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# CCXI & CCXAP Cross-border Bonds <u>Weekly Report</u>

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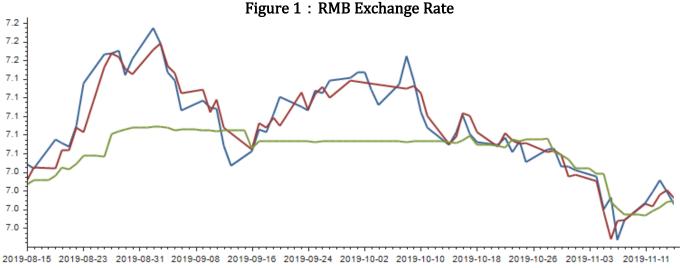
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Since mid-October, good news on US-China trade relationship has been coming out. On November 14, China's custom removed the 5-year restriction on US's poultry meats, allowing them back to the Chinese restaurant tables, which may bring about US1 billion to US poultry exports. Gao Feng, the spokesman of China's Ministry of Commerce, said that both China and US were discussing the degree of tariff removal. US may make some concessions on tariff increase. On November 16, China's Vice Premier Liu He, US trade representative Robert Lighthizer and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin were on a call. Both sides discussed each other's core issues for the first phase of an initial trade agreement, and agreed to maintain close communication.

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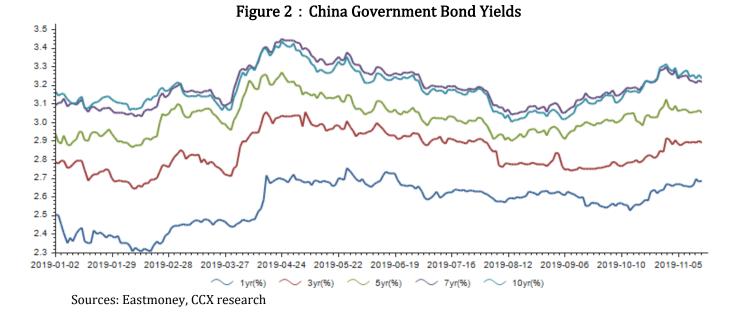
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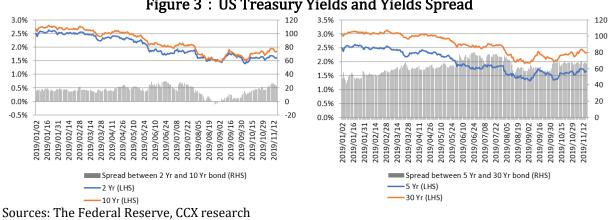
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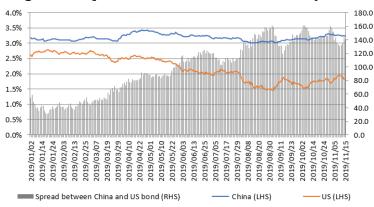
During the week, affected by the easing sentiment in the domestic market, the bond market picked up. The yields of China Government Bonds generally declined. As of November 15, the maturity yields of 3-year, 5-year, 7-year and 10-year Government Bonds fell from last Friday, closing at 2.8881%, 3.0517%, 3.2141% and 3.2355% respectively; the maturity yields of 1year China Government Bond rose, closing at 2.6877%.



# Fresh hopes for reaching the phase one trade deal between China and the US caused a decline in US Treasury yields. As of November 15, the 2-year, 5-year, 10-year and 30-year Treasury yields closed at 1.61%, 1.65%, 1.84% and 2.31%, decreasing by 7bp, 9bp, 10bp and 12bp over last Friday. In terms of Treasury yield spreads, the spread between the 2-year and 10-year narrowed by 3bp to 23bp from last Friday, and the spread between the 5-year and 30-year narrowed by 3bp to 66bp from last Friday. As of November 15, the yield spread between China and US 10-year note was 140.5bp, widening by 7bp from last Friday and widening by 85.2bp from the beginning of the year.



### Figure 3 : US Treasury Yields and Yields Spread





Sources: Bloomberg, ChinaBond.com.cn, CCX research

The credit spread of Barclays Asia USD investment bond and high-yield bond widened. As of November 15, investment-grade bond spreads widened by 2.1bp to 128bp from last week, and high-yield spreads widened by 10bp to 506bp from last week.



