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# **Cross-border Bonds Weekly Report**

# Fed hiked rates; issuance and return on Chinese offshore bonds rebounded

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# Interest Rate: China Government Bond yields fluctuated upward; US Treasury yields climbed

This week, China Government Bond yields fluctuated upward. The 1-year China Government Bond yields increased by 243bp compared with last Friday. The Fed hiked rates on schedule, pushing US Treasury yields up. As of March 18, the yield spread between China and US 10-year note was 64.3bp, narrowing by 15.5bp from last Friday and narrowing by 50.4bp from the beginning of the year.

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

# Primary Market: Chinese offshore bond issuance increased substantially

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#### Secondary Market: Return on Chinese USD bond rose

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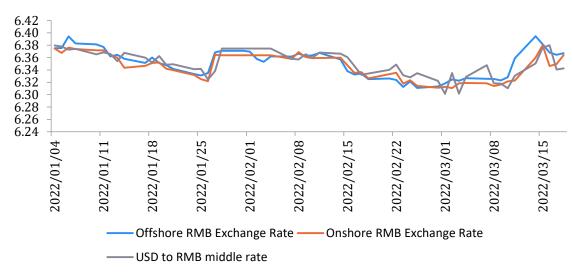


Figure 1: RMB exchange rate

Sources: Wind, CCX research

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The China Government Bond yields fluctuated upward this week. As of March 18, the 1-year, 3-year, 5-year, 7-year, and 10-year China Government Bond yields went up since last Friday, closed at 2.1106%, 2.3393%, 2.5382%, 2.7842%, and 2.7927% respectively, and increased by 243bp, 166bp, 229bp, 146bp, and 25bp respectively.

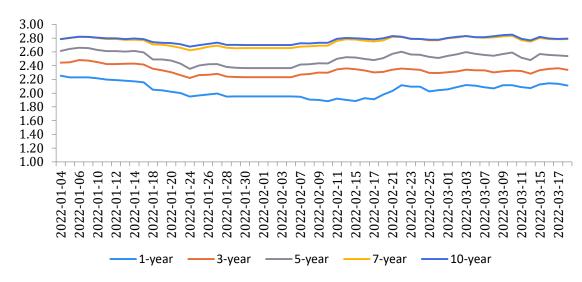


Figure 2: China Government Bond yields

Sources: ChinaBond.com.cn, CCX research

The Fed hiked rates on schedule, pushing US Treasury yields up. As of March 18, 2-year, 5-year, 10-year and 30-year Treasury yields closed at 1.97%, 2.14%, 2.14% and 2.42%, increasing by 22bp, 18bp, 14bp and 6bp from last Friday respectively. In terms of Treasury yield spreads, spread between the 2-year and 10-year narrowed by 8bp to 17bp, and spread between the 5-year and 30-year narrowed by 12bp to 28bp, from last Friday.

Figure 3: US Treasury yields and yield spreads

Sources: US Department of the Treasury, CCX research

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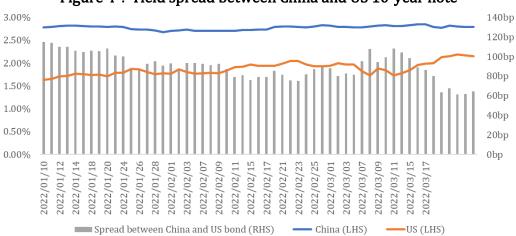


Figure 4: Yield spread between China and US 10-year note

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Table 1: New issuance of Chinese offshore bonds (20220314-20220318)

