Daily Treasury Outlook

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Highlights

Global: Another down day – the S&P 500 declined 1.13% overnight to its lowest level since July, with tech stocks leading the decline, as market players weighed the prospects of another 75bps at next week's FOMC meeting and the possible forward guidance going out into early 2023 through the September dot plot and Fed Chair Powell's press conference. UST bond yields rose another 1-8bps higher overnight while the 52-week T-bill yield touched 4% intraday before finishing at 3.983% (highest since its reintroduction in 2008). On the data front, US' retail sales rebounded 0.3% in August, while the July data was revised lower to -0.4%, but the retail sales excluding auto and gas was unchanged at 0.3%, while initial jobless claims eased 5k to 213k with the four-week moving average at 224k (lowest since June) and the Philadelphia Fed business outlook gauge deteriorated more than expected from +6.2 to -9.9 in September. Meanwhile, pronounced CNH weakness overnight past the 7.0 handle for the first time since 2020 also pointed to low confidence ahead of today's data dump by China and today's daily fixing will be closely watched. Seven Chinese banks had also cut their benchmark deposit rates across the board for the first time since 2015. Oil prices also slipped as the US Department of Energy recanted its expected plans to restock petroleum reserves and China is mulling raising its fuel export quota, whereas natural gas futures fell after US railroads and unions reached a tentative deal to half a strike. Separately, the World Bank warned that global growth is slowing sharply but global core inflation rate could stay ~5% in 2023 and global monetary policy tightening could give rise to significant financial stress and trigger a global recession next year.

Market watch: Asian markets are likely to tread cautiously today as risk appetite remains somewhat nervous ahead of China's data dump and the upcoming FOMC meeting next week. Today's economic data calendar comprises of China's August retail sales, industrial production, fixed asset and property investment and jobless rate, UK's retail sales, Eurozone's CPI and US' University of Michigan Sentiment index. ECB's Lagarde, Rehn and Villeroy are also speaking today. Malaysian market is out for holiday today.

SG: August NODX accelerated from 7.0% YoY (1.4% MoM sa) in July to 11.4% YoY (-3.9% MoM sa), as the surge in pharmaceuticals (+68.8% YoY and -7.9% MoM sa) offset the weakness in electronics exports which shrank 4.5% YoY in August (the worst in 31 months due to the high base in 2021).

CN: China continued to see net inflows of foreign currency despite the RMB depreciation. Our preferred gauge net settlement of foreign currency in spot, forward and derivative by Chinese banks on behalf of clients remained high at US\$17.8bn. In addition, willingness to sell foreign currency remained stable at 71% in August. The August cross border flow data reinforced our view that the recent RMB depreciation was not due to changing demand supply matrix for foreign currency and capital outflows. PBoC kept the interest rate of CNY400bn medium-term lending facility (MLF) loans unchanged at 2.75% and partially rolled over CNY600bn of maturing MLF loans. The partial rollover since August despite China's easing bias was due to flushed short-end liquidity and increasing financial leverage activity.

Key Market Movements				
Equity	Value	% chg		
S&P 500	3901.4	-1.1%		
DJIA	30962	-0.6%		
Nikkei 225	27876	0.2%		
SH Comp	3199.9	-1.2%		
STI	3268.0	0.3%		
Hang Seng	18930	0.4%		
KLCI	1467.3	-0.1%		
	Value	% chg		
DXY	109.739	0.1%		
USDJPY	143.52	0.3%		
EURUSD	1.0001	0.2%		
GBPUSD	1.1467	-0.6%		
USDIDR	14898	-0.1%		
USDSGD	1.4091	0.2%		
SGDMYR	3.2269	0.0%		
	Value	chg (bp)		
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2Y UST	3.86	7.65		
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10Y UST	3.45	4.46		
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Major Markets

SG: The STI gained 0.31% to close at 3,267.98 but may be in consolidation mode today amid softer market sentiments. Longer-dated SGS bonds fared better yesterday, but front-end rates are likely to remain under pressure. The \$4.2bn 6-month T-bill auction fetched a yield of 3.32% and a bid-cover ratio of 2.17x yesterday.

