

Highlights

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Commodities

The market seemed to be in good spirits, with the majority of bourses in the US and Asia Pacific seeing gains. Of note is the recent batch of US corporate earnings, which included Netflix, JP Morgan and Citigroup, surprised on the upside and lifted Wall Street overnight. Elsewhere, the RBA minutes released earlier yesterday suggested that interest rates are likely to remain on hold for the foreseeable future at 1.5%. Meanwhile, Fed Vice Chair Stanley Fischer warned of the dangers of low rates, a comment likely closely watched as we approach the November FOMC meeting.

For today, the key data to watch for will be the slew of Chinese economic data, including 3Q16 GDP, industrial production and retail sales. Also, the Bank of Canada is slated to meeting later tonight, where the central bank is likely to keep interest rates unchanged at 0.50%.

Aggregate financing and new Yuan loan both rose beyond expectations, printing CNY1.72 trillion and CNY1.22 trillion respectively in Sep. Notably, apart from an increase of CNY574.1 billion in household sector's medium- to long-term loans, corporate sector also showed a CNY446.6 billion gain in medium- to long-term loans on higher expectations of economic stabilization. However, with tighter rules unleashed to tackle housing bubble across "hot" cities, growth of home loans is expected to decelerate and thereby add downward pressure to the lending growth across the country. Moreover, the M2 growth missed estimates by registering 11.5% yoy and may remain benign given the unlikely broad easing by the PBOC this year as well as tepid corporate investment.

President Jokowi, in an interview with BBC, said that Indonesia will never compromise on its sovereignty in the Natuna Islands. The far-flung South China Sea area in the Riau Islands province has received increasing attention from the government, which recently conducted military exercise in the area, following alleged incursions by China's fishing vessels.

Actor Leonardo DiCaprio said that he is working with the US Department of Justice on its investigations into Malaysia's 1MDB. He added that he will return any donations connected to the embattled fund, pending a fraud investigation by US and other countries. Separately, the government is reportedly studying the feasibility of cutting off internet access for civil servants in Malaysia, following the decision by the neighboring Singapore to do the same.

Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-o-cha commented that the government will consider initiating the royal succession process only after the first 15-days of mourning. The minister reiterated that the royal succession is clearly stated in the interim charter, while the roadmap to restore democratic rule late next year, will remain unchanged.

Crude oil futures appear range-bounded around its \$50/bbl handle for some time now, as market-watchers observe the recent higher US oil rig counts amid record high OPEC oil production in September. We remain sceptical over any significant rally in crude oil prices over the next 6-12 month horizon, as any print above \$60/bbl would be persuasive enough to lift US shale oil production. Look out for US energy inventory prints later tonight.

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Major Markets

- **US:** Equities rose on the back of broadly healthy corporate earnings prints on Tuesday. Goldman Sachs Group continued the trend of better-than-expected earnings from the financials, while Netflix Inc. also rose after reporting a jump in subscriptions. Tech-heavy Nasdaq led gains with a 0.85% rise, while the S&P 500 and Dow were higher by 0.62% and 0.42% respectively. VIX fell 5.7% to close at 15.28. US Treasuries gained as market implied probability for a Fed rate hike declined after recent Fed rhetoric, and CPI data came out lower than expected. 2-year benchmark yield closed at 0.80%, lowest in 2 weeks, while the 10-year yield fell to 1.74%.
- **Singapore:** STI gained for its third day to 2,830.63 (+0.48%), with latest gains led by Hongkong Land Holdings (+3.3%), Golden Agri-Resources (+2.7%) and Jardine C&C (+2.5%), while losses in Yangzijiang Shipbuilding (-1.3%) and Singapore Airlines (-0.7%) limited overall gains. For today, the STI should face support and resistance levels at 2,800 and 2,860, respectively.
- Hong Kong: The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained high at 3.4% in September and underemployment rate was unchanged at 1.4%. The labor market held largely stable in overall terms but the retail sector was still hit hard. Unemployment rate in the retail sector edged up by 0.9% yoy to 5.5% in September, hit hard by weak local consumption besides sluggish tourist spending. Indeed, employment of the consumption and tourism-related sectors witnessed the 17th consecutive year-on-year decline in September. Unemployment rate in trade and wholesale sector picked up further from 3.0% to 3.1%, hovering over high level. This is because of the persistent soft trade activity amid an unsteady global demand conditions. It looks to us that the tepid external demand could continue to pose downward risk to HK exports. On the flip side, unemployment rate in construction sector remained low at 3.5%, backed by the accelerating construction activities. What is also worth noticing is that unemployment rate in financing and business sector began to fall from 2.9% to 2.8%. It is plausible that the Shenzhen-Hong Kong connect which is going to be launched in the after-mid November will bring more employment opportunities in security firms and fund houses amid the increasing need for brokerage and asset management from mainland investors. Looking ahead, corporate hiring sentiment could remain overshadowed given the slow-growing domestic economy and lingering external uncertainties.

