



Wealth Management & Financial Services

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Issues

\$107M

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Raised

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Issues
Oversubscribed

7

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Equity Issuers with
Trading Activity

144.25

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ECSE
Share Index

ISSUER ACTIVITIES

1. DEBT SECURITIES

a. Securities issued:

1. The Debt Market featured five issues originating from two Governments of the eight ECCU territories, compared to:
 - a. Six issues during the same period in 2022 by four issuers.
 - b. Four issues last month.
2. ECCU Governments raised a total of ECD \$107M.

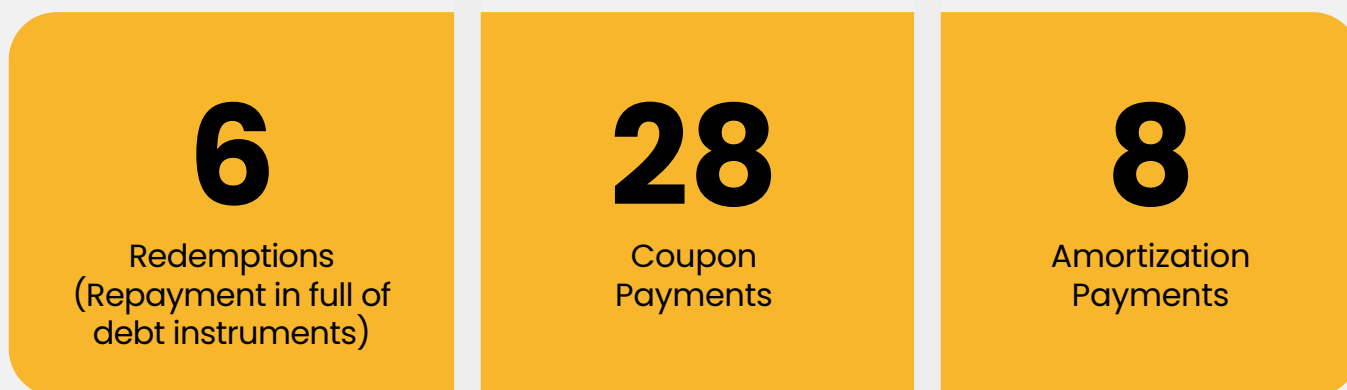
All five issues were oversubscribed with \$31M in unsatisfied bids.
3. All five issues closed below the maximum rate offered. The widest margin was a 1.50-percentage point variance between the offered and closing rate.
4. The securities offered were short & long term instruments, ranging from 91 days to 10 years.

Table 1: Debt Instruments Issued During February 2023

DATE	SYMBOL	ISSUER	INSTRUMENT	AUCTION VALUE	MATURITY	CLOSING RATE	MAX RATE	SUBSCRIPTION
01/02/2023	LCB040523	Government of Saint Lucia	91-Day Treasury Bill	\$16,000,000	04/05/2023	2.00%	3.50%	Oversubscribed
02/02/2023	LCG100233	Government of Saint Lucia	10-Year Bond	\$15,000,000	03/02/2033	6.99%	7.50%	Oversubscribed
07/02/2023	LCB070823	Government of Saint Lucia	180-Day Treasury Bill	\$30,000,000	07/08/2023	2.50%	4.00%	Oversubscribed
10/02/2023	LCB150523	Government of Saint Lucia	91-Day Treasury Bill	\$16,000,000	15/05/2023	2.50%	3.50%	Oversubscribed
23/02/2023	AGB240224	Government of Antigua & Barbuda	365-Day Treasury Bill	\$30,000,000	24/02/2024	3.50%	4.50%	Oversubscribed

B. Payments during the month:

Issuers made (through the Eastern Caribbean Securities Exchange) 42 scheduled payments, as per the agreed terms and conditions for instruments, issued both publicly and privately, which comprised of:



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for detail listing of payments

C. Default reports:

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

2. EQUITY SECURITIES

a. The Equities Market continues to host 14 issuers of securities.

i. There were trades from seven (7) equity issuers in the market during the month of February.

