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Highlights

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Global	As financial markets await the outcome of the US presidential elections with abated breath, the key developments yesterday were China's trade (the trade surplus widened to US\$49006b but exports fell more than tipped by 7.3% yoy). Expect that Asian markets to potentially trade on tenterhooks this morning, as market watchers receive the US presidential election results. Also important would be who takes the Senate and the House, and if Trump contests the results if Clinton wins. The ongoing tally suggests Trump wins 19 electoral votes versus Clinton's 3 for Indiana, Kentucky and Vermont. Elsewhere, BOT is also meeting today but is likely to keep its policy rate steady at 1.5%. On the economic data front, US' wholesale inventories, UK' trade balance, Japan's Eco Watchers Survey, China's CPI/PPI and S'pore's COE tender results. Speakers include ECB's Praet and Nouy, as well as Fed's Evans.
SN	The NFIB small business optimism index improved more than expected from 94.1 to 94.9 in Oct, the highest this year, amid the increase in inventories and a tight labor market. Notably, the unfilled positions rose 3% points to 28%, highest since Aug. The JOLTs job openings also rose from a revised 5453 in Aug to 5486 in Sep, reflecting steady hiring.
UK	Manufacturing production surged 0.6% mom, the mot in five months, led by repair and maintenance of transport equipment including ships and machinery. However, industrial production fell 0.4% mom (+0.3% yoy) in Sep, versus Aug prints of -0.4% mom (+0.7% yoy), amid the continued maintenance at North Sea oilfields which dragged down oil and gas extraction. For now, the GBP's slump appeared to have aided UK industry.
SG	The next presidential election due in 2017 will be reserved for Malay candidates. Separately, the downtown Marina Bay land plot saw a \$2.6b bid by Wealthy Link Pte Ltd (part of IOI Properties Group Bhd).
СН	External demand remains weak with export in dollar term falling by 7.3% in October. This is in line with the decline of new export order of PMI to below 50 again in October. However, the weak external demand was partially offset by an improving domestic demand, which is the key element to having a stabilised Chinese economy for the past few months. The decline of import narrowed to 1.4%. The fresh round of property tightening may cap demand for commodity, which may continue to weigh down on import growth. In its 3Q monetary policy report, PBoC said the monetary policy is constrained by both change of asset price and exchange rate. As such, it is still important for monetary policy to remain neutral.
ID	Government has lowered the income tax bracket for export-oriented sectors. Companies which export at least 50% of its production last year will be eligible. Shoemakers and textile companies that employ at least 2000 workers and bear its employees' tax payments, will see the tax rate reduced from 5% to 2.5% for the first IDR50mn per year for employees' salary, for instance.

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Major Markets

- **US:** General themes were carried over from Monday as the relief rally continued ahead of the election outcome. Early voting trends appear to favour Clinton. 10 of 11 of S&P 500's main industries rose, with utilities and industrials leading gains. S&P 500 overcame an early slide to close 0.4% higher, while the Dow and S&P 500 closed 0.4% and 0.5% higher. VIX is effectively unchanged at 18.74. US Treasury yields rose 3-4 bps, with the 2- and 10-year benchmark yields closing at 0.85% and 1.85% respectively. Amidst all the election fever, markets are increasingly pricing in a December rate hike, with the implied probability of a hike standing at 84%.
- Singapore: The STI regained more ground yesterday, adding 0.69% to close at 2820.24 and may
 extend gains today so far the overnight cues from Wall Street and morning rallies in Nikkei and
 Kospi suggest market remains hopeful of a Clinton victory. Assuming the plot goes according to
 plan, then STI could face resistance at 2840, with support at 2800. SGS bonds may range trade in
 the interim.
- Commodities: Both gold and crude oil were generally flattish over previous trading day, as market-watchers eye closely on the US presidential election. Gainers included crude palm oil futures (+1.82%) to its highest since Sept, while copper bucked its 12th consecutive gain trend to print marginally lower.

Bond Market Updates

- Market Commentary: The SGD swap curve bull-flattened yesterday with swap rates trading 1-3bps lower across all tenors. Flows in the SGD corporates were light ahead of US elections. In the broader dollar space, the spread on JACI IG corporates decreased 1bps to 206bps while the yield on JACI HY corporates decreased 2bps to 6.57%. 10y UST yield increased 4bps to 1.87% as safe haven asset demand continues to wane on expectations of a Clinton victory.
- New Issues: Korea Southern Power has scheduled investor meetings from 14 November for a potential USD bond issue.
- Rating Changes: S&P upgraded its issuer credit ratings on KEB Hana Bank to "A+" from "A" with a stable outlook. The rating was upgraded mainly because the bank and the parent group, Hana Financial Group (HFG), have sustainably strengthened their capitalization to an adequate level. S&P downgraded Yuexiu Real Estate Investment Trust's corporate credit rating to "BBB-" from "BBB" with a stable outlook. The downgrade reflects S&P's expectation that Yuexiu REIT's leverage is likely to remain elevated over the next 12-24 months. Moody's withdrew its ratings on Nextgen Networks Group Pty. Ltd. for business reasons. The rating prior withdrawal was "B1".



