

Daily Credit Snapshot

Market Commentary

- Markets closed mixed on Friday as investors weighed a hot CPI print, record-low consumer sentiment, and the weekend peace talks, which ultimately failed to deliver any breakthrough. Even so, the S&P 500 still posted its strongest weekly gain of the year, recouping almost all the losses suffered since the US-Iran conflict began in late February. Oil prices gaped higher this morning after Trump said the US will conduct a full naval blockade of the Strait of Hormuz. On the geopolitical front, US Vice President Vance said on Sunday that the talks ended without agreement. With the two-week ceasefire announced on April 7 now already halfway through, the risk of renewed conflict remains elevated, which should keep oil prices well supported in the near term. On data front, US March CPI rose 0.9% MoM and 3.3% YoY, marking the largest monthly increase since 2022 and the highest annual inflation rate since May 2024. The surge was overwhelmingly driven by energy, with energy prices jumping 10.9%. In particular, gasoline prices surged 21.2%, the sharpest increase since the series began in 1967, accounting for nearly three-quarters of the monthly rise in headline CPI. By contrast, core CPI remained relatively contained at 0.2% m/m and 2.6% y/y, up from 2.46% in February, suggesting that the inflation shock remains highly concentrated in energy rather than becoming broad-based, at least for now. There are already signs that higher energy costs are beginning to filter through the real economy. Amazon announced a 3.5% fuel and logistics surcharge for third-party sellers, effective 17 April. Meanwhile, consumer sentiment deteriorated sharply. The University of Michigan's preliminary April consumer sentiment index plunged to 47.6, the lowest reading in the survey's more than 70-year history. One-year inflation expectations jumped to 4.8% from 3.8% in March, while five-year inflation expectations edged up to 3.4%. One bright spot remains the semiconductor sector. TSMC reported Q1 revenue of TWD1.13tn, up 35% y/y and ahead of market expectations, reinforcing the view that AI-driven semiconductor demand remains resilient despite the increasingly fragile geopolitical backdrop.
- The SGD SORA OIS curve traded lower last Friday with shorter tenors trading flat to 1bps lower while belly tenors traded 1-2bps lower and 10Y tenors traded 2bps lower.
- Flows in SGD corporates were heavy, with flows in STANLN 4.3%-PERP, BACR 5.4%-PERP, BACR 8.3%-PERP, OLGSP 5.375%-PERP.
- US Investment Grade spreads traded flat at 80bps and US High Yield spreads widened by 8bps to 280bps respectively.
- Bloomberg Global Contingent Capital Index tightened by 6bps to 240bps.
- Bloomberg Asia USD Investment Grade spreads tightened by 1bps to 62bps and Asia USD High Yield spreads tightened by 11bps to 411bps respectively. (Bloomberg, OCBC)

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Credit Summary:

- There are no headlines for today.

New Issues:

- The total issuance volumes for APAC and DM IG market last Friday were USD302mn and zero respectively.
- There were no notable issuers in the DM IG, APAC USD and Singdollar markets last Friday, with no deals of at least USD1.0bn in DM IG or USD500bn in the APAC USD market.

Mandates:

- There were no notable mandates last Friday.

Key Market Movements

	13-Apr	1W chg (bps)	1M chg (bps)		13-Apr	1W chg	1M chg
iTraxx Asiax IG	77	-10	-6	Brent Crude Spot (\$/bbl)	101.9	-7.2%	-1.2%
				Gold Spot (\$/oz)	4,730	1.7%	-5.8%
iTraxx Japan	64	-5	-6	CRB Commodity Index	369	-3.4%	1.0%
iTraxx Australia	76	-10	-6	S&P Commodity Index - GSCI	705	-9.3%	-2.5%
CDX NA IG	56	-3	-5	VIX	19.2	-19.4%	-29.3%
CDX NA HY	106	1	1	US10Y Yield	4.34%	1bp	7bp
iTraxx Eur Main	59	-7	-6				
iTraxx Eur XO	293	-33	-14	AUD/USD	0.704	1.8%	0.8%
iTraxx Eur Snr Fin	64	-8	-5	EUR/USD	1.169	1.3%	2.4%
iTraxx Eur Sub Fin	107	-12	-12	USD/SGD	1.276	0.7%	0.5%
				AUD/SGD	0.899	-1.1%	-0.3%
USD Swap Spread 10Y	-45	-0	3	ASX200	8,918	3.9%	3.5%
USD Swap Spread 30Y	-78	-0	5	DJIA	47,917	3.0%	2.9%
				SPX	6,817	3.6%	2.8%
China 5Y CDS	45	-6	-4	MSCI Asiax	999	6.7%	4.3%
Malaysia 5Y CDS	41	-6	-6	HSI	25,605	1.2%	0.5%
Indonesia 5Y CDS	88	-11	-5	STI	4,967	-0.1%	2.6%
Thailand 5Y CDS	50	-9	0	KLCI	1,678	-0.2%	-1.2%
Australia 5Y CDS	14	-1	0	JCI	7,493	7.2%	5.0%
				EU Stoxx 50	5,926	3.4%	3.7%

Source: Bloomberg

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