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Highlights

Last Friday marked significant volatility for Asian currencies, especially the MYR and IDR which bore the brunt of the USD strength amid growing concerns of US' inflationary concerns in anticipation of Trump's fiscal stimulus plans. With the US Treasury bond market returning from a three-day weekend, any further steepening of the yield curve could see further global de-risking in the interim. Note crude oil prices have settled also below its 200-day moving average. Over the weekend, New Zealand was hit by a 7.5 magnitude earthquake and protests grew against South Korean president Park (even as BOK kept its 7-day repo rate unchanged at 1.25% as widely anticipated on Friday and governor Lee said there was still monetary policy space). Meanwhile, HK, Malaysia and Japan's 3Q GDP growth surprised on the upside at 0.6% qoq sa (+1.9% yoy), 1.5% qoq sa (+4.3% yoy) and 2.2% qoq sa annualised (as an export rebound offset weak private consumption of +0.1% and flat business spending) respectively.

For today, first up will be Trump's interview on "60 Minutes" with market players keenly watching to see if he would soften his economic policy stance when he takes office, and also of key interest will be his line-up of key appointments (even as he picked an establishment GOP figure as his chief of staff). On the economic data front, China, Eurozone and Japan's industrial production, and China's retail sales and fixed asset investments. For the week ahead, watch the slew of Fedspeak, with Kaplan, Lacker, Williams, rosengren, Fischer, Bullard, KAskari, Dudley and Evans on tap, as well as Fed chairman Yellen's testimony to the Joint Economic Committee on 17 Nov. BI meets on 18 Nov but is likely static at 4.75% amid the IDR volatility.

The Nov print for the University of Michigan sentiments improved more than expected from 87.2 to a 5-month high of 91.6, with the current conditions and expectation gauges both rising to 105.9 (previously 103.2) and 82.5 (previously 76.8) amid more upbeat job and income gains, albeit a "large majority" of respondents had based their outlooks on expectations of Hillary Clinton winning the election. Notably, the 1-year and 5-10 year inflation gauges both accelerated from 2.4% to 2.7%, rising the most since Feb 2015. Meanwhile, Fed's Fischer said that "the Fed appears reasonably close to achieving both the inflation and employment components of its mandate" and "accordingly, the case for removing accommodation gradually is quite strong, keeping in mind that the future is uncertain and that monetary policy is not on a preset course". He added that "there is likely to be considerably policy rate divergence for some time" and "I am reasonably optimistic that the spillovers from ongoing US normalisation will be manageable for the foreign economies".

Malaysia and Singapore will sign the high-speed rail deal on 5 Dec, according to the New Straits Times.

The strengthening dollar for the 6th consecutive trading day dragged dollar-denominated commodities further. Gold and silver fell significantly to \$1,2224/oz (-3.3%) and \$17.4/oz (-7.2%) as market-watchers increasingly price-in a rate hike decision in the Fed's upcoming meeting. Crude oil fell further below its \$45/bbl handle as well, while also dragged by EIA's forecast upgrade of US' production to 8.7mbpd in 2017.

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Major Market

- **US:** Equities again ended mixed on Friday, with financials setting the pace for gains, and energy producers declining alongside the slide in crude prices. S&P 500 declined marginally by 0.14%, while Nasdaq marked a 0.54% gain. Meanwhile, the Dow powered to a new record high, adding another 0.21% to 18847. For the week, main equity indices were up at least 3.8%, with Dow leading the way with a 5.4% gain. VIX declined 3.9% to close at 14.17. US Treasury markets were closed on Friday for Veterans' Day.
- Singapore: The STI sank 0.69% to close at 2814.60 on Friday, and a retest of the 2800 support
 may be at risk this week given the prevailing weak sentiments. Whilst the Dow Jones Index closed
 up 0.21%, morning cues are still mixed with Nikkei a tad higher but Kospi lower. SGS bond yields
 tracked higher on Friday amid the US inflation expectation recalibration post-Trump, and any
 ongoing upward pressure for USD-Asian FX may continue to exacerbate flows in the interim.
- China: Total new Yuan loan increased by CNY651.3 billion, largely in line with expectation. The creation of new Yuan loan was still mainly supported by the medium to long term loan to household sector, which increased by CNY489.1 billion, less affected by the property tightening measures. This is probably due to the delayed effect of tightening measures on housing loan. We expect the demand for housing loan to fall in the coming months, which may lead to slower loan growth. However, banks remain cautious on lending to corporates. Medium to long term loan to corporate only grew by CNY72.8 billion. The sluggish loan to corporates in October was not mainly attributable to local government debt swap as the issuance of local government debt was limited. As such, this signals banks' caution.
- Hong Kong: Economy growth continued to gain in 3Q 2016, up from the 1.7% yoy to 1.9% yoy. Growth in private consumption improved notably from previous 0.5% to 1.2% amid improving market sentiment, lending support to economic growth. Investment also printed a 6% increase in 3Q. Export growth remained stable while import growth surged from 0.2% to 2.4% amid the rise in commodity price. Outlook of HK's economy remained subpar amid weak tourism sector and global uncertainties. Given the US new president's unfriendly stance on China's exports, HK's trade sector may take a hit. In this case, any rebound in the economy may be slower than initially expected.

