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Highlights

Global: Are they friends again? Latest updates to the most important relationship in the global economy - that of between the US and China, if you must ask – suggest a cautiously optimistic maybe. FT reports that Trump administration officials are considering whether to remove some existing tariffs on Chinese goods, as part of a concession for the partial "Phase 1" trade deal. The rollback in discussion appears to surround the September 1st 15% tariffs that were placed on USD112bn of Chinese imports on goods such as clothing, appliances and flat screen monitors. If true, this suggests a significant softening of stance on the US side, given that the news flow before this was primarily about whether US would pause on applying new tariffs, such as the one planned for December 15th, rather than rolling back tariffs that have already been applied. Given that there is no definite deadline to the signing of any agreement – since the November 16-17th APEC summit meeting in which leaders from both sides were supposed to meet has been cancelled - there is obviously still the risk that the atmosphere of truce might shift abruptly yet again. Still, market is going to take any good news it can get now.

US: Durable goods orders for September came in at -1.2% mom, slight short of expectations of 1.1%, as orders for transport equipment fell in particular, showing signs of impact from trade war concerns. Going forward, market is zooming in on ISM services print out tonight, with expectation of a slight improvement to 53.5 from 52.6 the month before, as another gauge of whether US consumers and the services sector can continue to weather the hits from the manufacturing softness.

Singapore: Singapore's manufacturing PMI remained in contraction in October, rising slightly from 49.5 to 49.6. Among the 10 sub-indices of the PMI, the electronics sector continues to post the deepest contraction PMI of 49.3, although it increased slightly from last month's three-year low of 49.1. Overall, 4 of 10 sub-indices in the PMI posted contractions in October, one lesser than last month, with the Output Index returning to expansion territory after a brief stint with contraction.

Indonesia: Q3 GDP data is due out today. We see growth coming in at 5.0% yoy, compared to 5.05% in the prior quarter. Private consumption growth will be the key to watch, given the highest weight in the overall GDP and also its role as the ultimate guarantor of Indonesia's resilience in the face of global uncertainties. While retail sales figure has stayed robust, consumer loans growth has not picked up much despite BI's round of rate cuts.

Oil: Brent prices closed above \$62/bbl for the first time in six weeks. Separately, the delivery outage from the Keystone pipeline is feared to be longer than expected, after a spillage on 29 October forced a shutdown on the conduit. Both news combined may have pushed up prices, with the optimism from the US-China trade front likely to have played a larger role in the recent rally.

Key Market Movements				
Equity	Value	% chg		
S&P 500	3078.3	0.4%		
DJIA	27462	0.4%		
Nikkei 225	22851	0.0%		
SH Comp	2975.5	0.6%		
STI	3236.4	0.2%		
Hang Seng	27547	1.6%		
KLCI	1603.6	0.6%		
Currencies	Value	% chg		
DXY	97.505	0.3%		
USDJPY	108.58	0.4%		
EURUSD	1.1128	-0.3%		
GBPUSD	1.2884	-0.5%		
USDIDR	14013	-0.2%		
USDSGD	1.359	0.1%		
SGDMYR	3.0605	-0.2%		
Rates	Value	chg (bp)		
3M UST	1.53	1.53		
10Y UST	1.78	6.67		
1Y SGS	1.71	-0.10		
10Y SGS	1.74	0.77		
3M LIBOR	1.89	-1.18		
3M SIBOR	1.80	-0.22		
3M SOR	1.46	-5.80		
Commodities	Value	% chg		
Brent	62.13	0.7%		
WTI	56.54	0.6%		
Gold	1510	-0.3%		
Silver	18.06	-0.4%		
Palladium	1781	-1.5%		
Copper	5877	0.5%		
BCOM	80.63	0.5%		

Source: Bloomberg

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Major Markets

US: US markets continue its climb on market optimism over news of more positive developments on the US-China trade war front. The S&P 500 index is now back to breaking all-time highs, closing up 0.4% at 3078. 10Y UST yields also gained 6.7bps to 1.78%. Looking ahead, we expect the risk sentiment to continue to be buoyed by the expected signing of the phase one trade deal, although we also note that the index is currently trading at its 95th percentile P/E ratio and might be vulnerable to pullbacks.

Singapore: The STI rose 0.2% yesterday, rising almost 7 points to close at 3236.40. The benchmark equity index followed US indices from Friday higher, after the US posted better-than-expected US nonfarm payrolls for October. Gains in the STI yesterday, however, lagged regional equity movements, with the KOSPI up 1.4%, Hang Seng index up 1.7% and the SET up 1.9%, among others. The STI is expected to continue posting gains today on further trade optimism between the US and China, but given yesterday's relatively muted rally, we expect the STI's upside to be slightly capped today.