CN: China's DR007, a market determined 7-day reverse repo rate between major financial institutions remained low at around 1.5%, way below the official reverse repo rate of 2%. Since April, the market rate has deviated from the official rate by a notable margin due to China's easing monetary policy. However, the persistent gap for more than five months also fuelled financial leverage. Daily overnight repo transaction volume has risen sharply from about CNY4.5tn in the beginning of April to more than CNY6tn in the past two months. This may lead to concerns about financial leverage. The partial rollover of MLF sends a warning signal to her market that PBoC will continue to keep an eye on financial leverage. Given that there will be an additional CNY2tn 1-year MLF maturing in the next four months, we expect China to continue to guide the market rate to converge back to the official rate via partial rollover of maturing loans.

ID: Indonesia continued to post supportive trade numbers, with the August print showing that exports grew by 30.15% YoY, considerably higher than 19.9% that was expected by the market. Within that, commodities continued to be the major drivers, with exports of mining up by 63.17% YoY, of oil & gas by 64.46%, and agriculture products by 31.17%. Imports rose by a relatively hefty 32.81% YoY, beating expectation but not by a whole lot. As a result, trade surplus proved to be substantial at USD5.76bn, versus estimated 4bn.

ESG Updates

CN: China's largest desert solar photovoltaic base located at Tengger Desert in Zhongwei, Northwest China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, has started construction. This marks an important step in the development of new infrastructure amidst the country's push for carbon neutrality.

ID: Indonesia and Norway signed a deal to reward deforestation reduction. However, environmental activists say the deal will not change the situation in Indonesia with rampant deforestation to make way for palm and timber plantations that threaten endangered species and displace indigenous people.

Rest of the world: Ethereum underwent a major software upgrade that slashes the amount of energy needed to create new coins and carry out transactions.

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Bond Market Updates

Market Commentary: The SGD SORA curve traded mostly higher yesterday with shorter tenors trading 9-10bps higher while belly tenors traded 8-9bps higher and longer tenors traded 6-7bps higher. UST 10Y yields rose by 5bps to 3.45% yesterday as markets assessed a mixed batch of incoming data from the consumer spending and manufacturing front as well as weekly jobless claims figures. Advanced retail sales MoM rose to 0.3%, above Bloomberg median estimates of 0.1% and prior's month flat reading, as retail sales got aided by lower gasoline prices and shifted spending to more motor vehicles and dining out. Manufacturing, which accounts for 11.9% of the US economy, was seen slowing through the Federal Reserve's ("Fed") monthly US Industrial Production survey which came in at 0.1%, a sevenmonth low although above Bloomberg median estimates of -0.1%. Separately, initial jobless claims for the week ended September 10 came in at 213k, declining again for a sixth consecutive week and below Bloomberg median estimates of 227k. The reading also marked a new three-month low and further reinforced the strength of the labour market, which coupled with the surprise uptick in inflation figures observed earlier in the week should provide ammunition for more aggressive monetary tightening ahead by the Feds as they seek to cool the economy.

New Issues: Korean Air Lines Co Ltd (Guarantor: Korea Development Bank) priced a USD300mn 3-year senior unsecured bond at T+90bps, tightening from an IPT of T+130bps area. Jinko Power Technology Co Ltd (Guarantor: China Merchants Bank, Shanghai branch) priced a USD100mn 3-year senior unsecured credit enhanced green bond at 4.8%, in line with its final guidance area. Xiamen Xiangyu Group Corp. has mandated banks to arrange a series of fixed income investor calls commencing 15 September 2022 for a proposed USD senior unsecured bond offering. Shaoxing Shangyu State-owned Capital Investment and Operation Co., Ltd. has mandated banks for its proposed USD bonds offering.

