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Issues

\$68M

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Raised

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Issues
Oversubscribed

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Equity Issuers with
Trading Activity

144.07

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ECSE
Share Index



Issue No: 04/2024 ■ Period: April 2024 ■ Issue Date: May 5, 2024

ISSUER ACTIVITIES:

1. DEBT SECURITIES

a. Securities Issued:

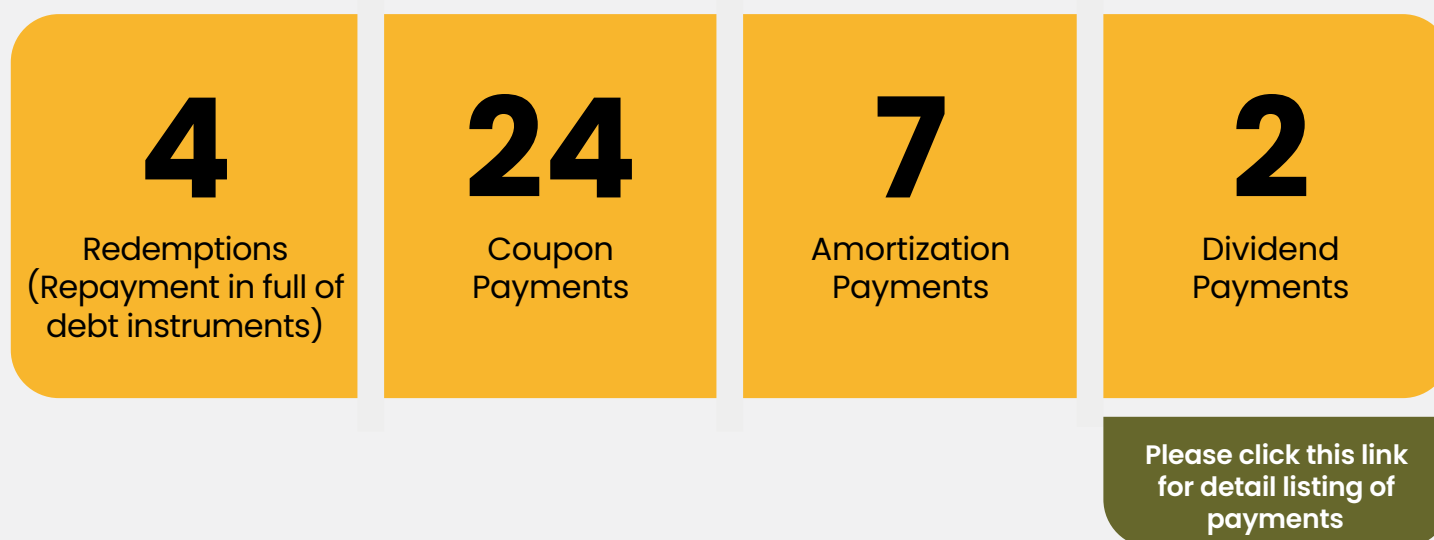
1. The Debt Market featured three issues originating from three governments of the eight ECCU territories, compared to:
 - a. Three issues during the same period in 2023 by three issuers.
 - b. Two issues last month.
2. ECCU governments raised a total of ECD \$68M. The three issues were oversubscribed with \$51.81M in unsatisfied bids.
3. All three issues closed below the maximum rate offered. The widest margin was a 2.03-percentage point variance between the offered and closing rate.
4. The securities offered were short-term to medium-term instruments, ranging from 91 days to 180 days.

Table 1: Debt Instruments Issued During April 2024

DATE	SYMBOL	ISSUER	INSTRUMENT	AUCTION VALUE	MATURITY	CLOSING RATE	MAX RATE	SUBSCRIPTION
04/04/2024	DMB050724	Government of The Commonwealth of Dominica	91-Day Treasury Bill	\$20,000,000	05/07/2024	1.47%	3.50%	Oversubscribed
08/04/2024	VCB090724	Government of St. Vincent & the Grenadines	91-Day Treasury Bill	\$28,000,000	09/07/2024	1.90%	3.50%	Oversubscribed
15/04/2024	LCB131024	Government of St. Lucia	180-Day Treasury Bill	\$20,000,000	13/10/2024	2.49%	4.00%	Oversubscribed

b. Payments during the month:

Issuers made (through the Eastern Caribbean Securities Exchange) 55 scheduled payments, as per the agreed terms and conditions for 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

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

i. There were trades from six (6) equity issuers in the market during the month of April.

