



Wealth Management & Financial Services

## MONTHLY INVESTMENT NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2021

**2**  
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Issues

**\$48M**  
—

Raised

**ALL  
OFFERS**  
—

Oversubscribed

**2**  
—

Equity Issuers  
with Trading  
Activity

**\$143.74**  
—

ECSE Share  
Index

## ISSUER ACTIVITIES

### 1. Debt Securities

#### a. Securities issued during the month:

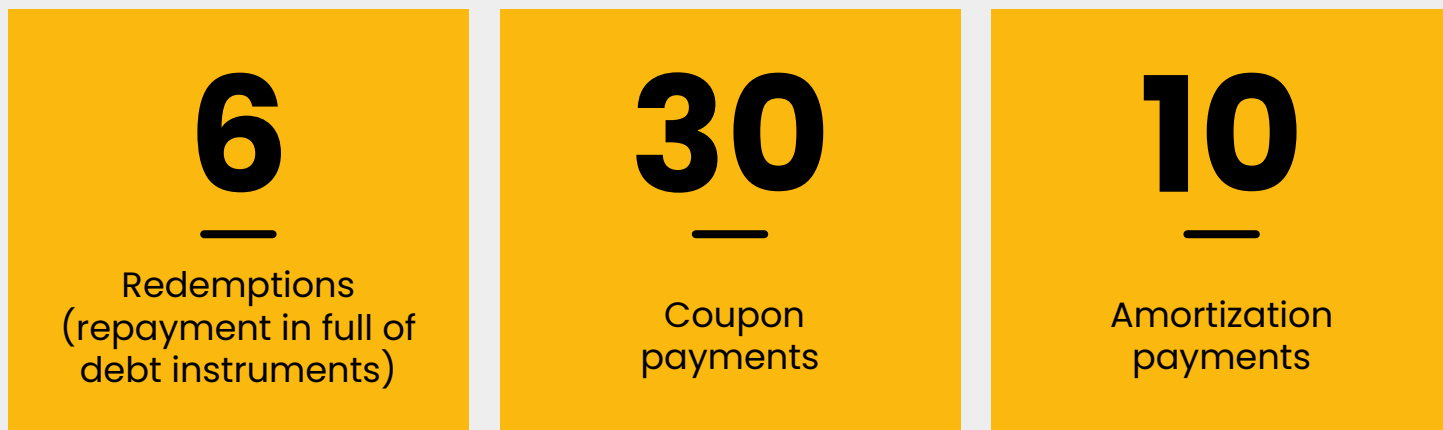
1. The Debt Market featured 2 issues originating from 2 Governments of the 8 ECCU territories, this compared to:
  - a. 3 issues during the same period in 2020 by 3 Issuers.
  - b. 3 issues last month.
2. ECCU Governments sought to raise \$48M and was successful in doing so.  
  
Both offers were oversubscribed, with a total of \$5.75M in unsatisfied bids.
3. Both issues closed below the maximum rate offered; with a 3.04 percentage point variance being the widest margin between the offered and closing rate.
4. The 2 issues were short term, 91-day, Treasury Bills.

*Table 1: Debt Instruments issued during the month of September 2021*

DATE	SYMBOL	ISSUER	INSTRUMENT	AUCTION VALUE	MATURITY	YIELD	MAX RATE	SUBSCRIPTION
06/09/2021	VCB071221	Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines	91-day Treasury bill	28,000,000	07/12/2021	3.02%	3.50%	\$28,947,000
13/09/2021	DMB141221	Government of Dominica	91-day Treasury bill	20,000,000	14/12/2021	1.95%	5.00%	\$24,804,000

### b. Payments during the month:

Issuers made (through the Eastern Caribbean Securities Exchange) 46 scheduled payments, as per the agreed terms and conditions for 34 instruments, issued both publicly and privately; which comprised of:



### c. Default Reports:

There were no reports of default by Issuers during the period.

## 2. Equity Securities

*Table 2: Closing Prices of Equities as at September 30, 2021.*

**a. The Equities Market continued to host 13 Issuers of securities.**

**b. There were 2 Issuers with trading activity during the month: GESL and ECFH.**

1. GESL – 100 shares traded at \$11.75 per share, down \$0.25 from its last closing price.
2. ECFH – 600 shares traded at \$4.00 per share, unchanged from its last closing price.

SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION	CLOSING PRICE
BON	The Bank of Nevis Ltd.	\$3.75
BOSV	Bank of St. Vincent and the Grenadines Ltd.	\$6.75
CWKN	Cable and Wireless St. Kitts & Nevis Ltd.	\$3.90
DES	Dominica Electricity Services Ltd	\$3.50
ECFH	Eastern Caribbean Financial Holdings Company Ltd.	\$4.00
GCBL	Grenada Co-operative Bank Ltd	\$8.88
GESL	Grenada Electricity Services Ltd.	\$11.75
GPCL	Grenreal Property Corporation Limited	\$5.40
RBGL	Republic Bank (Grenada) Limited	\$45.00
SKNB	St. Kitts Nevis Anguilla National Bank Ltd.	\$2.80
SLES	St. Lucia Electricity Services Ltd.	\$20.00
SLH	S. L. Horsford & Co Ltd.	\$2.00
TDC	St. Kitts Nevis Anguilla Trading & Development Company Ltd.	\$1.25

## **ISSUER HIGHLIGHTS**

### **1. Debt Issuers**

#### **a. ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA**

##### ***CDB approves US\$25 million loan to Antigua and Barbuda***

The Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) has approved a US\$25 million loan to Antigua and Barbuda to counter Covid-19 fallout and support economic recovery. It is also lending US\$7.5 million to Anguilla. "The two loans will buttress socially responsible policies, particularly for the benefit of vulnerable people in Anguilla and Antigua and Barbuda, while backing the reform process in both countries to achieve greater resilience," said CDB President Dr. Gene Leon.

Click the link for further details;

★ <https://antiguaobserver.com/cdb-approves-us25-million-loan-to-ab/>

#### **b. GRENADA**

##### ***Grenada's Agri-Food sector to expand with EU, CDB aid***

Grenada's farmers can look forward to increasing their exports of fresh produce following the implementation of the Agri-Food Sector Development and Strengthening of the National Food Safety System project.

Launched on September 29th and financed by the European Union's EPA and CSME Standby Facility, the two-year €236,070 project will help to strengthen the productive capacity and significantly improve the collection and distribution of fresh produce in Grenada.

The initiative will offer training to those along the agriculture value chain in food safety management and also provide refrigerated trucks for transportation of fresh produce to enhance output quality and minimise loss and wastage.

Click the link for further details;

★ <https://caribbean.loopnews.com/content/grenadas-agri-food-sector-expand-eu-cdb-aid>

#### **c. ST. KITTS AND NEVIS**

##### ***St Kitts and Nevis Marks Return of Large Cruise Ships***

St Kitts and Nevis has kick-started its 2021-2022 cruise season with the return of the first large cruise ship to Port Zante. "This is exciting – we have been waiting 17 months for this day! Seventeen months during which we experienced the negative impacts of COVID-19 and observed the collapse of economies globally," said Racquel Brown, CEO of the St Kitts Tourism Authority.

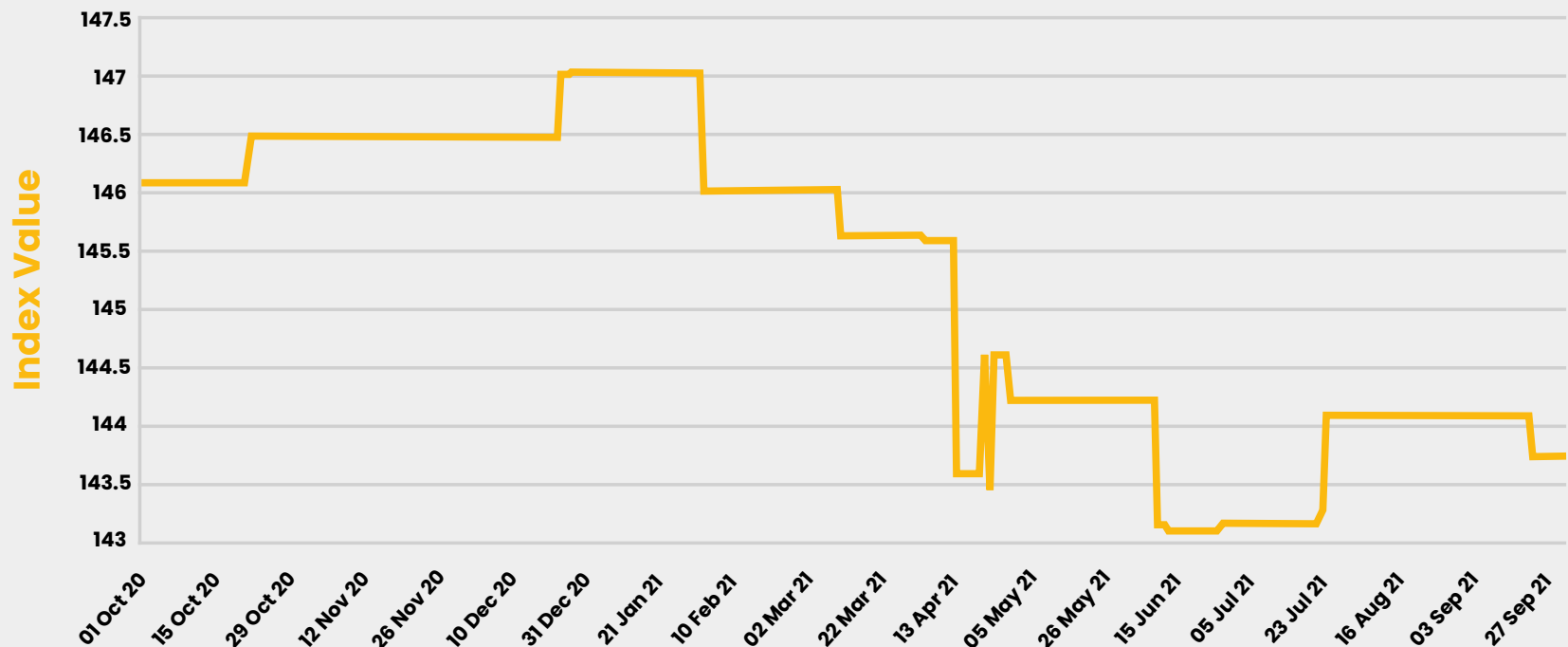
Click the link for further details;

