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SUMMARY
India Economics: Bonds' Wrap

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Daily macro indicators

Indicator	14-Jul	15-Jul	Chg (%)
US 10Y yield (%)	2.96	2.92	-4bps
India 10Y yield (%)	7.38	7.44	5bps
USD/INR	79.88	79.88	0.0
Brent Crude (US\$/bbl)	99.1	101.2	2.1
Dow	30,630	31,288	2.1
Hang Seng	20,751	20,298	(2.2)
Sensex	53,416	53,761	0.6
India FII (US\$ mn)	15-Jul	16-Jul	Chg (\$ mn)
FII-D	(69.2)	(111.4)	(42.2)
FII-E	(341.5)	45.5	387.0

Source: Bank of Baroda Economics Research

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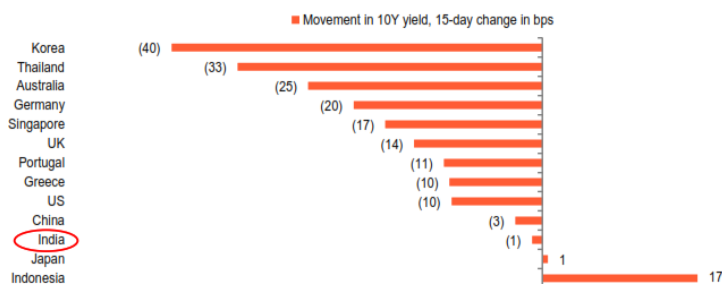
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We expect India's 10Y yield to trade in the range of 7.40-7.50% range in the next fortnight with risks remaining on the upside. Major event will be the Fed policy meeting. As per CME Fed watch, 71% traders are anticipating a 75bps rate hike. However, 100bps cannot also be ruled out. If this happens domestic yields might inch upward in line with global yields. Also any devolvement in the auctions will put pressure on yields as seen in 15 Jul 2022 auction. Even depreciating currency also poses upside risk to domestic yield outlook in terms of FPI debt outflow. Another notable development of late is that OIS-1Y swap rate is trading at 6.35% which is reflective of the fact that repo rate might be raised by another 150bps in the next 12 months. However, we expect 50-75bps hike in the current cycle.

Lower risk appetite increased demand for sovereign yields:

Sovereign yield movement for the current fortnight ending 15 Jul 2022, was driven by impending risks to global growth. Fears of recession were clearly visible in the muted global PMI print, tighter labour market conditions in the US and recent inversion of its yield curve (2Y and 10Y paper), China's less than expected GDP data print for Q2CY22 and its declining home sales (10 month in a row till Jun'22) data. This led increased demand for sovereign asset class, due to risk off sentiment. Even major central banks' aggressive policy rate hike (New Zealand: 3rd 50bps hike, Korea: first 50bps hike against previous level of 25bps hike) and higher inflation print (US: CPI-41year high and China CPI-23month high), hardly impacted yields.

Figure 1: Globally yields are falling, India's 10Y yield fell a tad by 1bps

Source: Bloomberg, Bank of Baroda Research, as of 15 Jul 2022



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