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# **Cross-border Bonds Weekly Report**

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### Exchange Rate: RMB exchange rate fluctuated downward

The RMB exchange rate fluctuated downward driven by decrease in US dollar index. As of September 3, the RMB mid-point rate closed at 6.4577.

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Chinese Government Bond yields declined. The US August non-farm payrolls data was significantly worse than the market expectations, recording the smallest increase since January this year. The market believed that the Fed may postpone the planning of Taper, and it is speculated that the Fed may not rush to taper stimulus, US Treasury yields diverged. As of September 3, the yield spread between China and US 10-year note was 151bp, narrowing by 5.2bp from last Friday and narrowing by 75.4bp from the beginning of the year.

#### **Chinese Offshore Bond Market**

# Primary Market: Chinese offshore bond issuance increased, State Grid was the largest issuer

From August 30 to September 3, there were 14 new issues with a total issued volume of USD3.6 billion, increasing by 13.1% from last week. Among them, State Grid Corporation of China was the largest issuer, which issued 2 bonds, with a total issued volume of USD1.6 billion.

### Secondary Market: Return on Chinese USD bonds dropped

As of September 3, the YTD return on Chinese USD corporate bond index decreased by 40bp from last Friday to -1.14%. The return on investment-grade bond rose by 17bp to 1.35%, and the return on high-yield bond decreased by 182bp to -7.18%.

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## Exchange Rate: RMB exchange rate fluctuated downward

The RMB exchange rate fluctuated downward driven by decrease in US dollar index. As of September 3, the RMB mid-point rate closed at 6.4577, decreased by 286bp from last Friday; the onshore RMB exchange rate declined by 231bp to 6.4565; the offshore RMB exchange rate decreased by 239bp to 6.4388.

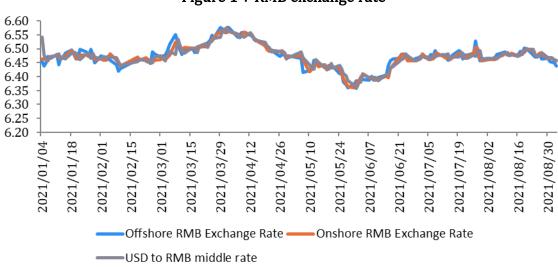


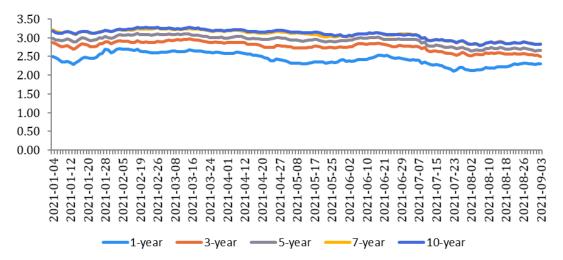
Figure 1: RMB exchange rate

Sources: Wind, CCX research

## Interest Rate: Chinese Government Bond yields declined; US Treasury yields diverged

Chinese Government Bond yields declined. As of September 3, the 1-year, 3-year, 5-year, 7-year, and 10-year Chinese Government Bond yields declined comparing to last Friday, closed at 2.3122%, 2.5051%, 2.6625%, 2.8349% and 2.8327% respectively. In the context of relatively low yields and increased liquidity pressures, there is a higher probability that the yields will rise slightly in the near future.

Figure 2: China Government Bond yields



Sources: ChinaBond.com.cn, CCX research

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Figure 3: US Treasury yields and yield spreads 2.00% 200bp 1.50% 150bp 2.00% 1.00% 100bp 1.50% 1.00% 100bp 0.50% 50bp 0.50% 50bp 0.00% 0.00% 0bp 0bp Spread between 2 Yr and 10 Yr bond (RHS) —2 Yr (LHS) —10 Yr (LHS)

Sources: US Department of the Treasury, CCX research

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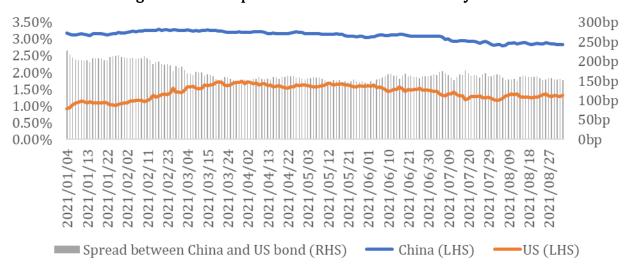


Figure 4: Yield spread between China and US 10-year note

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Table 1: New issuance of Chinese offshore bonds (20210830-20210903)

