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Credit Headlines: BreadTalk Group Ltd, StarHub Ltd

Market Commentary

- The SGD swap curve flattened yesterday, with swap rates trading 1-2bps lower across most tenors (with the exception of the 30-year swap rates trading 1bps higher).
- Flows in SGD corporates were heavy yesterday, with better buying seen in DBSSP 3.98%-PERPs, SBRJNG 4.11%'25s and HSBC 5.0%-PERPs.
- The Bloomberg Barclays Asia USD IG Bond Index average OAS tightened 1bps to 137bps while the Bloomberg Barclays Asia USD HY Bond Index average OAS tightened 4bps to 462bps.
- Overall, 10Y UST yields rose sharply by 12bps to close at 3.18%, reaching a seven year high on the back of better-than-expected US private payrolls data for September as well as US service sector activity which hit a 21-year high.

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BreadTalk Group Ltd ("BGL") | Issuer Profile: Neutral (5)

- According to Business Times, BGL is looking to invest SGD100mn into product offerings and improving processes. This is in-line with <u>our expectations</u> that BGL will continue to consume a significant part of its cash balance in new business, with SGD40mn-SGD50mn capex p.a. planned for 2018 and 2019.
- SGD206.6mn cash on hand should be able to cover the proposed investment together with ~SGD80mn capital that BGL has committed to subscribe for a 5%-stake in a Perennial-led China JV.
- We continue to expect that BREAD's credit metrics will weaken and net debt/EBITDA may reach ~3x as BGL consumes its cash balance for growth.
 (Business Times, OCBC)

StarHub Ltd ("StarHub") | Issuer Profile: Neutral (3)

- According to Business Times, StarHub announced that it is letting go of 300 full-time staff (Currently: 2500 full time staff) while other roles will be
 dropped by ongoing natural attrition and contractor positions will be clamped down, as part of a strategic transformation. The move was driven by intense
 competition.
- The restructuring cost will amount to SGD25mn and yield SGD210mn in cost savings over 2019-2021. We think such headline numbers appear credit positive by <u>reducing net cash outflow as cash flow from operations currently does not cover capex and dividends</u>. That said, it remains to be seen if operational performance can be sustained despite the headcount cuts amidst the challenging operating environment. (Business Times, OCBC)



Table 1: Key Financial Indicators

	<u>4-Oct</u>	1W chg (bps)	1M chg (bps)
iTraxx Asiax IG	80	-1	-5
iTraxx SovX APAC	9	0	-2
iTraxx Japan	56	-1	0
iTraxx Australia	74	-1	0
CDX NA IG	59	0	-1
CDX NA HY	107	0	1
iTraxx Eur Main	68	1	0
iTraxx Eur XO	272	5	-25
iTraxx Eur Snr Fin	85	5	4
iTraxx Sovx WE	25	2	-2
AUD/USD	0.709	-1.58%	-1.17%
EUR/USD	1.148	-1.39%	-0.89%
USD/SGD	1.381	-0.91%	-0.32%
China 5Y CDS	56	0	-5
Malaysia 5Y CDS	94	1 -7	
Indonesia 5Y CDS	133	2	-10
Thailand 5Y CDS	41	0 -2	

	<u>4-Oct</u>	1W chg	1M chg
Brent Crude Spot (\$/bbl)	86.29	6.09%	10.42%
Gold Spot (\$/oz)	1,198.62	1.33%	0.60%
CRB	201.23	3.74%	4.74%
GSCI	502.55	4.77%	7.36%
VIX	11.61	-9.93%	-11.78%
CT10 (bp)	3.191%	13.89	29.22
USD Swap Spread 10Y (bp)	5	-2	-2
USD Swap Spread 30Y (bp)	-9	-3	-2
TED Spread (bp)	20	2	-3
US Libor-OIS Spread (bp)	17	-1	-4
Euro Libor-OIS Spread (bp)	4	0	0
DJIA	26,828	1.68%	3.38%
SPX	2,926	0.67% 0.99%	
MSCI Asiax	642	-2.19% -2.91%	
HSI	27,091	-1.48% -3.15%	
STI	3,267	0.87% 1.77%	
KLCI	1,796	-0.13% -0.91%	
JCI	5,868	-0.09%	-0.64%



New issues

- The People's Republic of China (acting through the Ministry of Finance) has scheduled for investor meetings from 9 Oct for its potential USD bond issuance.
- Anhui Provincial Investment Group Holding Co Ltd has scheduled for investor meetings from 5 Oct for its potential USD bond issuance.
- Doosan Power Systems has scheduled for investor meetings from 8 Oct for its potential USD bond issuance.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Issuer</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Tenor</u>	<u>Pricing</u>
2-Oct-18	Aspial Corp Ltd	SGD20.75mn	3-year	6.25%
2-Oct-18	Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield SE	USD500mn	10-year	4.125%
2-Oct-18	Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield SE	USD500mn	10-year	4.625%
27-Sept-18	The Independent State of Papua New Guinea	USD500mn	10-year	8.375%
26-Sept-18	CIFIC Holdings (Group) Co Ltd	USD300mn	CIFIHG 5.5%'22s	8.625% + accrued interest
26-Sept-18	Surbana Jurong Pte Ltd	SGD350mn	7-year	4.11%
24-Sept-18	CFLD (Cayman) Investment Ltd	USD100mn	CHFOTN 9.0%'21s	8.991% + accrued interest
21-Sept-18	Lum Chang Holdings Limited	SGD40mn	3-year	5.8%
20-Sept-18	Soilbuild Business Space REIT	SGD65mn	Perp NC3	6.0%
19-Sept-18	ICICI Bank UK PLC	SGD100mn	10-year	5.375%
19-Sept-18	BOC Aviation Ltd	USD500mn	5-year	3mL+112.5bps
19-Sept-18	Country Garden Holdings Company Ltd	USD425mn	3-year	7.125%
19-Sept-18	Country Garden Holdings Company Ltd	USD550mn	5-year	8.0%
19-Sept-18	Zhenro Properties Group Ltd	USD280mn	2.25-year	13.70%

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