Pricing Date	Obligor	Currency	Amount (million)	Coupon (%)	Maturity	Tenor	Industry	Issuer Rating (Moody's/S&P/ Fitch)	Issue Rating (Moody's/S&P/ Fitch)
2022/3/14	Bank of China Ltd/Macau	USD	8	2.875	2025/3/21	3	Banks	A1/A/A	-/-/-
2022/3/14	Bank of Communications Co Ltd	CNY	2,800	3.2	2024/3/21	2	Banks	A2/A-/A	A2/-/A
2022/3/14	Bank of Communications Co Ltd	HKD	1,200	1.8	2024/3/21	2	Banks	A2/A-/A	A2/-/A
2022/3/14	Bank of Communications Co Ltd	USD	400	2.375	2025/3/21	3	Banks	A2/A-/A	A2/-/A
2022/3/14	Chengdu Dongfang Guangyi Investment Co Ltd	USD	170	3.42	2025/3/21	3	Chengtou	-/-/-	-/-/-
2022/3/14	China International Capital Co Ltd	USD	600	2.875	2025/3/21	3	Financials	Baa1/BBB+/BBB+	-/BBB+/-
2022/3/14	Country Garden Holdings Co Ltd	MYR	100	5	2023/3/20	1	Real Estate	Baa3/BB+/BBB-	-/-/-
2022/3/14	Huatai International Financial Holdings Co Ltd	USD	5	0	2024/11/20	2.68	Financials	-/BBB+/-	-/-/-
2022/3/14	Huatai International Financial Holdings Co Ltd	USD	3	0	2027/3/2	4.96	Financials	-/BBB+/-	-/-/-
2022/3/14	Huatai International Financial Holdings Co Ltd	USD	3	0	2027/3/9	4.98	Financials	-/BBB+/-	-/-/-
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2022/3/15	Bank of China Ltd/Macau	USD	4	5.625	2024/5/14	2.16	Banks	A1/A/A	-/-/-
2022/3/15	Huatai International Financial Holdings Co Ltd	USD	29	0	2026/11/10	4.65	Financials	-/BBB+/-	-/-/-
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2022/3/16	Central China Securities Co Ltd	USD	100	4	2025/3/22	3	Financials	-/-/-	-/-/-
2022/3/16	China Education Group Holdings Ltd	CNY	500	4	2025/3/22	3	Consumer Discretionary	-/AA/-	-/AA/-
2022/3/17	Huatai International Financial Holdings Co Ltd	USD	50	1	2022/12/23	274D	Financials	-/BBB+/-	-/-/-
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2022/3/17	Nanxun Communications Investment Group Co Ltd	USD	206	4.5	2025/3/23	3	Chengtou	-/-/-	-/-/-
2022/3/17	Taizhou Xinbinjiang Development Co Ltd	USD	81	6	2025/3/22	3	Chengtou	-/-/-	-/-/-
2022/3/18	Bank of China Ltd/Tokyo	JPY	10,000	0.25	2024/3/25	2	Banks	A1/A/A	A1/A/A
2022/3/18	Excellence Commercial Properties Co Ltd	USD	100	2.91	2025/3/24	3	Real Estate	-/-/-	-/BBB-/-
2022/3/18	Huatai International Financial Holdings Co Ltd	USD	50	0.95	2022/9/26	185D	Financials	-/BBB+/-	-/-/-
2022/3/18	Jingjiang Port Group Co Ltd	USD	33	2.8	2025/3/29	3	Chengtou	-/-/-	-/-/-
2022/3/18	Jingjiang Port Group Co Ltd	USD	19	4	2025/3/29	3	Chengtou	-/-/-	-/-/-
2022/3/18	Rudong County Mintai Urban and Rural Construction Engineering Co Ltd	USD	100	2.9	2025/3/23	3	Chengtou	-/-/-	-/-/-

Sources: Bloomberg, CCX research

On March 15, China Jinmao Holdings Group Ltd announced tap bond offering

Table 2: Tap bond offering (20220314-20220318)

Pricing Date	Obligor	Currency	Amount (million)	Cou pon (%)	Maturity	Tenor	Industry	Issuer Rating (Moody's/S&P/ Fitch)	Issue Rating (Moody's/S&P/ Fitch)
2022/3/15	China Jinmao Holdings Group Ltd	USD	350 (Reoffered 150)	4.4	2025/3/4	3.000684	Real Estate	Baa2/BBB-/BBB-	Baa3/-/-

Sources: Bloomberg, CCX research

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<sup>1</sup> Year-to-date return measures the return since January 3, 2022

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

Sources: Bloomberg, CCX research

As of March 18, the yield-to-worst of Chinese dollar bonds increased by 21bp to 5.61% from last Friday, of which investment grade bond index increased by 16bp to 3.99%. High-yield bond index increased by 28bp to 26.57%.

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

#### Sources: Bloomberg, CCX research

### Rating Action: Several real estate companies were downgraded

From March 14 to March 18, rating agencies took negative rating actions on 8 Chinese issuers.

