

Global Markets Research

Fixed Income

UST						
Tenure	Closing (%)	Chg (bps)				
2-yr UST	1.57	-1				
5-yr UST	1.66	-1				
10-yr UST	1.88	0				
30-yr UST	2.33	1				

	MGS			GII*		
Tenure	Closing (%)	Chg	(bps)	Closing (%)	Chg	(bps)
3-yr	2.98		0	3.08		0
5-yr	3.17		-2	3.25		0
7-yr	3.30		-3	3.36		0
10-yr	3.30		-2	3.47		2
15-yr	3.60		-4	3.77		0
20-yr	3.74		0	3.84		-4
30-yr	4.09		-5	4.00		0

^{*} Market indicative levels

MYR IRS Levels						
IRS	Closing (%)	Chg (bps)				
1-yr	3.27	0				
3-yr	3.29	0				
5-yr	3.32	0				
7-yr	3.36	0				
10-yr	3.39	О				

Source: Bloomberg

Upcoming Government Bond Tender

Nil

Fixed Income Daily Market Snapshot

US Treasuries

 US treasuries pared early session losses following softer equities to end the day mixed with the yield curve steepening somewhat. The front end 2- and 5-year UST yields fell 1bps whilst the 30-year long bond edged up by 1bp. Meanwhile, the 10s ended little changed at 1.88%. Expect little move in the UST today in a shortened trading day ahead of the New Year holiday.

MGS/GIII

• Trading momentum in local govvies bounced back above the RM1.0bn mark for the first time in a week, in what we believed to be due to year end/ qurter end closing. Total transactions in the secondary market surged to RM1.15bn yesterday with the MGS space regaining dominance with a 72% share of total trade as the GII deals retreated to 28%, from the preceding day's 60%. Overall benchmark yields were seen pulling back between 2-5bps with the exception of 10Y GII (+2bps). Trading interest were well spread across the curve right from the front end to the ultra long end for both off the run MGS and GII. Benchies that attracted substantial interests wre 7Y MGS 7/26 (RM132m) that traded 3bps inner at 3.30%, and 10Y GII 7/29 (RM61m) which was last dealt 2bps higher at 3.47%. Expect trading to remain subdued as the year draws to a close.

Corp Bonds/Sukuk

• The corporate bonds/Sukuk space saw tepid trading with secondary market volume plunged to a mere RM92m yesterday. There were no GG papres dealt and AA-rated financial papers took center stage, led by PBB '7/29 that made a debut at 3.689%. AmBank '3/27 also saw RM20m done 7bps inner at 3.643% whilst First Resources '6/20 saw RM10m changed hands, last dealt at 3.499%. PLUB '1/36 were the only paper traded in the AAA-rated segment, at 4.06% with RM10m done.



Daily Trades: Government Bond

Secu	rities	Closing	Vol	Previous	Previous	Chg
		YTM	(RM mil)	YTM	Trade Date	(bp)
					(dd/mm/yyyy)	
MGS	03/20	2.739	1	2.787	27/12/19	-5
MGS	10/20	2.888	86	2.927	27/12/19	-4
MGS	07/21	2.995	150	3.024	26/12/19	-3
MGS	09/21	3.016	250	3.022	26/12/19	-1
MGS	11/21	3.004	16	3.000	26/12/19	0
MGS	08/22	3.045	1	3.070	27/12/19	-2
MGS	09/22	3.070	17	3.086	27/12/19	-2
MGS	03/23	3.105	7	3.103	26/12/19	0
MGS	06/24	3.165	5	3.190	24/12/19	-2
MGS	07/24	3.223	0	3.214	27/12/19	1
MGS	09/24	3.200	10	3.236	24/12/19	-4
MGS	03/25	3.239	20	3.229	27/12/19	1
MGS	09/25	3.241	1	3.267	23/12/19	-3
MGS	04/26	3.291	10	3.309	26/12/19	-2
MGS	07/26	3.301	132	3.336	26/12/19	-3
MGS	11/26	3.392	9	3.385	24/12/19	1
MGS	03/27	3.371	2	3.396	19/12/19	-2
MGS	11/27	3.367	2	3.402	24/12/19	-4
MGS	06/28	3.383	11	3.404	27/12/19	-2
MGS	08/29	3.304	1	3.323	27/12/19	-2
MGS	04/30	3.506	10	3.583	24/12/19	-8
MGS	06/31	3.597	20	3.639	23/12/19	-4
MGS	04/32	3.624	0	3.679	24/12/19	-5
MGS	04/33	3.678	10	3.671	27/12/19	1
MGS	11/33	3.663	0	3.690	24/12/19	-3
MGS	07/34	3.596	55	3.632	27/12/19	-4
MGS	04/37	3.733	1	3.785	23/12/19	-5
MGS	06/38	3.750	0	3.814	23/12/19	-6
MGS	09/43	4.051	0	4.064	23/12/19	-1
MGS	03/46	4.109	0	4.127	20/12/19	-2
	07/48	4.093	4	4.146	24/12/19	-5
GII	05/20	2.903	10	2.972	24/12/19	-7
GII	05/23	3.072	20	3.109	26/12/19	-4
GII	07/23	3.150	67	3.215	23/12/19	-6
GII	11/23	3.176	100	3.193	24/12/19	-2
GII	08/24	3.245	2	3.281	27/12/19	-4
GII	08/25	3.293	10	3.377	13/12/19	-8
GII	07/27	3.445	1	3.465	24/12/19	-2
GII	10/28	3.449	10	3.455	27/12/19	-1
GII	07/29	3.472	61	3.448	27/12/19	2
GII	09/30	3.513	10	3.568	26/12/19	-6
GII	09/39	3.837	32	3.880	26/12/19	-4
			1153			