Bond Market Updates

- Market Commentary: The SGD swap curve bull-flattened yesterday with swap rates trading 4-7bps lower across all tenors as the dollar retreated after mixed data on the world's largest economy supported the case for monetary policy to remain accommodative. Flows in the SGD corporates were heavy with better buying seen in STANLN 4.4%'26s and UOBSP 4%'49s while mixed interests were seen in BAERVX 5.75%'49s, KEPSP 3.8%'27s, SCISP 4.75%'49s, PILLSP 5.9%'17s, FCLSP 4.88%'49s and BTHSP 5.75%'18s. In the broader dollar space, the spread on JACI IG corporates increased 1bps to 207bps while the yield on JACI HY corporates remained levelled at 6.60%. 10y UST yield decreased 2bps to 1.74%.
- New Issues: Huai'An Traffic Holding Co. priced a USD300mn 3-year bond at 4.95%, tightening from its initial guidance at 5.2%. The expected issue ratings are "NR/NR/BB+". Yuzhou Properties Co. Ltd. priced a USD250mn 7NC4 at 6% with expected issue ratings of "NR/B1/BB-". Beazley PLC has scheduled investor road shows from 20 24 October for a potential USD tier-2 bond with expected issue ratings of "NR/NR/BBB+". BOCOM Financial Leasing has scheduled investor meetings from 21 October for potential USD bond issue with expected issue ratings of "NR/A2/A". Great Wall AMC has scheduled investor meetings from today onwards for a potential USD bond issue.
- Rating Changes: S&P revised its outlook on Barminco Holding Ltd.'s "B-" corporate credit rating to



positive from stable. The revision reflects S&P's view of further improvement in Barminco's credit metrics through material reduction in adjusted debt and the company's continued good track record of managing its contract book with growth in earnings over the next fiscal year. S&P revised its outlook on Wells Fargo & Co.'s (Wells) "A" issuer credit ratings and the company's main operating subsidiaries' "AA-" issuer credit ratings to negative from stable. The outlook revision reflects the increased business risks for Wells over the past few weeks, stemming from accelerated reputational issues following news of the company's retail accounts sales misconduct over recent years. S&P assigned a "A-" long term issuer credit ratings to China Great Wall Asset Management Corp. (China Great Wall) with a stable outlook. At the same time, S&P assigned a "BBB+" credit rating to Great Wall Pan Asia International Investment Co. Ltd. (GW PAI). The rating on China Great Wall reflects the company's unsupported group credit profile (GCP) of "bb+" and S&P's view that there is very high likelihood that the government of China may extend extraordinary financial support to China Great Wall if needed. Fitch has also assigned China Great Wall "A" issuer default ratings with a stable outlook while Moody's has assigned China Great Wall a "A3" issuer rating to China Great Wall with a negative outlook. Moody's has revised the outlook on Lippo Karawaci Tbk's (P.T.) "Ba3" corporate family rating to negative from stable. The negative outlook reflects greater uncertainty in Lippo Karawaci's ability to close two planned asset sales totalling IDR1.7tn and achieve around IDR3.5tn of marketing sales before year-end 2016.



