

CMBI Credit Commentary

Fixed Income Daily Market Update 固定收益部市场日报

- *This morning, the new CBAAU '29 was 4bps tighter from RO, '31s were unchanged, and '37s were 1bp wider. The new KOSOPW '29 was 10bps tighter from RO. The new MAYMK '29 widened 1bp from RO while '31 was unchanged. The new MUFG complex were unchanged from ROs. The new MIZUHO 7.05 Perp down 0.1pt from RO at par. JP bank FRNs and insurance subs were weaker amid better selling.*
- **KBANK:** Initiate buy on the new KBANK 6.278 09/17/36, which was 2bps tighter from RO at T+173bps this morning. See below.
- **SMCGL:** Earnings growth and margin expansion continues in 1H26. Switch to SMCGL 8.375 Perp from SMCGL 8.125 Perp and SMCGL 8.95 Perp. SMCGLs were unchanged this morning. See below.

❖ Trading desk comments 交易台市场观点

Yesterday, we saw pressure in Asia IG space at the long-end. Chinese 10yr benchmarks BABA/TENCNT/TME/KUAISH/MEITUA as well as HKTGHD/LINREI widened 2-3bps. We also saw RM selling the 5yr belly of LENOVO/XIAOMI. In contrast, front-end 2-3yr MEITUA/GRWALL/CCAMCL/FRESHK/BNKEA enjoyed solid buying support. TW lifers drifted unchanged to 2bps wider on light selling in CATLIF. In Korea, the recent new 3yr SAMAER/KOREAN tightened 1-2bps on local front-end deployment. On the other hand, there were some selling in off-the-run LGENSO/HYNMTR which closed unchanged to 2bps wider. Heavy new supply weighed on Japan and Southeast Asia, with upcoming multi-tranche issuance from MAYMK/KBANK/MUFG. In Japan, we saw better selling in bank FRNs and 5-10yr fixed-rate paper. In SG, OCBCSP traded mixed on two-way flows, with demand focused on FRNs and the '34 and selling pressure in the '35/'36.

In higher-yielding space, the macro tone weakened as markets returned from the US long weekend and positioned for a more bearish rates outlook ahead of next week's FOMC, following Friday's strong NFP print. European and Japanese AT1s and insurance subs, together with Asia high-beta perps, were around 0.3-0.4pt weaker amid a modest rates-led sell off during the London session. AMs and tactical investors sold the belly and long end as they reduced long positions. VLLPM 27-29 rose 0.5-1.8pts. Vista Land confirmed it is evaluating opportunities to monetize selected non-core assets to ensure that it remains well-positioned to meet its financial obligations, including the maturity of its USD420mn VLLPM 27 in Jul'27. In contrast, sentiment remained relatively constructive outside the USD market. In CNH space, we continued to see steady Southbound buying, while higher-yielding CNH LGFVs remained strongly sought after by RMs and HFs. Yields compressed by up to a further 10bps across paper yielding from the mid-3% and above.

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❖ Last Trading Day's Top Movers

Top Performers	Price	Change	Top Underperformers	Price	Change
VLLPM 7 1/4 07/20/27	81.9	1.8	SANTAN 8 PERP	106.4	-0.7
CRNAU 9 1/4 10/01/29	86.9	0.8	INTNED 6 1/2 PERP	96.8	-0.6
PRUFIN 4 7/8 PERP	85.9	0.7	ACENPM 4 PERP	56.6	-0.6
VLLPM 9 3/8 07/29/29	62.0	0.5	EHICAR 7 09/21/26	76.4	-0.6
TAIANH 6.9 07/16/28	98.3	0.5	SSW 5 1/2 08/01/29	97.4	-0.5

❖ Marco News Recap 宏观新闻回顾

Macro – S&P (-0.58%), Dow (-1.18%) and Nasdaq (-0.32%) were weak on Tuesday. China Aug'26 CPI/PPI was +0.8%/+3.8% yoy, respectively, compared with the market expectation of +0.8%/+3.6%. UST yield was higher yesterday. UST yield was at 4.39%/4.57%/4.80%/5.25%.

❖ Desk Analyst Comments 分析员市场观点

➤ KBANK: Initiate buy on the new KBANK 6.278 09/17/36

Table 1: KBANK o/s USD bonds

Security name	ISIN	Amt o/s (USD mn)	Ask px	Z-spread (bps)	YTW	Mod dur	Payment rank	First call date	Issue rating
KBANK 4 Perp	XS2371174504	350	99.3	176	5.8%	0.4	Jr Subordinated	02/10/2027	Ba2/-/-
KBANK 5.458 03/07/28	XS2580263734	600	101.0	52	4.8%	1.4	Sr Unsecured	-	Baa1/-/BBB
KBANK 3.343 10/02/31	XS2056558088	800	99.9	62	4.4%	0.1	Subordinated	10/02/2026	Ba1/-/BB+
KBANK 6.278 09/17/36	XS3503275177	800	100.0	196	6.3%	4.2	Subordinated	09/17/2031	Ba1/-/-

Source: Bloomberg.