Table 2: Issuers with Trading Activity During the Month

SYMBOL	TRADE VOLUME	HIGH PRICE	LOW PRICE	CLOSING PRICE	CHANGE IN CLOSING PRICE (COMPARED TO JANUARY, 2022)
BON	3,700	\$3.75	\$3.75	\$3.75	\$0.00
GCBL	905	\$9.25	\$9.25	\$9.25	\$0.21
GESL	80	\$10.50	\$10.50	\$10.50	\$0.00
SKNB	9,407	\$2.80	\$2.80	\$2.80	\$0.00
SLH	68	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$0.00
TDC	3,086	\$1.33	\$1.30	\$1.33	\$0.03
WIOC	8,430	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$0.00

Table 3: Closing Prices of Equities as at February 28, 2023

SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION	CLOSING PRICE
BON	The Bank of Nevis Ltd.	\$ 3.75
BOSV	Bank of St. Vincent and the Grenadines Ltd.	\$ 9.00
CWKN	Cable and Wireless St. Kitts & Nevis Ltd.	\$ 3.83
DES	Dominica Electricity Services Ltd.	\$ 3.50
ECFH	Eastern Caribbean Financial Holdings Company Ltd.	\$ 3.63
GCBL	Grenada Co-operative Bank Limited	\$ 9.25
GESL	Grenada Electricity Services Ltd.	\$ 10.50
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.	\$ 1.30
WIOC	The West Indies Oil Company Limited	\$ 60.00

b. Equity Issuers with Financial Year ends during the period:

- i. There were no equity issuers with a financial year-end in February.

c. Material Change Disclosures:

- i. Material Change disclosures are filed by Issuers as changes occur within their entities. For access to these disclosures refer to the Eastern Caribbean Securities Regulatory Commission.
<https://www.ecsin.com/cms/Cmspages/details/198/category/ecsin-home-page>

d. Dividend Payments:

- i. There were no dividend payments in the period.

ISSUER HIGHLIGHTS

1. DEBT ISSUERS

a. Job Losses As Government Ends Operations At MNIB In Current Form

Seventy people who are employed with the Marketing and National Importing Board (MNIB) in Grenada will be in search of new jobs as of March 1, as the Government has decided to shut down the operations of the entity in its current format.

In January, the Government conducted several consultations with farmers with a view to determining a way forward for the MNIB which, besides importing refined sugar, is also seen as the chief supplier of fresh fruit and vegetables.

MNIB was founded in 1945 by the Government to market agricultural produce in Grenada. The 'Marketing Organization' was established for the development of agriculture generally and in particular, for providing an outlet to farmers for vegetables and fresh fruits in order to encourage the production of local food crops.

b. IMF Reports That St. Kitts And Nevis Is Recovering From The COVID-19 Pandemic And Cost Of Living Crisis

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) is reporting that the hard-hit St. Kitts and Nevis economy from the COVID-19 pandemic is recovering and that the cost-of-living crisis is improving. However, the report pointed out that although "the outlook is positive, risks are somewhat tilted to the downside" with "growth projected at 4.5 percent in 2023, supported by a strong recovery in tourism and other service sectors.

The assessment comes following an IMF Mission, led by Mr. Alexandre Chailloux, who visited St. Kitts and Nevis during January 16-27, 2023, for the 2023 Article IV consultation discussions on economic developments and macroeconomic policies. The mission team benefited from candid and constructive discussions with public and private sector counterparts and other stakeholders.

c. St. Vincent Will "Benefit Enormously" From CELAC Presidency

St. Vincent and the Grenadines Prime Minister, Dr. Ralph Gonsalves, says the island will benefit from becoming the first Caribbean Community (CARICOM) country to hold the pro tempore presidency of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC).

St. Vincent the Grenadines was elected at the CELAC seventh summit in Argentina last month and Gonsalves speaking on a radio program, said the island's Commissioner of Police, Colin John, should be pleased to know that the declaration issued after the summit includes a special resolution on small arms, sponsored by Mexico

Prime Minister, Dr. Ralph Gonsalves said he wants St. Vincent and the Grenadines to advance the issue of air and sea transportation, "because if we have to link our civilizations, the Latin American and Caribbean civilizations, we have to be able to transport goods, we have to be able to transport people."

He said CELAC has established a disaster fund and St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Mexico and Argentina have already made their contributions.

2. EQUITY ISSUERS

Table 4: Financial Statistics of Equity Issuers for the 2022 Financial Year.