Malaysia: Bank Negara is due to announce the decision of its last monetary policy meeting for the year today. Median of the consensus forecasts is expecting BNM to hold rate, but on balance, we see a 55% chance of the central bank cutting the OPR to 2.75% today. While global trade headlines have been on the relatively more supportive side, the damage to Malaysia's exports sector has been done. For instance, September exports data that was released yesterday showed a contraction of 6.8% yoy against market expectation of a flat 0% growth. Moreover, with inflation surprising on the low side at 1.1% yoy in September versus expectation of 1.3% and prior print of 1.5%, the central bank does have some space to pursue an insurance cut.

Hong Kong: The investment return of Hong Kong's exchange fund decreased by 55.1% qoq to HK\$20.2 billion in 3Q19 as the gain from bond investments and other stock investments shrank while foreign exchange and local stock investments continued to register a loss. Moving into the fourth quarter, we expect the exchange fund to sustain a moderate investment return as stock market will likely perform well while bond market is poised to tumble in the near term owing to reduction in global risks (including Brexit and trade war), pause in global monetary easing as well as hope for global economic stabilization. Meanwhile, USD is expected to remain range-bound and keep the foreign exchange loss contained. Taken all together, the exchange fund will likely book a decent net return this year after already gaining HK\$198.6 billion in the first three quarters. This will help sustain the healthy fiscal reserve and allow the HKMA to well defend the currency peg.

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Bond Market Updates

Market Commentary: The SGD swap curve steepened yesterday, with the shorter tenors traded 3-4bps lower, while the belly and longer tenors traded 0-3bps higher (with exception of the 10-year tenor which traded 2bps lower). The Bloomberg Barclays Asia USD IG Bond Index average OAS tightened 2bps to 129bps and the Bloomberg Barclays Asia USD HY Bond Index average OAS tightened 4bps to 507bps. The HY-IG Index spread tightened 2bps to 377bps. 10Y USTs rose 7bps to 1.78%, with optimistic progress seen on the US – China trade war. The US was reportedly debating whether to roll back tariffs on USD112bn of Chinese imports.

New Issues: POSCO priced a USD500mn 3-year bond at T+97.5bps, tightening from IPT of T+125bps area. Sinopec Group Overseas Development 2018 Ltd (Guarantor: China Petrochemical Corp) priced a USD2.0bn offering in 3 parts; a USD700mn 5-year bond at T+93bps (tightening from IPT of T+120bps area), a USD1.0bn 10-year bond at T+122.5bps (tightening from IPT of T+150bps area), and a USD300mn 30year bond at 3.44% (tightening from IPT of 3.65% area). Hongkong International (Qingdao) Company Limited (Keepwell Deed, Deed of EIPU and Irrevocable Standby Facility Provider: Qingdao City Construction Investment (Group) Limited) priced a USD300mn 3-year bond at 3.90%, tightening from IPT of 4.4% area. Vanke Real Estate (Hong Kong) Company Ltd (Keepwell Deed, Deed of EIPU privoder: China Vanke Co., Ltd) priced a USD423mn 5.5-year bond at T+160bps (tightening from IPT of T+190bps area), and a USD300mn 10-year bond at T+183bps (tightening from IPT of T+210bps area). Kaisa Group Holdings Ltd priced a USD300mn 4NC2 bond at 11.95%, tightening from IPT of 12.5% area. Greentown China Holdings Limited (Subsidiary Guarantors: Certain of the Company's Restricted Subsidiaries incorporated outside the PRC) priced a USD600mn 364-day bond at 4.55%, tightening from IPT of 5.0% area. Yango Justice International Limited (Parent Guarantor: Yango Group Co., Ltd) priced a USD250mn 3.25NP2 bond at 11.5% (YTP), tightening from IPT of 11.75% area (YTP). Powerlong Real Estate Holdings Limited (Subsidiary Guarantors: Certain non-PRC subsidiaries of the Issuer) priced a USD300mn 3NC2 bond at 7.3%, tightening from IPT of 7.75% area. Shui On Development (Holding) Ltd (Guarantor: Shui On Land Ltd) priced a USD300mn 4NC2 Green Bond at 5.75%, tightening from IPT of 6.0% area. Zhongyuan Asset Management Co., Ltd scheduled investor meetings commencing 5 Nov for its proposed USD bond issuance.