Figure 5 : Credit spread of investment grade bond and high-yield bond index

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Table 1 : New issuance of Chinese offshore bonds	(20191111-20191115)
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Pricing Date	Obligor	Currency	Amount (million)	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Tenor	Industry	Issuer Rating (Moody's/S&P/ Fitch)	Issue Rating (Moody's/S&P/ Fitch)
2019/11/11	Road King Infrastructure Ltd	USD	300	7.75	-	Perpetual	Real Estate	Ba3/BB/-	Ba3/-/-
2019/11/11	Qingdao West Coast Development Group Co Ltd	USD	300	3.9	2022/11/18	3.0	Chengtou	Baa3/-/BBB-	-/-/BBB-
2019/11/11	Zhenro Properties Group Ltd	CNY	700	8	2020/11/16	364D	Real Estate	B1/B/B+	-/-/-
2019/11/12	China Development Bank Financial Leasing Co Ltd	USD	130	2.87	2024/11/19	5.0	Financials	A1/A/A+	-/-/A+
2019/11/12	China International Capital Corp Hong Kong Ltd	USD	3	2.8	2020/2/14	91D	Financials	Baa1/BBB/BBB+	-/-/-
2019/11/13	ICBC Financial Leasing Co Ltd	USD	600	3ML+105	2024/11/20	5.0	Financials	A1/A/A	A2/A/-
2019/11/13	CMB International Capital Corp Ltd	USD	5	2.72	2020/2/20	92D	Financials	Baa1/BBB+/-	-/-/-
2019/11/13	Nanyang Commercial Bank Ltd	USD	700	3.8	2029/11/20	10.0	Banks	A3/-/-	Baa3/-/-
2019/11/14	China Aluminum International Engineering Corp Ltd	USD	350	5	-	Perpetual	Industrials	-/BB+/-	-/-/-
2019/11/14	Shanghai Electric Group Corp	USD	500	2.65	2024/11/21	5.0	Industrials	A2/A/A-	-/-/-
2019/11/14	China International Capital Corp Hong Kong Ltd	USD	100	3ML+135	2020/11/20	365D	Financials	Baa1/BBB/BBB+	-/-/-
2019/11/15	China International Capital Corp Ltd	USD	7	3.13	2020/11/19	365D	Financials	Baa1/BBB/BBB+	-/-/-
2019/11/15	Zhenjiang Cultural Tourism Industry Group Co Ltd	USD	230	7.5	2022/11/22	3.0	Chengtou	-/-/-	-/-/-
2019/11/15	Danyang Investment Group Co Ltd	USD	205	7	2022/11/22	3.0	Chengtou	-/-/-	-/-/-
2019/11/15	Zhongliang Holdings Group Co Ltd	USD	200	9.75	2020/11/24	364D	Real Estate	B1/B+/B+	-/-/-
2019/11/15	China Construction Bank New Zealand Ltd	NZD	85	2.393	2024/11/22	5.0	Banks	A1/A/-	A1/A/-

Sources: Bloomberg, CCX research

# From November 11 to November 15, 6 Chinese enterprises announced tap bond offering.

# Table 2 : Tap bond offering (20191111-20191115)

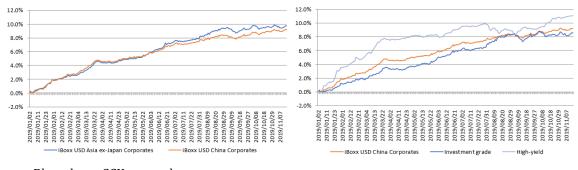
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Ŭ	Ŭ		(million)	(%)				Fitch)	Fitch)
2019/11/11	Dexin China Holdings Co Ltd	USD	300 (reoffered 100)	12.875	2021/8/6	2	Real Estate	B2/B/-	B3/B-/-
2019/11/12	Beijing Hongkun Weiye Real Estate Development Co Ltd	USD	190 (reoffered 40)	14.75	2022/10/8	3	Real Estate	-/-/B	-/-/B
2019/11/13	Fantasia Holdings Group Co Ltd	USD	350 (reoffered 150)	12.25	2022/10/18	3.25	Real Estate	B2/B/B+	B3/-/B+
2019/11/13	Yancheng Oriental Investment & Development Group Co Ltd	USD	400 (reoffered 40)	7	2022/10/17	3	Chengtou	-/-/BB-/BB+ (Lianhe Global)	-/-/BB-/BB+ (Lianhe Global)

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Recently, AAC Technologies Holdings Inc. planned to issue offshore bonds.

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# Figure 6 : YTD return on Chinese USD bond index

Sources: Bloomberg, CCX research

From November 11 to 15, the rating agencies took negative rating actions on 6 Chinese issuers.

