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Credit Headlines (Page 2 onwards): Mapletree Industrial Trust, GuocoLand Ltd, Industry Outlook – Singapore Residential property

Market Commentary: The SGD swap curve bull-flattened yesterday, with swap rates trading 1-3bps lower across all tenors. Flows in SGD corporates were moderate, with better buying seen in OUESP 4.25%'19s. In the broader dollar space, the spread on JACI IG Corp traded little changed at 183bps, while the yield on JACI HY Corp rose 2bps to 2.88%. 10Y UST yields fell 2bps to 2.32%, with the fall in yields coinciding with a Politico report that stated Treasury Secretary Mnuchin favors Jerome Powell as next Fed chair.

New Issues: Puma International Financing SA has priced a USD600mn 7-year bond (guaranteed by Puma Energy Holdings Pte Ltd) at 5.125%, widening from initial guidance of 5% area. The expected issue ratings are 'NR/Ba2/BB'.

Rating Changes: S&P has affirmed Toshiba Corp's (Toshiba) 'CCC-' corporate credit rating. The outlook is negative. S&P has removed the ratings from Creditwatch negative, in place since December 2016 as the company might recognize massive losses relating to its US nuclear business. At the same time, S&P upgraded Toshiba' senior unsecured rating to 'CCC-' from 'CC' after S&P published a revised version of their issue rating criteria. The removal of the ratings watch reflects S&P's view that the risk of a rapid surge of pressure on the rating is less likely, after Toshiba agreed to sell its memory chip business, and the possibility of additional losses and financial burden pertaining to the US nuclear power business has lowered. S&P has affirmed Origin Energy Ltd's (Origin) 'BBB-' long-term corporate credit rating and rating on its unsecured debt, and 'BB' rating on the subordinated debt issued by Origin Energy Finance Ltd. The outlook has been revised to positive from stable. The rating action reflects S&P's expectation that Origin's financial metrics should sustain at levels strong for the current rating following the agreement to sell its conventional upstream gas business and subsequent paydown of debt.

Table 1: Key Financial Indicators

			<u>1M chg</u>				
	<u>4-0ct</u>	<u>1W chg (bps)</u>	<u>(bps)</u>		<u>4-Oct</u>	<u>1W chg</u>	<u>1M chg</u>
iTraxx Asiax IG	79	-5	1	Brent Crude Spot (\$/bbl)	55.65	-3.89%	6.32%
iTraxx SovX APAC	17	0	-1	Gold Spot (\$/oz)	1,275.06	-0.60%	-4.41%
iTraxx Japan	45	-1	1	CRB	180.90	-1.36%	-0.03%
iTraxx Australia	69	-5	-1	GSCI	393.85	-1.92%	1.93%
CDX NA IG	54	-3	-3	VIX	9.51	-6.49%	-6.12%
CDX NA HY	108	1	1	CT10 (bp)	2.316%	0.54	15.00
iTraxx Eur Main	55	-2	1	USD Swap Spread 10Y (bp)	-4	0	1
iTraxx Eur XO	248	-7	10	USD Swap Spread 30Y (bp)	-32	1	2
iTraxx Eur Snr Fin	59	-1	6	TED Spread (bp)	29	1	-2
iTraxx Sovx WE	5	0	0	US Libor-OIS Spread (bp)	14	-1	-2
iTraxx Sovx CEEMEA	39	-4	-1	Euro Libor-OIS Spread (bp)	3	0	0
					<u>4-Oct</u>	<u>1W chg</u>	1M chg
				AUD/USD	0.785	0.04%	-1.16%
				USD/CHF	0.972	0.01%	-1.42%
				EUR/USD	1.177	0.20%	-1.08%
				USD/SGD	1.360	-0.02%	-0.18%
Korea 5Y CDS	71	-4	6	DJIA	22,642	1.60%	2.97%
China 5Y CDS	59	-4	1	SPX	2,535	1.51%	2.34%
Malaysia 5Y CDS	66	-4	-5	MSCI Asiax	670	1.43%	1.76%
Philippines 5Y CDS	65	-1	3	HSI	28,311	2.90%	2.06%
Indonesia 5Y CDS	102	-4	0	STI	3,241	0.15%	0.31%
Thailand 5Y CDS	50	-2	-3	KLCI	1,760	-0.27%	-0.77%
				JCI	5,939	1.29%	2.16%
Source: OCBC. Bloomberg							

