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Credit Headlines: Julius Baer Group Ltd

### **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.
- Flows in SGD corporates were heavy yesterday, with flows seen in UBS 5.875%-PERPs, OCBCSP 3.8%-PERPs, PREHSP 5.95%'20s and HSBC 5.0%-PERPs.
- 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.

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Julius Baer Group Ltd ("JBG") | Issuer Profile: Neutral (3)

- JBG's chairman Daniel Sauter has decided not to seek re-election after previously announcing his intention to stay on as Chairman.
- This adds to recent changes in JBG's management and businesses. As we mentioned in our recently published <u>Singapore Credit Outlook 2019</u>, JBG's credit profile remains somewhat in a state of flux given these changes in the context of the competitive private banking landscape. For now though, we are holding the Neutral (3) issuer profile although we think BAERVX is facing some fundamental challenges.
- In line with our theme for looking at higher yields for the carry to mitigate price volatility, we remain overweight the BAERVX 5.90% PERPc20s for the shorter call date and high carry and are neutral the BAERVX 5.75% PERPc22s. (Company, OCBC)



**Table 1: Key Financial Indicators** 

|                    | <u>15-Jan</u> | 1W chg (bps) | 1M chg (bps) |  |
|--------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| iTraxx Asiax IG    | 90            | -1           | -1           |  |
| iTraxx SovX APAC   | 67            | -1           | 0            |  |
| iTraxx Japan       | 77            | -3           | 0            |  |
| iTraxx Australia   | 90            | 0            | 1            |  |
| CDX NA IG          | 79            | 1            | -3           |  |
| CDX NA HY          | 103           | 0            | 1            |  |
| iTraxx Eur Main    | 82            | -4           | 0            |  |
| iTraxx Eur XO      | 342           | -3           | 0            |  |
| iTraxx Eur Snr Fin | 105           | -5           | 0            |  |
| iTraxx Sovx WE     | 26            | 0            | 1            |  |
| AUD/USD            | 0.721         | 1.01%        | 0.46%        |  |
| EUR/USD            | 1.148         | 0.33%        | 1.15%        |  |
| USD/SGD            | 1.352         | 0.42%        | 1.51%        |  |
| China 5Y CDS       | 64            | 1            | 1            |  |
| Malaysia 5Y CDS    | 97            | -6           | -7           |  |
| Indonesia 5Y CDS   | 130           | -1           | -5           |  |
| Thailand 5Y CDS    | 46            | 0            | 3            |  |

|                            | <u>15-Jan</u> | 1W chg  | 1M chg  |  |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------|---------|--|
| Brent Crude Spot (\$/bbl)  | 59.64         | 1.57%   | -1.06%  |  |
| Gold Spot (\$/oz)          | 1,291.49      | 0.47%   | 3.66%   |  |
| CRB                        | 177.79        | 1.81%   | -1.40%  |  |
| GSCI                       | 399.64        | 2.68%   | -1.59%  |  |
| VIX                        | 19.07         | -10.89% | -11.84% |  |
| CT10 (bp)                  | 2.708%        | -2.03   | -18.18  |  |
| USD Swap Spread 10Y (bp)   | 3             | 0       | -1      |  |
| USD Swap Spread 30Y (bp)   | -20           | -4      | -6      |  |
| TED Spread (bp)            | 37            | -2      | -2      |  |
| US Libor-OIS Spread (bp)   | 38            | 1       | -3      |  |
| Euro Libor-OIS Spread (bp) | 4             | -1      | 0       |  |
|                            |               |         |         |  |
| DJIA                       | 23,910        | 1.61%   | -0.79%  |  |
| SPX                        | 2,583         | 1.29%   | -0.67%  |  |
| MSCI Asiax                 | 605           | 1.45%   | 0.42%   |  |
| HSI                        | 26,298        | 1.63%   | 0.78%   |  |
| STI                        | 3,202         | 2.54%   | 4.07%   |  |
| KLCI                       | 1,675         | 0.16%   | 0.81%   |  |
| JCI                        | 6,336         | 0.78%   | 2.69%   |  |



### **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%.
- BNP Paribas SA has priced a SGD250mn 10NC5 Tier 2 bond at 4.35%, tightening from IPT of 4.375%.
- CMB Wing Lung Bank Ltd has scheduled for investor meetings from 14 Jan for its potential USD Tier 1 bond issuance.
- PT Alam Sutera Realty Tbk has scheduled investor meetings on 14 Jan for its potential USD bond issuance.

| <u>Date</u> | <u>lssuer</u>   | <u>Size</u> | <u>Tenor</u>     | <u>Pricing</u>             |
|-------------|---|-------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| 14-Jan-19   | BNP Paribas SA  | SGD250mn    | 10NC5 Tier 2     | 4.35%                      |
| 14-Jan-19   | Korea Midland Power Co Ltd  | USD300mn    | 3-year           | T+95bps                    |
| 14-Jan-19   | Future Land Development Holdings Ltd                              | USD300mn    | 2-year           | 7.5%                       |
| 11-Jan-19   | DBS Group Holdings Ltd  | USD100mn    | 2-year           | 3-month US LIBOR<br>+41bps |
| 11-Jan-19   | Industrial & Commercial Bank of China Ltd of Hong Kong            | USD200mn    | 1-year           | 3-month US LIBOR<br>+65bps |
| 11-Jan-19   | Industrial & Commercial Bank of China Ltd of Hong Kong            | USD100mn    | 2-year           | 3-month US LIBOR<br>+70bps |
| 11-Jan-19   | Easy Tactic Ltd (Guangzhou R&F Properties HK Co Ltd)              | USD200mn    | GZRFPR 8.75%'21s | 8.87%                      |
| 10-Jan-19   | Singapore Technologies Telemedia Pte Ltd                          | SGD300mn    | PerpNC5          | 5.0%                       |
| 10-Jan-19   | Sunac China Holdings Ltd  | USD600mn    | 2-year           | 8.375%                     |
| 10-Jan-19   | Indian Oil Corp   | USD900mn    | 5-year           | T+222.5bps                 |
| 10-Jan-19   | Shanghai Commercial Bank Ltd                                      | USD300mn    | 10NC5 Tier 2     | T+250bps                   |
| 9-Jan-19    | RKPF Overseas 2019 (B) Ltd (Road King Infrastructure Ltd)         | USD400mn    | 2-year, 3-month  | 7.75%                      |
| 8-Jan-19    | City Developments Ltd   | SGD150mn    | 5-year           | 3.0%                       |
| 8-Jan-19    | Dah Sing Bank Ltd   | USD225mn    | 10NC5 Tier 2     | T+255bps                   |
| 8-Jan-19    | Coastal Emerald Ltd (China Shandong Hi-Speed Financial Group Ltd) | USD550mn    | 363-day          | 5.95%                      |

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