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Market Commentary

- The SGD swap curve bull-flattened yesterday, with the shorter tenors traded 2-3bps lower, while the longer tenors (>5yr) traded 4-5bps lower.
- The Bloomberg Barclays Asia USD IG Bond Index average OAS was unchanged at 136bps while the Bloomberg Barclays Asia USD HY Bond Index average OAS widened 2bps to 565bps.
- Flows in SGD corporates were heavy, with large ticket flows in UOBSP 3.58%-PERPs, CAPLSP 3.15%'29s, UBS 5.875%-PERPs and STANLN 5.375%-PERPs. We also saw flows in SOCGEN 6.125%-PERPs, ARTSP 3.88%-PERPs, SPHRSP 4.1%-PERPs, CS 5.625%-PERPs, SIASP 3.13%'27s, FPLSP 4.98%-PERPs, KITSP 4.75%-PERPs, MAPLSP 3.15%'31s, F 4.125%'24s and HSBC 4.7%-PERPs.
- 10Y USTs rose 1bps to 1.48%, as major stock indices turned positive, dampening demand for safe-haven treasuries. Spread between the 2-year treasury notes and 10-year treasury notes remains inverted, with the spread at -3bps, while the spread between 3-month treasury bills and 10-year treasury notes has widened to -51bps.



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Credit Summary:

- Landesbank Baden-Württemberg | Neutral (4): LBBW announced decent 1H2019 results with profit before tax up 12.9% to EUR319mn. Net fee and commission income was up 6.5% y/y while net gains on remeasurement and disposal rose 6.8% y/y. Together with other operating income performance, total operating income was up 2.9% y/y to EUR1.29bn. Allowances for losses on loans and securities rose 89.9% y/y and non-performing loan ratio continues to be solid at 0.6% as at 30 June 2019. LBBW's CET1 ratio fell h/h to 14.6% as at 30 June 2019. LBBW's management believe that its current CET1 ratio will be above anticipated future requirements. The results are consistent with LBBW's Neutral (4) issuer profile.
- <u>CITIC Envirotech Ltd</u> | Neutral (5): CEL announced that it has secured two build-own-transfer projects with a total investment value of RMB1.685bn (~SGD372mn) in Xichang City, Sichuan Province in China. This continues on CEL's trend of contract wins though on the flipside would necessitate CEL to continue tapping financial markets and we continue to expect an increasing leverage trend at CEL.



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Credit Headlines

Landesbank Baden-Württemberg ("LBBW") | Issuer Profile: Neutral (4)

- LBBW announced decent 1H2019 results with profit before tax up 12.9% to EUR319mn. This was driven by better business volumes, particularly in corporate and real estate customers and impacted net interest income which was up 1.9% y/y. Net fee and commission income was up 6.5% y/y due to higher financing commission and an increase in income from bond and Schuldschein (German debt instrument) issues while net gains on remeasurement and disposal rose 6.8% y/y from higher sales of securities as part of Liquidity Coverage Ratio portfolio management. Together with other operating income performance, total operating income was up 2.9% y/y to EUR1.29bn.
- At the same time, costs were managed and stable y/y with a 1.6% y/y fall in administrative expenses offset by a 14.8% y/y rise in expenses for the bank levy and deposit guarantee system. Given the solid operating income performance, the cost/income ratio improved to 71.7% in 1H2019 against 75.4% in 1H2018.
- Allowances for losses on loans and securities rose 89.9% y/y due to weaker operating conditions in Germany and is somewhat pre-emptive given the non-performing loan ratio continues to be solid at 0.6% as at 30 June 2019.
- As mentioned above, business volumes rose in corporate and real estate customers as well as in retail banking with total assets up 9.9% h/h. This along with a 1% h/h fall in common equity tier 1 capital from a rise in actuarial losses and a slight rise in the value adjustment deficit that offset retained earnings and the improvement in the revaluation reserve drove a 2.4% h/h rise in risk weighted assets and h/h fall in LBBW's CET1 ratio to 14.6% as at 30 June 2019 (15.1% as at 31 December 2018). This remains above regulatory minimum capital requirements, which have increased in line with the EU's Capital Requirements Regulations, and are set annually by the European Central Bank (ECB) on the basis of the Supervisory Review and Evaluation Process (SREP) with LBBW's CET1 capital requirement of 9.75% as at 1 March 2019. This requirement includes Pillar 2 requirements, capital conservation buffer and capital buffer for other systemically important institutions as per the German Banking Act. According to management, LBBW's current CET1 ratio would also be above anticipated future requirements.
- The results are consistent with LBBW's Neutral (4) issuer profile. (OCBC, Company)

CITIC Envirotech Ltd ("CEL") | Issuer Profile: Neutral (5)