Bond Market Updates

- Market Commentary: The SGD swap curve bear-steepened last Friday with swap rates trading 6-12 bps higher across all tenors as the US dollar continues to appreciate on speculation that President-elect Donald Trump's fiscal policies are largely inflationary and that it will likely prompt the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates this year. In the broader dollar space, the spread on JACI IG corporates decreased 7bps to 202bps while the yield on JACI HY corporates increased 3bps to 6.67% as market remains in a hesitant mode. The 10y UST yield closed at 2.15% on Thursday as the Treasury market was closed on Friday due to Veterans Day holiday in the US.
- New Issues: Jiangsu Hanrui Investment Holding Co. Ltd. has launched a USD190mn 3-year bond with final price guidance at 5.3%. The expected issue ratings are "NR/NR/BB+". Kangde Xin Composite Material Group Co. has scheduled investor meetings from 14 November onwards for a potential USD bond issue with expected issue ratings of "NR/Ba3/BB". Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd. has scheduled investor meetings from 13 November onwards for a potential USD bond issue with expected issue ratings of "BBB-/Baa3/BBB-". Doosan Infracore Co. Ltd. has scheduled investor meetings from 14 November for a potential USD bond issue with expected issue ratings of "AA/NR/NR".



Rating Changes: S&P upgraded BlueScope Steel Ltd.'s corporate credit rating to "BB+" from "BB" with a stable outlook. The upgrade reflects S&P's expectation that BlueScope Steel will continue to generate solid credit metrics in 2017 due to its strong earnings momentum for the year to date and further debt reduction. S&P assigned preliminary "B+" issuer ratings to Casmar (Australia) Pty Ltd. and Casmar Finance LLC with a stable outlook. Moody's assigned a first-time "Ba3" corporate family rating to Kangde Xin Composite Material Group Co. Ltd. (KDX) with a stable outlook. The rating reflects the company's strong growth prospects in the global optical film market and its technological capabilities, leadership in the pre-coated laminating film market, vertically integrated business model and high profitability, as well as strong liquidity. Moody's affirmed Frasers Centrepoint Trust's (FCT) "Baa1" issuer rating and revised its outlook to stable from positive. The revision reflects Moody's expectation that the potential for upgrade is limited as FCT's asset size will remain small over the next 12-18 months. Additionally, the stable outlook reflects that FCT will continue to deliver strong operating results and maintain its strong financial profile, while growing the portfolio in a prudent manner. Moody's has placed China Oilfield Services Ltd.'s (COSL) "Baa1" issuer rating on review for downgrade. The review for downgrade reflects Moody's concerns over COSL's weak financial results and the substantial increase in debt leverage in the first nine months of 2016.