Table 2: Issuers with Trading Activity During the Month

SYMBOL	TRADE VOLUME	HIGH PRICE	LOW PRICE	CLOSING PRICE	CHANGE IN CLOSING PRICE (COMPARED TO MARCH, 2024)
BON	200	\$3.48	\$3.48	\$3.48	-\$0.02
ECFH	21,910	\$4.60	\$4.50	\$4.50	\$0.00
GCBL	2,000	\$8.50	\$8.25	\$8.41	-\$0.09
GESL	565	\$10.50	\$10.50	\$10.50	\$0.00
SKNB	2,428	\$2.80	\$2.80	\$2.80	\$0.00
TDC	200	\$1.30	\$1.30	\$1.30	\$0.00

Table 3: Closing Prices of Equities as at April 30th, 2024

SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION	CLOSING PRICE	
BON	The Bank of Nevis Ltd.	\$	3.48
BOSV	Bank of St. Vincent and the Grenadines Ltd.	\$	9.00
CWKN	Cable and Wireless St. Kitts & Nevis Ltd.	\$	3.50
DES	Dominica Electricity Services Ltd.	\$	3.75
ECFH	Eastern Caribbean Financial Holdings Company Ltd.	\$	4.50
GCBL	Grenada Co-operative Bank Limited	\$	8.41
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.	\$	1.95
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 April.

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. Grenada Electricity Services Limited (GESL), made a dividend payment to its shareholders on April 5th, 2024. Shareholders were paid \$0.08 per share.
- ii. S. L. Horsford & Company Limited (SLH), made a dividend payment to its shareholders on April 25th, 2024. Shareholders were paid \$0.0759 per share.

ISSUER HIGHLIGHTS:

1. DEBT ISSUERS

a. GEOTHERMAL PLANT ALLOWS DOMINICA TO HAVE ACCESS TO CHEAPER ENERGY

Prime Minister Dr. Roosevelt Skerrit highlighted the advantages of the geothermal power plant during a parliamentary session, emphasizing its role in providing cheaper energy for Dominica. He noted that access to cheaper energy would bolster opportunities for the country. The Prime Minister outlined the significance of electricity for various needs across Dominica, particularly in powering water systems, and stressed that the geothermal plant would enhance the energy sector and provide a reliable power source.

Regarding the financing of the geothermal project, Prime Minister Skerrit explained that the government's investment of \$103 million was yielding benefits for Dominica. He highlighted the government's strategy of securing grant funding and utilizing local resources, including funds from the Citizenship by Investment (CBI) program. He emphasized that a significant portion of the project expenditure went to local companies, despite procurement rules favoring international firms. Prime Minister Skerrit commended the collaborative efforts between international and local entities in implementing the project, noting that local companies played a substantial role in its execution.

B. SAUDI ARABIA SIGNS \$40M LOAN AGREEMENT WITH ST. KITTS & NEVIS TO DEVELOP ENERGY SECTOR

The Saudi Fund for Development (SFD) has entered into a \$40 million loan agreement with the government of Saint Kitts and Nevis to enhance the nation's energy sector. The loan will support the expansion of a power plant project in Saint Kitts and Nevis, focusing on the establishment of an 18-megawatt dual-fuel power generation station. This agreement was formalized between the CEO of SFD, Sultan bin Abdulrahman Al-Marshad, and the Deputy Prime Minister of Saint Kitts and Nevis, Dr. Geoffrey Hanley, during the World Bank Spring Meetings and the International Monetary Fund in Washington D.C. SFD, operating since 1975, has financed numerous projects globally, exceeding \$20 billion in total investment.

2. EQUITY ISSUERS

a. REPUBLIC BANK (GRENADA) LIMITED DECLARES A DIVIDEND

The Board of Directors of Republic Bank (Grenada) Limited has declared a dividend of \$1.20 per share to all shareholders on record at the close of business on 30 April 2024. The dividend will be paid on 15 May 2024.

b. NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS – GRENADA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

Notice is hereby given that Ninety-First Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Grenada Cooperative Bank Ltd. will be held at the G. V. Steele Conference Room, Tower Hive, No. 14 Church Street, St. George's on Friday, May 17th, 2024, at 4:45 p.m.

Agenda:

1. To receive the audited financial statements for the year ended September 30th, 2023.
2. To announce the dividend for the year ended September 30th, 2023.
3. To elect Directors.
4. To appoint Auditors for the ensuing year.
5. To authorize Directors to fix the remuneration of the Auditors.
6. To discuss any other business that may be given consideration at an Annual Meeting.

Table 4: Financial Statistics of Equity Issuers for the 2023 Financial Year.

