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Market Commentary: The SGD swap curve bear-steepened yesterday, with swap rates trading 2-9bps higher across most tenors. Flows in SGD corporates were heavy, with better selling seen in HSBC 4.7%-PERPS. In the broader dollar space, the spread on JACI IG Corp rose 1bps to 185bps, while the yield on JACI HY Corp rose 4bps to 6.86%. 10Y UST yields traded little changed at 2.31%, despite GDP data coming in stronger than expected.

New Issues: FCL Treasury Pte Ltd has priced a SGD42mn re-tap of its FCLSP 3.95%-PERP at 100. Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Ltd, Luxembourg Branch has priced a three-tranche deal, with the USD450mn 3-year floating rate note priced at 3mL+77bps, tightening from initial guidance of 3mL+100bps, the USD400mn 5-year fixed rate note priced at CT5+99bps, tightening from initial guidance of CT5+120bps, and the EUR1.1bn 3-year floating rate note priced at 3mE+55bps, tightening from initial guidance of 3mE+75bps. The expected issue ratings are 'NR/A1/NR'. New Lion Bridge Co Ltd has priced a USD160mn 3NC2 bond (guaranteed by Lionbridge Capital Co Ltd) at 9.75%, in line with final guidance of 9.75%. The expected issue ratings are 'NR/B2/B'. Overseas Chinese Town (Asia) Holdings Ltd has priced a USD800mn Perp NC3 (guaranteed by Overseas Chinese Town Enterprises Company) at 4.35%, tightening from initial guidance of 4.75% area. Yinson Juniper Ltd has priced a USD100mn Perp NC5 (guaranteed by Yinson Holdings Berhad) at 7.875%, tightening from initial guidance of 8% area. Top Yield Ventures Ltd may be pricing a USD3.5-year bond (guaranteed by Nan Hai Corporation Ltd) today. The expected issue ratings are 'NR/B2/NR'.

Rating Changes: S&P has downgraded CITIC Ltd and CITIC Group Corp's corporate credit rating to 'BBB+' from 'A-'. The outlook is stable. The rating action follows the revision of the economic risk score under S&P's Banking Industry Risk Assessment of China. S&P believes the heighted credit risk in China reduced CITIC Bank's capital buffer, thus increasing the relative credit risk of CITIC Group and CITIC Ltd.

Table 1: Key Financial Indicators

	29-Sep	1W chg (bps)	1M chg (bps)		29-Sep	1W chg	1M chg
iTraxx Asiax IG	83	2	3	Brent Crude Spot (\$/bbl)	57.60	1.30%	10.77%
iTraxx SovX APAC	18	2	-1	Gold Spot (\$/oz)	1,287.33	-0.77%	-1.67%
iTraxx Japan	46	0	2	CRB	182.99	-0.22%	3.08%
iTraxx Australia	72	0	-1	GSCI	400.20	0.74%	6.02%
CDX NA IG	57	-3	-3	VIX	9.55	-1.24%	-18.38%
CDX NA HY	108	1	1	CT10 (bp)	2.309%	5.86	17.93
iTraxx Eur Main	58	-1	0	USD Swap Spread 10Y (bp)	-4	-1	2
iTraxx Eur XO	255	-3	9	USD Swap Spread 30Y (bp)	-33	-1	2
iTraxx Eur Snr Fin	60	0	4	TED Spread (bp)	28	-2	-4
iTraxx Sovx WE	5	0	-1	US Libor-OIS Spread (bp)	14	-1	-2
iTraxx Sovx CEEMEA	42	2	-2	Euro Libor-OIS Spread (bp)	3	0	0
					29-Sep	1W chg	1M chg
				AUD/USD	0.785	-1.41%	-1.27%
				USD/CHF	0.971	-0.15%	-1.55%
				EUR/USD	1.178	-1.40%	-1.57%
				USD/SGD	1.359	-0.93%	-0.26%
Korea 5Y CDS	75	4	12	DJIA	22,381	0.10%	2.36%
China 5Y CDS	63	3	3	SPX	2,510	0.38%	2.61%
Malaysia 5Y CDS	70	1	-4	MSCI Asiax	656	-2.32%	-0.16%
Philippines 5Y CDS	65	1	1	HSI	27,422	-2.45%	-1.24%
Indonesia 5Y CDS	105	2	0	STI	3,227	0.41%	-0.68%
Thailand 5Y CDS	52	2	-3	KLCI	1,758	-0.88%	-0.17%
				JCI	5,841	-1.11%	-0.80%