Key Financial Indicators

Foreign Exchange			110 / 1 1101010101010			Ec	Equity and Commodity			
	Day Close	%Change		Day Close	%Change	In	dex	Value	Net change	
DXY	99.060	0.28%	USD-SGD	1.4126	0.07%	D.	JIA	18,847.66	39.78	
USD-JPY	106.650	-0.17%	EUR-SGD	1.5339	-0.23%	S	&Р	2,164.45	-3.03	
EUR-USD	1.0855	-0.35%	JPY-SGD	1.3243	0.23%	Na	asdaq	5,237.11	28.32	
AUD-USD	0.7546	-0.88%	GBP-SGD	1.7789	0.38%	Ni	kkei 225	17,374.79	30.37	
GBP-USD	1.2596	0.33%	AUD-SGD	1.0659	-0.81%	S	П	2,814.60	-19.49	
USD-MYR	4.3418	1.44%	NZD-SGD	1.0053	-1.26%	KI	_CI	1,634.19	-18.55	
USD-CNY	6.8120	0.09%	CHF-SGD	1.4296	-0.05%	JO		5,231.97	-218.34	
USD-IDR	13383	1.86%	SGD-MYR	3.0888	1.51%	Ва	altic Dry	1,045.00	71.00	
USD-VND	22332	0.03%	SGD-CNY	4.8244	-0.24%	VI	X	14.17	-0.57	
Interhank Of	fer Rates (%)					G.	wornmo	nt Bond Yield	c (0/)	
Tenor	EURIBOR	Change	Tenor	USD LIBOR	Change		nor	SGS (chg)	UST (chg)	
1M	-0.3740	-0.0010	O/N	0.4323		2\		0.98 (+0.05)	0.92 ()	
2M	-0.3390	-0.0010	1M	0.4323		5\		1.50 (+0.11)	1.56 ()	
3M	-0.3390		2M	0.5362	0.0030	10		2.14 (+0.11)	2.15 ()	
6M	-0.2100	0.0010	3M	0.9057	0.0036	15		2.50 (+0.1)	2.13 ()	
9M	-0.2100	-0.0010	6M	1.2621	0.0030	20		2.61 (+0.1)		
12M	-0.1300	0.0010	12M	1.5879	0.0039	30			2.94 (-0.02)	
12141	-0.0030	0.0020	12141	1.5075	0.0040	30	, .	2.02 (+0.11)	2.54 (-0.02)	
Eurozone & I	Russia Updat	е				<u>Fir</u>	nancial S	pread (bps)		
	2Y Bond Ylo	ls (boscha)	10Y Bond \	/lds (bpschg)	10Y Bund					
		· · · · ·			Spread			Value	Change	
Portugal	0.34	-0.70	3.48	8.70	3.18		BOR-OIS	37.67	1.40	
Italy	80.0	5.60	2.02	12.30	1.71	EURI	BOR-OIS		-0.10	
Ireland	-0.35	5.60	0.99	12.90	0.69		TED	43.88	0.36	
Greece	7.65		7.16	-9.50	6.85					
Spain	-0.12	4.00	1.47	8.40	1.17					
Russia	2.38	11.90	4.36	8.60	4.05					
Commodit	ties Futures	6								
Energy		F	Futures		Soft Commodities			Futures	% chg	
WTI (per barrel)			43.41	-2.80%	Coffee (per lb)			1.595	-1.48%	
Brent (per b	arrel)		44.75	-2.38%	Cotton (p	er lb)		0.6844	-1.10%	
Heating Oil ((per gallon)		1.4012	-2.46%	Sugar (p	er lb)		0.2170	0.23%	
Gasoline (pe			1.3053	-2.42%		uice (per lb)		2.1195	-2.39%	
**	(per MMBtu))	2.6190	-0.49%	Cocoa (p	,		2,453	0.12%	
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Base Metals		F	utures	% chg	Grains			Futures	% chg	
Copper (per mt)			5,549.0	-0.93%	Wheat (per bushel)			4.0300	-0.43%	
Nickel (per mt)		•	11,165.0	-2.87%	Soybean (per bushel)			9.785	-1.06%	
Aluminium (per mt)			1,743.5	-1.44%	Corn (per bushel)			3.4025	-0.95%	
Precious N	/letals		Futures	% chg	Asian C	om m odities		Futures	% chg	
Gold (per oz		•	1,224.3	-3.32%		lm Oil (MYR/N		2,975.0	2.87%	
Silver (per o	•		17.382	-3.32 % -7.23%	Rubber (,	,	200.0	5.04%	
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Source: Bloomberg, Reuters

(Note that rates are for reference only)