Daily Trades : Corp Bonds/ Sukuk

Securities		Rating	Closing YTM	Vol (RM mil)	Previous YTM	Previous Trade Date (dd/mm/yyyy)	Chg (bp)	Spread Against MGS*
Projek Lebuhraya Usahasama Berhad	01/36	AAA	4.060	10	4.508	17/06/19	-45	39
Public Bank Berhad	07/29	AA1	3.689	50	-	-	-	31
CIMB Bank Berhad	08/26	AA+	5.153	0	5.149	20/11/19	0	182
First Resources Limited	06/20	AA2	3.499	10	3.486	17/12/19	1	51
CIMB Group Holdings Berhad	09/29	AA	3.841	2	3.959	07/11/19	-12	46
AmBank (M) Berhad	03/27	AA3	3.643	20	3.715	26/11/19	-7	31
				92	•			

^{*}spread against nearest indicative tenured MGS (Source : BPAM)



Market/Corporate News: What's Brewing

Tenaga Nasional Bhd subsidiary Jimah East Power Sdn Bhd's (JEP) second of two coal-fired power plants started operations on Dec 27. The power giant said on Monday with the powering up of the 1,000 megawatt (MW) plant, it has raised Peninsular Malaysia's power supply to 25,981 MW. The plants, owned and run by its 70% owned-JEP, utilise ultra-supercritical technology (USC), an efficient coal-burning technology with 40% efficiency as against conventional coal-fired power plant which has a 36% efficiency. TNB said the development of Jimah East Power in Port Dickson, Negeri Sembilan took 49 months since construction started in 2015. The first 1,000 MW power plant achieved its commercial operation date (COD) on Aug 22,2019. Apart from JEP, TNB's two other coal-fired plants using USC are Manjung 4 and Manjung 5 in its Sultan Azlan Shah Power Station in Lumut, Perak. TNB owns a 70% stake in JEP while Mitsui & Co Ltd and The Chugoku Electric Power Co Ltd hold 15% each. (Source: The Star Online)

Oil prices rose on Monday to three-month highs, lifted by optimism over an expected China-U.S. trade deal and upbeat industrial data, while traders kept a close watch on the Middle East following U.S. air strikes in Iraq and Syria. International benchmark Brent reached \$68.99 a barrel, while U.S. crude futures hit \$62.34 a barrel, both the highest since Sept. 17. For the year, Brent has risen around 27% in 2019, and the U.S. benchmark is up about 36%. Brent crude futures rose 28 cents to settle at \$68.44 a barrel. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures fell 4 cents to settle at \$61.68 a barrel. White House trade adviser Peter Navarro told Fox News in an interview that the U.S.-China Phase 1 trade deal would likely be signed in the next week. He cited but did not confirm a report that Chinese Vice Premier Liu He would visit this week to sign the deal. "Washington has sent an invitation and Beijing has accepted it," the South China Morning Post quoted a source as saying. The trade war between the world's two largest economies has hurt market sentiment around the world. "U.S.-China trade optimism continues to spur demand for risky assets such as oil, other industrial commodities, equities," Jim Ritterbusch, president of trading advisory firm Ritterbusch and Associates, said in a note. In China, factory activity likely expanded again in December, although markets await details on the trade truce, a Reuters poll showed. Elsewhere, investors are closely watching events in the Middle East after the United States carried out air strikes on Sunday against the Kataib Hezbollah militia group, while protesters in Iraq on Saturday briefly forced the closure of its southern Nassiriya oilfield. Operations resumed on Monday. Libyan state oil firm NOC said it was considering closure of its western Zawiya port and evacuating staff from the refinery because of clashes nearby. Looking ahead to 2020, some analysts cited abundant global crude stocks as a major obstacle to efforts to rein in output by the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and its allies such as Russia. "Even as OPEC and its non-OPEC partners endeavor to make additional supply cuts in Q1 2020, we are not convinced this will be sufficient to avert large global inventory," said Harry Tchilinguirian, global oil strategist at BNP Paribas. "We remain of the opinion that oil fundamentals continue to present downside risk." Money managers raised net long U.S. crude futures and options positions in the week to Dec. 24, the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) said on Monday. The speculator group raised its combined futures and options position in New York and London by 17,051 contracts to 312,375 during the period. (Source: The Star Online/ Reuters)