Pricing Date	Obligor	Currency	Amount (million)	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Tenor	Industry	Issuer Rating (Moody's/S&P/ Fitch)	Issue Rating (Moody's/S&P/ Fitch)
2021/8/30	Xuchang General Investment Company	USD	53	4.8	2024/9/3	3	Chengtou	-/-/-	-/-/-
2021/8/30	Yancheng High-tech Zone Investment Group Corp Ltd	USD	115	2.08	2024/9/2	3	Chengtou	-/-/-	-/-/-
2021/8/30	Zhenro Properties Group Ltd	USD	250	6.5	2022/9/1	363D	Real Estate	B1/-/B+	-/-/B+
2021/8/31	China Construction Bank Corp Ltd	NZD	120	NFIX3FRA +62	2025/8/13	3.92	Banks	A1/-/A	-/-/A
2021/8/31	Jinan Financial Holding Group Co Ltd	USD	278	3.8	2024/9/7	3	Financials	-/-/-	-/-/-
2021/8/31	Kaisa Group Holdings Ltd	USD	300	10.5	2022/9/7	364D	Real Estate	B1/B/B	B2/-/B
2021/9/1	Changchun Urban Development & Investment Holdings Group Co Ltd	USD	230	4.3	2024/9/9	3	Chengtou	Baa1/-/BBB+	Baa1/-/BBB+
2021/9/1	Guotai Junan International Holdings Ltd	HKD	800	0.5	2022/3/9	181D	Financials	Baa2/-/BBB+	-/-/-
2021/9/1	Guotai Junan International Holdings Ltd	HKD	300	0.84	2022/9/7	364D	Financials	Baa2/-/BBB+	-/-/-
2021/9/1	State Grid Corp of China	EUR	800	0.419	2028/9/8	7	Utilities	A2/A+/A+	A1/-/A+
2021/9/1	State Grid Corp of China	USD	600	1.125	2026/9/8	5	Utilities	A1/A+/A+	A1/-/A+
2021/9/1	Zhejiang Deqing Jinkai Urban	USD	50	2.05	2024/9/8	3	Chengtou	-/-/-	-/-/-

	Development Co Ltd								
2021/9/2	Contemporary Amperex Technology Co Ltd	USD	500	1.5	2026/9/9	5	Energy	Baa1/BBB+/BBB+	Baa1/-/-
2021/9/2	Guotai Junan International Holdings Ltd	HKD	500	0.85	2022/9/8	364D	Financials	Baa2/-/BBB+	-/-/-

Sources: Bloomberg, CCX research

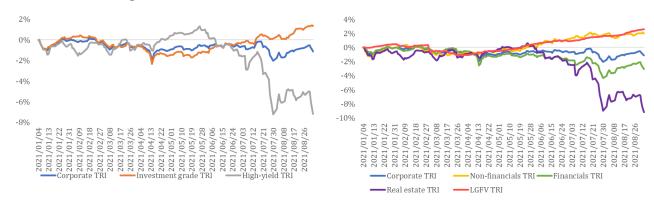
Table 2: Tap bond offering (20210830-20210903)

Pricing date	e Obligor	Currency	Amount (million)	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Tenor	Industry	Issuer Rating (Moody's/S&P/G Fitch)	Issue Rating (Moody's/S&P/ Fitch)
2021/8/31	Chongqing International Logistics Hub Park Construction Co Ltd	USD	310 (reoffered 155)	5.3	2024/8/20	3	Chengtou	-/-/BBB-	-/-/BBB-

## Secondary Market: Returns on Chinese USD bonds dropped

As of September 3, the YTD return<sup>1</sup> on Chinese USD corporate bond index decreased by 40bp from last Friday to -1.14%. The return on investment-grade bond rose by 17bp to 1.35%, and the return on high-yield bond decreased by 182bp to -7.18%. In terms of sector indices, the returns on financial and real estate bonds were -3.06%, and -9.20%, decreasing by 73bp and 221bp from last Friday, respectively. The return on non-financial and chengtou bonds increased by 13bp and 18bp from last Friday to 2.01% and 2.59%, respectively.

Figure 5: YTD return on Markit IBoxx Chinese USD bond index



Sources: Bloomberg, CCX research

As of September 3, the yield-to-worst of Chinese dollar bonds rose by 9bp to 3.90% from last Friday, of which investment grade bond index fell by 3bp to 2.16% and high-yield bond index fell by 82bp to 12.92%.