Source: OCBC, Bloomberg

Table 2: Recent Asian New Issues

<u>Date</u>	<u>lssuer</u>	<u>Ratings</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Tenor</u>	Pricing
28-Sep-17	FCL Treasury Pte Ltd (re-tap)	Not Rated	SGD42mn	FCLSP 3.95%-PERP	100.0
28-Sep-17	Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Ltd	'NR/A1/NR'	USD450mn	3-year	3mL+77bps
28-Sep-17	Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Ltd	'NR/A1/NR'	USD400mn	5-year	CT5+99bps
28-Sep-17	Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Ltd	'NR/A1/NR'	EUR1.1bn	3-year	3mE+55bps
28-Sep-17	New Lion Bridge Co Ltd	'NR/B2/B'	USD160mn	3NC2	9.75%
28-Sep-17	Overseas Chinese Town (Asia) Holdings Ltd	Not Rated	USD800mn	Perp NC3	4.35%
28-Sep-17	Yinson Juniper Ltd	Not Rated	USD100mn	Perp NC5	7.875%
27-Sep-17	Geo Coal International Pte Ltd	'B/B2/B'	USD300mn	5NC3	8.35%
26-Sep-17	CK Hutchison International (17) (II) Ltd	'A-/A3/A-'	USD1bn	3-year	CT3+77.5bps
26-Sep-17	CK Hutchison International (17) (II) Ltd	'A-/A3/A-'	USD750mn	5.5-year	CT5.5+92.5bps

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Rating Changes (Cont'd): Moody's has affirmed HSBC Bank Australia Ltd's (HBAU) long-term deposit, issuer, senior unsecured ratings and adjusted baseline credit assessment (BCA) at 'A1', BCA at 'Baa1', and counterparty risk assessment (CRA) at 'Aa3'. The outlook have been revised to stable from negative. The ratings on HBAU were affirmed despite the downgrade of its parent, The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corp Ltd, as the bank has a conservative funding profile that is centred on deposits. Similarly, Moody's has affirmed HSBC Bank Malaysia Berhad's (HSBCM) 'A1' local currency and 'A3' foreign currency deposit ratings, 'Baa1' BCA, and 'A1' BCA and CRA. The outlook has been revised to stable from negative. Moody's affirmed the rating on HSBCM despite the downgrade on its parent, as HSBCM has a solid liquidity profile, good deposit franchise and favourable funding structure, with a low reliance on market sensitive funding sources. Moody's has affirmed Japan Logistics Fund Inc's (JLF) 'A1' issuer rating, while changing its rating outlook to negative from stable. The rating action reflects the rise in JLF's leverage as a result of a series of property acquisitions this year. Moody's has assigned Yiwu State-owned Capital Operation Co Ltd (YWSCOC) a 'Baa3' issuer rating. The outlook is stable. The rating combines YWSCOC's 'Ba3' baseline credit assessment with a three-notch uplift as it is 100% owned by the Yiwu government. YWSCOC's BCA is driven by its diversified business profile, which consolidates the majority of Yiwu city's state-owned operating assets; the stable recurring rental income from its commodity trading centres; and its strong access to domestic funding. However, the rating is constrained by its high debt leverage.

Credit Headlines:

GuocoLand Ltd ("GUOL"): GUOL has been announced as the highest bidder for the commercial site located at Beach Road, Nicoll Highway and Rochor Road following the closing of the tender yesterday. GUOL's bid of SGD1.62bn or SGD1,706 per square foot of gross floor area is a record for land prices in Singapore. In announcing the tender close, The Urban Redevelopment Authority confirmed the tender is yet to be awarded and will only be done after all bids have been evaluated. GUOL's bid is around SGD50mn higher than the second bidder (Kingsford Hurray Development Pte Ltd). Other bidders included affiliates of OUE Limited and Cheung Kong Holdings. We recently upgraded GUOL's issuer profile to Neutral from Negative (refer to OCBC Asia Credit Singapore Mid-Year 2017 Credit Outlook (8 Jul)) on the back of stronger contributions from GUOL's existing projects which help mitigate elevated (albeit improving) net gearing, which we expect to remain elevated from capital commitments to develop Martin Place and progressive payments for the land parcel in Chongqing. While recent 4QFY2017 results show GUOL's improved earnings and a seeming recovery in Singapore's property market (refer OCBC Asian Credit Daily – 28 Aug 2017) which likely drove GUOL's strong bid for the Beach Road site, it remains to be seen if the better earnings performance of GUOL can sufficiently mitigate anticipated higher leverage should GUOL's bid be ultimately successful. We will continue to monitor developments and update GUOL's Neutral Issuer Profile as necessary. (Company, URA, OCBC)

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