

# **Global Markets Research**

### **Fixed Income**

UST							
Tenure	Closing (%)	Chg	(bps)				
2-yr UST	0.36		-13				
5-yr UST	0.49		-23				
10-yr UST	0.72		-24				
30-yr UST	1.29		-25				

	MGS			GII*		
Tenure	Closing (%)	Chg (bps)		Closing (%)	Chg (bps)	
3-yr	2.85		4	2.80		13
5-yr	2.86		-7	2.88		-7
7-yr	3.10		-3	3.05		-3
10-yr	3.12		-5	3.13		-7
15-yr	3.41		6	3.45		15
20-yr	3.52		7	3.53		0
30-yr	3.92		3	3.53		0

<sup>\*</sup> Market indicative levels

MYR IRS Levels							
IRS	Closing (%)	Chg (bps)					
1-yr	2.55	-6					
3-yr	2.50	-13					
5-yr	2.52	-18					
7-yr	2.58	-23					
10-vr	2.83	-15					

Source : Bloomberg

# **Upcoming Government Bond Tender**

Nil

## **Fixed Income Daily Market Snapshot**

#### **US Treasuries**

•US Treasuries surged on Monday as the Fed announced its latest set of measures that included chopping the target range for the Fed Funds Rate to 0.00-0.25% which was in response to the financial market melt-down. Overall benchmark yields declined sharply between 13-25bps with the UST 2Y at 0.36% whilst the much-watched UST 10Y ended 24bps lower at 0.72%. Yields were seen tracking the S&P 500 as the Fed successfully completed operations including \$40b of UST purchases from various dealers. This was part of its new QE program designed to increase its holdings of both UST's and MBS by \$700b. Meanwhile foreign holdings of US sovereigns hit a record high; rising by \$162b to \$6.9 trillion. Expect news on the COVID-19 front to continue dominating headlines and overshadow upcoming data on retail sales and industrial production.

#### MGS/GIII

• Local govvies saw overall benchmark yields close mixed between -7 to +15bps instead following a well-bid market earlier in the session. The higher secondary volume of RM6.6b saw activity concentrated in the off-the-run 20's, 23's and 25's and 3Y MGS/GII. The benchmark 5Y MGS 6/24 rallied 7bps at 2.86% whilst the 10Y MGS 8/29 ended 5bps lower at 3.12%. The curve steepened with the longer-end mostly bearing the brunt of selling. GII bonds eased to form about ~20% of overall trades. Investors are expected to remain cautious whilst taking cues also from the performance of other global markets and the MYR. The FTSE Russell's interim update on the Fixed Income country classification expected out on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April may see a flurry of activity later this month.

## Corp Bonds/Sukuk

Corporate bonds/Sukuk space saw activity pick-up along the GG-AAA part of the curve amid an uptick in secondary market volume of RM588m. Overall yields closed mixed again. Most of the Govt-guaranteed bonds saw yields rise save for DANA 4/30 which ended 40bps lower compared to previous-done levels at 3.27%. AAA-rated GENTING 6/22 and AMAN 4/27 rose between 10-17bps at 3.30% and 327% each. The AA-segment saw enrgy-related bonf TG BIN Power 8/20 close 6bps higher at 2.98% whilst UMW 10/26 spiked 13bps at 3.48%. The banking space saw Bank Pembangunan 11/26 notch RM110m in nominal amounts; rising 22bps at 3.33%.