Key Financial Indicators

Foreign Exchange			<u>,</u>				Equity and Commodity			
		%Change		Day Close	%Change	Index	(Value	Net change	
DXY	97.895	0.01%	USD-SGD	1.3856	-0.27%	DJIA		18,161.94	75.54	
USD-JPY	103.870	-0.02%	EUR-SGD	1.5216	-0.44%	S&P		2,139.60	13.10	
EUR-USD	1.0981	-0.17%	JPY-SGD	1.3343	-0.24%	Naso	aq	5,243.84	44.01	
AUD-USD	0.7666	0.48%	GBP-SGD	1.7042	0.68%	Nikk	ei 225	16,963.61	63.49	
GBP-USD	1.2298	0.94%	AUD-SGD	1.0624	0.25%	STI		2,830.63	13.56	
USD-MYR	4.1923	-0.60%	NZD-SGD	0.9965	0.53%	KLCI		1,667.57	13.86	
USD-CNY	6.7409	0.05%	CHF-SGD	1.4001	-0.34%	JCI		5,430.05	19.74	
USD-IDR	13025	-0.34%	SGD-MYR	3.0253	-0.27%	Baltio	Dry	890.00	-4.00	
USD-VND	22310	0.02%	SGD-CNY	4.8613	0.26%	VIX		15.28	-0.93	
Interbank O	ffer Rates (%)					Gove	rnmei	nt Bond Yield	s (%)	
Tenor	EURIBOR	Change	Tenor	USD LIBOR	Change	Teno		SGS (chg)	UST (chg)	
1M	-0.3710		O/N	0.4332		2Y		0.88 (-0.03)	0.80 (-0.02)	
2M	-0.3380		1M	0.5279		5Y		1.37 (-0.04)	1.22 (-0.03)	
3M	-0.3110		2M	0.6611		10Y		1.88 (-0.06)	1.74 (-0.03)	
6M	-0.2040		3M	0.8776		15Y		2.19 (-0.05)		
9M	-0.1320		6M	1.2643		20Y		2.29 (-0.04)		
12M	-0.0710		12M	1.5807		30Y		,	2.51 (-0.02)	
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	2Y Bond Yld	ds (bpschg)	10Y Bond \	(lds (bpschg)	Spread			Value	Change	
Portugal	0.27	-3.20	3.25	-0.70	3.21	LIBO	R-OIS	40.68	-0.79	
Italy	-0.08	-0.10	1.38	-1.80	1.35	EURIBO	R-OIS	4.20	0.10	
Ireland	-0.47	-0.90	0.49	-0.20	0.45		TED			
Greece	7.65		8.45	0.70	8.41					
Spain	-0.21	0.50	1.10	-1.50	1.06					
Russia	2.16	-1.20	4.04	-4.20	4.00					
Commodi	ties Futures	6								
Energy			utures	% chg	Soft Cor	nmodities		Futures	% chg	
WTI (per barrel)			50.29	0.70%	Coffee (per lb)			1.588	1.05%	
	Brent (per barrel)		51.68	0.31%	Cotton (per lb)			0.7115	-0.06%	
Heating Oil (per gallon)			1.569	0.80%	Sugar (per lb)			0.2302	-0.60%	
_	Gasoline (per gallon)		1.51	0.89%	Orange Juice (per lb)			1.8995	0.66%	
Natural Gas (per MMBtu)		3.263	0.59%	Cocoa (per mt)			2,698	0.30%		
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		utures	% chg	Grains			Futures	% chg		
Copper (per mt)		4,681.0	0.13%	Wheat (per bushel)			4.2000	-0.88%		
Nickel (per mt)		10,376	1.22%	Soybean (per bushel)			9.725	-0.59%		
Aluminium (per mt)		1,633.8	-1.33%	Corn (per bushel)			3.5375	-0.07%		
Precious Metals		- - - - - -	% chg	Asian Commodities			Futures	% chg		
Gold (per oz)		-	1,260.8	0.51%	Crude Palm Oil (MYR/MT)			2,723.0	-2.09%	
Silver (per	•		17.638	0.94%	Rubber (178.0	0.68%	
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Source: Bloomberg, Reuters

(Note that rates are for reference only)