					Latest Rating		Last Rating		Rating	
Inte	Entity ernational Rating:	Sector	Entity Rating	Outlook	Date	Entity Rating			Agency	Reason of Change
	China Everbright Bank Co Ltd	Banks	Baa2	STABLE	2019/11/12	Baa2	POS	2019/6/17	Moody's	No changes in willingness and strength of support as well as its standalone BCA
	Binhai Investment Co Ltd	Utilities	BB+	STABLE	2019/11/13	BBB-	NEG	2019/4/23	Fitch	A revision of Fitch's rating approach for the company
Downgrade	Meinian Onehealth Healthcare Holdings Co Ltd	Health Care	BB	STABLE	2019/11/14	BB+	NEG	2019/7/18	Fitch	Elevating leverage
Dc	Shandong Ruyi Technology Group Co Ltd	Consumer Discretionary	CCC+	NEG	2019/11/14	B-	Rating Watch Negative	2019/9/19	S&P	Heightened liquidity risk
	Chongqing Energy Investment Group Co Ltd	Financials	BBB	STABLE	2019/11/15	BBB+	STABLE	2019/1/7	Fitch	Weaker financial implications of default
	Shandong Sanxing Group Co. Ltd.	Consumer Staples	B+	Rating Watch Negative	2019/11/15	B+	STABLE	2019/3/26	S&P	Slow refinancing progress

 Table 3 : Credit rating changes of cross-border bond market (20191111-20191115)

Sources: Bloomberg, Wind, CCX research

# Credit Event: Guirenniao's domestic PPN defaulted

Guirenniao Co.,Ltd. ("Guirenniao") failed to repay the principal and interest of its domestic

PPN (namely "16贵人鸟PPN001") that matured on November 11. This is the first bond default in history of Guirenniao. The company explained that the reasons of default included 1) its financing channels were severely limited; 2) its solvency continued to deteriorate; and 3) its liquidity was tightening (disposal of relevant assets in short-term to repay its current debt was expected to be difficult). On November 12, Lianhe Rating decided to downgrade Guirenniao's long-term issuer rating to CC from BBB, with a negative outlook; and downgrade Guirenniao's corporate bond (namely "14贵人鸟") to CC from BBB.

# Rating Action: CCXAP affirmed Hanjiang Guotou Group Co., Ltd.'s long-term rating at A<sub>g</sub>-, with stable outlook

On November 14, CCXAP assigned A<sub>g</sub>- to Hanjiang Guotou Group Co., Ltd ("HJGT" or the "Company") long-term credit rating, with a stable outlook.

Hanjiang Guotou was wholly owned by State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of Xiangyang Municipal Government ("Xiangyang SASAC"). It is the only prefectural-level investment and operating entity of Xiangyang City. As of the end of March 2019, the Company reported total assets of RMB135.5 billion and net assets of RMB53.1 billion. In 2018, the Company generated a total revenue of RMB8.6 billion and a net profit of RMB3.5 billion.

Xiangyang City is one of the key automobile manufacturing cities in China. It is also the second largest city in Hubei Province, in terms of GRP, ranking only after the provincial capital of Wuhan City. The Company engaged in land consolidation, infrastructure construction, affordable housing development, operation of governmental franchises and provision of public services. It has regional monopoly position in traditional segments including land consolidation, infrastructure construction and affordable housing development; since 2017, supported by the municipal government, HJGT has also expanded its business scope to public sectors and franchise services including water supply, heating services, public transportation and car park operation. However, we are aware of the Company's high capital expenditure pressure on its large-scale projects pipeline, together with its weakening financial profile. Nevertheless, considering the strategic importance of the Company in Xiangyang City's development, we expect the Company has high likelihood of receiving strong support from Xiangyang SASAC in times of need.

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As of November 15, there were 17 issuers that issued 33 Panda Bonds in 2019, with a total issuance amount of RMB53.34 billion and an average coupon of 3.62%. These bonds were mostly issued in the Interbank Market and with tenor mainly on 3 years.

