

Financial Market Report (September 2024)

1. Bond Issuance

In September, the bond market saw a total issuance of RMB7.60315 trillion. The issuance of treasury bonds, local government bonds, financial bonds, corporate credit bonds¹, credit-asset-backed securities, and interbank certificates of deposit (CDs) reached RMB1.36153 trillion, RMB1.28432 trillion, RMB763.87 billion, RMB1.19083 trillion, RMB13.18 billion and RMB2.92312 trillion, respectively.

As of end-September, outstanding bonds held in custody amounted to RMB169.9 trillion, including RMB149.3 trillion in the interbank bond market and RMB20.6 trillion in the exchange-traded bond market. By bond type, treasury bonds, local government bonds, financial bonds, corporate credit bonds, credit-asset-backed securities and CDs in custody recorded an outstanding amount of RMB32.7 trillion, RMB44.4 trillion, RMB40.0 trillion, RMB32.6 trillion, RMB1.2 trillion and RMB17.8 trillion, respectively. Commercial bank over-the-counter (OTC) bonds in custody recorded an outstanding amount of RMB106.34 billion.

2. Bond Market

In September, the turnover of cash bond trading in the interbank bond market saw a year-on-year decrease of 3.1 percent (a month-on-month increase of 1.1 percent) to RMB27.8 trillion, with the daily average standing at RMB1.32519 trillion. Of the total turnover, transactions with each trade between RMB5 million and RMB50 million accounted for 48.4 percent, while those with each trade above RMB90 million made up

¹ Including debt-financing instruments issued by non-financial institutions, asset-backed notes, enterprise bonds, corporate bonds, and exchange-traded asset-backed securities.

45.4 percent. The average value per trade was RMB41.59 million. The turnover of cash bond trading in the stock exchange bond market was RMB2.9 trillion, averaging RMB152.1 billion daily. A total of 76,000 transactions were done in the commercial bank OTC bond market, with the total turnover of RMB64.11 billion.

3. Bond Market Opening-up

As of end-September, overseas institutions held RMB4.43 trillion, or 2.6 percent of the outstanding bonds in custody in China's bond market. Specifically, their holdings in the interbank bond market amounted to RMB4.39 trillion. By bond type, overseas institutions held RMB2.17 trillion of treasury bonds, or 49.4 percent of their bond holdings in the interbank bond market, RMB1.10 trillion of CDs, or 25.1 percent of their bond holdings in the interbank bond market, and RMB0.94 trillion of policy bank bonds, or 21.4 percent of their bond holdings in the interbank bond market.

4. Money Market

In September, interbank money market transactions decreased by 24.3 percent year on year (a month-on-month decrease of 16.3 percent) to RMB7.6 trillion. Bond repo transactions declined by 6.8 percent (a month-on-month decrease of 11.4 percent) to RMB127.4 trillion. Repo transactions of exchange-traded standardized bonds went up by 11.2 percent year on year (a month-on-month decrease of 9.0 percent) to RMB40.7 trillion.

In September, the monthly weighted average interest rate on interbank

lending stood at 1.78 percent, up by 1 bp from a month earlier, while the monthly weighted average interest rate on pledged repos was 1.83 percent, up by 4 bps from a month earlier.

5. Bill Market

In September, commercial drafts that were accepted totaled RMB3.2 trillion while those discounted amounted to RMB2.5 trillion. As of end-September, the outstanding amount of accepted commercial drafts stood at RMB19.0 trillion, and those discounted registered RMB14.2 trillion.

In September, 106,000 micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) issued bills, accounting for 93.1 percent of all issuing enterprises. Bills issued by MSMEs reached RMB2.2 trillion, representing 71.0 percent of the total issuance. Of all the enterprises that discounted bills, 122,000 (96.4 percent) were MSMEs. The bills they discounted registered RMB1.9 trillion, accounting for 77.2 percent of the total amount of discounted bills.

6. Stock Market

At end-September, the Shanghai Composite Index closed at 3336.5 points, increasing by 494.3 points (17.4 percent) from a month earlier. The Shenzhen Component Index closed at 10529.8 points, increasing by 2181.3 points (26.1 percent) from a month earlier. In September, the average daily turnover on the Shanghai Stock Exchange increased by 33.1 percent month on month to RMB343.24 billion and that on the

Shenzhen Stock Exchange increased by 33.9 percent month on month to RMB451.26 billion.

7. Structure of Bond Holders in the Interbank Bond Market

As of end-September, there were 3,980 incorporated institutions in the interbank market, all of which were financial institutions. Of the incorporated institutions, 2,103 were holders of debt-financing instruments issued by non-financial institutions² (“non-financial debt financing instruments” for short). By the size of bond holdings, the top 50 investors, mainly including public funds (asset management), large state-owned commercial banks (proprietary), and trust companies (asset management), held 51.0 percent of the total, and the top 200 investors held 83.5 percent. The biggest, smallest, average, and median numbers of holders for a non-financial debt financing instrument were 85, 1, 13 and 13, respectively, while 87 percent of non-financial debt financing instruments were held by fewer than 20 investors.

In September, based on the trading volume of non-financial debt-financing instruments by incorporated institutions, the top 50 investors conducted 59.3 percent of such transactions, mainly including securities companies (proprietary), fund companies (asset management) and joint stock commercial banks (proprietary). Transactions by the top 200 investors accounted for 90.0 percent.

(Sources: China Securities Regulatory Commission, China Central Depository & Clearing Co., Ltd., National Interbank Funding Center, Shanghai Clearing House, Shanghai Commercial Paper Exchange,

² Statistics are available separately for proprietary investors and agent investors, same below.

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