

10-YEAR SGS BOND AUCTION THOUGHTS

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How to position for the 10-year SGS bond re-opening

There is an upcoming \$2.3b (with MAS taking \$100m) 10-year SGS bond re-opening on 1 March. The auction closes at noon on 24 February. Given that the current 10-year SGS benchmark bond maturing in Jun 2026 is currently trading around 2.25% (swap-40bps), after rallying some 30bps from where it started the year at, we see value emerging for the March 2027 above the 2.3% handle within the 2.3-2.4% range. There is \$7.5b of the 7-year SGS bonds maturing on 1 April, so demand should remain healthy. The previous four 10-year SGS bond issue sizes were usually between \$2-2.6b and fetched cut-off yields of around 2.15-2.55% with bid-cover ratios of 1.5-2.1x. It is likely that the bid-cover ratio for this auction be capped at 2x given potential uncertainty about the March FOMC meeting being "live".

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Past auctions of 10-year SGS bonds

| AMOUNT (S\$M) | ISSUE DATE | AMOUNT APPLIED (S\$M) | COUPON RATE (%) | BID-TO- COVER RATIO | CUT-OFF YIELD (%) | MEDIAN YIELD (%) | AVERAGE YIELD (%) |
|------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1,800 | 01/06/2010 | 3,665.6 | 3.250 | 2.04 | 2.75 | 2.72 | 2.64 |
| 2,700 | 01/06/2011 | 5,729.2 | 2.250 | 2.12 | 2.34 | 2.32 | 2.23 |
| 2,000 | 02/07/2012 | 4,617.1 | 3.125 | 2.31 | 1.60 | 1.59 | 1.55 |
| 1,800 | 01/07/2013 | 4,029.3 | 2.750 | 2.24 | 2.85 | 2.75 | 2.72 |
| 2,000 | 03/03/2014 | 4,257.1 | 2.750 | 2.13 | 2.55 | 2.50 | 2.47 |
| 2,300 | 01/08/2014 | 3,635.0 | 3.000 | 1.58 | 2.42 | 2.40 | 2.35 |
| 2,600 | 02/06/2015 | 4,080.2 | 2.375 | 1.57 | 2.42 | 2.35 | 2.30 |
| 2,500 | 01/06/2016 | 4,266.3 | 2.125 | 1.71 | 2.15 | 2.10 | 2.09 |

Source: MAS

The 10-year SGS bond yield and swap spread

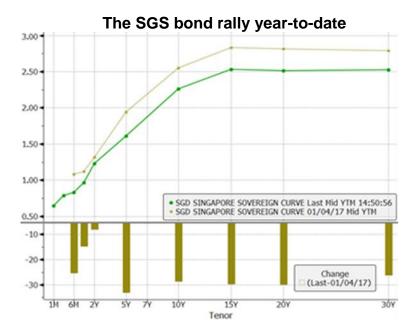


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Source: Bloomberg, MAS

Upcoming SGS bond issuance

| Announcement Date | Auction Date | Issuance Date | Tenor | New/Re- Opening | Maturity Date |
|----------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------|--------------------|------------------|
| 22 Mar 2017 | Mar 2017 | 3 Apr 2017 | 5-yr | New Issue | 01 Apr 2022 |
| 22 May 2017 | 29 May 2017 | 1 Jun 2017 | 30-yr | Reopen | 01 Mar 2046 |
| 20 Jul 2017 | 27 Jul 2017 | 1 Aug 2017 | 7-yr | Reopen** | 01 Jun 2025 |
| 22 Aug 2017 | 29 Aug 2017 | 4 Sep 2017 | 15-yr | Reopen | 01 Sep 2033 |
| 20 Sep 2017 | 27 Sep 2017 | 2 Oct 2017 | 2-yr | Reopen | |

Source: MAS



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