

Asian USD High Yield bond market



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Performance YTD

- Bifurcated performance across China credits has emerged amid China's deleveraging drive and policy tightening, with China USD high yield property credits bearing the brunt of the policy-driven volatility.
- Outside this sector, performance of Asian USD credits has been relatively resilient.

YTD 12 NOV 2021 - JACI INVESTMENT GRADE (IG) & HIGH YIELD (HY) BOND INDEX (USD)



Key HY Market Performance*	YTD RETURN (ending 12 Nov 21)
China	-22%
Real Estate	-34%
Indonesia	1%
India	6%
Philippines	5%
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Source: Bloomberg, Aladdin, Eastspring Investments, 12 November, *internal estimates using JPMorgan Asia Credit – Non-Investment Grade sector as proxy . Please note that there are limitations to the use of such indices as proxies for the past performance in the respective asset classes/sector. The chart above is included for illustrative purposes only and may not be indicative of the future or likely performance of the markets.

China property market

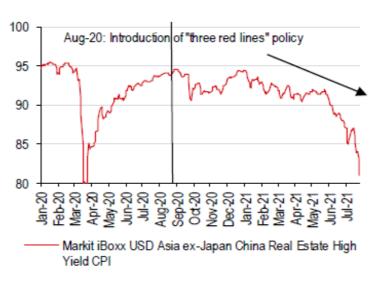


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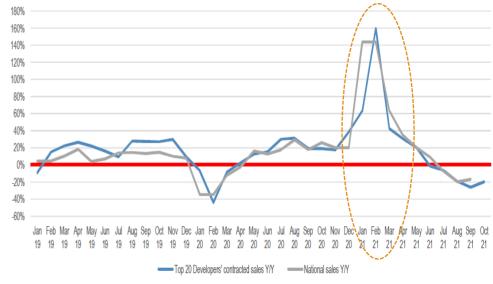
Policy induced weakness

- Despite resilient demand for property earlier in the year, high yield property sector was hard hit by the tightening of financing access due to the higher leverage nature of the property credits.
- Credit events (eg. defaults of China Fortune Land, Sichuan Languang) and other negative idiosyncratic news exacerbated investor sentiment and funding access.

"THREE RED LINES" POLICY IS THE GAME CHANGER



MAJOR DEVELOPERS' CONTRACTED SALES VS. NATIONAL SALES VALUE (YOY GROWTH)



Source: Markit, HSBC, July 2021. Note: CPI stands for clean price index; RHS Source: NBS, CREIS, Company data, JPMorgan Estimates, November 2021. The chart above is included for illustrative purposes only and may not be indicative of the future or likely performance of the markets.

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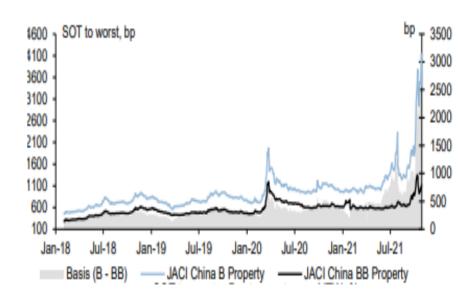
Correction overdone?

- Rising defaults, continued news of rating downgrades, as well as market chatters about property companies struggling to repay their offbalance sheet liabilities amid ongoing liquidity squeeze, led to a market capitulation which saw even the investment grade property companies (including governmentlinked companies) falling victim to the market sell-off
- Number of defaults/ distressed exchanges have also risen sharply.

LIST OF DEFAULTS AND DISTRESSED EXCHANGES IN 2021

	Outstanding USD bonds
China Fortune Land	4,560
China Properties Group	226
Fantasia	3,955
Modern Land China	1,348
Oceanwide Holdings	344
Sichuan Languang	1,050
Sunshine 100	510
Sinic	694
Xinyuan	736
Yango Group	2,254
Total	15,677

CHINA PROPERTY SPREAD TO WORST – 'B' RATED AND 'BB' RATED



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More help coming our way

- There have been some targeted policy easing in the property sector. Property development remains an important driver of China's economic growth and a key revenue source for most local governments.
- In the longer-term, we believe China's deleveraging initiative will instil stronger market discipline and drive improvements in credit fundamentals in the sector.

