

Singapore

The local currency (LCY) bond market in Singapore contracted 1.5% quarter-on-quarter (q-o-q) and 3.2% year-on-year (y-o-y) in the fourth quarter (Q4) of 2015 to decline to a size of SGD313 billion (USD221 billion) at the end of December. Both the stock of Monetary Authority of Singapore bills and corporate bonds declined on a q-o-q basis in Q4 2015.

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

	Outstanding Amount (billion)						Growth Rate (%)			
	Q4 2014		Q3 2015		Q4 2015		Q4 2014		Q4 2015	
	SGD	USD	SGD	USD	SGD	USD	q-o-q	y-o-y	q-o-q	y-o-y
Total	323	244	318	223	313	221	0.7	5.0	(1.5)	(3.2)
Government	194	147	188	132	183	129	(0.3)	2.8	(2.3)	(5.7)
SGS Bills and Bonds	98	74	103	72	106	75	(3.1)	(21.4)	2.7	7.7
MAS Bills	96	73	85	60	78	55	2.8	49.7	(8.5)	(19.4)
Corporate	129	97	130	91	130	91	2.1	8.6	(0.2)	0.5

() = negative, LCY = local currency, MAS = Monetary Authority of Singapore, q-o-q = quarter-on-quarter, Q3 = third quarter, Q4 = fourth quarter, SGS = Singapore Government Securities, 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. SGS bills and bonds do not include the special issue of SGS held by the Singapore Central Provident Fund (CPF).

3. Bloomberg LP end-of-period LCY-USD rates are used.

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

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

New corporate debt issues totaled SGD3.8 billion in Q4 2015, up on both a q-o-q and y-o-y basis. State-owned Housing and Development Board issued the single largest corporate bond in Q4 2015.

Table 2: Notable LCY Corporate Bond Issuance in Q4 2015

Corporate Issuers	Coupon Rate (%)	Issued Amount (SGD million)
Housing and Development Board		
5-year bond	2.10	1,200
Singapore Tech Telemedia		
10-year bond	4.05	450
Ascendas REIT		
Perpetual bond	4.75	300
Oxley MTN		
4-year bond	5.00	300
Perennial Real Estate		
3-year bond	4.65	300

LCY = local currency, Q4 = fourth quarter.

Source: Bloomberg LP.

The top 30 corporate issuers in Singapore had an aggregate outstanding bond stock of SGD67.3 billion at the end of December, accounting for 51.9% of the total corporate bond stock.

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 (USD billion)			
1.	Housing and Development Board	20.5	14.5	Yes	No	Real Estate
2.	United Overseas Bank	4.9	3.5	No	Yes	Banking
3.	Land Transport Authority	4.0	2.8	Yes	No	Transportation
4.	Temasek Financial I	3.6	2.5	No	No	Financing
5.	DBS Bank	3.3	2.3	No	Yes	Banking
6.	CapitaLand	3.0	2.1	No	Yes	Real Estate
7.	FCL Treasury	2.1	1.5	No	No	Real Estate
8.	SP PowerAssets	1.9	1.3	No	No	Utilities
9.	Olam International	1.7	1.2	No	Yes	Consumer Goods
10.	Keppel	1.7	1.2	No	Yes	Diversified
11.	Public Utilities Board	1.7	1.2	Yes	No	Utilities
12.	Oversea-Chinese Banking	1.5	1.1	No	Yes	Banking
13.	GLL IHT	1.5	1.0	No	No	Financing
14.	City Developments	1.3	0.9	No	Yes	Real Estate
15.	Neptune Orient Lines	1.3	0.9	No	Yes	Logistics
16.	CapitaLand Treasury	1.2	0.8	No	No	Financing
17.	Singtel Group Treasury	1.2	0.8	No	No	Financing
18.	CapitaMalls Asia Treasury	1.0	0.7	No	No	Financing
19.	Singapore Airlines	1.0	0.7	No	No	Transportation
20.	Sembcorp Financial Services	1.0	0.7	No	No	Financing
21.	Mapletree Treasury Services	0.9	0.7	No	No	Financing
22.	National University of Singapore	0.9	0.6	No	Yes	Education
23.	Ascendas REIT	0.8	0.6	No	Yes	Real Estate
24.	DBS Group	0.8	0.6	No	Yes	Banking
25.	CMT MTN	0.8	0.6	No	No	Financing
26.	Overseas Union Enterprise	0.8	0.6	No	Yes	Real Estate
27.	Sembcorp Industries	0.8	0.6	No	Yes	Shipbuilding
28.	Global Logistic Properties	0.8	0.5	No	Yes	Real Estate
29.	SMRT Capital	0.8	0.5	No	No	Transportation
30.	PSA	0.7	0.5	No	No	Port Operator
Total Top 30 LCY Corporate Issuers		67.3	47.4			
Total LCY Corporate Bonds		129.7	91.4			
Top 30 as % of Total LCY Corporate Bonds		51.9%	51.9%			

LCY = local currency.

Notes:

1. Data as of end-December 2015.

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.