**Daily Trades: Government Bond** 

Sec	urities	Closing	Vol	Previous	Previous	Chg
				VTM Treads Date		
		YTM	(RM mil)	YTM	Trade Date (dd/mm/yyyy)	(bp)
MGS	03/20	2.577	56	2.793	13/03/2020	-22
MGS	07/20	2.548	1	2.536	12/03/2020	1
MGS	10/20	2.580	523	2.623	13/03/2020	-4
MGS	02/21	2.646	15	2.549	13/03/2020	10
MGS	07/21	2.599	25	2.693	13/03/2020	-9
MGS	09/21	2.634	121	2.703	13/03/2020	-7
MGS	11/21	2.619	194	2.733	13/03/2020	-11
MGS	03/22	2.758	678	2.718	13/03/2020	4
MGS	08/22	2.800	17	2.899	13/03/2020	-10
MGS	09/22	2.828	43	2.768	13/03/2020	6
MGS	03/23	2.848	882	2.807	13/03/2020	4
MGS	04/23	2.778	200	2.722	13/03/2020	6
MGS	08/23	2.780	150	2.903	13/03/2020	-12
MGS	06/24	2.855	64	2.925	13/03/2020	-7
MGS	07/24	3.013	233	2.737	13/03/2020	28
MGS	09/24	2.898	204	2.945	13/03/2020	-5
MGS	03/25	2.940	4	3.013	13/03/2020	-7
MGS	09/25	2.933	827	2.987	13/03/2020	-5
MGS	07/26	3.074	25	2.871	13/03/2020	20
MGS	09/26	3.090	20	2.801	28/02/2020	29
MGS	11/26	3.069	200	3.183	13/03/2020	-11
MGS	05/27	3.096	100	3.129	13/03/2020	-3
MGS	11/27	3.173	104	3.217	13/03/2020	-4
MGS	06/28	3.089	48	3.245	13/03/2020	-16
MGS	08/29	3.120	104	3.167	13/03/2020	-5
MGS	04/30	3.255	67	3.344	13/03/2020	-9
MGS	04/32	3.405	31	3.165	12/03/2020	24
MGS	04/33	3.461	17	3.186	13/03/2020	28
MGS	11/33	3.354	91	3.418	13/03/2020	-6
MGS	07/34	3.410	203	3.349	13/03/2020	6
MGS	05/35	3.498	12	3.197	11/03/2020	30
MGS	04/37	3.543	4	3.366	13/03/2020	18
MGS	06/38	3.417	3	3.544	13/03/2020	-13
MGS	05/40	3.520	20	3.452	13/03/2020	7
MGS	09/43	3.798	30	4.001	13/03/2020	-20
GII	04/20	2.616	40	2.547	13/03/2020	7
GII	05/20	2.568	40	2.658	13/03/2020	-9
GII	03/21	2.699	120	2.551	09/03/2020	15
GII	08/21	2.628	1	2.783	13/03/2020	-16
GII	03/22	2.712	61	2.656	12/03/2020	6
GII	04/22	2.775	7	2.750	13/03/2020	2
GII	05/23	2.797	111	2.719	12/03/2020	8
GII	07/23	2.841	30	2.718	12/03/2020	12
GII	11/23	2.829	150	2.863	13/03/2020	-3
GII	05/24	2.945	15	2.669	05/03/2020	28
GII	08/24	2.961	15	2.678	04/03/2020	28
GII	10/24	2.834	266	2.949	13/03/2020	-12
GII	08/25	2.970	56	2.940	13/03/2020	3
GII	03/26	3.050	10	3.077	13/03/2020	-3
GII	09/26	3.150	1	3.110	13/03/2020	4
GII	07/29	3.132	210	3.192	13/03/2020	-6
GII	06/33	3.445	56	3.411	13/03/2020	3
GII	11/34	3.430	19	3.299	13/03/2020	13
GII	09/39	3.538	40	3.532	13/03/2020	1
GII	11/49	3.945	30	3.529	06/03/2020	42
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**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*
DanaInfra Nasional Berhad	07/29	GG	3.248	20	3.051	10/03/2020	20	13
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Prasarana Malaysia Berhad	09/29	GG	3.244	50	2.949	06/03/2020	30	12
DanaInfra Nasional Berhad	11/29	GG	3.248	25	3.100	12/03/2020	15	13
Prasarana Malaysia Berhad	03/30	GG	3.280	40	3.029	28/02/2020	25	16
DanaInfra Nasional Berhad	04/30	GG	3.267	50	3.668	16/10/2019	-40	15
Perbadanan Tabung Pendidikan Tinggi Nasional	03/32	GG	3.390	10	3.298	10/02/2020	9	27
GENM Capital Berhad	03/22	AAA	3.299	10	3.634	02/01/2020	-34	62
Genting Capital Berhad	06/22	AAA	3.294	20	3.199	02/03/2020	10	62
Ara Bintang Berhad	03/26	AAA	5.108	20	5.454	02/10/2019	-35	212
Bank Pembangunan Malaysia Berhad	11/26	AAA	3.331	110	3.108	06/03/2020	22	28
Aman Sukuk Berhad	04/27	AAA	3.271	50	3.101	03/03/2020	17	22
Sabah Development Bank Berhad	09/20	AA1	3.929	3	3.918	17/02/2020	1	132
Sabah Development Bank Berhad	05/22	AA1	3.318	6	3.636	15/01/2020	-32	64
Imtiaz Sukuk II Berhad	05/20	AA2	2.827	20	3.098	23/01/2020	-27	22
Tanjung Bin Power Sdn Berhad	08/20	AA2	2.979	30	2.915	10/03/2020	6	37
Krung Thai Bank Public Company Limited	07/25	AA2	4.262	5	4.110	10/03/2020	15	140
UMW Holdings Berhad	10/26	AA2	3.478	40	3.348	12/03/2020	13	43
Cypark Ref Sdn Berhad	06/25	AA3	4.318	10	-	-	-	146
CIMB Thai Bank Public Company Limited	07/26	AA3	3.273	8	3.842	13/03/2020	-57	28
Affin Bank Berhad	02/27	A1	3.437	2	4.250	12/03/2020	-81	38
MBSB Bank Berhad (fka Asian Finance Bank Be	12/29	A3	4.700	1	4.801	02/03/2020	-10	158
Affin Bank Berhad	07/18	A3	4.836	1	4.384	13/03/2020	45	137
Eco World International Berhad	05/23	-	6.291	1	5.960	13/03/2020	33	356
Hunza Properties (Penang) Sdn Berhad	08/24	-	4.733	10	-	-	-	192
Mah Sing Group Berhad	04/17	-	6.086	3	5.494	21/02/2020	59	262
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<sup>\*</sup>spread against nearest indicative tenured MGS (Source : BPAM)

