Daily Treasury Outlook

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Highlights

Global: Sinking – both the US equity market and UST bond yields fell like a rock overnight amid growing growth concerns that US consumption was being impacted by high inflation. The S&P 500 declined 4.04% (the most since June 2020) while Nasdaq plunged 4.73% and VIX rose to 30.96. Notably, weak retail earnings saw Target slumping 25% in the worst drop since Black Monday in 1987, following in the footsteps of Walmart the previous day. Cisco also fell as revenue and forecast missed analyst expectations. With the flight to safety, UST bonds rallied to push the 10Y yield down 10bps to 2.89% while the US\$17b 20-year bond auction fetched a high yield of 3.29% and a bid-cover ratio of 2.5x. The USD also gained, snapping a three-session decline. Fed's Harker opined "if there are no significant changes in the data in the coming weeks, I expect two additional 50bps rate hikes in June and July" and "after that, I anticipate a sequence of increases...at a measured pace". Elsewhere, Eurozone's CPI held at a record high of 7.4% in April (nearly quadruple the ECB's target) which was accompanied by Rehn signalling that there is broad agreement among ECB members to move "relatively quickly out of negative territory and continue our gradual process of monetary-policy normalization", as well as de Cos indicating the ECB will start hiking rates shortly after ending its bond purchase program in early 3Q given core inflation is clearly above 2%. Separately, UK's CPI also surged 9% (the most since March 1982) and Japan's April exports missed expectations at 12.5% YoY.

Market watch: Asian markets are likely off to a rocky start this morning as investors digest the overnight risk-off slump and await the BSP rate decision later today with a likely 25bps hike in the overnight borrowing rate to 2.25% while keeping its standing overnight deposit rate unchanged at 1.5%. Today's economic data calendar comprises of Malaysia's April trade data, S'pore's COE tender results, US' initial jobless claims, April existing home sales and Philadelphia Fed business outlook. ECB minutes are also due, while ECB's Guindos and de Cos, as well as Fed's Kashkari are also speaking today.

US: Housing starts fell 0.2% to 1,724k in April, but building permits plunged more than expected by 3.2% to 1,819k (lowest since October 2021), suggesting that momentum is slowing amid the rising mortgage rates.

SG: The revised 1Q22 GDP growth estimates will be released on 25 May and is likely to be revised up from the initial estimate of 3.4% YoY (0.4% QoQ sa) to 3.7% YoY (0.6% QoQ sa) due to the March industrial production and retail sales data. While there are some near-term downside risks arising from the aggressive monetary policy tightening by major central banks including the FOMC, global supply chain disruptions, China slowdown and prolonged Russia-Ukraine conflict, our 2Q22 GDP growth forecast stands at 4.4% YoY (1.1% QoQ sa), with no change to our full year growth forecast of 3.5-4.0% YoY.