<sup>1</sup> Year-to-date return measures the return since January 4, 2021

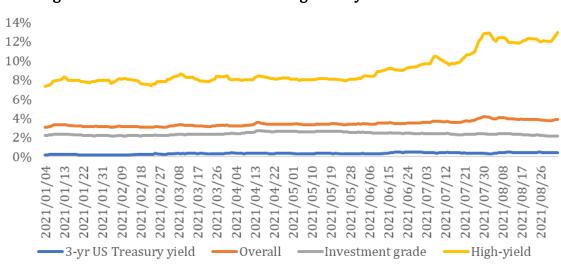


Figure 6: Yield-to-worst of Bloomberg Barclays Chinese USD bond index

Sources: Bloomberg, CCX research

## Rating Actions: Negative rating actions on chengtou and real estate issuers increased

From August 30 to September 3, the rating agencies took positive rating actions on 3 Chinese issuers, and took negative rating actions on 18 Chinese issuers.

Table 3: Credit rating changes of cross-border bond market (20210830-20210903)

				Current Rat	ting		Previous Ra	ting	Rating	Reason of
	Entity	Sector	Entity Rating	Outlook	Date	Entity Rating	Outlook	Date	Agency	Change
Inte	rnational Rating:									
Upgrade	Zhongsheng Group Holdings Ltd	Consumer Discretionary	ВВВ-	POS	2021/8/30	ВВВ-	STABLE	2021/1/14	S&P	Favorable market trends and solid market position will continue to support the company's operating performance.
Upgı	China Resources Gas Group Limited	Consumer Staples	А3	POS	2021/8/31	А3	STABLE	2018/2/28	Moody's	solid operating performance and low debt level
	China Resources Power Holdings Company Limited	Consumer Staples	BBB+	STABLE	2021/9/1	BBB	STABLE	2019/7/30	S&P	track record of earnings resiliency and stronger business mix
Downgrade	Liuzhou Dongtong Investment Development Co.,Ltd.	Chengtou	BB-	STABLE	2021/8/29	ВВ	RWN	2021/7/13	Fitch	Financing channels have weakened in recent years
Dc	Baoji Investment (Group) Co., Ltd	Chengtou	ВВ	STABLE	2021/8/30	BB+	RWN	2021/7/13	Fitch	Weak financing capabilities

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Haidilao International Holding Ltd	Consumer Staples	BBB	NEG	2021/8/30	BBB	STABLE	2021/1/4	S&P	extended ramp-up period and slower table turnover
Hainan State Farms Investment Holdings Group Co., Ltd	Materials	ВВВ	STABLE	2021/8/30	BBB+	RWN	2021/7/13	Fitch	existing bonds are relatively small and revenue is mainly derived from fully competitive industries
Jiuquan Iron and Steel (Group) Co., Ltd	Materials	BB+	STABLE	2021/8/30	BBB-	RWN	2021/7/13	Fitch	The business scale is small, and the existing bonds are small
Shangrao Innovation Development Industry Investment Group Co., Ltd	Chengtou	BB-	STABLE	2021/8/30	ВВ	RWN	2021/7/13	Fitch	Company financing capacity weakened
Haidilao International Holding Ltd	Consumer Staples	ВВВ	NEG	2021/8/31	ВВВ	STABLE	2021/1/4	Fitch	weaker profitability and high capex for restaurant expansion
HengYang HongXiang State-owned Investment (Holding) Group Ltd	Chengtou	BB+	STABLE	2021/9/1	BBB-	RWN	2021/7/13	Fitch	Limited economic impact of default
Hubei Science Technology Investment Group Co., Ltd	Chengtou	ввв	STABLE	2021/9/1	BBB+	RWN	2021/7/13	Fitch	lower overall support score and a wider notching from the sponsoring government's creditworthiness
RiseSun Real Estate Development Co Ltd	Real Estate	B+	STABLE	2021/9/1	BB-	STABLE	2019/4/7	S&P	Project sales are slowing down and profit margins are falling
Zhengzhou Airport Economy Zone Xinggang Investment Group Co., Ltd	Chengtou	BBB	STABLE	2021/9/1	BBB+	RWN	2021/7/13	Fitch	Weak government's direct control
Central China Real Estate Limited	Real Estate	Ва3	NEG	2021/9/2	Ва3	STABLE	2020/8/5	Moody's	Weaken sales and financial indicators
Kunming Municipal Urban Construction Investment & Development Co., Ltd	Chengtou	ВВ	STABLE	2021/9/2	BB+	RWN	2021/7/13	Fitch	Deteriorating financing capacity
Liangshan Development (Holdings) Group Co., Ltd	Chengtou	BB-	STABLE	2021/9/2	ВВ	RWN	2021/7/13	Fitch	Increased leverage and possible refinancing risks
Guangzhou R&F Prperties Co., Ltd	Real Estate	В2	RWN	2021/9/3	B1	RWN	2020/5/25	Moody's	Rising risk of refinancing

