

# Highlights

Global	The disappointing Chinese trade data, which pointed to sharper-than-expected weakness in the Chinese economy and reinforced the downside risks to its 2019 growth and the need for continued policy reinforcement, weighed on many Asian markets yesterday. Wall Street slipped from the drag from tech and pharmaceuticals stocks, and Citigroup reported a 21% drop in its fixed income trading business, albeit it suggested the trading environment has shown signs of stabilization. With global risk appetite likely to remain restrained today, Asian markets are likely to continue to tread carefully today ahead of the crucial Brexit vote (with PM May likely to be rebuffed and potentially whipsawing the GBP in the interim depending on the margin of her defeat) and US bank earnings releases from JPMogan and Wells Fargo later. The US House Democrats are planning votes scheduled for today and Thursday on two stopgap spending measures to end the partial government shutdown, but is unlikely to advance in the Senate as it does not contain the US\$5.7b of wall funding sought by President Trump. Today's economic data calendar comprises US' PPI and Empire manufacturing, Indonesia's Dec trade data, and China's monetary aggregates. Speakers include Fed's Kashkari, George and Kaplan.
US	Fed's vice-chair Clarida opined that "a lot has really happened since the first week of December" and "some of the global growth data have been softening", hence the Fed can be "very patient", albeit he noted that "I don't see a recession on the horizon".
СН	China's trade data shrank by more than expected in December. Exports in dollar term fell by 4.4% yoy while imports in dollar term fell by 7.6% yoy. As a result of weaker imports, China's trade surplus rebounded to US\$57.05 billion, highest since January 2016. The decline of export growth was mainly due to weak demand from G3 economies. the 3% decline of shipments to US after expanding by 9.8% in November shows that Chinese exporters' frontloading activities to escape the tariff hike may come to an end, which may weigh down on China's export growth to the US in the coming months.
ID	Antara news agency has reported that the Indonesian authorities – Bank Indonesia, the Ministry of Finance and the Financial Services Authority are working to develop new investment instruments with good returns as they attempt to ensure that more than US\$10bn that was repatriated under the tax amnesty program three years ago would stay onshore. The lock-up period for such funds would be expiring later this year. Meanwhile, a new e-commerce tax regulation will come into effect on 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2019. December trade data due later.
CMD	Energy: WTI down -2.1% as weak Chinese trade data doused risk-on sentiment. Crack spreads on current contracts remain weak and at a seasonal 8-year low, suggesting poor upstream demand for oil products. OPEC is set to meet in Apr 17/18 to decide whether the cutback in oil supply should extend beyond the initial 6 months set in Dec.  Gold: Gold closed flat but rallied as much as +0.4% during intraday trade.



#### **Major Markets**

- **US:** Wall Street ended lower on Monday, with the S&P500 declining 0.53%. The DJIA fell by 0.36%, while the Nasdag composite decreased by 0.94%.
- Lululemon Athletica shares rose 5.7% after it raised fourth quarter revenue and earnings expectations.
- PG&E Corp shares tumbled 52% after it announced plans to file for bankruptcy.
- Singapore: The STI declined 0.79% to close at 3173.46 yesterday amid weak market sentiments following the weaker-than-expected Chinese trade data. Given Wall Street's overnight slippage, we expect STI to tread lower to the 3140 support today. With a mixed overnight session for UST bonds, yesterday's rally in the SGS bond market may not sustain today.
- China: China's exports to US, EU and Japan fell by 3.5%, 0.3% and 1% respectively. In particularly the 3% decline of shipments to US after expanding by 9.8% in November shows that Chinese exporters' frontloading activities to escape the tariff hike may come to an end, which may weigh down on China's export growth to the US in the coming months. China's export to ASEAN remains in the positive territory, up by 4.3% yoy, but decelerating from double digit growth seen in the third quarter. On imports, China's demand for key commodities remain strong with oil imports and iron ore imports rose by 42.7% and 20.2% yoy. However, the imports of electronic integrated circuit fell significantly by 15.2% largest decline since April 2014, a sign that China's value chain has been affected by the trade war.
- South Korea: South Korea suffered another day of massive bond outflows by foreigners to the tune of -\$719mil, the most since 3 Jan 2018. Bond outflows from South Korea by foreigners now total -\$1.6bn in the first 15 days of January alone on a monthly basis, since 2006 South Korea has only ever 6 instances of monthly bond outflows, each averaging -\$440 mil.
- Malaysia: A Rapid Train System (RTS) linking Singapore to Johor Bahru is likely to be
  delayed from its original start target date of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 according to Singapore
  Transport Minister Khaw Boon Wan as milestones for to project have already been
  missed and Malaysia indicated that it is looking to replace its venture partner. The
  Minister also mentioned that Malaysia has until 28<sup>th</sup> February to confirm the new partner.