RECENT POLICY AND MORTGAGE EASING SUMMARY

Date	Cities	Event
15-Oct	National	China eases mortgages for 4Q21 and permits issuance of mortgage-backed securities over concerns re the Evergrande debt crisis At end-September, some major banks were advised by Chinese financial regulators to accelerate approval of mortgages in 4Q21. Lenders were also allowed to apply to sell securities backed by residential mortgages to free up loan quotas, easing a ban imposed early this year.
11-Oct	Suzhou	Suzhou cuts mortgage rates for first and second homes and accelerates the release of mortgages Many banks in Suzhou have lowered mortgage rates for first and second homes. The Bank of Nanjing has cut its mortgage rate for first homes by 5bps to 5.8%, which is the lowest among all banks in Suzhou. CMB has lowered its first-home mortgage rate by 5bps to 6.1%-6.15%. ICBC has cut its mortgage rate for second homes by 10bps to 6.3%. CCB and ICBC have reportedly accelerated the release of mortgages to 2 months.
11-Oct	Harbin	Harbin lowers the requirements for home purchases and accelerates the release of cash held in escrow accounts. On 9 October, Harbin issued a notice to lower the requirements on home purchases and accelerate the release of pre-sale proceeds in escrow accounts, effective 11 October. According to the notice, those individuals who have made housing provident fund contributions outside Harbin are allowed to apply for provident fund loans in the city. The age of a secondary home eligible for provident fund loans has increased from 20 to 30 years, with a cap of 50 years on the sum of the age of a purchased home and the loan term. By end-December 2022, the pre-sale proceeds placed in escrow accounts should be refunded to those eligible developers, to alleviate liquidity pressures on developers. In addition, those developers with "green" and "blue" credit ratings are eligible to apply for pre-sale permits on commodity housing, on the condition that the quality of their housing projects is recognised by the local housing authority by end-December 2022.
9-Oct	Yiyang	Certain lower-tier cities to lower mortgage rates CCB in Yiyang, a tier-4 city in Hunan province, has slightly cut its first-home mortgage rate to 5.65%, and mortgages can be released within a month if all supporting documents are well prepared. In addition, banks in certain cities including Hangzhou and Ningbo plan to lower mortgage rates in early 2022.
1-0ct	Guangzhou, Foshan	Guangzhou and Foshan cut mortgage rates for first and second homes and accelerate the release of mortgages. Several major banks in certain cities such as Guangzhou and Foshan have lowered mortgage rates. In Guangzhou, Guangda Bank has reduced the mortgage rate for first homes by 40bps to 5.60%, and the Bank of Guangzhou has lowered the mortgage rate for first and second homes to 5.45% and 5.65%, respectively. In addition, the timeframe for the release of mortgages in Guangzhou has been shortened to two months. In Foshan, two major state-owned banks have cut mortgage rates for first and second homes by 5-20bps.

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Asia economy

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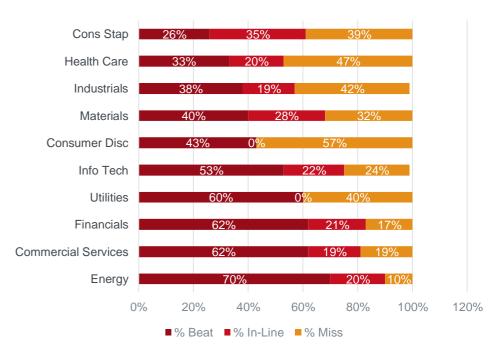
CAUTIOUS RECOVERY

- Asia's recovery this year has been led by growth in exports as personal consumption was constrained by lockdowns. Improving vaccination rates in the region has allowed more countries to reopen and will help boost growth in the service sector.
- That said, macro indicators are not pointing to a sharp recovery in local demand that would trigger a sharp pace of policy tightening in Asia.

MANUFACTURING PMIS - NEW EXPORT ORDERS

Oct 21	Sep 21	Aug 21
46.6	46.2	46.7
52.6	51.5	50.6
49.6	44.5	34.6
50.1	51.1	50.6
49	48.5	45.8
49.4	50	45.1
	51.2	51.3
54.6	55.9	57
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% OF COMPANIES WITH EARNINGS SURPRISES IN 3Q 21 (BY MARKET)



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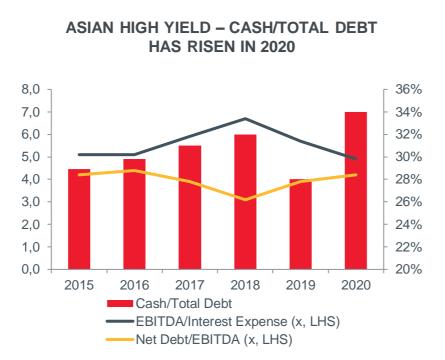
Asian high yield credits