★ <https://www.caribjournal.com/2021/09/14/st-kitts-nevis-cruise-ships-return/>

## **EASTERN CARIBBEAN SECURITIES MARKET REVIEW**

### **a. ECSE SHARE PRICE INDEX**

*Graph 1: ECSE Share Price Index October 01, 2020 to September 30, 2021*



The ECSE Share Price Index stood at \$143.74, as at close of market on September 30, 2021. This represents a 1.60% decline in the value of the Index when compared to September 30, 2020 and a fall of \$0.35 when compared to the value at the end of August 2021.

During September, the Index maintained stability over the first 21 days, followed by a descent on September 22nd and maintained a position of stability thereafter.

The decrease in the index's value was influenced by the fall in the market price of GESL shares.

### **b. MARKET WARNING**

On September 23, 2021, the Eastern Caribbean Securities Regulatory Commission issued a Warning Notice in relation to the following entities:

1. **Weber FX Tradex ("WFT"),**
2. **24Trading ("24T")**
3. **Celox.Live**
4. **Coindaq, Advances Stox**
5. **Tradergy**

**For further details please click this link.**



## UPCOMING OFFERS:

*Table 3: Upcoming Offers for the month of October 2021*

DATE	SYMBOL	ISSUER	INSTRUMENT	AUCTION VALUE	MATURITY	MAXIMUM RATE
11/10/2021	GDB110122	Government of Grenada	91-day Treasury Bill	\$15,000,000	11/01/2022	3.50%
13/10/2021	LCB120422	Government of St. Lucia	180-day Treasury Bill	\$10,000,000	12/04/2022	4.00%
13/10/2021	VCB130122	Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines	91-day Treasury Bill	\$28,000,000	13/01/2022	3.50%
20/10/2021	LCB200122	Government of St. Lucia	91-day Treasury Bill	\$11,000,000	20/01/2022	3.50%
21/10/2021	GDB221022	Government of Grenada	365-day Treasury Bill	\$10,000,000	22/10/2022	5.00%
29/10/2021	LCB310122	Government of St. Lucia	91-day Treasury Bill	\$11,000,000	31/01/2022	3.50%

## INVESTMENT EDUCATION CORNER:

### Share Investment Strategies:

Here are some strategies for your consideration:

#### **Value Investing:**

This strategy involves purchasing the stock of companies with share prices that are lower than their fundamentals (financials) suggest they should be.

Value investors seek to identify and invest in undervalued companies with the hopes of benefiting from irrationality in the market. They rely on ratios such as the Price to Book Value and Price to Earnings to identify stocks with discount or sale prices.

#### **Growth Investing:**

This strategy is characterized by the selection of stocks of companies experiencing above-average growth in one or several aspects.

Growth investors may be drawn to the stocks of companies experiencing high growth rate in areas such as sales and earnings. Growth investors often begin the selection process by identifying specific sectors or industries which are poised to record rapid growth within relatively short time span.

#### **Dollar-Cost Averaging:**

This strategy entails the practice of making fixed, regular investments in a specific stock over a long period of time.

When employing this strategy, the number of shares purchased in each period will vary depending on the share price at the time of purchase. When the share price falls, the fixed investment will allow the investor to purchase more shares and when the share price rises, the investor will only be able to purchase a smaller number of shares.

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