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	Day Close	% Change		Day Clos	se % Change	Index	Value	Net change
DXY	109.739	0.07%	USD-SGD	1.4091	-	DJIA	30,961.82	-173.27
USD-JPY	143.520	0.31%	EUR-SGD	1.4092	0.39%	S&P	3,901.35	-44.66
EUR-USD	1.000	0.20% -0.68% -0.62%	JPY-SGD GBP-SGD AUD-SGD	0.9820	-0.02%	Nasdaq	11,552.36 27,875.91 3,267.98	-167.32 57.29 9.96
AUD-USD	0.670 1.147			1.6159		Nikkei 225		
GBP-USD				0.9444		STI		
USD-MYR	4.535	0.16%	NZD-SGD	0.8407	-0.41%	KLCI	1,467.31	-1.13
USD-CNY	6.995	0.47%	CHF-SGD	1.4653	3 0.27%	JCI	7,305.60	27.52
USD-IDR	14898	-0.07%	SGD-MYR	3.2269	0.04%	Baltic Dry	1,595.00	187.00
USD-VND	23618	0.11%	SGD-CNY	4.9645	0.19%	VIX	26.27	0.11
Interbank Offer Ra	tes (%)					Government	Bond Yields (%)	
Tenor	EURIBOR	Change	Tenor	USD Libor	Change	Tenor	SGS (chg)	UST (chg)
1M	0.6690	0.62%	O/N	2.3221	2.31%	2Y	3.11 ()	3.86()
2M	-0.3360	-0.34%	1M	2.9391	2.82%	5Y	3.11 (+0.02)	3.67 (+0.06)
3M	1.0130	1.00%	2M	0.1525		10Y	3.16 ()	3.44 (+0.04)
6M	1.5480	1.54%	3M	3.4834	3.29%	15Y	3.16 (-0.01)	
9M	-0.1940	-0.20%	6M	4.0101		20Y	3.18 (-0.02)	
12M	2.1560	2.10%	12M	4.5321	4.24%	30Y	3.18 (-0.01)	3.46 (+0.01)
Fed Rate Hike Prob	ability					Financial Spre	ead (bps)	
Meeting	# of Hikes/Cuts	Implied F	Rate Change	Implied I	Rate	Value	Change	
09/21/2022	3.250		.813	3.137		EURIBOR-OIS	150.10	()
11/02/2022	5.962	1.490		3.815		TED	35.36	
12/14/2022	7.590		1.898		4.222		Secured Overnight Fin. Rate	
02/01/2023	8.253		.063	4.388			_	
03/22/2023	8.530		.132	4.458		SOFR	2.27	
05/03/2023	8.419	2	.105	4.430				
Commodities Fut Energy	ures	E	tures	% chg	Soft Commodities		Futures	% chg
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WTI (per barrel)			85.10		Corn (per bushel)		6.775	-4.4% -3.5%
Brent (per barrel)			90.84		, ,,		14.515	
Heating Oil (per gallon)		320.52		-5.14%	" ,		8.450	-1.0%
Gasoline (per gallon)		242.87			-3.79% Crude Palm Oil (MYR/MT)		37.000	0.0%
Natural Gas (per MMBtu)			8.32	-8.67%	Rubber (JPY/KG)		2.158	-0.3%
Base Metals		Fu	tures	% chg	Precious Metals		Futures	% chg
Copper (per mt)			29.50	-0.94%	Gold (per oz)		1665.1	-1.9%
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Nickel (per mt)		221	27.00	-4.50%	Silver (per oz)		19.2	-2.3%

Economic Calendar

Date Time		Event		Survey	Actual	Prior	Revised
09/16/2022 06:30	NZ	BusinessNZ Manufacturing PMI	Aug		54.90	52.70	53.50
09/16/2022 07:00	SK	Unemployment rate SA	Aug	3.00%	2.50%	2.90%	
09/16/2022 08:30	SI	Non-oil Domestic Exports YoY	Aug	8.30%		7.00%	
09/16/2022 10:00	CH	Industrial Production YoY	Aug	3.80%		3.80%	
09/16/2022 10:00	CH	Retail Sales YoY	Aug	3.20%		2.70%	
09/16/2022 10:00	CH	Industrial Production YTD YoY	Aug	3.60%		3.50%	
09/16/2022 14:00	UK	Retail Sales Inc Auto Fuel MoM	Aug	-0.50%		0.30%	
09/16/2022 14:00	UK	Retail Sales Ex Auto Fuel MoM	Aug	-0.70%		0.40%	
09/16/2022 14:00	UK	Retail Sales Inc Auto Fuel YoY	Aug	-3.70%		-3.40%	
09/16/2022 14:00	UK	Retail Sales Ex Auto Fuel YoY	Aug	-3.50%		-3.00%	
09/16/2022 15:30	TH	Foreign Reserves	Sep-09			\$213.5b	
09/16/2022 17:00	EC	CPI YoY	Aug F	9.10%		9.10%	
09/16/2022 17:00	EC	CPI MoM	Aug F	0.50%		0.50%	
09/16/2022 17:00	EC	CPI Core YoY	Aug F	4.30%		4.30%	
09/16/2022 20:15	CA	Housing Starts	Aug	266.5k		275.3k	
09/16/2022 22:00	US	U. of Mich. Sentiment	Sep P	60.00		58.20	

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