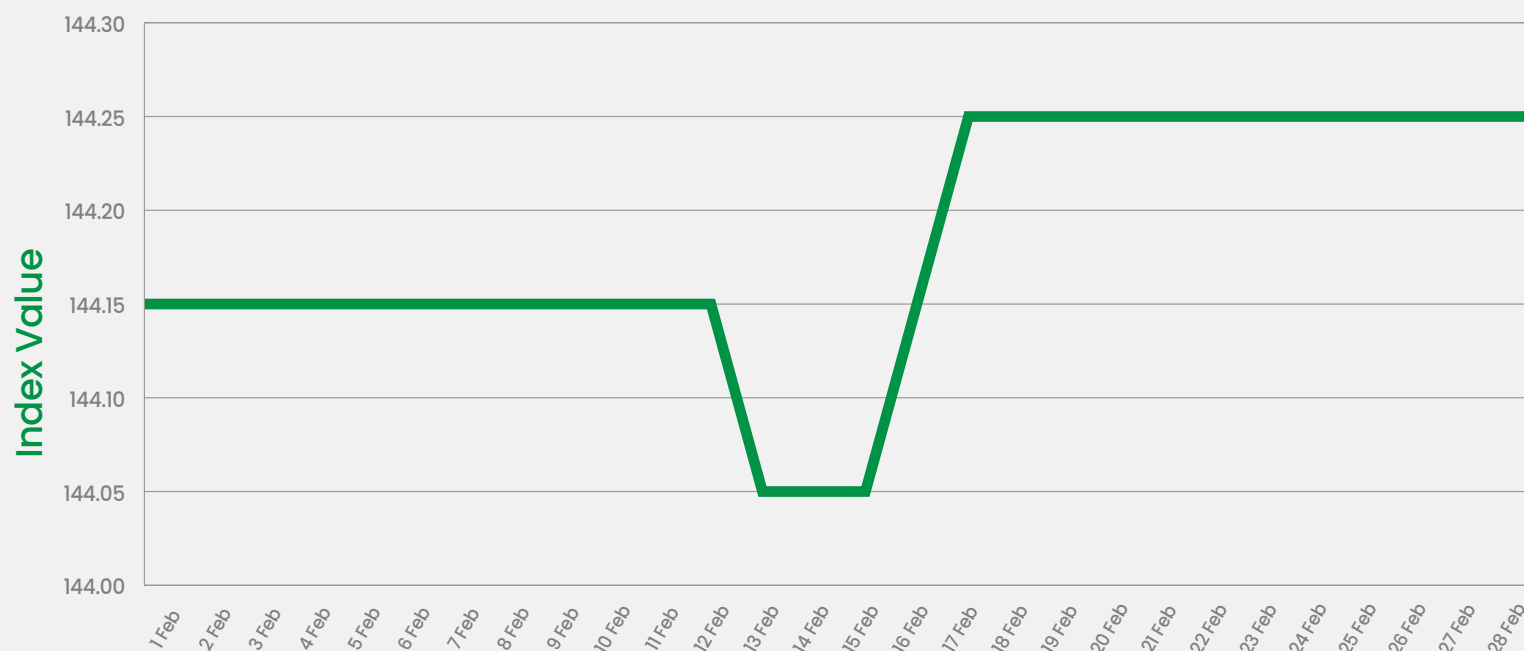
COMPANY SYMBOL	NET INCOME (LOSS) ('000)	SHARE-HOLDERS EQUITY ('000)	NO. OF SHARES OUT-STANDING ('000)	CLOSING MARKET PRICE	BOOK VALUE PER SHARE	EARNINGS (LOSS) PER SHARE	DIVIDEND PER SHARE	PRICE EARNINGS RATIO	DIVIDEND YIELD
GCBL	\$2,106	\$99,159	7,596	\$8.88	\$13.05	\$0.28	\$0.00	32.03	0.00%
RBGL	\$10,391	\$230,729	3,774	\$45.00	\$61.14	\$2.75	\$0.30	16.34	0.67%
SKNB	\$(296,213)	\$475,194	141,750	\$2.80	\$3.35	\$(2.14)	\$0.00	(1.31)	0.00%
TDC	\$4,427	\$193,860	52,000	\$1.30	\$3.73	\$0.09	\$0.05	15.27	3.85%

Please be reminded that a company's past performance does not signal future behavior.