Yesterday, KASIKORNBANK (KBANK) priced USD 10NC5 Reg S Tier 2 bond (Ba1/-/-) at T+173bps, tightened from IPT of T+205bps and in line with our FV estimate. The issue size is USD800mn on an order book of over USD1.5bn. The new KBANK 6.278 09/17/36 is first callable on 17 Sep'31, subject to regulatory approval. If not called, the coupon will reset to 5yrUST+1.73%. Please also refer to our comments [yesterday](#) for the new issue highlights.

We initiate buy on the new KBANK 6.278 09/17/36. We view the bond offers an attractive yield within the Asia bank T2 universe, while also provides a meaningful yield pick-up over KBANK's senior KBANK 5.458 03/07/28. At 100.0, KBANK 6.278 09/17/36 was trading at a 6.3% YTC, tightened 2bps from the RO at T+173bps this morning. We expect KBANK to redeem the bond at the first call date, supported by its established call track record. Most recently, KBANK is scheduled to redeem its USD800mn KBANK 3.343 10/02/31 at its first call date on 2 Oct'26. Besides, we view the risk of a non-viability event as low over the medium term, underpinned by KBANK's solid capital position and prudent provisioning.

➤ **SMCGL: Earnings growth and margin expansion continues in 1H26**

Table 2: Bond profiles of SMCGLs

Security name	ISIN	Ask px	Yield to next reset	Amt o/s (USD mn)	First call date	Coupon reset date	Coupon reset (incl. step-up)
SMCGL 5.45 Perp	XS2346954873	99.7	6.4%	258.53	12/09/2026	12/09/2026	5yUST+7.155%
SMCGL 8.75 Perp	XS2883979705	102.2	7.9%	900.0	06/12/2029	09/12/2029	5yUST+7.732%
SMCGL 8.125 Perp	XS2943809900	100.5	8.0%	600.0	12/02/2029	03/02/2030	5yUST+6.404%
SMCGL 8.95 Perp	XS3121131125	102.9	8.1%	515.0	04/24/2030	07/24/2030	5yUST+7.445%
SMCGL 8.375 Perp	XS3242497538	99.5	8.5%	300.0	10/20/2030	01/20/2031	5yUST+7.123%
SMCGL 8.875 Perp	XS3401031656	100.9	8.3%	430	03/17/2031	06/17/2031	5yUST+7.102%

Source: Bloomberg.

San Miguel Global Power (SMCGL) reported solid 1H26 results, supported by increasing contributions from its renewable energy portfolio and BESS facilities. We maintain our buy recommendation on SMCGL, underpinned by its improving operating profile, diversified funding access and proactive liability management. Within the SMCGL curve, we switch to SMCGL 8.375 Perp, from SMCGL 8.125 Perp and SMCGL 8.95 Perp, for its higher yield and lower cash price. We also maintain buy on PCORPM 7.35 Perp, issued by SMCGL affiliate Petron Corp. We view these Philippine perp as low-beta and good carry plays.

SMCGL's 1H26 revenue rose 27.1% yoy to PHP101.9bn, driven by contributions from the Mariveles, Masinloc and San Roque hydroelectric power plants, whose PSAs commenced in 2H25, as well as five BESS facilities that began operations in 2025. This was partly offset by lower revenue from several plants following deconsolidation and PSA cessations. Revenue growth significantly outpaced the 2.2% yoy increase in cost of power sold, reflecting improved PSA terms and the relatively higher margin contribution from BESS. As a result, gross profit increased 78.6% yoy to PHP46.6bn, with gross profit margin expanded to 45.8% from 32.6% in 1H25.

EBITDA declined 8.9% yoy to PHP47.0bn, primarily due to the absence of the PHP21.9bn one-off valuation gain from the Chromite transaction recorded in 1H25. Excluding this gain, the EBITDA would have increased 58.4% yoy in 1H26, as per our calculation, broadly consistent with the strong improvement in gross profit. Operating cash flow declined 24.7% yoy to PHP20.4bn, mainly due to higher receivables, inventories, and payables during the period. Capex increased materially to PHP26.3bn from PHP3.7bn in 1H25, for Masinloc Units 4 and 5, BESS facilities, and solar and hydro projects. We expect SMCGL to fund its expansion capex through a combination of operating cash flow and debt, particularly as it continues to build out its BESS portfolio. While higher capex and working capital requirements weigh on near term free cash flow generation, such investments should support its EBITDA growth in the medium term and diversify its business mix, as well as reducing SMCGL's reliance on thermal generation.

As of Jun'26, cash and cash equivalents increased to PHP181.1bn from PHP101.5bn at Dec'25, while total debt rose to PHP655.8bn. Total debt/LTM EBITDA and net debt/LTM EBITDA increased to 8.6x and 6.2x, respectively, reflecting higher debt to fund capex and working capital requirements. That said, liquidity remained adequate, with cash/ST debt at a healthy 2.9x. We also take comfort from SMCGL's access to both onshore and offshore funding markets and its proactive liability management. Since Jul'25, SMCGL has conducted exchange and tender offers for its USD perps, while also refinancing through onshore bond issuance. SMCGL has a track record of calling its perp at its first reset date since Nov'19, which remains supportive of investor confidence in its refinancing discipline.