| Key Market Movements | | | | |
|--|---|---|--|--|
| Equity | Value | % chg | | |
| S&P 500 | 3923.7 | -4.0% | | |
| DJIA | 31490 | -3.6% | | |
| Nikkei 225 | 26911 | 0.9% | | |
| SH Comp | 3086.0 | -0.2% | | |
| STI | 3225.4 | 0.7% | | |
| Hang Seng | 20644 | 0.2% | | |
| KLCI | 1554.9 | 0.4% | | |
| | Value | % chg | | |
| DXY | 103.810 | 0.4% | | |
| USDJPY | 128.23 | -0.9% | | |
| EURUSD | 1.0464 | -0.8% | | |
| GBPUSD | 1.2341 | -1.2% | | |
| USDIDR | 14688 | 0.3% | | |
| USDSGD | 1.392 | 0.5% | | |
| SGDMYR | 3.1695 | 0.1% | | |
| | Value | chg (bp) | | |
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| 2Y UST | 2.67 | -3.09 | | |
| 2Y UST 10Y UST | 2.67 2.88 | -3.09 -10.20 | | |
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| 10Y UST | 2.88 | -10.20 | | |
| 10Y UST 2Y SGS | 2.88 2.17 | -10.20 1.20 | | |
| 10Y UST 2Y SGS 10Y SGS | 2.88 2.17 2.76 | -10.20 1.20 1.21 | | |
| 10Y UST 2Y SGS 10Y SGS 3M LIBOR | 2.88 2.17 2.76 1.45 | -10.20 1.20 1.21 -0.74 | | |
| 10Y UST 2Y SGS 10Y SGS 3M LIBOR 3M SIBOR | 2.88 2.17 2.76 1.45 1.11 | -10.20 1.20 1.21 -0.74 0.00 | | |
| 10Y UST 2Y SGS 10Y SGS 3M LIBOR 3M SIBOR 3M SOR | 2.88 2.17 2.76 1.45 1.11 1.43 | -10.20 1.20 1.21 -0.74 0.00 0.00 | | |
| 10Y UST 2Y SGS 10Y SGS 3M LIBOR 3M SIBOR 3M SOR | 2.88 2.17 2.76 1.45 1.11 1.43 0.45 | -10.20 1.20 1.21 -0.74 0.00 0.00 0.70 | | |
| 10Y UST 2Y SGS 10Y SGS 3M LIBOR 3M SIBOR 3M SOR | 2.88 2.17 2.76 1.45 1.11 1.43 0.45 0.29 | -10.20 1.20 1.21 -0.74 0.00 0.00 0.70 0.83 | | |
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| 10Y UST 2Y SGS 10Y SGS 3M LIBOR 3M SIBOR 3M SOR 3M SORA 3M SORA 3M SOFR | 2.88 2.17 2.76 1.45 1.11 1.43 0.45 0.29 Value 109.11 | -10.20 1.20 1.21 -0.74 0.00 0.00 0.70 0.83 % chg -2.5% | | |
| 10Y UST 2Y SGS 10Y SGS 3M LIBOR 3M SIBOR 3M SOR 3M SORA 3M SORA 3M SOFR Brent WTI | 2.88 2.17 2.76 1.45 1.11 1.43 0.45 0.29 Value 109.11 109.59 | -10.20 1.20 1.21 -0.74 0.00 0.70 0.83 % chg -2.5% | | |
| 10Y UST 2Y SGS 10Y SGS 3M LIBOR 3M SIBOR 3M SOR 3M SORA 3M SOFR Brent WTI Gold | 2.88 2.17 2.76 1.45 1.11 1.43 0.45 0.29 Value 109.11 109.59 1817 | -10.20 1.20 1.21 -0.74 0.00 0.00 0.70 0.83 % chg -2.5% -2.5% | | |
| 10Y UST 2Y SGS 10Y SGS 3M LIBOR 3M SIBOR 3M SOR 3M SORA 3M SOFR Brent WTI Gold Silver | 2.88 2.17 2.76 1.45 1.11 1.43 0.45 0.29 Value 109.11 109.59 1817 21.42 | -10.20 1.20 1.21 -0.74 0.00 0.00 0.70 0.83 % chg -2.5% -2.5% 0.1% -1.0% | | |

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Major Markets

SG: The STI gained 0.73% to close at 3,225.35 yesterday, but looks likely to surrender those gains today amid very weak overnight leads from Wall Street. With the bull-steepening in the UST bond market, SGS bonds may also see a flight to quality bid today. MAS sold \$6.9b of 28-day bills at 1.31% with a bid-cover ratio of 2.04x.

CN: Chinese Premier Li called for more supports to stabilize growth and employment in his latest meeting with government officials from 12 provinces. Given most policy supports from previous meetings will be implemented in the first half of 2022, Premier Li called for local governments to bring forward more measures in May in order to bring the economy back to track quickly. Elsewhere, foreign investors reduced their holdings of interbank Chinese bonds for the third consecutive month in April due to inverted China-US yield differential. Foreign ownership of CGB fell to 10.52% from the peak of 11.14% in January 2022 while foreign ownership of PBBs fell to 4.86% from the peak of 5.51% in December 2021.

MY: Malaysia's PM Ismail Sabri said that the government will allow all parties to import food to ensure adequate supplies in the country. It has agreed not to impose the Approved Permit requirements which were used to regulate food import activities for now to ensure food supply. The new allowance is said to take place with immediate effect.

ID: Bank Indonesia said that its survey shows that the prices of residential property in the primary market grew by 1.87% YoY in Q1, at a higher clip compared to the 1.47% YoY growth in Q4 last year. The central bank estimates the growth rate to be at 1.16% for Q2 this year.

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ESG Updates

SG: Higher temperatures in Singapore can be attributed to climate change and the urban heat island effect from Singapore's built-up areas, which stores heat during the day and releases it at night.

MY: All state governments have agreed to implement a pollution charge on plastic bags used with a minimum value of 20 sen for each plastic bag through the 'No Plastic Bag' campaign that has already been carried out in Penang, Selangor and Johor.