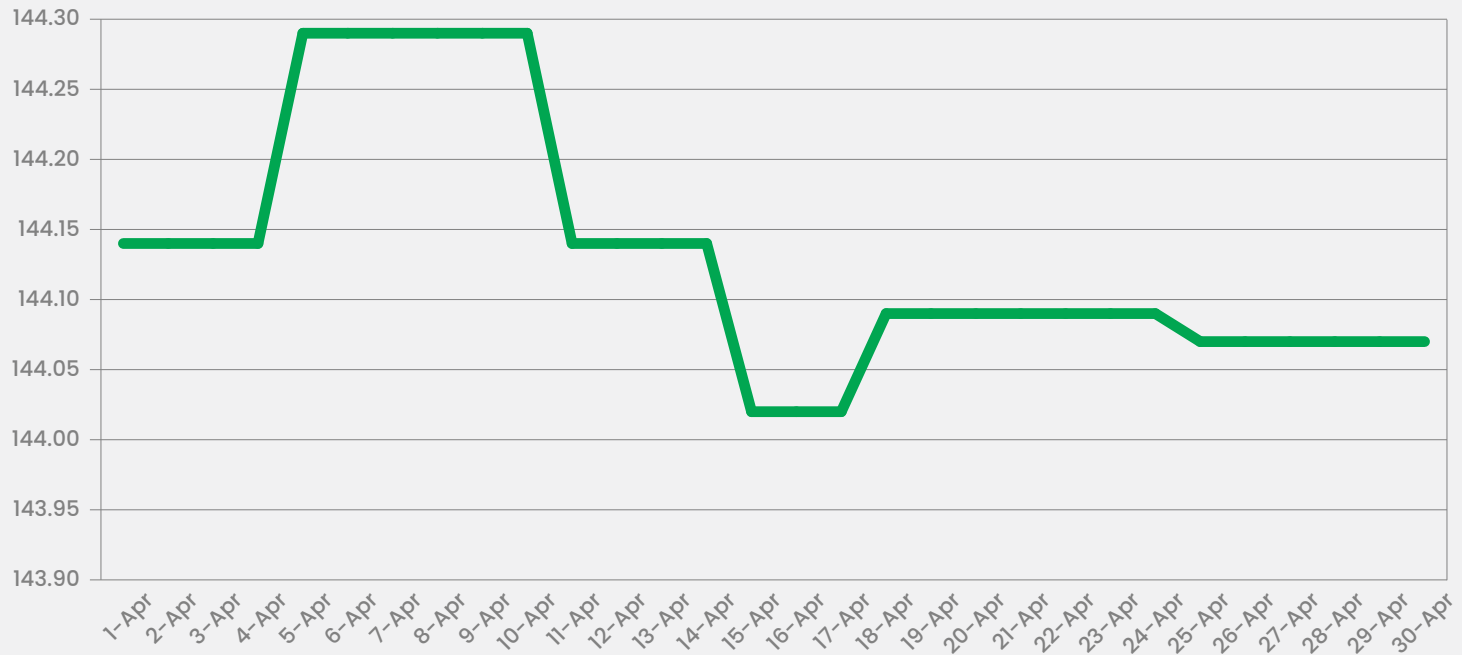
COMPANY SYMBOL	NET INCOME (LOSS) ('000)	SHARE-HOLDERS EQUITY ('000)	NO. OF SHARES OUT-STANDING ('000)	CLOSING MARKET PRICE	BOOK VALUE PER SHARE	EARNINGS (LOSS) PER SHARE	DIVIDEND PER SHARE	PRICE EARNINGS RATIO	DIVIDEND YIELD
RBGL	\$15,530	\$234,885	3,774	\$45.00	\$62.24	\$4.12	\$2.10	10.92	4.67%
SKNB	\$49,683	\$525,588	141,750	\$2.80	\$3.71	\$0.35	-	8.00	-
SLH	\$11,299	\$161,585	60,297	\$1.95	\$2.68	\$0.19	\$0.1517	10.26	7.78%
TDC	\$4,620	\$196,163	52,000	\$1.30	\$3.77	\$0.09	\$0.05	14.44	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:

c. ECSE Share Price Index



Graph 1: ECSE Share Price Index April 01, 2024 – April 30, 2024.

The ECSE (Eastern Caribbean Securities Exchange) Share Index, which stood at 144.14 at the end of March, decreased by 0.07 points or 0.05% to close the month at 144.07.

The ECSE Share Index for April remained relatively stable, fluctuating within a narrow range around the 144 mark. The index experienced minor fluctuations mainly due to trading activities in stocks such as ECFH, GCBL, and BON, with both positive and negative movements offsetting each other to maintain a relatively stable index value throughout the month.



