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Market Commentary

- The SGD swap curve was range bound yesterday trading less than 1bp lower across the belly and longer dated tenors.
- The Bloomberg Barclays Asia USD IG Bond Index average OAS remained mostly unchanged at 138bps, and the Bloomberg Barclays Asia USD HY Bond Index average OAS remained mostly unchanged at 617bps. The HY-IG Index Spread remained mostly unchanged at 479bps.
- There were minimal flows in SGD corporates yesterday.
- UST 10Y Yields remained unchanged at 1.60% in observance of Memorial Day.



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Credit Summary:

- Ascott Residence Trust ("ART") | Issuer Profile: Neutral (5): ART announced that it has entered into agreements to buy three freehold rental housing properties in Sapporo, Japan for JPY6.78 bn (~SGD85.2mn) to expand its rental housing portfolio. The properties will be purchased from unrelated third parties. The funding for the acquisition will come from debt and part of the net proceeds from recent divestments.
- <u>Singapore Airlines Limited ("SIA")</u> | Issuer Profile: Neutral (5): SIA has responded to a series of questions posed by the Securities Investors Association Singapore ("SIAS") on SIA's proposed issuance of the additional mandatory convertible bonds ("AMCB").
- Singapore Post Limited ("SPOST") | Issuer Profile: Neutral (3): SPOST announced that Paul Coutts, Group CEO has submitted his resignation on 31 May 2021 to pursue other opportunities. He will support a handover until 31 August 2021 or earlier as may be agreed with SPOST. Mr Coutts was appointed as CEO of SPOST on 1 June 2017. The Board is considering both internal and external candidates to lead SPOST. In the interim, Simon Israel, Chairman of the Board will, on behalf of the Board, provide guidance to and exercise oversight of the senior management leadership team in SPOST.

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Credit Headlines

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- The funding for the acquisition will come from debt and part of the net proceeds from recent divestments. On 27 May 2021, ART had completed the divestment of Somerset Xu Hui Shanghai, where the property was sold for RMB1.05 bn (~SGD217mn).
- ART is in the midst of diversifying from its hospitality assets-heavy portfolio, a segment which is still facing a challenging outlook amidst the pandemic. Using end-2020 value as starting point, including the US student accommodation acquired in 1Q2021 and the proposed acquisitions in Sapporo, the student accommodation and rental housing segment will comprise ~8% of ART's total portfolio value on a proforma basis. ART aims to grow the segment to ~15-20% of its portfolio value in the medium term. (Company, OCBC)

Singapore Airlines Limited ("SIA") | Issuer Profile: Neutral (5)

- SIA has responded to a series of questions posed by the Securities Investors Association Singapore ("SIAS") on SIA's proposed issuance of the additional mandatory convertible bonds ("AMCB").
- Among the key replies include:
 - Reasons for issuing AMCB: The proceeds from the AMCBs will be treated as equity in SIA's balance sheet, allowing SIA to maintain a strong equity base and creating options for further debt raising. The proceeds will also allow SIA to meet ongoing financial commitments, make the necessary investments and capitalise on any opportunities that may arise to secure SIA's industry-leading position, and provide resources for growth as the company navigate through the ongoing crisis.
 - Optimal capital structure: Before COVID-19, SIA has been moving towards less cash on the balance sheet with lines of credit although given the uncertainties due to COVID-19, SIA intend to hold higher cash levels to cushion operating volatility. SIA does not have a specific target leverage ratio or other financial metrics as the company needs the flexibility amidst the pandemic.
 - Liquidity runway: The proceeds from AMCBs will fortify SIA's financial position. Including existing cash reserves, SIA expects the liquidity to sufficiently cover its financial needs well into FY2023 (SIA's financial year ends on 31 March).
 - Take-private: Take-private is not for SIA to consider as it is a shareholder action, as such the company is not in a position to comment. (Company, OCBC)

