinary shares (being 1.90145% of the ordinary shares in SEP not already owned by MUSSON and its associates) at a cash price of \$78.00 per share ("Offer"). The Offer Circular dated January 15, 2024, which may be viewed in its entirety online at www.jamstockex.com, outlines that the Offer opens on January 24, 2024 and closes on February 15, 2024. On January 19, 2024, the Board of Directors of SEP appointed an Independent Committee consisting solely of directors not affiliated with MUSSON and its associates to review the Offer and to propose a recommendation to shareholders. A Directors' Circular which will include a recommendation to shareholders will be published on the website of the Jamaica Stock Exchange and in the press as required by applicable regulations in due course. For further information, visit www.jamstockex.com.
- MFS has advised that at a meeting of its Board of Directors held on January 17, 2024, the Directors approved the conversion of existing debt and debt to be incurred to equity, a rights issue, increasing the authorised share capital, and the implementation of a share option scheme or similar equity compensation programme for Employees. MFS has further advised that matters requiring shareholder approval will be considered at the Annual General Meeting of the Company, the date of which will be announced in short order.
- ICREATE has advised of the appointment of new external auditors, The Firm CB of 2b West Ivy Green Crescent, Kingston 10.
- HONBUN has advised that its Board of Directors has approved a dividend payment of \$0.13 per share payable on February 21, 2024, to shareholders on record as at February 7, 2024. The ex-dividend date is February 6, 2024.
- AFS has declared a dividend of \$0.12 per share payable on February 23, 2024, to shareholders on record as at February 9, 2024. The ex-dividend date is February 8, 2024.

JSE Top Gainers and Decliners for the week:

Symbol	Close Price (\$)	Change (\$)	%	Symbol	Close Price (\$)	Change (\$)	%
SCIUSD	0.09	0.02	28.57%	PBS 9.75% (PREF.)	90.00	(30.00)	-25.00%
FIRSTROCKIMD	0.05	0.01	25.00%	EPLY 7.75% (PREF.)	18.08	(4.87)	-21.22%
KLE	2.25	0.41	22.28%	JMMBGL 5.75C (US\$ PREF.)	1.70	(0.30)	-15.00%

(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+	95.37	101.37	6.03%
Credito Real SAB De CV 9.50% 02/07/2026	9.500%	400.000	NR	9.34	13.22	170.93%
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	7.60	108.55%
Digicel Group Two Ltd 9.125% 04/01/2024	9.125%	7.817	NR	0.50	5.60	9948.48%
Genworth Holdings Inc 6.50% 06/15/2034	6.500%	276.103	BB	88.53	95.34	7.14%
Govt. of Bahamas 6.00% 11/21/2028	6.000%	750.000	B+	86.09	92.11	8.48%
Govt. of Bahamas 6.95% 11/20/2029	6.950%	300.000	B+	85.06	92.13	8.70%
Govt. of Bahamas 8.95% 10/15/2032	8.950%	825.000	B+	92.21	98.29	9.24%
Govt. of Barbados 6.50% 10/01/2029	6.500%	530.584	B-	90.56	96.60	7.67%
Govt. of Costa Rica 4.375% 04/30/2025	4.375%	500.000	B+	94.94	100.61	3.87%
Govt. of Dominican Republic 5.875% 04/18/2024	5.875%	24.999	BB-	96.68	100.89	1.71%
Govt. of Dominican Republic 4.875% 09/23/2032	4.875%	3,066.000	BB-	85.48	90.58	6.30%
Govt. of Dominican Republic 5.875% 01/30/2060	5.875%	3,200.000	BB-	80.17	85.47	6.98%
Govt. of Panama 9.375% 04/01/2029	9.375%	951.425	BBB-	108.57	113.93	6.18%
Govt. of Trinidad 4.5% 06/26/2030	4.500%	500.000	BB+	92.12	97.55	4.95%
Govt. of Venezuela 9.250% 05/07/2028	9.250%	2,000.000	NR	14.53	23.41	58.09%
Govt. of Venezuela 9.25% 09/15/2027	9.250%	4,000.000	NR	16.92	25.78	62.33%
National Gas Company 6.05% 01/15/2036	6.050%	400.000	BB+	88.28	94.89	6.68%
Petrobras Global Finance 4.75% 01/14/2025 Euro Denom	4.750%	271.945	BB	97.23	101.91	2.69%
Petroleos De Venezuela SA 12.75% 02/17/2022	12.750%	3,000.000	NR	12.19	17.56	72.62%
Petroleos De Venezuela SA 5.375% 04/12/2027	5.375%	3,000.000	NR	10.67	14.85	
Petroleos De Venezuela SA 9.75% 05/17/2035	9.750%	3,000.000	NR	11.64	17.39	51.28%
Sagicor Financial Co. 5.300% 05/13/2028	5.300%	550.000	BBB-	92.55	98.12	5.80%
Telecom Services TT 8.875% 10/18/2029	8.875%	300.000	B+	88.32	94.03	10.59%
Trinidad Generation Unlimited 5.25% 11/04/2027	5.250%	600.000	BB	94.66	100.72	4.94%
Trinidad Petroleum Holdings Ltd. 9.00% 08/12/2029	9.000%	500.000	BB-	103.21	108.35	5.61%

GOJ Global Bond Indicative Prices

BOND	CURRENCY	SIZE (M)	COUPON	BID	OFFER	Offer Yield
GOJ 2025	USD	196.237	7.625%	99.25	104.75	2.472%
GOJ 2025	USD	75.056	9.250%	103.00	108.75	3.91%
GOJ 2028	USD	1256.296	6.750%	101.80	106.90	4.43%
GOJ 2036	USD	250.000	8.500%	111.50	122.50	5.87%
GOJ 2039	USD	1243.238	8.000%	115.55	122.05	5.70%
GOJ 2045	USD	1815.000	7.875%	112.55	119.05	6.25%
AIRJAM 2027	USD	41.667	8.125%	98.00	102.50	6.65%
NROCC 2024	USD	147.090	9.375%	98.00	102.00	6.67%