

Singapore

Singapore's local currency (LCY) bonds outstanding stood at SGD312 billion (US\$252 billion) at end-March, expanding 5.1% quarter-on-quarter (q-o-q) and 17.3% year-on-year (y-o-y), driven mainly by rapid growth in Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) bills. Corporate bond market growth outpaced that of the government sector on a y-o-y basis in 1Q13.

Table 1. Size and Composition of the LCY Bond Market in Singapore

	Outstanding Amount (billion)						Growth Rate (%)			
	1Q12		4Q12		1Q13		1Q12		1Q13	
	SGD	US\$	SGD	US\$	SGD	US\$	q-o-q	y-o-y	q-o-q	y-o-y
Total	266	212	297	243	312	252	7.7	19.7	5.1	17.3
Government	162	129	173	142	184	148	5.4	21.4	6.4	13.7
Central Govt. Bills and Bonds	144	114	143	117	147	118	3.8	7.9	2.9	2.0
MAS Bills	18	14	30	25	37	30	20.0	-	22.8	106.7
Corporate	104	83	124	102	128	104	11.5	17.3	3.4	22.9

() = negative, LCY = local currency, MAS = Monetary Authority of Singapore, q-o-q = quarter-on-quarter, y-o-y = year-on-year.

Notes:

1. Government bonds are calculated using data from national sources. Corporate bonds are based on *AsianBondsOnline* estimates.

2. Government bills and bonds do not include the special issue of Singapore Government Securities held by the Singapore Central Provident Fund (CPF).

3. Bloomberg LP end-of-period LCY-US\$ rate is used.

4. Growth rates are calculated from an LCY base and do not include currency effects.

Source: Monetary Authority of Singapore, Singapore Government Securities, and Bloomberg LP.

In 1Q13, corporate bond issuance rose 71.2% q-o-q to reach SGD4.1 billion, driven by SGD2.2 billion worth of new issues from the Housing and Development Board of Singapore. On a y-o-y basis, however, new issuance declined 25.5%.

Table 2: Notable LCY Corporate Issuance in 1Q13

Corporate Issuers	Coupon Rate (%)	Issued Amount (SGD million)
Housing and Development Board		
3-year bond	0.94	1,000
5-year bond	1.23	1,200
Biosensors Investments		
4-year bond	4.88	300
Suntec Real Estate Investments		
5-year convertible/put bond	1.40	280
National University of Singapore		
5-year bond	1.04	250
Hong Fok Corporation Ltd.		
5-year bond	4.75	100
6-year bond	4.75	120
Guthrie GTS Ltd.		
5-year bond	3.70	125

LCY = local currency.

Source: Bloomberg LP.

Total LCY bonds outstanding among Singapore's top 30 corporate bond issuers stood at SGD64 billion at the end of 1Q13, representing one-half of the total corporate bond market in Singapore. The largest issuers remained financial institutions.

Table 3: Top 30 Issuers of LCY Corporate Bonds in Singapore

Issuers	Outstanding Amount		State-Owned	Listed Company	Type of Industry
	LCY Bonds (SGD billion)	LCY Bonds (US\$ billion)			
1. Housing and Development Board	14.4	11.6	Yes	No	Financial
2. DBS Bank Ltd.	5.0	4.0	No	Yes	Financial
3. CapitaLand Ltd.	4.9	3.9	No	Yes	Financial
4. United Overseas Bank Ltd.	4.5	3.6	No	Yes	Financial
5. Temasek Financial I	3.6	2.9	No	No	Financial
6. Oversea-Chinese Banking Corp.	2.7	2.2	No	Yes	Financial
7. SP PowerAssets Ltd.	2.4	1.9	No	No	Utilities
8. Public Utilities Board	2.1	1.7	Yes	No	Utilities
9. Land Transport Authority	2.1	1.7	Yes	No	Industrial
10. Olam International Ltd.	1.6	1.3	No	Yes	Consumer
11. Keppel Corp Ltd.	1.5	1.2	No	Yes	Industrial
12. GLL IHT Pte Ltd.	1.4	1.2	No	No	Real Estate
13. Keppel Land Ltd.	1.4	1.1	No	Yes	Real Estate
14. Mapletree Treasury Services	1.3	1.1	No	No	Financial
15. Overseas Union Enterprise Ltd.	1.3	1.0	No	Yes	Consumer
16. Temasek Financial III	1.3	1.0	No	No	Financial
17. Neptune Orient Lines Ltd.	1.3	1.0	No	Yes	Industrial
18. CapitaMalls Asia Treasury	1.1	0.9	No	No	Financial
19. City Developments Ltd.	1.1	0.9	No	Yes	Consumer
20. PSA Corporation Ltd.	1.0	0.8	No	No	Consumer
21. F&N Treasury Pte Ltd.	1.0	0.8	No	No	Financial
22. Hyflux Ltd.	1.0	0.8	No	Yes	Industrial
23. Singapore Post Limited	0.9	0.7	Yes	No	Industrial
24. Singtel Group Treasury	0.9	0.7	No	No	Telecommunications
25. Singapore Airlines	0.8	0.6	No	No	Transportation
26. Global Logistic Properties	0.8	0.6	No	Yes	Industrial
27. CapitaLand Treasury Ltd.	0.7	0.6	No	No	Financial
28. Joynote Limited	0.7	0.6	No	No	Financial
29. Sembcorp Financial Services	0.7	0.6	No	No	Industrial
30. CapitaMall Trust	0.7	0.5	No	Yes	Financial
Total Top 30 LCY Corporate Issuers	64.0	51.6			
Total LCY Corporate Bonds	128.4	103.5			
Top 30 as % of Total LCY Corporate Bonds	49.9%	49.9%			

LCY = local currency.

Notes:

1. Data as of end-March 2013.

2. State-owned firms are defined as those in which the government has more than a 50% ownership stake.

Source: *AsianBondsOnline* calculations based on Bloomberg data.