	R&F Properties (HK) Company Limited	Real Estate	ВЗ	RWN	2021/9/3	В2	RWN	2020/5/25	Moody's	Its parent company's ability to provide financial and operational support is weakened
	Jiangsu Fangyang Group Co Ltd	Chengtou	BB-	STABLE	2021/9/3	ВВ	RWN	2021/7/13	Fitch	Financial situation continues to be weak
	Xinyuan Real Estate Co Ltd	Real Estate	CCC	-	2021/9/3	В-	RWN	2021/7/5	Fitch	Increased refinancing risk and weak internal control
Don	nestic Rating:									
Downgrade	Evergrande Real Estate Group Ltd	Real Estate	AA	RWN	2021/9/2	AAA	STABLE	2021/7/26	CCXI	Tight cash flow and deteriorated profitability

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As of September 3, there were 20 issuers that issued 50 panda bonds with a total amount of RMB73.6 billion and an average coupon rate of 3.39%. Approximately 60% of the bonds had a tenor of 3 years or above and more than 75% of the bonds were issued in the China Interbank Market.

Table 4: New issuance of Panda Bond in 2021 (20210101-20210903)

Issuer	Amount (RMB billion)	Coupon (%)	Issue date	Maturity	Tenor	Bond Type	Issue Market	Local Rating Agency
China Mengniu Dairy Company Limited	2.5	2.55	2021/8/30	2021/11/19	0.22	SCP	China Interbank Market	China Chengxin
China Mengniu Dairy Company Limited	2.5	2.55	2021/8/30	2021/11/26	0.24	SCP	China Interbank Market	China Chengxin
Far East Horizon Limited	0.7	3.78	2021/8/30	2023/8/30	2	MTN	China Interbank Market	China Chengxin
GLP China Holdings Limited	1.2	4.30	2021/8/23	2026/8/23	5	Corporate Bond	Shanghai Exchange Market	Shanghai Brilliance Rating
China Everbright Water Limited	0.8	2.40	2021/8/10	2021/12/8	0.33	SCP	China Interbank Market	Shanghai Brilliance Rating

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China Mengniu Dairy Company Limited	0.5	2.50	2021/8/4	2021/10/29	0.24	SCP	China Interbank Market	China Chengxin
China Power International Development Limited	0.5	2.63	2021/8/3	2022/3/1	0.58	SCP	China Interbank Market	China Chengxin
China Everbright Greentech Limited	1	3.50	2021/7/28	2026/7/28	5	MTN	China Interbank Market	Lianhe Credit
Luso International Banking Limited	1.5	3.28	2021/7/27	2024/7/27	3	Financial Bond	China Interbank Market	Lianhe Credit
China Mengniu Dairy Company Limited	2	2.60	2021/7/27	2021/12/9	0.37	SCP	China Interbank Market	China Chengxin
Beijing Enterprises Water Group Limited	1	3.27	2021/7/14	2026/7/14	5	Corporate Bond	Shanghai Exchange Market	Shanghai Brilliance Rating
Beijing Enterprises Water Group Limited	1	3.64	2021/7/14	2026/7/14	5	Corporate Bond	Shanghai Exchange Market	Shanghai Brilliance Rating
Far East Horizon Limited	0.5	3.98	2021/7/12	2023/7/12	2	MTN	China Interbank Market	China Chengxin
Bank of China Group Investment Limited	2.5	3.64	2021/6/24	2024/6/24	3	MTN	China Interbank Market	China Chengxin / Lianhe Credit
China Mengniu Dairy Company Limited	1.2	2.50	2021/6/24	2021/9/17	0.23	SCP	China Interbank Market	China Chengxin
China Mengniu Dairy Company Limited	0.8	2.65	2021/6/22	2021/12/16	0.48	SCP	China Interbank Market	China Chengxin
China Everbright Limited	4	3.70	2021/6/18	2024/6/18	3	MTN	China Interbank Market	China Chengxin
China Everbright Environment Group Limited	2	3.60	2021/6/15	2024/6/15	3	MTN	China Interbank Market	Lianhe Credit Rating
BMW Finance N.V.	1.5	3.03	2021/6/15	2022/6/15	1	СР	China Interbank Market	China Chengxin
BMW Finance N.V.	2	3.44	2021/6/15	2024/6/15	3	MTN	China Interbank Market	China Chengxin
GLP China Holdings Limited	2	4.30	2021/6/11	2026/6/11	5	Corporate Bond	Shanghai Exchange Market	Shanghai Brilliance Rating
China Traditional Chinese Medicine Holdings Co. Limited	1	2.65	2021/5/31	2022/2/25	0.74	SCP	China Interbank Market	
Hengan International Group Company Limited	1	2.90	2021/5/25	2021/11/23	0.5	СР	China Interbank Market	China Chengxin
Daimler International Finance BV	2	3.77	2021/5/21	2024/5/21	3	PPN	China Interbank Market	
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Yuexiu Transport Infrastructure Limited	0.5	3.84	2021/5/13	2028/5/13	7	Corporate Bond	Shanghai Exchange Market	China Chengxin
Yuexiu Transport Infrastructure Limited	1	3.48	2021/5/13	2026/5/13	5	Corporate Bond	Shanghai Exchange Market	China Chengxin
Hengan International Group Company Limited	1	2.90	2021/4/26	2021/10/23	0.5	SCP	China Interbank Market	China Chengxin
Beijing Enterprises Water Group Limited	1.5	3.98	2021/4/23	2029/4/23	8	MTN	China Interbank Market	Shanghai Brilliance Rating