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	Day Close	% Change		Day Close	% Change	Index	Value	Net change
DXY	97.505	0.27%	USD-SGD	1.3590	0.10%	DJIA	27,462.11	114.7
USD-JPY	108.580	0.36%	EUR-SGD	1.5123	-0.24%	S&P	3,078.27	11.3
EUR-USD	1.1128	-0.34%	JPY-SGD	1.2516	-0.26%	Nasdaq	8,433.20	46.8
AUD-USD	0.6884	-0.29%	GBP-SGD	1.7507	-0.38%	Nikkei 225	22,850.77	-
GBP-USD	1.2884	-0.48%	AUD-SGD	0.9356	-0.28%	STI	3,236.40	6.9
USD-MYR	4.1505	-0.36%	NZD-SGD	0.8699	-0.32%	KLCI	1,603.56	10.2
USD-CNY	7.0304	-0.09%	CHF-SGD	1.3756	-0.13%	JCI	6,180.34	-26.8
USD-IDR	14013	-0.19%	SGD-MYR	3.0605	-0.19%	Baltic Dry	1,697.00	
USD-VND	23200		SGD-CNY	5.1778	-0.14%	VIX	12.83	0.5
Interbank Offer Ra	ates (%)					Government E	Bond Yields (%)	
Tenor	EURIBOR	Change	Tenor l	JSD Libor	Change	Tenor	SGS (chg)	UST (chg
1M	-0.4430	-0.80%	O/N	1.5921	-0.77%	2Y	1.57 (-0.02)	1.58 (+0.03
2M	-0.3360	-0.77%	1M	1.7743	-1.06%	5Y	1.59 ()	1.59 (+0.05
3M	-0.3990	-1.06%	2M	1.8389	-0.11%	10Y	1.74 (+0.01)	1.78 (+0.07
6M	-0.3480	-0.11%	3M	1.8905	-1.18%	15Y	1.84 (+0.01)	-
9M	-0.1940	-1.18%	6M	1.9024	-1.39%	20Y	1.93 (+0.03)	-
12M	-0.2810	-1.39%	12M	1.9253	-3.01%	30Y	2.07 (+0.01)	2.26 (+0.07
Fed Rate Hike Pro	bability					Financial Spre	ad (bps)	
Meeting	Prob Hike	Prob Cut	0.75-1.00%	1.00-1.25%	1.25-1.50%		Value	Chang
10/30/2019	0.00%	12.70%	0.00%	0.00%	12.70%	EURIBOR-OIS	6.25	0.52
12/11/2019	0.00%	31.70%	0.00%	2.80%	29.00%	TED	35.36	
01/29/2020	0.00%	44.80%	0.50%	7.80%	36.50%			
03/18/2020	0.00%	51.30%	1.40%	11.20%	38.70%	Secured Overnight Fin. Rate		
04/29/2020	0.00%	56.30%	2.40%	14.00%	39.70%	SOFR	1.58	
06/10/2020	0.00%	61.00%	3.60%	16.80%	40.20%			
Commodities Futur Energy	es	Futures	% chg	Soft Comn	andition	Futures	% chg	
WTI (per barrel)		56.54	J	Corn (per l		3.8325	-1.5%	
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Brent (per barrel)	on)	62.13 1.9405			per bushel)	9.258 5.0975	0.2% -1.2%	
Heating Oil (per gall	•			Wheat (pe	•			
Gasoline (per gallon	•	1.6637			n Oil (MYR/MT)	2,470.0	2.0%	
Natural Gas (per MI	vibtu)	2.8210	3.9%	Rubber (JP	Y/KG)	151.7	0.0%	
Base Metals		Futures	Ū	Precious N		Futures	% chg	
Copper (per mt)		5,877		Gold (per o	•	1,509.8	-0.3%	
Nickel (per mt)		16,380	-2.4%	Silver (per	oz)	18.057	-0.4%	

(Note that rates are for reference only)

Economic Calendar

Date Time		Event		Survey	Actual	Prior	Revised
11/05/2019 07:50	JN	Monetary Base YoY	Oct		3.10%	3.00%	
11/05/2019 08:30	HK	Markit Hong Kong PMI	Oct			41.5	
11/05/2019 09:00	PH	CPI YoY 2012=100	Oct	0.80%		0.90%	
11/05/2019 09:45	CH	Caixin China PMI Composite	Oct			51.9	
11/05/2019 09:45	CH	Caixin China PMI Services	Oct	51.1		51.3	
11/05/2019 11:30	AU	RBA Cash Rate Target	Nov-05	0.75%		0.75%	
11/05/2019 12:00	ID	GDP YoY	3Q	5.00%		5.05%	
11/05/2019 15:00	MA	BNM Overnight Policy Rate	Nov-05	3.00%		3.00%	
11/05/2019 17:30	UK	Markit/CIPS UK Services PMI	Oct	49.7		49.5	
11/05/2019 17:30	UK	Markit/CIPS UK Composite PMI	Oct	49.5		49.3	
11/05/2019 21:00	US	Fed's Barkin Speaks in Baltimore					
11/05/2019 21:30	US	Trade Balance	Sep	-\$52.4b		-\$54.9b	
11/05/2019 22:45	US	Markit US Services PMI	Oct F	51		51	
11/05/2019 22:45	US	Markit US Composite PMI	Oct F			51.2	
11/05/2019 23:00	US	ISM Non-Manufacturing Index	Oct	53.5		52.6	
Source: Bloomberg							

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