Table 3: Credit rating changes of cross-border bond market (20220314-20210318)

	Sector	Current Rating				Previous Ratin	ng	Rating	Reason of
Entity		Entity Rating	Outlook	Date	Entity Rating	Outlook	Date	Agency	Change
International Rating:									

	Hong Yang Group Company Limited; Redsun Properties Group Limited	Real Estate	В	NEG	3/15/2022	B+	Stable	7/11/2021	Fitch	Decreasing financial flexibility amid high capital-market volatility
de	Jiayuan International Group Limited	Real Estate	В	NEG	3/15/2022	B+	Stable	9/7/2021	Fitch	Continued deterioration in sales and an uncertain recovery
Downgrade	Logan Group Co Ltd	Real Estate	Caa2	NEG	3/15/2022	B2	RWN	3/7/2022	Moody's	Rising risk in refinancing and debt default
	Sunac China Holdings Ltd	Real Estate	B-	RWN	3/15/2022	BB-	NEG	1/19/2022	Fitch	Uncertainty in refinancing
	Redco Properties Group Ltd	Real Estate	С	-	3/16/2022	CCC-	-	3/7/2022	Fitch	Distressed Debt Exchange
	Sunac China Holdings Ltd	Real Estate	$\mathrm{BB_g}+$	NEG	3/16/2022	$\mathrm{BBB}_\mathrm{g}$ -	Stable	6/30/2021	CCXAP	Reduced liquidity buffer and tightened funding access
	Sunac China Holdings Ltd	Real Estate	В-	RWN	3/17/2022	BB-	NEG	1/21/2022	S&P	Weak liquidity
Do	mestic Rating:									
Downgrade	Dr.peng Telecom & Media Group Co.,ltd	Communicatio ns	BBB	NEG	2022/3/17	A	NEG	2021/12/3	Lianhe	USD bond rollover and bond restructuring have not been completed
Do	Jiangsu Nantong Sanjian Construction Group Co., Ltd.	Industrials	B+	NRG	2022/3/18	ВВ	NEG	2021/10/29	Lianhe	Limited liquidity, high debt repayment pressure
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**Table 3: New issuance of Panda Bond in the Year 2022 (20220103-20220218)** 

Igguer	Amount	Coupo	Issue date	Maturity	Tenor	Dand Time	Iogua Maultat	Local Rating
Issuer	(RMB	n (%)	issue date	Maturity	Tenor	Bond Type	Issue Market	Agency

	billion)							
Yuexiu Transport Infrastructure	1	3.28	2022/3/18	2027/3/18	5	MTN	China Interbank	China
			, ,	, ,			Market	Chengxin
Hengan International Group Co.,	1.5	2.4	2022/3/18	2022/9/14	0.49	СР	China Interbank	China
Ltd							Market	Chengxin
							Shanghai	Shanghai
GLP China Holdings Limited	1	4.3	2022/3/7	2025/3/7	3	Corporate Bond	Exchange	Brilliance
							Market	Rating
Hengan International Group Co.,	1	2.5	2022/3/3	2022/8/3	0.49	СР	China Interbank	China
Ltd							Market	Chengxin
Hengan International Group Co.,	1	2.5	2022/3/3	2022/8/3	0.49	СР	China Interbank	China
Ltd							Market	Chengxin
BMW Finance N.V.	2.5	2.33	2022/2/24	2022/5/25	0.25	SCP	China Interbank	China
							Market	Chengxin
China Mengniu Dairy Company	1	3.1	2022/2/21	2025/2/21	3.00	MTN	China Interbank	China
Limited							Market	Chengxin
China Mengniu Dairy Company	1.5	2.89	2022/2/21	2024/2/21	2.00	MTN	China Interbank	China
Limited							Market	Chengxin
China Traditional Chinese	1	2.4	2022/2/16	2022/11/15	0.75	SCP	China Interbank	China
Medicine Co. Limited							Market	Chengxin
New Development Bank	3	2.45	2022/1/27	2025/1/27	3	International	China Interbank	China
			, -, -:	, _,		Institution Bond	Market	Chengxin
China Mengniu Dairy Company	2.5	2.35	2022/1/24	2022/4/22	0.24	SCP	China Interbank	China
Limited			, -, - :	, ,,	•		Market	Chengxin
Beijing Enterprises Water Group							China Interbank	Shanghai
Limited	1.5	3.38	2022/1/21	2026/1/21	5	MTN	Market	Brilliance
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Beijing Enterprises Water Group							China Interbank	Shanghai
Limited	1	2.97	2022/1/21	2023/1/21	5	MTN	Market	Brilliance
Limed							Warner	Rating
							China Interbank	Shanghai
China Everbright Water Limited	1	2.50	2021/12/16	2022/6/12	0.4	SCP	Market	Brilliance
							WILLING	Rating
Shenzhen International Holdings	1	2.95	2022/1/10	2028/1/15	6	Corporate Bond	Shenzhen	Lianhe Cred
Limited	1	2.33	2022/1/10	2020/1/13	3	corporate bond	Exchange Market	Rating

