



ASSET MANAGEMENT Ltd
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WEEKLY REVIEWER

JULY 7, 2023

Currently we manage Pension Funds, Trust and Trustee Services and Personal Investment Portfolios

LOCAL MARKET

BOJ/GOJ NEWS

On Monday, July 3, 2023, the Bank of Jamaica (BOJ) announced the issue of a \$21.5 Billion 30-Day Fixed Rate Certificate of Deposit, namely *7.50% BOJ FR 30D-CD 20230707* for settlement on Friday, July 7, 2023.

Results of the auction showed the CD was undersubscribed with 241 bids received totaling \$21.427 Billion. The total bids received were allocated with an average yield of 10.86 per cent and a price of \$99.69. The highest submitted bid rate for full allocation was 15.93 per cent for \$100 million.

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On Tuesday, July 4, 2023, three T-Bills were announced by the BOJ:

- A [91-Day](#) T-Bill with an offer of \$700 Million
- A [182-Day](#) T-Bill with an offer of \$700 Million
- A [273-Day](#) T-Bill with an offer of \$800 Million

The T-Bills have a subscription date of July 12, 2023 and are set to settle on July 14, 2023. The cumulative value of \$2.2 Billion is stated to be replacing the bills which mature in July 2023.

STOCK MARKET DEVELOPMENTS

For the week ended July 7, 2023, the JSE Index declined by 5,409.01 points or 1.63 per cent to close at 326,625.92 points. Overall market activities resulted from trading in 63

stocks of which 19 advanced, 39 declined and 5 traded firm. The following companies represent the overall volume leaders, JMMB Group 7.25% VR JMD CR Preference Shares with 50,641,419 units at 37.79 per cent; TransJamaican Highway Limited with 16,234,823 units at 12.12 per cent; and Ciboney Group Limited with 14,213,770 units at 10.61 per cent.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENTS

According to a report in the Irish Times, Digicel has agreed to give a 62 per cent stake in the company to bondholders in a debt-to-equity exchange. The restructuring will see founder and chairman, Denis O'Brien's, shareholding within the company being reduced to 10 per cent. The report further stated that the restructuring is expected to reduce Digicel's debt by \$US 1.7 million and reduce annual interest payments by \$US 120 million. Oliver Coughlan, Digicel's Chief Executive Officer, shared that the restructuring is expected to be completed before the end of the year.

[Read more here](#)

The Financial Sector Adjustment Company (Finsac) Limited entered into an agreement to dispose of its 72.11 per cent stake in Ciboney Group Limited to IEC Energy Company Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Wiltshire Consulting and Advisory Limited. The transaction was completed on June 29, 2023. On Monday, Ciboney Group Ltd., in an additional release, confirmed its receipt

of a notice of a firm intention by IEC to acquire all the minority held shares. IEC is required to publish a takeover bid circular within 30 days of June 29 according to regulations by the Jamaica Stock Exchange (JSE). [Read more here](#)

FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET

The Jamaican Dollar depreciated by J\$0.8344 (0.54 per cent) against the US dollar during the week of July 3rd to July 7th, 2023. On Friday, July 7, 2023, the weighted average sell rate closed at J\$155.4556 to US\$1, down from the previous Friday's closing price of J\$154.6212.

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INTERNATIONAL MARKETS

Wall street closed in the red in Friday's trading session, as the major indexes reversed the gains from earlier trading with the release of the US labour statistics. At the conclusion of the day's trading, the Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJI) declined 0.55 per cent or 187.38 points to close at 33,734.88. The tech-heavy Nasdaq composite declined by 0.13 per cent or 18.33 points to close at 13,660.72. The S&P 500 also followed a similar momentum, falling 0.29 per cent or 12.64 points to end at 4,398.95.

The release of the US Bureau of Labour Statistics Job reports for June indicated a moderating rate of employment, 209,000 new jobs versus 225,000 expected, amidst growing wages and a marginally declining employment rate. This led some economists to believe that employment still being upwards of 200,000 gives the US Federal Reserve

a reason for a rate hike during the remainder of the year. The jobs report is closely watched by investors to try and approximate what the Fed is likely to do in its campaign against sticky inflation. Read more [here](#) and [here](#).

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