#### Market/Corporate News: What's Brewing

Moody's Investors Service has placed on review for downgrade the Baa1 issuer rating of Genting Bhd (GENT) and the A3 issuer rating of Genting Singapore Ltd (GENS). The international rating agency has also changed the outlook to ratings under review for downgrade, from stable. It said the review for downgrade on GENT reflects its expectation that falling nternational travel trends and the fear of contagion because of the coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak will lead to a decline in GENT's earnings, driven by weaker operating performance at the group's two largest revenue contributors — Resorts World Sentosa in Singapore and Resorts World Genting in Malaysia. "While the extent of the negative impact caused by the virus outbreak remains unclear at this point, GENT's limited financial buffer under its Baa1 rating to withstand any deterioration in earnings poses a downside risk to its rating," said Moody's vice-president and senior credit officer Jacintha Poh in a statement today. Prior to the virus outbreak, Moody's had expected GENT's credit metrics to weaken in 2020 because of its debt-funded capital spending for the development of Resorts World Las Vegas. "The group's subsidiary, Genting Malaysia Bhd's acquisition of Empire Resorts Inc in August 2019 had exacerbated the weakening of its credit metrics because Moody's incorporates 100% of the debt at Empire Resorts, on the expectation that Genting Malaysia will be called upon to shoulder Empire Resorts' debt burden if necessary. "Consequently, weaker earnings from the virus outbreak will result in GENT's credit metrics weakening beyond its Baa1 rating thresholds," said Moody's. Last year, GENT's leverage, as measured by adjusted debt/Ebitda, had weakened to 4.3 times from 3.3 times in 2018. Retained cash flow/debt also weakened to 12% from 16% over the same period. In 2020, Moody's base case assumes GENT's Ebitda will decline by around 20% from that in 2019, leading to the group's leverage weakening to 5.4 times and RCF/debt weakening to less than 10%. Nonetheless, Moody's expects GENT to maintain excellent liquidity on a consolidated basis, helped by its sizeable cash position of RM30 billion compared with gross balance sheet debt of RM33 billion as of Dec 31, 2019. "However, over 60% of the group's cash are held at three majority-owned and listed subsidiaries — 53%-owned GENS, 49%-owned Genting Malaysia and 55%-owned Genting Plantations Bhd — limiting GENT's ability to access the funds in their entirety," it added. Moody's warned that it could downgrade GENT's ratings if the company's financial profile weakens due to: (1) material debt-funded



acquisitions, or investments that result in higher leverage and execution risk without corresponding actions to manage the risks; (2) a significant deterioration in the performance of Resorts World Sentosa and/or Resorts World Genting; and (3) a material change in its disciplined financial management or the regulatory environments in which it operates. Credit metrics that could indicate a downgrade include adjusted debt/Ebitda above 4-4.5 times and adjusted RCF/debt below 10%-15%, both on a sustained basis. Any material erosion in the group's liquidity position, and specifically cash holdings, would also be negative for the ratings, the rating agency said. (Source: The Star)

The government had decided to implement the Movement Control Order from tomorrow until March 31 to address the Covid-19 outbreak. Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin announced yesterday. In a live address yesterday, Muhyiddin said the order is made under the Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases Act 1988 and the Police Act 1967. He said the order entails comprehensive restriction on movements and public gatherings nationwide, including religious, sports, social and cultural activities. It includes a shutdown of houses of worship and business premises, except for supermarkets, public markets, and convenient stores. "Specifically for Muslims, the adjournment of all religious activities in mosques including Friday prayers is in line with the decision of the Special Mental Health Committee meeting on March 15," said Muhyiddin. The sanctions also cover all Malaysians travelling abroad, and the entry of foreign tourists and visitors into the country, Muhyiddin said. For those who have just returned from overseas, they are required to undergo a health check and to selfquarantine for 14 days. All education centres will also be closed, including pre-schools, government and private schools, fully-residential schools, international schools, tahfiz centres, as well as private and public institutions of higher learning and skills training institutes. The government is also shutting down all government and private premises "except those involved in essential services namely water, electricity, energy, telecommunications, postal, transportation, irrigation, oil, gas, fuel, lubricants, broadcasting, finance, banking, health, pharmacy, fire, prison, port, airport, safety, defence, cleaning, retail and food supply. "I am aware that all of you may feel that the action taken by the government will cause inconvenience and difficulty in your daily lives," said Muhyiddin. "However, this action must be taken by the government to curb the spread of the Covid-19 epidemic that is likely to cost the lives of people of this country," he said. The prime minister urged Malaysians not to go into panic buying, reiterating that the relevant ministries have been moved to ensure that adequate supply of food and other essentials including face masks are available and accessible to the public. For further questions on the restriction, the public can reach out to the hotline at (03) 8888 2010. A total of 125 new positive cases of Covid-19 have been reported in Malaysia as of noon yesterday. This brings the total to 553 cases so far, of which 42 patients have been cured of the virus.. (Source: The EdgeMarkets/Reuters)

Rating Action					
Issuer	PDS Description	Rating/Outlook	Action		
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil		

Source: RAM, MARC



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