Note that the statistics will be updated as Issuer information becomes available for the period.

EASTERN CARIBBEAN SECURITIES MARKET REVIEW

a. ECSE Share Price Index



Graph 1: ECSE Share Price Index February 01, 2023 – February 28, 2023

The ECSE Share Index, which stood at 144.15 at the end of January, increased by 0.10 points or 0.07% to close the month at 144.25.

The increase in the ECSE Share Index was mainly attributed to the trading of Grenada Co-operative Bank Limited (GCBL) and St. Kitts Nevis Anguilla Trading & Development Company (TDC) shares.

GCBL Shares traded at \$9.25, a \$0.21 or 2.32% increase from its previous closing price and TDC shares traded at a high of \$1.33 and a low of \$1.30.

UPCOMING OFFERS:

Table 5: Upcoming Offers

DATE	SYMBOL	ISSUER	INSTRUMENT	AUCTION VALUE	MATURITY	MAX RATE
01/03/2023	VCB010623	Government of St. Vincent & the Grenadines	91-Day Treasury Bill	\$28,000,000	01/06/2023	3.50%
17/03/2023	AGB190324	Government of Antigua & Barbuda	365-Day Treasury Bill	\$10,000,000 (\$5M Oversubscription)	19/04/2023	4.50%
27/03/2023	VCB270623	Government of St. Vincent & the Grenadines	91-Day Treasury Bill	\$28,000,000	27/06/2023	3.50%
03/04/2023	DMB040723	Government of The Commonwealth of Dominica	91-Day Treasury Bill	\$20,000,000	04/07/2023	5.00%
13/04/2023	LCB111023	Government of St. Lucia	180-Day Treasury Bill	\$10,000,000 (\$10M Oversubscription)	11/10/2023	4.00%
28/04/2023	GDB270423	Government of Grenada	91-Day Treasury Bill	\$15,000,000	01/08/2023	3.50%
04/05/2023	VCB040823	Government of St. Vincent & the Grenadines	91-Day Treasury Bill	\$28,000,000	08/04/2023	3.50%
05/05/2023	LCB070823	Government of St. Lucia	91-Day Treasury Bill	\$11,000,000 (\$5M Oversubscription)	08/07/2023	3.50%
12/05/2023	AGB140524	Government of Antigua & Barbuda	365-Day Treasury Bill	\$15,000,000 (\$5M Oversubscription)	14/05/2024	4.50%
16/05/2023	LCB160823	Government of St. Lucia	91-Day Treasury Bill	\$11,000,000 (\$5M Oversubscription)	16/08/2023	3.50%

Please note that upcoming offers may be updated during the period as instruments become available or amended.



INVESTMENT EDUCATION CORNER:

How Are Stock Prices Determined?

The price of a stock is first determined in the initial public offering (IPO) process. Companies work with investment bankers to set a primary market price when a company goes public. That price is set based on valuation and demand from institutional investors.

After that initial offering, the stock starts to trade on secondary markets – that is, stock exchanges such as the Eastern Caribbean Securities Exchange (ECSE). For highly traded stocks, there are buyers and sellers on each side constantly bidding and asking for new prices. Institutions trying to build huge positions and even brokerages working for individual investors will bid for stocks. If there are more buyers than sellers, the price will go up. If there are more sellers than buyers, the opposite will happen.

Once a company goes public on the stock market and its shares start trading on an exchange, the share price is determined by supply and demand. But, over the long term, share prices are determined by the economics of the business.

Example of a share price valuation:

The price-earnings ratio (P/E) shows the price of the stock relative to earnings. It is calculated by dividing the stock price by earnings per share. Earnings per share is a readily available number on most financial websites and the company's quarterly reporting documents.

As an example, assume that a company's shares are being traded at \$50.00 per share, and its earnings per share over the past 12 months are \$3.75. That's a P/E of 13.33. The P/E ratio doesn't mean much by itself, so it is wise to compare it to its historical numbers. Assuming that over the past five years, the company has averaged a P/E of 12.89. If the P/E had been substantially higher than the current one, the company probably would have been a strong stock investment. Value investors tend to look for stocks with lower P/E ratios.

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