Key Economic Indicators

Date	Time		Event		Survey	Actual	Prior	Revised
11/11/20	16 03:00	US	Monthly Budget Statement	Oct	-\$70.0b	-\$44.2b	-\$136.6b	-
11/11/20	16 05:30	NZ	BusinessNZ Manufacturing PMI	Oct		55.2	57.7	57.5
11/11/20	16 05:45	NZ	Food Prices MoM	Oct		-0.80%	-0.90%	-
11/11/20	16 07:50	JN	PPI MoM	Oct	0.00%	-0.10%	0.00%	
11/11/20	16 07:50	JN	PPI YoY	Oct	-2.60%	-2.70%	-3.20%	-
11/11/20	16 08:57	SK	BoK 7-Day Repo Rate	Nov-11	1.25%	1.25%	1.25%	-
11/11/20	16 11:00	ID	Economic Survey (Table)					
11/11/20	16 11:42	ID	BoP Current Account Balance	3Q	-\$4535m	-\$4493m	-\$4700m	-\$4995m
11/11/20	16 12:00	MA	GDP YoY	3Q	4.00%	4.30%	4.00%	
11/11/20	16 12:00	MA	Industrial Production YoY	Sep	4.00%	3.20%	4.90%	
11/11/20	16 12:30	JN	Tertiary Industry Index MoM	Sep	-0.20%	-0.10%	0.00%	
11/11/20	16 15:00	GE	CPI MoM	Oct F	0.20%	0.20%	0.20%	-
11/11/20	16 15:00	GE	CPI YoY	Oct F	0.80%	0.80%	0.80%	-
11/11/20	16 15:00	GE	CPI EU Harmonized MoM	Oct F	0.20%	0.20%	0.20%	
11/11/20	16 15:00	GE	CPI EU Harmonized YoY	Oct F	0.70%	0.70%	0.70%	-
11/11/20	16 15:30	TH	Foreign Reserves	Nov-04		\$181.6b	\$180.1b	
11/11/20	16 15:30	TH	Forward Contracts	Nov-04		\$21.8b	\$22.1b	
11/11/20	16:30	HK	GDP SA QoQ	3Q	0.30%	0.60%	1.60%	
11/11/20	16 16:30	HK	GDP YoY	3Q	1.50%	1.90%	1.70%	-
11/11/20	16:31	CH	New Yuan Loans CNY	Oct	672.0b	651.3b	1220.0b	
11/11/20	16:31	CH	Money Supply M2 YoY	Oct	11.40%	11.60%	11.50%	-
11/11/20	16 20:00	IN	Industrial Production YoY	Sep	0.50%	0.70%	-0.70%	-
11/11/20	16 23:00	US	U. of Mich. Sentiment	Nov P	87.9	91.6	87.2	-
11/1//20	16 04:30	NZ	REINZ House Sales YoY	Oct		-14.20%	-9.50%	
)16 04.30)16 07:50	JN	GDP SA QoQ	3Q P	0.20%	0.50%	-9.50% 0.20%	-
)16 07:50)16 07:50	JN	GDP Annualized SA QoQ	3Q P	0.20%	2.20%	0.20%	-
	16 07:50	JN	GDP Nominal SA QoQ	3Q P	-0.10%	0.20%	0.70%	0.10%
)16 07:50	JN	GDP Deflator YoY	3Q P	0.30%	-0.10%	0.30 % 0.70%	0.1076
	16 07:30	UK	Rightmove House Prices MoM	Nov	0.30 /6	-1.10%	0.90%	
)16 08:01	UK	Rightmove House Prices YoY	Nov		4.50%	4.20%	
)16 10:00	CH	Industrial Production YoY	Oct	6.20%	4.5076	6.10%	_
	16 10:00	CH	Industrial Production YTD YoY	Oct	6.10%		6.00%	
	16 10:00	CH	Retail Sales YoY	Oct	10.70%		10.70%	
	16 10:00	CH	Retail Sales YTD YoY	Oct	10.40%		10.40%	
	16 10:00	CH	Fixed Assets Ex Rural YTD YoY	Oct	8.20%		8.20%	
	16 12:30	JN	Industrial Production MoM	Sep F	G.2070 		0.00%	
	16 12:30	JN	Industrial Production YoY	Sep F			0.90%	
	16 12:30	JN	Capacity Utilization MoM	Sep			2.60%	
	16 17:00	IT	CPI EU Harmonized YoY	Oct F	-0.10%		-0.10%	
	16 18:00	EC	Industrial Production SA MoM	Sep	-1.00%		1.60%	
	16 18:00	EC	Industrial Production WDA YoY	Sep	0.90%		1.80%	
)16 11/15	IN	Imports YoY	Oct			-2.50%	
	16 11/15	IN	Exports YoY	Oct			4.60%	
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Source: Bloomberg



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