Source: OCBC, Bloomberg Table 2: Recent Asian New Issues

Date	lssuer	Ratings	Size	Tenor	Pricing
4-Oct-17	Puma International Financing SA	'NR/Ba2/BB'	USD600mn	7-year	5.125%
29-Sep-17	21 Vianet Group Inc (re-tap)	Not Rated	USD100mn	VNET 7%'20s	100.04
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%



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Rating Changes (Cont'd): Moody's has affirmed the long-term deposit rating of HSBC Bank (China) Company Limited (HSBC China) at 'A1', and that of Hang Seng Bank (China) Limited (Hang Seng China) at 'A2'. At the same time, Moody's has upgraded HSBC China's baseline credit assessment (BCA) to 'Baa2' from 'Baa3', while affirming Hang Seng China's BCA at 'Ba1', adjusted BCA at 'A2', and HSBC China's adjusted BCA at 'A1'. The outlook has been revised to stable from negative. The ratings were affirmed despite the downgrade on the HSBC China and Hang Seng Bank China's parents, The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corp Ltd and Hang Seng Bank Limited respectively. The rating action on HSBC China reflects its sound asset quality, robust funding, strong capitalization and strained profitability, while the rating action on Hang Seng China takes into account its weak profitability, strained asset quality, high concentration to large borrowers and strong capitalization.

Credit Headlines:

Mapletree Industrial Trust ("MINT"): MINT has announced an expanded investment strategy, effective from 26 October 2017. Currently, MINT's investment strategy focuses on industrial assets (eg: business parks, flatted factories, stack-up/ramp-up, hi-tech, light industrial and general industrial buildings but excludes those for logistics purposes). The expanded strategy would see MINT also pursuing opportunities in real estate used primarily as data centres globally beyond Singapore. As at 30 June 2017, data centres make up 6.5% of its total assets and MINT has set an initial target of increasing its data centres overseas to 20% of its total assets. As we had highlighted previously, certain of MINT's portfolio are facing structural declines in valuation (from time decay in shortened land tenure); simultaneously older, lower-specification properties are becoming out-of-step with the types of industries Singapore is attracting. We see the expansion of investment strategy into global data centres as timely to defend the REIT's mid-to-longer term credit profile. We continue to maintain MINT's issuer profile at Neutral on the back of its low leverage and ample interest coverage versus peers. (Company, OCBC)

GuocoLand Ltd ("GLL"): Following the highest bid of SGD1.62bn (refer to <u>Asian Credit Daily - 29 Sep 2017</u>), the GuocoLand JV has been awarded the tender commercial site at Beach Road. The GuocoLand JV is 70%-owned by GLL and 30% by its parent Guoco Group Ltd. This is credit negative in our view, as GLL's net gearing of 0.84x may deteriorate to ~1.1x. However, we are keeping GUOL's Neutral Issuer Profile with its latest earnings reflecting solid performance amidst the recovery of the Singapore property market while Guoco Tower begins to contribute. (Company, OCBC)

Industry Outlook – Singapore Residential property: According to URA flash estimates, private home prices increased by 0.5% q/q (compared to decline of 0.1% and 0.4% in 2Q and 1Q respectively). This is the first increase following 15 consecutive quarters of decline, with a broader-based recovery as prices increased in Core Central Region (+0.2%) and Outside Central Region (+0.7%) while prices in Rest of Central Region remains unchanged.



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