#### **Bond Market Updates**

- Market Commentary: The SGD swap curve flattened yesterday, with the shorter tenors trading 1-3bps lower while the longer tenors traded 4-5bps lower. The Bloomberg Barclays Asia USD IG Bond Index average OAS tightened 1bps to 162bps while the Bloomberg Barclays Asia USD HY Bond Index average OAS tightened 2bps to 594bps. 10Y UST yields ended stable at 2.70% as improving market sentiments with equity markets rallying offset a 5bps fall during the Europe Session. Optimistic remarks on the economy by Fed Vice Chairman Richard Clarida and US President Donald Trump's reluctance to declare a national emergency because of the government shutdown also weighed positively on the improved risk appetite.
- New Issues: Korea Midland Power Co Ltd has priced a USD300mn 3-year green bond at T+95bps, tightening from IPT of T+125bps. Future Land Development Holdings Ltd has priced a USD300mn 2-year bond at 7.5%, tightening from IPT of 7.875%. CMB



Wing Lung Bank Ltd has scheduled for investor meetings from 14 Jan for its potential USD Tier 1 bond issuance. Alam Sutera Realty scheduled investor meetings on 14 Jan for its potential USD bond issuance.



### **Key Financial Indicators**

Foreign Exchange						
	Day Close	% Change		Day Close	% Change	
DXY	95.610	-0.06%	USD-SGD	1.3535	0.01%	
USD-JPY	108.160	-0.29%	EUR-SGD	1.5527	0.04%	
EUR-USD	1.1469		JPY-SGD	1.2518	0.42%	
AUD-USD	0.7197	-0.25%	GBP-SGD	1.7412	0.18%	
GBP-USD	0.0000	#DIV/0!	AUD-SGD	0.9741	-0.23%	
USD-MYR	4.1010	0.15%	NZD-SGD	0.9236	-0.13%	
USD-CNY	6.7681	0.08%	CHF-SGD	1.3798	0.26%	
USD-IDR	14125	0.55%	SGD-MYR	3.0273	-0.17%	
USD-VND	23192	0.02%	SGD-CNY	4.9988	0.02%	

Equity and Commodity							
Index	Value	Net change					
DJIA	23,909.84	-86.11					
S&P	2,582.61	-13.65					
Nasdaq	6,905.92	-65.56					
Nikkei 225	20,359.70						
STI	3,173.46	-25.19					
KLCI	1,676.16	-7.06					
JCI	6,336.12	-25.35					
Baltic Dry	1,169.00						
VIX	19.07	0.88					

Interbank Offer Rates (%)							
Tenor	EURIBOR	Change	Tenor	USD LIBOR	Change		
1M	-0.3650		O/N	2.3894			
2M	-0.3360		1M	2.5089			
3M	-0.3080		2M	2.6480			
6M	-0.2360		3M	0.0000			
9M	-0.1940		6M	2.8646			
12M	-0.1170		12M	3.0187			

Government Bond Yields (%)						
Tenor	SGS (chg)	UST (chg)				
2Y	1.89 (-0.01)	2.53 (-0.01)				
5Y	1.95 (-0.02)	2.52 (-0.01)				
10Y	2.15 (-0.04)	2.70 ()				
15Y	2.39 (-0.03)					
20Y	2.44 (-0.04)					
30Y	2.55 (-0.04)	3.05 (+0.02)				