Table 4 : New issuance of Panda Bond in 2019 (	20190101-20191115)
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Issuer	Amount (RMB billion)	Coupon (%)	Issue date	Maturity	Tenor	Bond Type	Issue Market	Local Rating Agency
Daimler AG	2	3.68	2019/11/13	2021/11/13	2	PPN	China Interbank Market	China Bond Rating
Daimler AG	3	4.04	2019/11/13	2022/11/13	3	PPN	China Interbank Market	China Bond Rating
BMW Finance N.V.	2	3.37	2019/10/21	2020/10/21	1	PPN	China Interbank Market	China Chengxin
BMW Finance N.V.	1	3.57	2019/10/21	2021/10/21	2	PPN	China Interbank Market	China Chengxin
China Traditional Chinese Medicine Holdings Co., Ltd.	0.5	2.80	2019/10/14	2020/7/9	0.74	SCP	China Interbank Market	China Chengxin
Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corp.	2	3.55	2019/10/11	2019/12/25	3	MTN	China Interbank Market	China Chengxin
China Power International Development Limited	0.5	2.80	2019/9/3	2020/5/30	0.74	SCP	China Interbank Market	China Chengxin
China Power International Development Limited	2	3.55	2019/9/5	2022/9/5	3	MTN	China Interbank Market	China Chengxin
China Mengniu Dairy Co. Ltd	1	2.96	2019/8/23	2020/2/19	0.5	SCP	China Interbank Market	China Chengxin
Daimler AG	3	3.84	2019/8/12	2022/8/12	3	PPN	China Interbank Market	China Bond Rating
Daimler AG	2	3.53	2019/8/12	2021/8/12	2	PPN	China Interbank Market	China Bond Rating
Cassa depositi e prestiti S.p.A.	1	4.50	2019/8/1	2022/8/1	3	Financial Bond	China Interbank Market	China Chengxin
Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corp.	2	3.10	2019/7/25	2020/4/20	0.76	SCP	China Interbank Market	China Chengxin
BMW Finance N.V.	1.5	3.30	2019/7/12	2020/7/12	1	PPN	China Interbank Market	China Chengxin
BMW Finance N.V.	2	3.98	2019/7/12	2022/7/12	3	PPN	China Interbank Market	China Chengxin
Malayan Banking Berhad	1	3.28	2019/6/21	2020/6/21	1	Financial Bond	China Interbank Market	China Chengxin
Malayan Banking Berhad	1	3.58	2019/6/21	2022/6/21	3	Financial Bond	China Interbank Market	China Chengxin
The Republic of Portugal	2	4.09	2019/6/3	2022/6/3	3	International Institutional Bond	China Interbank Market	Lianhe
Republic of the Philippines	2.5	3.58	2019/5/20	2022/5/20	3	International Institutional Bond	China Interbank Market	Lianhe
Trafigura Private Trading Enterprise Limited	0.54	5.49	2019/5/20	2022/5/20	3	PPN	China Interbank Market	Lianhe
CITIC Pacific Limited	1	3.90	2019/5/20	2022/5/20	3	Corporate Bond	Shanghai Stock Exchange	China Chengxin
Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corp.	1	3.10	2019/4/29	2019/10/26	0.5	SCP	China Interbank Market	China Chengxin
Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corp.	0.5	3.05	2019/4/29	2019/10/26	0.5	SCP	China Interbank Market	China Chengxin
China Mengniu Dairy Co. Ltd	1	3.35	2019/4/19	2019/12/30	0.7	SCP	China Interbank Market	China Chengxin
GLP China Holdings Limited	3.3	4.35	2019/3/18	2028/3/18	9	Corporate Bond	Shenzhen Stock Exchange	Shanghai Brilliance
United Overseas Bank Ltd	2	3.49	2019/3/14	2022/3/14	3	Commercial Bank Bond	China Interbank Market	China Chengxin
BMW Finance N.V.	3	4.00	2019/3/8	2022/3/8	3	PPN	China Interbank Market	China Chengxin
Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corp.	1.5	3.57	2019/3/4	2022/3/4	3	MTN	China Interbank Market	China Chengxin/ China Bond Rating
New Development Bank	2	3.00	2019/2/26	2022/2/26	3	International Institutional Bond	China Interbank Market	China Chengxin/ Lianhe

# Cross-border Bonds Weekly Report

New Development Bank	1	3.32	2019/2/26	2024/2/26	5	International Institutional Bond	China Interbank Market	China Chengxin/ Lianhe
China Everbright Water Ltd	0.7	3.89	2019/1/21	2024/1/21	5	Corporate Bond	Shanghai Stock Exchange	Shanghai Brilliance
Beijing Enterprises Water Group Ltd	1	3.95	2019/1/11	2026/1/11	7	MTN	China Interbank Market	Shanghai Brilliance / Dagong
Beijing Enterprises Water Group Ltd	1	4.49	2019/1/11	2029/1/11	10	MTN	China Interbank Market	Shanghai Brilliance / Dagong

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