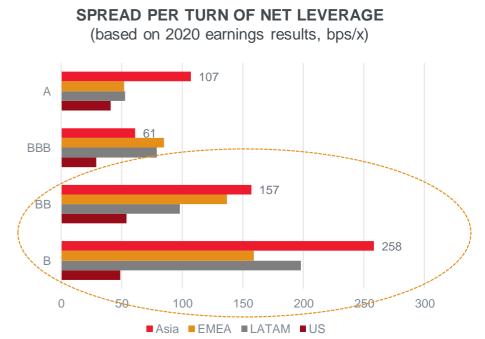


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Overall fundamentals are not looking too bad

- Asian high yield corporates were impacted by COVID but deterioration in credit ratio was moderate going into 2020 and liquidity position improved.
- Economic recovery in the region should provide a more constructive operating backdrop for Asian issuers.





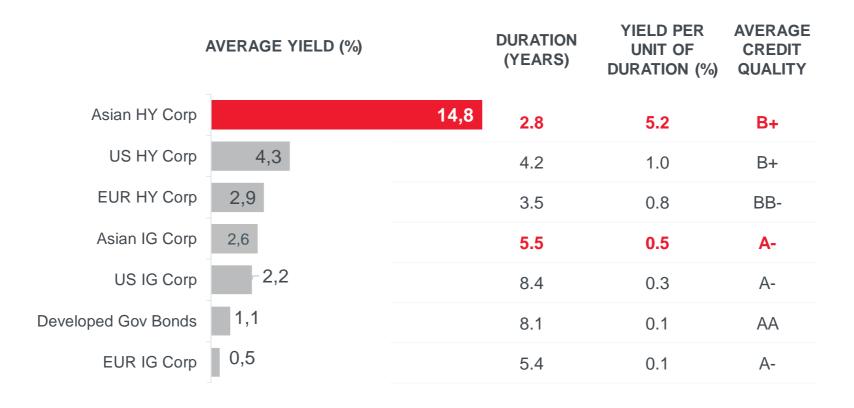
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Asian high yield credits



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Higher yield buffer, shorter duration than DM credits



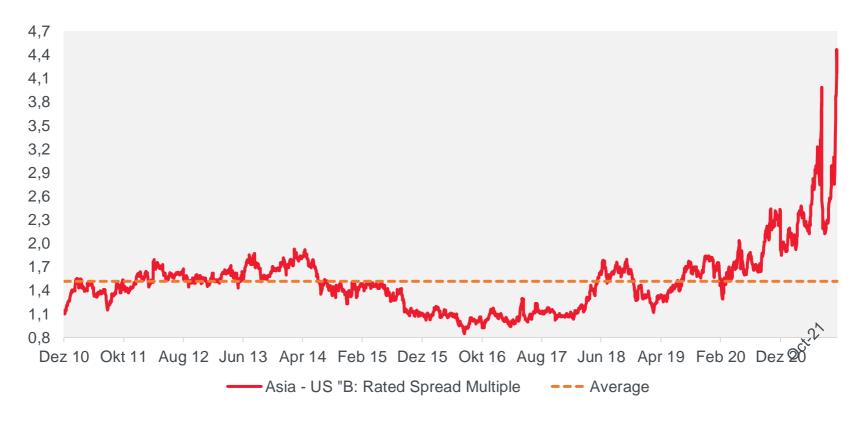
Source: Bloomberg, Eastspring Investments, BofAML, Citigroup, as 29 October 2021. Asian HY Corp as represented by BofA Merrill Lynch Asian Dollar High Yield Corp Index. Asian IG Corp as represented by BofA Merrill Lynch Asian Dollar Investment Grade Corp Index. US IG Corp and US HY Corp as represented by BofA Merrill Lynch US Corp and High Yield Indices respectively, Developed Govt bonds represented by JP Morgan Government Bond Index – Broad. EUR HY Corp and EUR IG Corp represented by BofA Merrill Lynch Euro High Yield and Euro Corporate Indices respectively. HY= High Yield, IG = Investment Grade. Average yield for corporate bonds are based on yield to worst. Please note that there are limitations to the use of such indices as proxies for the past performance in the respective asset classes/sector. The historical performance or forecast presented in this slide is not indicative of and should not be construed as being indicative of or otherwise used as a proxy for the future or likely performance.