Fed Rate Hike Probability							
Meeting	Prob Hike	Prob Cut	2-2.25%	2.25-2.5%	2.5-2.75%		
01/30/2019	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	99.5%	0.5%		
03/20/2019	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	99.5%	0.5%		
05/01/2019	8.7%	0.0%	0.0%	91.3%	8.7%		
06/19/2019	17.4%	0.0%	0.0%	82.6%	16.5%		
07/31/2019	16.9%	2.3%	2.3%	80.8%	16.1%		
09/18/2019	16.8%	3.0%	3.0%	80.2%	15.9%		

Financial Spread (bps)				
	Value	Change		
<b>EURIBOR-OIS</b>	4.20	-0.93		
TED	37 31			

Commo	Commodities Futures					
Energy						

Energy	Futures	% chg	Soft Commodities	Futures	% chg
WTI (per barrel)	50.51	-2.09%	Coffee (per lb)	1.028	-1.06%
Brent (per barrel)	58.99	-2.46%	Cotton (per lb)	0.7299	0.69%
Heating Oil (per gallon)	1.8525	-1.45%	Sugar (per lb)	0.1275	-0.23%
Gasoline (per gallon)	1.3638	-2.63%	Orange Juice (per lb)	1.2075	-0.21%
Natural Gas (per MMBtu)	3.5910	15.88%	Cocoa (per mt)	0	#DIV/0!
Base Metals	Futures	% chg	Grains	Futures	% chg
Copper (per mt)	#N/A	#N/A	Wheat (per bushel)	5.1425	-1.01%
Nickel (per mt)	11,413.0		Soybean (per bushel)	0.000	#DIV/0!
Aluminium (per mt)	1,813.5		Corn (per bushel)	3.7850	0.07%
Precious Metals	Futures	% chg	Asian Commodities	Futures	% chg
Gold (per oz)	1,291.3	0.14%	Crude Palm Oil (MYR/MT)	2,062.0	-1.48%
Silver (per oz)	15.686	0.19%	Rubber (JPY/KG)	187.8	0.00%

Source: Bloomberg, Reuters (Note that rates are for reference only)