- CEL announced that it has secure two build-own-transfer projects with a total investment value of RMB1.685bn (~SGD327mn) in Xichang City, Sichuan Province in China.
- The projects are (1) Water supply development project where CEL will design, construct and operate water supply pipelines with an investment amount of RMB1.34bn (CEL to hold 78.9%-stake) (2) Design, construction and operation of a 30,000 cbm/day wastewater treatment plant and related piping works with an investment value of RMB345mn (CEL to hold 89%-stake.
- This continues on CEL's trend of contract wins though on the flipside would necessitate CEL to continue tapping financing markets and we continue to expect an increasing leverage trend at CEL (30 June 2019: net gearing of 0.9x, inching up from 0.8x as at 30 March 2019 and 0.7x in end-2018). (Company, OCBC)

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Key Market Movements

	29-Aug	1W chg (bps)	1M chg (bps)		29-Aug	1W chg	1M chg
iTraxx Asiax IG	67	2	9	Brent Crude Spot (\$/bbl)	60.29	0.62%	-5.37%
iTraxx SovX APAC	42	1	4	Gold Spot (\$/oz)	1,539.35	2.76%	7.89%
iTraxx Japan	63	3	8	CRB	171.20	0.17%	-3.71%
iTraxx Australia	66	2	8	GSCI	400.37	0.09%	-4.34%
CDX NA IG	55	0	2	VIX	19.35	22.47%	50.82%
CDX NA HY	106	0	-2	CT10 (%)	1.454%	-15.89	-61.08
iTraxx Eur Main	50	-1	0				
iTraxx Eur XO	262	-3	14	AUD/USD	0.673	-0.36%	-2.45%
iTraxx Eur Snr Fin	61	-2	-1	EUR/USD	1.109	0.05%	-0.53%
iTraxx Sovx WE	17	-1	1	USD/SGD	1.388	-0.21%	-1.30%
USD Swap Spread 10Y	-10	-2	-2				
USD Swap Spread 30Y	-40	-1	-3	DJIA	26,036	-0.64%	-4.35%
US Libor-OIS Spread	27	4	5	SPX	2,888	-1.25%	-4.40%
Euro Libor-OIS Spread	7	2	1	MSCI Asiax	600	-0.85%	-6.86%
				HSI	25,615	-1.66%	-8.86%
China 5Y CDS	48	2	8	STI	3,057	-2.26%	-8.65%
Malaysia 5Y CDS	54	1	6	KLCI	1,593	-0.58%	-3.02%
Indonesia 5Y CDS	94	2	16	JCI	6,282	0.46%	-0.28%
Thailand 5Y CDS	31	0	0		S	Source: Blo	oomberg

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New Issues

- Hysan (MTN) Ltd (Guarantor: Hysan Development Company Ltd) has priced a USD500mn 10-year bond at T+140bps, tightening from IPT of T+160bps area.
- Korean Air Lines Co. (Guarantor: The Korea Development Bank) has priced a USD300mn 3-year bond at T+70bps, tightening from IPT of T+95bps area.
- Times China Holdings Ltd has priced a USD100mn re-tap of its existing TPHL 6.75% 23s at 6.75%.
- PSA Treasury Pte. Ltd (Guarantor: PSA International Pte. Ltd) has priced a USD500mn 10-year bond at T+77.5bps, tightening from IPT of T+100bps area.
- UBS Group AG has priced a SGD750mn NC5-Perpetual bond at 4.85%, tightening from IPT of 5% area.

Date	Issuer	Size	Tenor	Pricing
28-Aug-19	Hysan (MTN) Ltd	USD500mn	10-year	T+140bps
28-Aug-19	Korean Air Lines Co.	USD300mn	3-year	T+70bps
28-Aug-19	Times China Holdings Ltd	USD100mn	TPHL 6.75%'23s	6.75%
28-Aug-19	PSA Treasury Pte. Ltd	USD500mn	10-year	T+77.5bps
28-Aug-19	UBS Group AG	SGD750mn	NC5-Perpetual	4.85%
27-Aug-19	Chengdu Economic & Technological Development Zone Construction Development Co. Ltd	USD200mn	3-year	6.4%
26-Aug-19	Mapletree Treasury Services Ltd	SGD300mn	12-year	3.15%
26-Aug-19	Ascott Residence Trust	SGD150mn	NC5-Perpetual	3.88%
23-Aug-19	SPH REIT Management Pte. Ltd	SGD300mn	NC5-Perpetual	4.1%
22-Aug-19	CapitaLand Treasury Limited	SGD800mn	10-year	3.15%
21-Aug-19	Yanlord Land (HK) Co., Ltd	USD400mn	4.5NC2.5	6.8%
20-Aug-19	Singtel Group Treasury Pte. Ltd	USD750mn	10-year	T+90bps

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