Key Financial Indicators

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Foreign Exc	hange					Equity an	d Commodity	
	Day Close	%Change		Day Close	% Change	Index	Value	Net change
DXY	97.861	0.08%	USD-SGD	1.3864	-0.22%	DJIA	18,332.74	73.14
USD-JPY	105.160	0.67%	EUR-SGD	1.5285	-0.37%	S&P	2,139.56	8.04
EUR-USD	1.1026	-0.14%	JPY-SGD	1.3183	-0.88%	Nasdaq	5,193.49	27.32
AUD-USD	0.7762	0.44%	GBP-SGD	1.7163	-0.37%	Nikkei 22	5 17,171.38	-5.83
GBP-USD	1.2379	-0.14%	AUD-SGD	1.0761	0.20%	STI	2,820.24	19.29
USD-MYR	4.2017	-0.26%	NZD-SGD	1.0240	0.35%	KLCI	1,663.82	13.23
USD-CNY	6.7870	0.15%	CHF-SGD	1.4177	-0.60%	JCI	5,470.68	84.47
USD-IDR	13084	-0.02%	SGD-MYR	3.0237	-0.13%	Baltic Dry	911.00	41.00
USD-VND	22335	0.01%	SGD-CNY	4.8853	0.26%	VIX	18.74	
Interbank O	ffer Rates (%)					Governm	ent Bond Yield	ls (%)
Tenor	EURIBOR	Change	Tenor	USD LIBOR	Change	Tenor	SGS (chg)	` '
1 M	-0.3730		O/N	0.4346		2Y		0.85 (+0.04)
2M	-0.3390		1M	0.5353		5Y	, ,	1.33 (+0.04)
3M	-0.3120		2M	0.6706		10Y	, ,	1.85 (+0.03)
6M	-0.2110		3M	0.8868		15Y	2.34 ()	
9M	-0.1300		6M	1.2516		20Y	2.44 (+0.01)	
12M	-0.0700		12M	1.5684		30Y	2.45 (+0.02)	2.62 (+0.01)
Eurozone &	Russia Updat	e				Financial	Spread (bps)	
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Portugal	0.32	-0.70	3.22	-0.90	3.03	LIBOR-OIS	37.53	-0.65
Italy	-0.02	0.20	1.72	1.50	1.53	EURIBOR-OI	S 3.80	0.15
Ireland	-0.42	0.30	0.69	3.80	0.50	TE	D 48.59	
Greece	7.65		7.30	-12.90	7.11			
Spain	-0.22	0.60	1.25	1.00	1.07			
Russia	2.25	-15.80	4.00	-5.40	3.82			
Commodi	ities Futures	5						
Energy		F	utures	% chg	Soft Con	nmodities	Futures	% chg
WTI (per ba	arrel)		44.98	0.20%	Coffee (p	er lb)	1.675	-3.93%
Brent (per	barrel)		46.04	-0.24%	Cotton (p	er lb)	0.6875	0.44%
	(per gallon)		1.441	0.03%	Sugar (pe	er lb)	0.2197	-1.35%
Gasoline (p			1.37	-0.13%	Orange Juice (per lb)		2.2225	-3.31%
Natural Gas (per MMBtu))	2.633	-6.50%	Cocoa (per mt)		2,501	0.40%
Base Metals		F	utures	% chg	Grains		Futures	% chg
Copper (per mt)			5,235.5	2.70%	Wheat (per bushel)		4.1525	1.28%
Nickel (per mt)			11,219	1.17%	Soybean (per bushel)		10.018	1.26%
Aluminium (per mt)			1,726.5	0.28%	Corn (per		3.5425	2.31%
Precious	Metals	,	Futures	% chg	Asian Co	om m odities	Futures	% chg
		•	1,274.5	-0.38%	Crude Palm Oil (MYR/MT)		2,854.0	1.82%
Gold (per oz)			1,214.0	-0.30 /0	Gruue Pa	(IVII IVIVII)	2,054.0	1.02/0

Source: Bloomberg, Reuters

Silver (per oz)

(Note that rates are for reference only)

18.356

1.13%

Rubber (JPY/KG)