## **Economic Calendar**

Date Time		Event		Survey	Actual	Prior	Revised
01/14/2019 07:27	VN	Domestic Vehicle Sales YoY	Dec	-	35.70%	35.50%	-
01/14/2019 08:00	ΑU	Melbourne Institute Inflation MoM	Dec	-	0.40%	0.00%	
01/14/2019 08:00	ΑU	Melbourne Institute Inflation YoY	Dec		1.90%	1.60%	
01/14/2019 10:57	CH	Exports YoY CNY	Dec	6.60%	0.20%	10.20%	8.70%
01/14/2019 10:57	CH	Imports YoY CNY	Dec	12.00%	-3.10%	7.80%	7.70%
01/14/2019 10:57	CH	Exports YoY	Dec	2.00%	-4.40%	5.40%	3.90%
01/14/2019 10:57	CH	Imports YoY	Dec	4.50%	-7.60%	3.00%	2.90%
01/14/2019 10:58	CH	Trade Balance CNY	Dec	345.00b	394.99b	306.04b	286.08b
01/14/2019 11:05	СН	Trade Balance	Dec	\$51.60b	\$57.06b	\$44.74b	\$41.86b
01/14/2019 14:30	IN	Wholesale Prices YoY	Dec	4.51%	3.80%	4.64%	-
01/14/2019 15:00	GE	Wholesale Price Index YoY	Dec		2.50%	3.50%	
01/14/2019 15:00	GE	Wholesale Price Index MoM	Dec		-1.20%	0.20%	
01/14/2019 15:27	ΚZ	International Reserves	Dec		30.9b	30.2b	30.1b
01/14/2019 15:59	СН	Foreign Direct Investment YoY CNY	Dec		24.90%	-26.30%	
01/14/2019 17:43	ΚZ	Unemployment Rate	Dec		4.90%	4.90%	
01/14/2019 18:00	EC	Industrial Production SA MoM	Nov	-1.50%	-1.70%	0.20%	0.10%
01/14/2019 18:00	EC	Industrial Production WDA YoY	Nov	-2.10%	-3.30%	1.20%	
01/14/2019 19:00	ΚZ	Key Rate	Jan-14	9.25%	9.25%	9.25%	
01/14/2019 20:00	IN	CPI YoY	Dec	2.20%	2.19%	2.33%	
01/14/2019 21:26	ΚZ	Industrial Production YoY	Dec		0.10%	2.30%	
01/14/2019 21:30	CA	Teranet/National Bank HPI MoM	Dec		-0.30%	-0.30%	
01/14/2019 21:30	CA	Teranet/National Bank HPI YoY	Dec		2.50%	3.10%	
01/14/2019 21:30	CA	Teranet/National Bank HP Index	Dec		224.07	224.74	
01/14/2019 23:00	CA	Bloomberg Nanos Confidence	Jan-11		54.5	55.5	
01/14/2013 23:00	OA	Bloomberg Names Communic	Jan-Ti		04.0	33.3	
01/15/2019 05:00	SK	Export Price Index MoM	Dec		-2.00%	-2.30%	-2.70%
01/15/2019 05:00	SK	Export Price Index YoY	Dec		-0.60%	0.30%	0.00%
01/15/2019 05:00	SK	Import Price Index YoY	Dec		3.20%	6.00%	6.10%
01/15/2019 05:00	SK	Import Price Index MoM	Dec		-3.40%	-4.60%	-4.50%
01/15/2019 05:45	NZ	Food Prices MoM	Dec		-0.20%	-0.60%	
01/15/2019 07:50	JN	Money Stock M2 YoY	Dec	2.40%		2.30%	
01/15/2019 07:50	JN	Money Stock M3 YoY	Dec	2.10%		2.10%	
01/15/2019 12:00	ID	Exports YoY	Dec	1.03%		-3.28%	
01/15/2019 12:00	ID	Imports YoY	Dec	7.72%		11.68%	
01/15/2019 12:00	ID	Trade Balance	Dec	-\$1115m		-\$2050m	
01/15/2019 12:30	JN	Bankruptcies YoY	Dec	·		6.05%	
01/15/2019 14:00	JN	Machine Tool Orders YoY	Dec P			-17.00%	
01/15/2019 15:45	FR	CPI EU Harmonized MoM	Dec F	0.10%		0.10%	
01/15/2019 15:45	FR	CPI EU Harmonized YoY	Dec F	1.90%		1.90%	
01/15/2019 15:45	FR	CPI MoM	Dec F	0.00%		0.00%	
01/15/2019 15:45	FR	CPI YoY	Dec F	1.60%		1.60%	
01/15/2019 15:45	FR	CPI Ex-Tobacco Index	Dec	103.16		103.14	
01/15/2019 15:45	FR	Budget Balance YTD	Nov			-87.0b	
01/15/2019 17:00	GE	Budget Maastricht % of GDP	2018			1.00%	
01/15/2019 18:00	EC	Trade Balance SA	Nov	12.6b		12.5b	
01/15/2019 18:00	EC	Trade Balance NSA	Nov			14.0b	
01/15/2019 21:30	US	Empire Manufacturing	Jan	10		10.9	
01/15/2019 21:30	US	PPI Final Demand MoM	Dec	-0.10%		0.10%	
01/15/2019 21:30	US	PPI Ex Food and Energy MoM	Dec	0.20%		0.30%	
01/15/2019 21:30	US	PPI Final Demand YoY	Dec	2.50%		2.50%	
01/15/2019 21:30	US	PPI Ex Food and Energy YoY	Dec	3.00%		2.70%	
		Existing Home Sales MoM					
01/15/2019 22:00 01/15/2019	CA CH	Money Supply M1 YoY	Dec	-1.00% 1.60%		-2.30% 1.50%	
			Dec			8.00%	
01/15/2019	CH	Money Supply M2 YoY	Dec	8.10%	-		-
01/15/2019	CH	New Yuan Loans CNY	Dec	825.0b		1250.0b	
01/15/2019	CH	Money Supply M0 YoY	Dec	3.00%		2.80%	
01/15/2019	IN	Exports YoY	Dec	-	-	0.80%	-
01/15/2019	IN	Imports YoY	Dec			4.30%	
01/15/2019	PH	Overseas Workers Remittances	Nov			\$2474m	
01/15/2019	PH	Overseas Remittances YoY	Nov	8.00%		8.70%	-
Source: Bloombe	erg						



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