Sources: Bloomberg, CCX research

#### Issuer Analysis: Yuexiu Transport Infrastructure Limited

**Issuer profile:** Yuexiu Transport Infrastructure Limited, formerly known as GZI Transport Limited, was incorporated in Bermuda as an exempted limited company on September 23, 1996, with a registered capital of HK\$100,000, and was listed on the main board of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange in 1997 Listed (stock code: 01052. HK). As of the end of June 2021, Housemaster Holdings Limited and Weisui Group Co., Ltd., as the company's top two shareholders, are affiliated to Yuexiu Group Co., Ltd., holding 21.96% and 18.12% of the

company's shares respectively. The actual controller is the state-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of Guangzhou Municipal Government. As an important subsidiary of Yuexiu Group, the company undertakes investment in transportation infrastructure and road production. Its main business is investment, operation, and management of expressways and bridges. The main source of income is from toll road operations. The company adopts a relatively short-cycle business model "acquisition + operation". Compared with the traditional "construction + operation" model, it skips the highway construction section, avoids the risks caused by the uncertainty of the highway construction period, and selects profitable highways through inspection of the mileage and traffic flow. A strong acquisition target effectively improves the company's future operating income. The company's road products are of good quality and are distributed in Guangdong, Hunan, Hubei, and other provinces with sustained economic growth, bringing growth benefits to expressway traffic. However, it is worth noting that as of the end of June 2021, the company's asset-liability ratio has risen from 45.44% in 2018 to 61.89%, and the acquisition of future road properties may further increase the company's financial leverage. At the same time, the spread and normalization of the domestic pandemic may bring uncertainty to the company's expressway operation business

**Issuance history:** Yuexiu Transport Infrastructure Limited is one of the earlier issuers in the Panda Bond Market. It entered the Panda Bond Market in early 2016 and issued a total of 12 bonds, raising RMB 9 billion RMB altogether. 7 corporate bonds all issued in the Shanghai Exchange Market and 5 medium-term notes are issued in the interbank market. The average coupon rate is 3.41%, and the average spread is 63.62bp. The funds raised are mainly used to repay existing interest-bearing debts and supplement working capital.

Table 4: Historical Issuance of Yuexiu Transport Infrastructure Limited in the Panda Bond Market

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No.	Issue date	Maturity	Tenor	Amount (RMB billion)	Coupon (%)	Spread (BP)	Usage of Proceeds	Bond Type	Issue Market
1	2022/3/18	2027/3/18	5	1	3.28	74.18	Repay borrowings from financial institutions	MTN	Inter-Bank Market
2	2021/5/13	2026/5/13	5	1	3.48	53.73	Repay existing debts and supplement working capital	Corporate Bond	Exchange Market
3	2021/5/13	2028/5/13	7	0.5	3.84	73.38	Repay existing debts and supplement working capital	Corporate Bond	Exchange Market
4	2021/1/28	2026/1/28	5	1	3.78	74.7	Repay existing debts and supplement working capital	MTN	Inter-Bank Market
5	2021/1/25	2026/1/25	5	1	3.63	67.42	Repay existing debts and supplement working capital	Corporate Bond	Exchange Market
6	2020/8/14	2023/8/14	3	0.5	3.54	86.54	Repay maturing interest-bearing debts	MTN	Inter-Bank Market
7	2020/1/10	2023/1/10	3	1	3.47	79.24	Repay existing debts	MTN	Inter-Bank Market
8	2019/12/2	2022/12/2	3	1	3.58	72.96	Repay existing debts and supplement working capital	MTN	Inter-Bank Market
9	2016/10/26	2021/10/26	5	0.2	2.90	44.44	Repay existing debts and supplement working capital	Corporate Bond	Exchange Market

10	2016/10/26	2022/10/26	-	0.0	2.10	F2 F4	Repay existing debts and	Carranata Dand	Exchange
10	2016/10/26	2023/10/26	,	0.8	3.18	52.51	supplement working capital	Corporate Bond	Market
11	11 2016/3/21	2021/3/21	E	0.3	2.85	28.16	Repay existing debts and	Corporate Bond	Exchange
11	2010/3/21		3		2.85	28.10	supplement working capital	Corporate Bond	Market
12	10 0015/0/01	2022/2/21	7	0.7	3.38	FC 16	Repay existing debts and	Cornerate Band	Exchange
12	2016/3/21	2023/3/21	,			56.16	supplement working capital	Corporate Bond	Market

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