	Rating Action	on	
Issuer	PDS Description	Rating/Outlook	Action
TNB Western Energy Berhad	Sukuk of up to RM4.0 billion	AAA _{IS} /Stable	Afffirmed
Course DAM MADO			

Source: RAM, MARC



Hong Leong Bank Berhad

Fixed Income & Economic Research, Global Markets Level 8, Hong Leong Tower 6, Jalan Damanlela Bukit Damansara 50490 Kuala Lumpur

Tel: 603-2081 1221 Fax: 603-2081 8936

Email: HLMarkets@hlbb.hongleong.com.my

DISCLAIMER

This report is for information purposes only and does not take into account the investment objectives, financial situation or particular needs of any particular recipient. The information contained herein does not constitute the provision of investment advice and is not intended as an offer or solicitation with respect to the purchase or sale of any of the financial instruments mentioned in this report and will not form the basis or a part of any contract or commitment whatsoever.

The information contained in this publication is derived from data obtained from sources believed by Hong Leong Bank Berhad ("HLBB") to be reliable and in good faith, but no warranties or guarantees, representations are made by HLBB with regard to the accuracy, completeness or suitability of the data. Any opinions expressed reflect the current judgment of the authors of the report and do not necessarily represent the opinion of HLBB or any of the companies within the Hong Leong Bank Group ("HLB Group"). The opinions reflected herein may change without notice and the opinions do not necessarily correspond to the opinions of HLBB. HLBB does not have an obligation to amend, modify or update this report or to otherwise notify a reader or recipient thereof in the event that any matter stated herein, or any opinion, projection, forecast or estimate set forth herein, changes or subsequently becomes inaccurate.

HLB Group, their directors, employees and representatives do not have any responsibility or liability to any person or recipient (whether by reason of negligence, negligent misstatement or otherwise) arising from any statement, opinion or information, expressed or implied, arising out of, contained in or derived from or omission from the reports or matter. HLBB may, to the extent permitted by law, buy, sell or hold significantly long or short positions; act as investment and/or commercial bankers; be represented on the board of the issuers; and/or engage in 'market making' of securities mentioned herein. The past performance of financial instruments is not indicative of future results. Whilst every effort is made to ensure that statements of facts made in this report are accurate, all estimates, projections, forecasts, expressions of opinion and other subjective judgments contained in this report are based on assumptions considered to be reasonable as of the date of the document in which they are contained and must not be construed as a representation that the matters referred to therein will occur. Any projections or forecasts mentioned in this report may not be achieved due to multiple risk factors including without limitation market volatility, sector volatility, corporate actions, the unavailability of complete and accurate information. No assurance can be given that any opinion described herein would yield favorable investment results. Recipients who are not market professional or institutional investor customer of HLBB should seek the advice of their independent financial advisor prior to taking any investment decision based on the recommendations in this report.

HLBB may provide hyperlinks to websites of entities mentioned in this report, however the inclusion of a link does not imply that HLBB endorses, recommends or approves any material on the linked page or accessible from it. Such linked websites are accessed entirely at your own risk. HLBB does not accept responsibility whatsoever for any such material, nor for consequences of its use.

This report is not directed to, or intended for distribution to or use by, any person or entity who is a citizen or resident of or located in any state, country or other jurisdiction where such distribution, publication, availability or use would be contrary to law or regulation. This report is for the use of the addressees only and may not be redistributed, reproduced or passed on to any other person or published, in part or in whole, for any purpose, without the prior, written consent of HLBB. The manner of distributing this report may be restricted by law or regulation in certain countries. Persons into whose possession this report may come are required to inform themselves about and to observe such restrictions. By accepting this report, a recipient hereof agrees to be bound by the foregoing limitations.