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- The Board is considering both internal and external candidates to lead SPOST. In the interim, Simon Israel, Chairman of the Board will, on behalf of the Board, provide guidance to and exercise oversight of the senior management leadership team in SPOST.
- Separately, in February 2021, there were indications of lapses in internal procedures and protocols relating to the engagement of an advisor for certain subsidiaries of SPOST which occurred in 2020. A review which has been completed has concluded that there was no dishonesty, fraud or criminal activity in connection with the engagement of the relevant advisor, and no personal gain or benefit to Mr Coutts has been identified. There has also been no resulting financial loss or material impact caused to SPOST. (Company, OCBC)



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Key Market Movements

	1-Jun	1W chg (bps)	1M chg (bps)		1-Jun	1W chg	1M chg
iTraxx Asiax IG	86	-2	6	Brent Crude Spot (\$/bbl)	69.47	1.19%	3.30%
iTraxx SovX APAC	26	-1	0	Gold Spot (\$/oz)	1,907.39	0.43%	6.39%
iTraxx Japan	46	-1	-2	CRB	205.70	2.40%	2.97%
iTraxx Australia	60	-1	-2	GSCI	519.23	2.53%	2.64%
CDX NA IG	51	-1	0	VIX	16.76	-16.82%	-9.94%
CDX NA HY	110	0	0	CT10 (%)	1.605%	4.57	-2.14
iTraxx Eur Main	50	-2	0				
iTraxx Eur XO	246	-11	-2	AUD/USD	0.774	-0.13%	-0.28%
iTraxx Eur Snr Fin	58	-2		EUR/US D	1.223	-0.20%	1.34%
iTraxx Eur Sub Fin	108	-9	-1	USD/SGD	1.321	0.39%	0.67%
iTraxx Sovx WE	6	0	0	AUD/SGD	1.022	0.55%	0.95%
USD Swap Spread 10Y	-3	1	-3	ASX 200	7,141	0.37%	1.64%
USD Swap Spread 30Y	-28	2	-2	DJIA	34,529	0.94%	1.93%
US Libor-OIS Spread	4	-2	-5	SPX	4,204	1.16%	0.55%
Euro Libor-OIS Spread	-6	0	-1	MSCI Asiax	893	1.96%	1.01%
				HSI	29,152	2.60%	1.49%
China 5Y CDS	37	-2	0	STI	3,164	1.49%	-1.68%
Malaysia 5Y CDS	46	-2	0	KLCI	1,584	1.37%	-1.13%
Indonesia 5Y CDS	77	-2	-1	JCI	5,947	3.02%	-0.80%
Thailand 5Y CDS	40	-1	-1	EU Stoxx 50	4,039	0.10%	1.63%
Australia 5Y CDS	15	0	-12			Source: B	loomberg



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New Issues

- Datang Group Holdings Limited priced a USD300mn 364-day senior unsecured bond at 13%.
- Agile Group Holdings Ltd priced a USD150mn re-tap of its AGILE 5.5% '26s at 5.625%, tightening from IPT of 5.95% area.
- Qingdao Jiaozhouwan Development Co. Ltd. priced a USD200mn 3-year senior unsecured bond at 3.4%.
- Xi'an Port Industrial Co. Ltd. priced a USD110mn re-tap of its XIAPRT 5.8%'23s at 5.8%.
- Mapletree North Asia Commercial Trust priced a SGD250mn PerpNC5 at 3.5%, tightening from IPG of 3.7% area.
- Shinhan Card has arranged investor calls commencing 1 June for its proposed USD senior unsecured social bond offering.
- Gansu Provincial Highway Aviation Tourism Investment Group Co., Ltd. has arranged investor calls commencing 31 May for its proposed USD senior unsecured bond offering.
- China State Construction International Holdings Limited has arranged investor calls commencing 31 May for its proposed USD subordinated perpetual bond offering.

Date	Issuer	Size	Tenor	Pricing
31-May-21	Datang Group Holdings Limited	USD300mn	364-day	13%
31-May-21	Agile Group Holdings Ltd	USD150mn	AGILE 5.5%'26s	5.625%
31-May-21	Qingdao Jiaozhouw an Development Co. Ltd.	USD200mn	3-year	3.4%
31-May-21	Xi'an Port Industrial Co. Ltd.	USD110mn	XIA PRT 5.8%'23s	5.8%
31-May-21	Mapletree North Asia Commercial Trust	SGD250mn	PerpNC5	3.5%

Source: OCBC, Bloomberg

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