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China Power International Development Limited	2	3.54	2021/4/23	2024/4/23	3	MTN	China Interbank Market	China Chengxin
GLP China Holdings Limited	1.5	4.40	2021/4/22	2026/4/22	5	Corporate Bond	Shanghai Exchange Market	Shanghai Brilliance Rating
China Mengniu Dairy Company Limited	1	2.50	2021/4/19	2021/6/25	0.18	SCP	China Interbank Market	China Chengxin
Hengan International Group Company Limited	1	3.00	2021/4/15	2021/10/12	0.5	SCP	China Interbank Market	China Chengxin
China Mengniu Dairy Company Limited	1	2.50	2021/4/8	2021/6/25	0.21	SCP	China Interbank Market	China Chengxin
Hengan International Group Company Limited	1	3.08	2021/3/26	2021/9/23	0.5	SCP	China Interbank Market	China Chengxin
China Mengniu Dairy Company Limited	2	2.50	2021/3/26	2021/6/24	0.25	SCP	China Interbank Market	China Chengxin
New Development Bank	5	3.22	2021/3/25	2024/3/25	3	International Institution Bond	China Interbank Market	Lianhe Credit Rating
GLP China Holdings Limited	1.5	4.40	2021/3/25	2024/3/25	3	Corporate Bond	Shanghai Exchange Market	Shanghai Brilliance Rating
Daimler International Finance BV	2	3.80	2021/3/19	2024/3/19	3	PPN	China Interbank Market	
Daimler International Finance BV	2	3.70	2021/3/19	2023/3/19	2	PPN	China Interbank Market	
Crédit Agricole S.A.	1	3.50	2021/3/18	2024/3/18	3	Financial Bond	China Interbank Market	S&P China
GLP China Holdings Limited	1.5	4.40	2021/3/18	2024/3/18	3	MTN	China Interbank Market	Shanghai Brilliance Rating
SIIC Environment Holdings Ltd.	1.5	3.89	2021/3/15	2026/3/15	5	Corporate Bond	Shanghai Exchange Market	China Chengxin
Asian Development Bank	2	3.20	2021/3/11	2026/3/11	5	International Institution Bond	China Interbank Market	
GLP China Holdings Limited	1.7	4.37	2021/3/8	2024/3/8	3	Corporate Bond	Shanghai Exchange Market	Shanghai Brilliance Rating
China Power International Development Limited	0.5	3.20	2021/2/8	2021/8/6	0.5	SCP	China Interbank Market	Golden Credit Rating
Yuexiu Transport Infrastructure Limited	1	3.78	2021/1/28	2026/1/28	5	MTN	China Interbank Market	China Chengxin
Yuexiu Transport Infrastructure Limited	1	3.63	2021/1/25	2026/1/25	5	Corporate Bond	Shanghai Exchange Market	China Chengxin
GLP China Holdings Limited	0.7	3.98	2021/1/25	2024/1/25	3	Corporate Bond	Shanghai Exchange Market	Shanghai Brilliance Rating
China Everbright Water Ltd	1	3.75	2021/1/15	2024/1/15	3	MTN	China Interbank Market	Shanghai Brilliance Rating

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