Rest of the world: The EU is not planning to relax its ambitious goal of moving away from fossil fuels to renewable energy because of the Russian invasion, and will stick to its green transition targets.

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Bond Market Updates

Market Commentary: The SGD SORA curve traded higher yesterday, with shorter tenors trading 4-6bps higher, belly tenors trading 2-3bps higher, and longer tenors trading 1-3bps higher. UST 10Y yields traded 11bps lower to 2.88% yesterday, reversing much of the gain in the prior trading day. Risk-off sentiments drove demand for the safe-haven asset, amidst a sell-off in the equities market. The US equity markets incurred significant losses overnight, with the Dow Jones Industrial Average and S&P 500 incurring the largest declines since June 2020, down by 3.57% and 4.04% respectively, while the Nasdaq was down by 4.73% overnight. Separately, the housing market showed signs of slowing, with housing starts for April lower than expected at 1,724,000, below Bloomberg median estimates of 1,756,000, and building permits for April at 1,819,000, above Bloomberg median estimates of 1,814,000 but down from the prior month's 1,873,000.

New Issues: SDG Finance Ltd (Guarantor: Shandong Gold Group Co Ltd) priced a USD100mn perpNC3 bond at 4.95%, tightening from an IPT of 5.5% area. Sihai International Investment Ltd (Guarantor: Wuxi Hengting Industrial Co Ltd) priced a USD130mn 3-year bond at 3.8%, tightening from an IPT of 4% area. NTUC FairPrice Co-operative Ltd priced a SGD300mn 7-year unsecured bond at 3.46%, tightening from an IPT of 3.75% area. Wing Tai Holdings Ltd priced a SGD100mn 5-year senior unsecured bond at 4.1%, tightening from an IPT of 4.45% area. Avic International Leasing Co. has arranged investor calls commencing 18 May for its proposed USD senior unsecured bonds offering.

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Equity and Commodity

| | Day Close | % Change | | Day Clo | se % Change | Index | Value | Net change |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| DXY | 103.810 | 0.44% | USD-SGD | 1.3920 | 0.51% | DJIA | 31,490.07 | -1164.52 |
| USD-JPY | 128.230 | -0.89% | EUR-SGD | 1.4571 | 1 -0.27% | S&P | 3,923.68 | -165.17 |
| EUR-USD | 1.046 | -0.82% | JPY-SGD | 1.0852 | 2 1.41% | Nasdaq | 11,418.15 | -566.37 |
| AUD-USD | 0.696 | -1.05% | GBP-SGD | 1.7176 | -0.72% | Nikkei 225 | 26,911.20 | 251.45 |
| GBP-USD | 1.234 | -1.22% | AUD-SGD | 0.9679 | -0.52% | STI | 3,225.35 | 23.46 |
| USD-MYR | 4.397 | 0.15% | NZD-SGD | 0.8764 | 4 -0.41% | KLCI | 1,554.91 | 6.31 |
| USD-CNY | 6.754 | 0.24% | CHF-SGD | 1.4076 | 5 1.04% | JCI | 6,793.41 | 148.95 |
| USD-IDR | 14688 | 0.26% | SGD-MYR | 3.1695 | 0.10% | Baltic Dry | 3,095.00 | 10.00 |
| USD-VND | 23134 | 0.09% | SGD-CNY | 4.8677 | 7 0.10% | VIX | 30.96 | 4.86 |
| Interbank Offer Rat | es (%) | | | | | Government | Bond Yields (%) | |
| Tenor | EURIBOR | Change | Tenor | USD Libor | Change | Tenor | SGS (chg) | UST (chg) |
| 1M | -0.5440 | -0.56% | O/N | 0.8201 | 0.82% | 2Y | 2.17 (+0.01) | 2.65() |
| 2M | -0.3360 | -0.34% | 1M | 0.9284 | 0.94% | 5Y | 2.59 (+0.02) | 2.89 (-0.07) |
| 3M | -0.3800 | -0.40% | 2M | 0.1525 | 5 0.15% | 10Y | 2.76 (+0.01) | 2.87 (-0.1) |
| 6M | -0.1660 | -0.19% | 3M | 1.4476 | 5 1.46% | 15Y | 2.92 (+0.01) | |
| 9M | -0.1940 | -0.20% | 6M | 2.0051 | 1 2.02% | 20Y | 2.95 (+0.01) | |
| 12M | 0.2400 | 0.21% | 12M | 2.6777 | 7 2.66% | 30Y | 2.75 (+0.01) | 3.05 (-0.11) |
| Fed Rate Hike Proba | ability | | | | | Financial Spr | ead (bps) | |
| Meeting | # of Hikes/Cuts | Implied F | Implied Rate Change | | Implied Rate | | Change | |
| 06/15/2022 | 2.073 | 0 | .518 | 1.357 | | EURIBOR-OIS | 10.80 | () |
| 07/27/2022 | 4.116 | 1. | .029 | 1.868 | | TED | 35.36 | |
| 09/21/2022 | 5.718 | 1. | 1.429 2 | | | | | |
| 11/02/2022 | 6.88 | 1 | 1.72 | | 2.558 | | Secured Overnight Fin. Rate | |
| 12/14/2022 | 7.836 | 1 | .959 | 2.797 | | SOFR | 0.80 | |
| 02/01/2023 | 8.407 | 2. | .102 | 2.94 | | | | |
| Commodities Futu | ıres | | | | | | | |
| Energy | | | tures | % chg | Soft Commodities | | Futures | % chg |
| WTI (per barrel) | | 10 | 09.59 | -2.50% | Corn (per bushel) | | 7.815 | -2.4% |
| Brent (per barrel) | | 10 | 09.11 | -2.52% | Soybean (per bushel) | | 16.628 | -0.9% |
| Heating Oil (per gallon) | | 30 | 66.81 | -3.45% Wheat (per bushel) | | | 12.308 | -3.7% |
| Gasoline (per gallon) | | 3 | 372.06 | | -5.61% Crude Palm Oil (MYR/MT) | | 66.940 | 0.5% |
| Natural Gas (per N | 1MBtu) | | 8.37 | 0.77% | Rubber (JPY/KG) | 2.424 | | 0.0% |
| Base Metals | | Fu | tures | % chg | Precious Metals | | Futures | % chg |
| Copper (per mt) | | | 35.00 | -1.40% | Gold (per oz) | | 1816.6 | 0.1% |
| Nickel (per mt) | | | 59.00 | -1.40 <i>%</i> -0.94% | Silver (per oz) | | 21.4 | -1.0% |
| Nickei (per mt) | | 261 | 59.00 | -0.94% | Sliver (per oz) | | 21.4 | -1.0% |
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Economic Calendar