UPCOMING OFFERS:

Table 5: Upcoming Offers

DATE	SYMBOL	ISSUER	INSTRUMENT	AUCTION VALUE	MATURITY	MAX RATE
09/05/2024	GDB090824	Gov't Grenada	91-Day Treasury Bill	\$15.0M	09/08/2024	3.50%
13/05/2024	AGB140525	Gov't Antigua & Barbuda	365-Day Treasury Bill	\$25.0M (5M Oversubscription)	14/05/2025	4.50%
16/05/2024	VCB150824	Gov't St. Vincent & the Grenadines	91-Day Treasury Bill	\$28.0M	16/08/2024	3.50%
20/05/2024	LCB200824	Gov't Saint Lucia	91-Day Treasury Bill	\$11.0M (5M Oversubscription)	20/08/2024	3.50%
24/05/2024	LCB260824	Gov't Saint Lucia	91-Day Treasury Bill	\$11.0M (5M Oversubscription)	26/08/2024	3.50%
07/06/2024	AGB071224	Gov't Antigua & Barbuda	180-Day Treasury Bill	\$10.0M (5M Oversubscription)	07/12/2024	4.00%
10/06/2024	AGB110625	Gov't Antigua & Barbuda	365-Day Treasury Bill	\$5.0M (5M Oversubscription)	11/06/2025	4.50%
14/06/2024	VCB170924	Gov't St. Vincent & the Grenadines	91-Day Treasury Bill	\$28.0M	16/09/2024	3.50%
26/06/2024	LCB241224	Gov't Saint Lucia	180-Day Treasury Bill	\$15.0M (10M Oversubscription)	24/12/2024	4.00%
04/07/2024	DMB041024	Gov't of The Commonwealth of Dominica	91-Day Treasury Bill	\$20.0M	04/10/2024	3.50%
11/07/2024	VCB111024	Gov't St. Vincent & the Grenadines	91-Day Treasury Bill	\$28.0M	11/10/2024	3.50%
17/07/2024	LCB140125	Gov't Saint Lucia	180-Day Treasury Bill	\$15.0M (10M Oversubscription)	14/01/2025	4.00%

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

INVESTMENT EDUCATION CORNER:

DIVERSIFYING YOUR INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

What is diversification?

Diversification is the practice of spreading your investments across various asset classes, industries, and geographic regions. The goal is to reduce the impact of any single investment's performance on your overall portfolio. By allocating your resources strategically, you can potentially increase returns while decreasing risk.

Benefits:

1. **Risk Reduction:** Different types of investments react differently to economic, political, and market changes. By diversifying, you can offset losses in one asset class with gains in another, thereby reducing the overall risk of your portfolio.
2. **Enhanced Returns:** While diversification doesn't guarantee higher returns, it can help you achieve a more consistent performance over time. By investing in a mix of assets with varying risk and return profiles, you can optimize the balance between potential gains and losses.
3. **Smoothing Volatility:** Volatility is an inherent aspect of financial markets. Diversification can help smooth out the peaks and troughs of market fluctuations, providing a more stable investment experience.

Strategies For Diversification:

1. **Asset Allocation:** Determine the appropriate mix of asset classes based on your investment goals, risk tolerance, and time horizon. Common asset classes include stocks, bonds, cash equivalents, real estate, and commodities.

2. **Broad Market Exposure:** Invest in diverse market segments rather than concentrating on specific sectors or industries. For example, instead of buying stocks of just technology companies, consider spreading your investments across multiple sectors like healthcare, consumer goods, and energy.
3. **International Exposure:** Global diversification involves investing in assets outside your home country. This can help reduce country-specific risks and provide exposure to economies with different growth trajectories.
4. **Rebalancing:** Regularly review and rebalance your portfolio to maintain your desired asset allocation.
5. **Alternative Investments:** Explore alternative asset classes such as private equity, hedge funds, and venture capital to further diversify your portfolio.

Risks To Consider:

1. **Overdiversification:** Holding too many investments can dilute the impact of your winners and limit your portfolio's performance. Focus on quality over quantity and avoid spreading yourself too thin.
2. **Correlation Risk:** Some assets may have higher correlations than expected, especially during times of market stress. Conduct thorough research and analysis to identify truly uncorrelated assets for effective diversification.
3. **Costs and Fees:** Diversification may incur additional costs, such as trading fees, management fees, and taxes. Be mindful of these expenses and factor them into your investment decisions.



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Diversifying your investment portfolio is a fundamental strategy for managing risk and maximizing returns. By spreading your investments across various asset classes, industries, and geographic regions, you can build a resilient portfolio capable of weathering market fluctuations and achieving your long-term financial goals. Remember to regularly review and adjust your portfolio to adapt to changing market conditions and maintain optimal diversification. With a well-diversified portfolio, you can navigate the complexities of the financial markets with confidence and resilience.

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