

STATISTICAL REPORT

Securities Sector Quarterly Review September 2024

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1. Market Intermediaries

As at September 30, 2024, there were thirty-three (33) companies licensed as securities dealers. Of these 33 companies, the analysis will concentrate on the twenty-six (26) companies¹ whose primary activity is dealing in securities.

The combined total balance sheet assets as at the September 30, 2024, stood at \$1,033.13 billion, an 8 per cent increase when compared to the previous quarter as at June 2024, where assets amounted to \$956.60 billion. A year over year comparison showed an improvement of 10.14 per cent where total assets grew from \$938.88 billion as at September 30, 2023.

Aggregate funds under management (FUM) were approximately \$1,698.34 billion as at September 30, 2024, representing a \$148.23 billion or 8.03 per cent reduction from the previous quarter. The year-over-year (y-o-y) comparison saw a 1.84 per cent decline in FUM from the amount seen as at September 30, 2023. (See Table 1).

| Selected Indicators | Sep 23 \$'B | Dec 23 \$'B | Mar 24 \$'B | Jun 24 \$'B | Sep 24 \$'B | Quarter over Quarter Sep 24 percentage change | Year over Year Sep 24 percentage change |
|---|----------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--|---|
| Total Assets | 938.88 | 945.91 | 954.85 | 956.60 | 1,033.13 | 8.00% | 10.04% |
| Total Liabilities | 806.00 | 800.51 | 810.19 | 811.59 | 879.06 | 8.31% | 9.06% |
| Total Capital | 132.88 | 145.40 | 144.66 | 145.01 | 154.07 | 6.25% | 15.95% |
| Total Repo Liabilities (including COP) ² | 641.34 | 622.88 | 396.06 | 646.78 | 664.26 | 2.70% | 3.57% |
| FUM ³ | 1,730.16 | 1,746.19 | 1,828.83 | 1,846.57 | 1,698.34 | -8.03% | -1.84% |

The aggregate balance sheet capital at the end of the reporting period was \$154.07 billion, representing an increase of 6.25 per cent from the \$145.01 billion reported for the June 2024 quarter. On a y-o-y basis, there was a 15.95 per cent increase in the total balance sheet capital for securities dealers. (See Table 1)

For the nine -month period that ended September 2024, there was an approximate \$2 billion or 3.13 per cent y-o-y increase in combined total revenues (comprising of interest income and other income). Cumulative total expenses increased by 14.26 per cent over the corresponding period in 2023, due to total interest expense and total non-interest expense growth of 10.85 and 18.43 per cent respectively. The growth in non-interest expense was primarily due to a reclassification exercise. Consequently, a combined net loss

¹ These companies are also referred as core securities dealers. Unaudited data.

² COP: Certificate of Participation

³ FUM: Funds under Management

of \$0.91 billion was seen in the September 2024 quarter, reflecting a 117.20 per cent decrease from the comparative period last year.

| Table 2: Selected Profit & Loss Indicators of the Core Securities Dealers, September 2023 to September 2024 | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--|--|--|
| Selected Profit & Loss Indicators | Sep 23 \$'B | Dec 23 \$'B | Mar 24 \$'B | Jun 24 \$'B | Sep 24 \$'B | Year over Year Sep 24 percentage | | |
| Total Revenue | 60.4 | 84.34 | 23.11 | 43.53 | 62.29 | 3.13% | | |
| Of Which | | | | | | | | |
| total Interest Income | 34.58 | 46.67 | 12.72 | 25.63 | 39.74 | 14.92% | | |
| total non-interest income | 25.82 | 37.67 | 10.38 | 17.91 | 22.54 | -12.70% | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Total Expense | 55.11 | 75.10 | 21.32 | 40.90 | 62.97 | 14.26% | | |
| Of Which | | | | | | | | |
| total Interest Expense | 30.31 | 41.22 | 11.06 | 22.01 | 33.60 | 10.85% | | |
| total non-interest expense | 24.80 | 33.88 | 10.26 | 18.89 | 29.37 | 18.43% | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Net Interest Income | 4.27 | 5.45 | 1.66 | 3.62 | 6.14 | 43.79% | | |
| Net Profit before tax | 5.29 | 9.24 | 1.79 | 2.65 | -0.91 | -117.20% | | |

The net income after tax for the September 2024 was 4.48 billion, this resulted in a return on equity of 2.90 per cent compared to the 4.86 per cent recorded for the corresponding period last year (See Table 3).

| Table 3: Selected Prudential Ratios for the Core Securities Dealers | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------------|--|--|
| Ratio | Sep 23 | Dec 23 | Mar 24 | Jun 24 | Sep 24 | FSC Benchmark | | |
| Capital/Risk Weighted Asset (%) | 26.00 | 22.18 | 21.69 | 21.87 | 21.55 | ≥ 14% | | |
| Capital/Total Assets (%) | 14.15 | 15.37 | 15.15 | 15.16 | 14.89 | ≥ 6% | | |
| Return on Equity (%) | 4.86 | 7.68 | 2.64 | 3.81 | 2.90 | N/A | | |