Key Economic Indicators

Date	Time		Event		Survey	Actual	Prior	Revised
10/18/20 ⁻	16 05:45	NZ	CPI QoQ	3Q	0.00%	0.20%	0.40%	
10/18/20 ⁻	16 05:45	NZ	CPI YoY	3Q	0.10%	0.20%	0.40%	
10/18/20 ⁻	16 08:30	ΑU	New Motor Vehicle Sales MoM	Sep		2.50%	0.10%	0.00%
10/18/20 ⁻	16 08:30	ΑU	New Motor Vehicle Sales YoY	Sep		0.80%	2.90%	2.80%
10/18/20 ⁻	16 10:00	NZ	Non Resident Bond Holdings	Sep		65.00%	66.70%	
10/18/20 ⁻	16 15:02	CH	New Yuan Loans CNY	Sep	1000.0b	1220.0b	948.7b	
10/18/20 ⁻	16 15:02	CH	Money Supply M1 YoY	Sep	24.50%	24.70%	25.30%	
10/18/20 ⁻	16 15:02	CH	Money Supply M2 YoY	Sep	11.60%	11.50%	11.40%	
10/18/20 ⁻	16 16:30	UK	CPI MoM	Sep	0.10%	0.20%	0.30%	-
10/18/20 ⁻	16 16:30	UK	CPI YoY	Sep	0.90%	1.00%	0.60%	
10/18/20 ⁻	16 16:30	UK	CPI Core YoY	Sep	1.40%	1.50%	1.30%	
10/18/20 ⁻	16 16:30	UK	Retail Price Index	Sep	264.7	264.9	264.4	
10/18/20 ⁻	16 16:30	UK	RPI MoM	Sep	0.10%	0.20%	0.40%	
10/18/20 ⁻	16 16:30	UK	RPI YoY	Sep	2.00%	2.00%	1.80%	
10/18/20 ⁻	16 16:30	UK	RPI Ex Mort Int.Payments (YoY)	Sep	2.20%	2.20%	1.90%	
10/18/20 ⁻	16 16:30	UK	PPI Output NSA MoM	Sep	0.20%	0.20%	0.10%	
10/18/20 ⁻	16 16:30	UK	PPI Output NSA YoY	Sep	1.10%	1.20%	0.80%	0.90%
10/18/20 ⁻	16 16:30	HK	Unemployment Rate SA	Sep	3.40%	3.40%	3.40%	
10/18/20 ⁻	16 20:30	CA	Manufacturing Sales MoM	Aug	0.30%	0.90%	0.10%	0.00%
10/18/20 ⁻	16 20:30	US	CPI MoM	Sep	0.30%	0.30%	0.20%	
10/18/20 ⁻	16 20:30	US	CPI Ex Food and Energy MoM	Sep	0.20%	0.10%	0.30%	
10/18/20 ⁻	16 20:30	US	CPI YoY	Sep	1.50%	1.50%	1.10%	
10/18/20 ⁻	16 20:30	US	CPI Ex Food and Energy YoY	Sep	2.30%	2.20%	2.30%	
10/19/20 ⁻	16 04:00	US	Total Net TIC Flows	Aug		\$73.8b	\$140.6b	\$118.0b
10/19/20 ⁻		US	Net Long-term TIC Flows	Aug		\$48.3b	\$103.9b	\$102.8b
10/19/20 ⁻	16 05:00	SK	PPI YoY	Sep		-1.10%	-1.70%	-1.80%
10/19/20 ⁻	16 07:30	ΑU	Westpac Leading Index MoM	Sep	-	0.06%	0.00%	0.01%
10/19/20 ⁻		СН	Industrial Production YoY	Sep	6.40%		6.30%	
10/19/20 ⁻		CH	Industrial Production YTD YoY	Sep	6.10%		6.00%	
10/19/20 ⁻		CH	Retail Sales YoY	Sep	10.70%		10.60%	
10/19/20 ⁻		CH	Retail Sales YTD YoY	Sep	10.30%		10.30%	
10/19/20 ⁻		CH	Fixed Assets Ex Rural YTD YoY	Sep	8.20%		8.10%	
10/19/20		CH	GDP YTD YoY	3Q	6.70%		6.70%	
10/19/20 ⁻		CH	GDP YoY	3Q	6.70%	-	6.70%	-
10/19/20 ⁻		MA	CPI YoY	Sep	1.80%	-	1.50%	-
10/19/20		JN	All Ind Activity Index MoM	Aug	0.20%		0.30%	
10/19/20		SI	Automobile COE Open Bid Cat A				51507	
10/19/20		SI	Automobile COE Open Bid Cat B				53001	
10/19/20		UK	Claimant Count Rate	Sep	2.20%	-	2.20%	-
10/19/20		UK	Jobless Claims Change	Sep	3.2k	-	2.4k	-
10/19/20		UK	ILO Unemp Rate 3Mths	Aug	4.90%	-	4.90%	-
10/19/20 ⁻		US	MBA Mortgage Applications	Oct-14			-6.00%	-
10/19/20		US	Housing Starts	Sep	1175k	-	1142k	44-01
10/19/20		US	Building Permits	Sep	1165k		1139k	1152k
10/19/20		CA	Bank of Canada Rate Decision		0.50%	-	0.50%	-
10/19/20 ⁻		HK	Composite Interest Rate	Sep	-		0.25%	
10/19/20		PH	BoP Overall	Sep	-	-	\$682m	
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Source: Bloomberg



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