| Date Time | | Event | | Survey | Actual | Prior | Revised |
|------------------|----|-----------------------------------|--------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 05/19/2022 07:50 | JN | Core Machine Orders MoM | Mar | 3.90% | 7.10% | -9.80% | |
| 05/19/2022 07:50 | JN | Trade Balance | Apr | -¥1150.0b | -¥839.2b | -¥412.4b | -¥414.1b |
| 05/19/2022 07:50 | JN | Core Machine Orders YoY | Mar | 3.30% | | 4.30% | |
| 05/19/2022 09:30 | ΑU | Unemployment Rate | Apr | 3.90% | | 4.00% | |
| 05/19/2022 09:30 | ΑU | Employment Change | Apr | 30.0k | | 17.9k | |
| 05/19/2022 09:30 | ΑU | Participation Rate | Apr | 66.40% | | 66.40% | |
| 05/19/2022 15:00 | PH | BSP Overnight Borrowing Rate | May-19 | 2.25% | | 2.00% | |
| 05/19/2022 16:00 | SI | Automobile COE Open Bid Cat A | May-19 | | | 70901 | |
| 05/19/2022 16:00 | SI | Automobile COE Open Bid Cat B | May-19 | | | 92090 | |
| 05/19/2022 16:30 | HK | Unemployment Rate SA | Apr | 5.00% | | 5.00% | |
| 05/19/2022 20:30 | US | Initial Jobless Claims | May-14 | 200k | | 203k | |
| 05/19/2022 20:30 | US | Philadelphia Fed Business Outlook | May | 15.00 | | 17.60 | |
| 05/19/2022 20:30 | US | Continuing Claims | May-07 | 1320k | | 1343k | |
| 05/19/2022 20:30 | CA | Industrial Product Price MoM | Apr | | | 4.00% | |
| 05/19/2022 22:00 | US | Existing Home Sales | Apr | 5.65m | | 5.77m | |
| 05/19/2022 22:00 | US | Leading Index | Apr | 0.00% | | 0.30% | |
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