184.3

1.60%



Key Economic Indicators

Date Time		Event		Survey	Actual	Prior	Revised
11/08/2016 08:30	ΑU	NAB Business Conditions	Oct		6	8	-
11/08/2016 08:30	ΑU	NAB Business Confidence	Oct		4	6	-
11/08/2016 08:30	TA	CPI YoY	Oct	0.48%	1.70%	0.33%	-
11/08/2016 10:01	PH	Budget Balance PHP	Sep		-75.3b	32.6b	
11/08/2016 10:33	CH	Trade Balance CNY	Oct	366.61b	325.25b	278.35b	
11/08/2016 10:33	CH	Exports YoY CNY	Oct	-0.80%	-3.20%	-5.60%	
11/08/2016 10:40	CH	Trade Balance	Oct	\$51.70b	\$49.06b	\$41.99b	
11/08/2016 10:40	CH	Exports YoY	Oct	-6.00%	-7.30%	-10.00%	-
11/08/2016 10:40	CH	Imports YoY	Oct	-1.00%	-1.40%	-1.90%	
11/08/2016 13:00	JN	Leading Index CI	Sep P	100.5	100.5	100.9	
11/08/2016 15:00	GE	Industrial Production SA MoM	Sep	-0.50%	-1.80%	2.50%	3.00%
11/08/2016 15:00	GE	Industrial Production WDA YoY	Sep	2.00%	1.20%	1.90%	2.40%
11/08/2016 15:00	GE	Trade Balance	Sep	22.4b	24.4b	20.0b	19.9b
11/08/2016 15:00	GE	Current Account Balance	Sep	24.5b	24.2b	17.9b	17.4b
11/08/2016 15:00	GE	Exports SA MoM	Sep	-0.80%	-0.70%	5.40%	3.40%
11/08/2016 15:00	GE	Imports SA MoM	Sep	-0.20%	-0.50%	3.00%	1.90%
11/08/2016 15:45	FR	Trade Balance	Sep	-4200m	-4769m	-4255m	-4185m
11/08/2016 17:30	UK	Industrial Production MoM	Sep	0.00%	-0.40%	-0.40%	
11/08/2016 17:30	UK	Industrial Production YoY	Sep	0.80%	0.30%	0.70%	
11/08/2016 17:30	UK	Mfg Production MoM	Sep	0.40%	0.60%	0.20%	
11/08/2016 17:30	UK	Manufacturing Production YoY	Sep	-0.10%	0.20%	0.50%	
11/08/2016 19:00	US	NFIB Small Business Optimism	Oct	94.1	94.9	94.1	
11/08/2016 21:15	CA	Housing Starts	Oct	195.0k	192.9k	220.6k	219.4k
11/08/2016 21:30	CA	Building Permits MoM	Sep	-5.80%	-7.00%	10.40%	11.00%
11/08/2016 23:00	UK	NIESR GDP Estimate	Oct		0.40%	0.40%	0.50%
11/09/2016 07:00	SK	Unemployment rate SA	Oct	4.00%	3.70%	4.00%	-
11/09/2016 07:50	JN	BoP Current Account Balance	Sep	¥2020.0b		¥2000.8b	-
11/09/2016 07:50	JN	Trade Balance BoP Basis	Sep	¥668.8b		¥243.2b	
11/09/2016 09:30	CH	CPI YoY	Oct	2.10%	-	1.90%	-
11/09/2016 09:30	CH	PPI YoY	Oct	0.90%		0.10%	-
11/09/2016 13:00	JN	Eco Watchers Survey Current	Oct	44.4		44.8	
11/09/2016 13:00	JN	Eco Watchers Survey Outlook	Oct	47.8		48.5	
11/09/2016 15:00	TH	BoT Benchmark Interest Rate	Nov-09	1.50%	-	1.50%	-
11/09/2016 15:30	FR	Bank of France Bus. Sentiment	Oct	99		98	
11/09/2016 16:00	SI	Automobile COE Open Bid Cat A	Nov-09			50991	
11/09/2016 16:00	SI	Automobile COE Open Bid Cat B	Nov-09			56410	
11/09/2016 17:30	UK	Visible Trade Balance GBP/Mn	Sep	-£11,363		-£12,112	
11/09/2016 17:30	UK	Trade Balance Non EU GBP/Mn	Sep	-£3,450		-£3,756	
11/09/2016 17:30	UK	Trade Balance	Sep	-£3,950		-£4,733	
11/09/2016 20:00	US	MBA Mortgage Applications	Nov-04			-1.20%	-
11/09/2016 23:00	US	Wholesale Inventories MoM	Sep F	0.20%		0.20%	-
11/09/2016 11/13	VN	Domestic Vehicle Sales YoY	Oct			25.30%	-
Source: Bloombore	~						

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