2. Local Collective Investment Schemes

Currently in Jamaica, there are two (2) types of collective investment schemes (CIS); namely, unit trust and mutual funds. As at September 30, 2024, there were thirteen (13) local CIS managers. Of these 13 managers, eleven (11) are operational. Of the 11 that are operational, nine (9) are unit trust managers while two (2) are mutual fund managers. These managers operate twenty (20) funds with a combined total of 77 portfolios. Table 4 displays the aggregate FUM and the portfolio composition for the local CIS industry.

| Table 4: Size & Portfolio Composition of the Local CIS Industry | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Asset Class | Sep | Dec | Mar | Jun | Sep | Quarter over Quarter Sep 24 | Year over Year Sep 24 percentage change | | |
| | 2023 | 2023 | 2024 | 2024 | 2024 | percentage change | | | |
| | JMD' B | JMD' B | JMD' B | JMD' B | JMD' B | ········gc | | | |
| (a) Real Estate | 36.15 | 34.32 | 40.3 | 40.79 | 44.82 | 9.88% | 23.98% | | |
| (b) Equities | 87.59 | 87.22 | 91.58 | 92.23 | 92.8 | 0.62% | 5.95% | | |
| (c) Fixed Inc. Securities | 199.08 | 193.32 | 201.98 | 200.05 | 199.38 | -0.33% | 0.15% | | |
| (d) Cash | 6.3 | 11.81 | 13.58 | 11.06 | 13.2 | 19.35% | 109.52% | | |
| (e) Other assets | 16.96 | 21.93 | 6.15 | 15.55 | 16.92 | 8.81% | -0.24% | | |
| Total | 346.07 | 348.6 | 353.59 | 359.68 | 367.11 | 2.07% | 6.08% | | |

3. Exempt Distributions

The FSC's Guidelines for Exempt Distributions (XD Guidelines) facilitate, under certain conditions, the distribution of securities without the need to register a prospectus or an offering document with the FSC. Under the XD Guidelines, issuers of securities are permitted to register both debt and equity securities with the FSC. Table 5 illustrates the total number and value (both in JMD and USD) of instruments registered and issued for the quarters ended September 2023 to September 2024. As seen in Table 5, from September 2023 to September 2024, there has been fluctuations in the registration and issuance of XD instruments, and an uptrend in the value amounts for JMD.

Table 5: Quarterly Registration & Issued Summary

| Quarterly XD Registration Summary | 23-Sep | 23-Dec | 24-Mar | 24-Jun | 24-Sep |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Number of XDs Registered for the Quarter | 31 | 38 | 50 | 36 | 34 |
| Number of Registered Issuers for the quarter | 23 | 24 | 27 | 28 | 20 |
| | | | | | |
| JMD (in Millions) | 16,935 | 29,126 | 35,824 | 24,447 | 44,688 |
| USD (in Millions) | 42 | 72 | 105 | 28 | 2 |
| Quarterly XD Issued Summary | 23-Sep | 23-Dec | 24-Mar | 24-Jun | 24-Sep |
| Number of XDs Issued for the Quarter | 23 | 20 | 16 | 27 | 28 |
| Number of Issuers for the Quarter | 6 | 24 | 7 | 22 | 17 |
| | | | | | |
| JMD (in Millions) | 12,184 | 18,286 | 19,811 | 18,240 | 34,850 |
| USD (in Millions) | 45 | 28 | 38 | 25 | 33 |

Table 6 provides information regarding the total number and value (both in JMD and USD) of securities outstanding in each quarter from September 2023 to September 2024. Outstanding XD instruments were primarily debt and denominated in local currency. As short-term interest rates decline, demand for XD debt instruments may slow down as the potential for earning higher investment returns diminish.

Table 6: Summary of Outstanding Exempt Distributions

| Description | 23-Sep | 23-Dec | 24-Mar | 24-Jun | 24-Sep |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total number of Issues Outstanding | 423 | 442 | 441 | 464 | 476 |
| Debt | 367 | 378 | 377 | 397 | 403 |
| Ordinary/Preference Shares | 56 | 64 | 64 | 67 | 73 |
| Total number of Issuers | 169 | 171 | 176 | 178 | 175 |
| Total number of securities dealers acting as arrangers | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 15 |
| JMD Securities Outstanding (JMD in millions) | | | | | |
| Issued | 436,656 | 453,526 | 457,350 | 450,996 | 455,921 |
| Amount Paid Down | 12,622 | 11,660 | 11,687 | 7,493 | 5,878 |
| Outstanding | 424,033 | 441,866 | 445,662 | 443,503 | 450,043 |
| USD Securities Outstanding (USD in millions) | | | | | |
| Issued | 1,133 | 1,177 | 1,171 | 1,196 | 1,235 |
| Amount Paid Down | 19 | 21 | 29 | 34 | 35 |
| Outstanding | 1,114 | 1,156 | 1,142 | 1,162 | 1,199 |