Spread differentials



With US high yield widened

RELATIVE VALUE VERSUS US HIGH YIELD



Source: Bloomberg, JPMorgan, ICE Benchmark Administration Limited (IBA), 15 October 2021 (daily data); JPMorgan Asia Credit Index – B sub-index; ICE BofAMLUS High Yield B Option-Adjusted Spread retrieved from FRED, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis; August 1, 2018. HY: High Yield. * Spread differential between Asian HY B rated and US HY B rated. Please note that there are limitations to the use of such indices as proxies for the past performance in the respective asset classes/sector. The chart above is included for illustrative purposes only and may not be indicative of the future or likely performance of the markets.



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Key product features

Well-diversified and nimble fund

Established Fixed Income team with strong track record
Active investment approach with robust credit selection process

Distribution Payout Feature¹

The Fund is well diversified (276 issues vs. 552 issues in benchmark)
With current fund size of US\$372 million, size of our individual debt holdings are relatively small allowing for nimble scaling of positions

One of the largest Asian fixed income managers with US\$65.4 billion^of Assets Under Management

Emphasis on credit selection process to identify potential outperformers and mitigate default risks

Historical monthly distribution payout of 7.50% on an annualised basis (based on NAV), for USD share classes (ex date 1 September 2021 & 1 October 2021)

Please visit www.eastspring.com to view the disclosures on the distribution payout.

Distributions are not guaranteed. Distributions may be paid out of distributable income, capital or both.

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Important Notes: (i) Payment of distributions out of capital amounts to a return or withdrawal of part of an investor's original investment or from any capital gains attributable to that original investment. (ii) Any distributions involving payment out of the fund's capital may result in an immediate reduction of the net asset value per share.

Source: Eastspring Investments, 29 October 2021 unless otherwise stated. Past performance of the portfolio is not necessarily indicative of the future or likely performance of the portfolio. ^AUM as at end June 2021. AUM for Asian Fixed Income team is internally calculated and includes advisory mandates. ¹Distributions are not guaranteed and may fluctuate. Past distributions are not necessarily indicative of future trends, which may be lower. Distribution payouts and its frequency are determined by the Board of Directors and can be made out of (a) income; or (b) net capital gains; or (c) capital of the Fund or a combination of any of (a) and/or (b) and/or (c). The payment of distributions should not be confused with the Fund's performance, rate of return or yield. Any payment of distributions by the Fund may result in an immediate decrease in the net asset value per share.



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Portfolio positioning overview¹

Characteristics		Portfolio	Benchmark
Av Duratio	on (years)^	2.6	3.1
Current yie	eld (%)^	8.3	7.4
Yield to maturity (%)^		13.5	10.4
Yield to wo	orst (%)^	13.3	10.5
No. of issu	ies	276	552
No. of issu	iers	123	291
Av. Credit	Rating	B+	B+
Sector Breakdown		Portfolio	Benchmark
Corporato	High Yield	74.4	82.2
Corporate	Investment Grade	7.1	2.3
Government	High Yield	7.1	8.3
Government	Investment Grade	3.0	0.0
Quasi	High Yield	3.0	7.3
Government	Investment Grade	0.5	-
Cash		4.9	-

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Total

Market Breakdown	Portfolio	Benchmark
China	43.9	42.9
India	18.0	13.6
Indonesia	7.6	4.5
Macau	4.8	5.6
Philippines	4.6	6.5
Sri Lanka	3.8	3.4
Pakistan	3.0	3.4
United States	2.7	-
Hong Kong	2.4	12.1
Others	4.2	8.0
Cash	4.9	-
Total	100.0	100.0
Currency Breakdown	Portfolio	Benchmark
US Dollar	93.2	100.0
Indian Rupee	3.0	-
Singapore Dollar	1.9	-
Indonesian Rupiah	1.0	-
Malaysian Ringgit	0.5	-
HK Delivered Chinese Renminbi (Yuan)	0.4	-
Chinese Yuan	0.0	-
Australian Dollar	0.0	-
Total	100.0	100.0

Source: Eastspring Investments, J.P. Morgan, 29 October 2021 (based on internal data). Benchmark: JACI Non-Investment Grade Index. Note: 1Portfolio positioning is subject to change without prior notice. The above does not constitute a recommendation of any security/sector/industry. The historical performance is not indicative of the future or likely performance of Eastspring Investments or the Portfolio. The computation of yield to maturity, yield to worst, average duration and current yield includes cash and derivatives securities.