Table 3: 1H26 financial highlights

PHP mn	1H25	1H26	Change	2Q25	2Q26	Change
Revenue	80,147	101,856	27.1%	37,651	48,239	28.1%
- Power generation	59,888	72,818	21.6%	26,971	32,965	22.2%
- Retail and other power-related services	19,512	28,480	46.0%	10,113	15,020	48.5%
- Others	747	558	-25.4%	566	254	-55.1%
Gross profit	26,104	46,611	78.6%	13,058	16,316	25.0%
EBITDA	51,625	47,046	-8.9%	15,856	17,050	7.5%
Net profit	34,573	32,151	-7.0%	8,187	8,272	1.0%
Operating cash flow	27,084	20,388	-24.7%	11,192	498	-95.5%
Capex	3,720	26,232	605.2%	360	15,995	4348.4%
Free cash flow	23,364	(5,844)	-	10,833	(15,497)	-243.1%
Gross profit margin	32.6%	45.8%	13.2 pts	34.7%	33.8%	-0.9 pts
EBITDA margin	64.4%	46.2%	-18.2 pts	42.1%	35.3%	-6.8 pts
PHP mn	Dec'25	Jun'26	Change			
Cash and ST investment	101,498	181,091	78.4%			
Total debt (incl. capital securities)	597,306	655,810	9.8%			
Net debt	495,808	474,719	-4.3%			
Total debt/ LTM EBITDA	7.4x	8.6x	-			
Net debt/ LTM EBITDA	6.1x	6.2x	-			
Cash/ST debt	1.2x	2.9x	-			

Source: Company filing, CMBI FICC Research.

➤ **Offshore Asia New Issues (Priced)**

Issuer/Guarantor	Size (USD mn)	Tenor	Coupon	Priced	Issue Rating (M/S/F)
Commonwealth Bank of Australia	1000	3yr	4.80%	T+37	Aa2/AA-/AA
	750	5.25yr	4.367%	SOFR+70	Aa2/AA-/AA
	1250	11NC10	6.09%	T+130	A2/A-/A
KASIKORNBANK Hong Kong Branch	800	10NC5	6.278%	T+173	Ba1/-/-
Korea Southern Power	300	3yr	4.75%	T+50	Aa2/-/AA-
Malayan Banking Bhd	300	3yr	4.267%	SOFR+60	A3/-/-
	400	5yr	5.088%	T+55	A3/-/-
	750	4NC3	5.126%	T+65	A1/A-/A-
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group Inc	850	6NC5	5.437%	T+87	A1/A-/A-
	400	6NC5	4.766%	SOFR+110	A1/A-/A-
	750	8NC7	5.625%	T+95	A1/A-/A-
	750	21NC20	6.205%	T+95	A1/A-/A-
Mizuho Financial Group	1000	PerpNC10.25	7.05%	7.05%	Ba1/BB+/-

➤ Offshore Asia New Issues (Pipeline)

Issuer/Guarantor	Currency	Size (USD mn)	Tenor	IPT/IPG	Issue Rating (M/S/F)
Japan Post Insurance	USD	-	30NC10	6.875-7.0%	A3/A-/-
Korea Securities Finance Corporation	USD	-	3yr	T+75	Aa2/-/-
Olympus Corp	USD	500	5yr	T+120	Baa1/BBB+/-
RBL Bank Limited	USD	-	5yr	T+150	Baa2/-/-
Vedanta Resources (tap)	USD	-	6yr	7.0%	Ba3/BB-/BB
	USD	-	8yr	7.375%	Ba3/BB-/BB
	USD	-	11yr	7.75%	Ba3/BB-/BB

➤ News and market color

- Regarding onshore primary issuances, there were 100 credit bonds issued yesterday with an amount of RMB106bn. As for month-to-date, 496 credit bonds were issued with a total amount of RMB503bn raised, representing a 95.9% yoy increase
- [INGPHL]** Fitch affirmed India Green Power's USD460mn INGPL 4 02/22/27 at BB- stable outlook
- [POHANG]** Media reported POSCO to invest cUSD357mn to boost premium steel capacity for next-generation cars
- [SOFTBK]** Media reported SoftBank to meet investors in next week ahead of potential USD10-20bn bond sale
- [SUNHKC]** Sun Hung Kai & Co redeemed outstanding USD195.9mn SUNHKC 5 26 in full at maturity
- [XIAOMI]** Media reported XIAOMI to invest USD7.5bn in chip R&D over next decade
- [VEDLN]** Media reported Vedanta Resources to raise up to USD400mn in tap to refinance outstanding bonds left over from the tender and exchange offer earlier this year
- [VLLPM]** Vista Land confirmed it is evaluating opportunities to monetize selected non-core assets to ensure that it remains well-positioned to meet its financial obligations, including the maturity of its USD420mn VLLPM 7 ¼ 07/20/27 in Jul'27

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