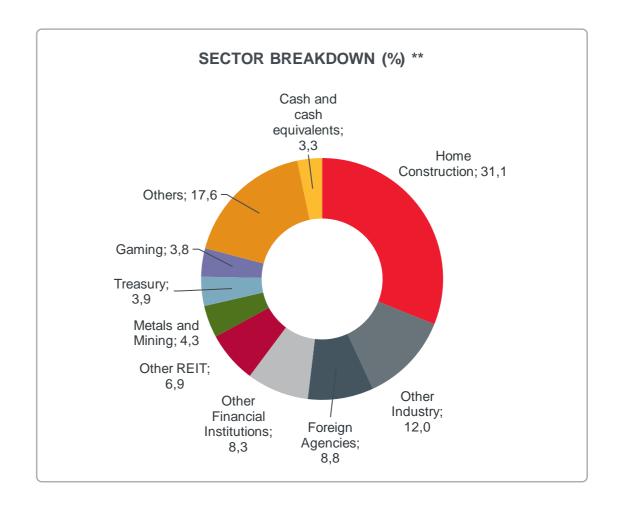
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Credit rating and sector breakdown¹

Credit Ratings by External Agencies [^]	Portfolio	Benchmark	Relative
AA	2.7	0.0	2.7
AA-	0.0	0.0	0.0
A+	0.0	0.0	0.0
A	0.0	0.0	0.0
BBB+	0.0	0.0	0.0
BBB	0.6	0.0	0.6
BBB-	7.3	2.3	5.0
IG sub-total	10.6	2.3	8.3
BB+	4.9	11.0	-6.1
ВВ	6.5	12.5	-6.0
BB-	19.7	19.7	0.1
B+	9.6	8.6	1.1
В	7.1	4.0	3.1
B-	10.1	9.9	0.3
CCC+	4.9	3.9	1.0
CCC	1.3	1.4	-0.1
CCC-	0.0	0.1	-0.1
CC	1.1	0.0	1.1
C	2.5	1.5	1.0
D	1.2	0.0	1.2
HY sub-total	69.0	72.5	-3.5
No rating	15.5	25.2	-9.7
Cash and equivalents	4.9	0.0	4.9
Total	100.0	100.0	0.0



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Characteristics



Differentiating the Fund

Focus on the opportunities in the Asian USD high yield bond market

Credit selection as the key source of value add

Benefit from more attractive yields as compared to the investment grade sector as well as the broader global high yield market

Moderate flexibility to invest in local currency denominated bonds.

Managed by an experienced and well-resourced investment team



The Investment Team



Lead Portfolio Manager: **Leong Wai Mei**Investment team:

- 11 Portfolio Managers*
- 12 Credit Analysts



Key Characteristics

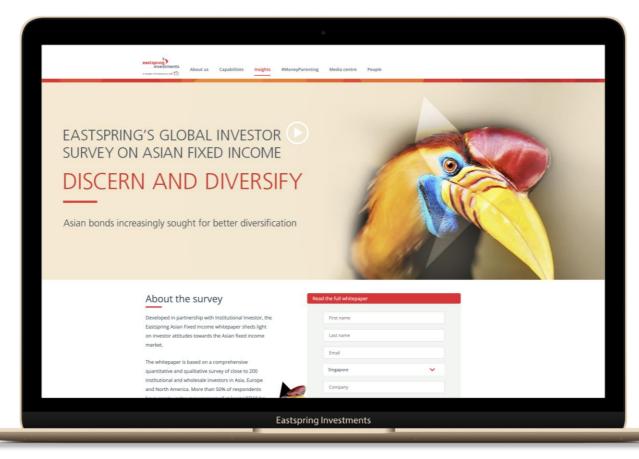
Benchmark	JACI Asia Credit (JACI) – Non Investment Grade Index
Average duration	+/- 1.5 year benchmark duration
Country limit	Up to 20 in non-benchmark countries
Sector limit	N.A.
Single Issuer Limit	Non Sovereigns: the higher of 5% or benchmark weight +3%
Non-USD exposure	Max 20 %
Strategy Inception Date	October 2011
Fund Size	USD371.6 million
Currency	USD

Source: Eastspring Investments, 29 October 2021; *William and Peerampa assume both credit research and portfolio management responsibilities. The portfolio characteristics are subject to change at the fund manager's discretion without notice. Past performance is not necessary indicative of the future or likely performance of the Strategy.









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Typically lower rewards

Typically higher rewards

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- The lowest category does not mean 'risk-free'.

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