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Global Sukuk: Relative Value

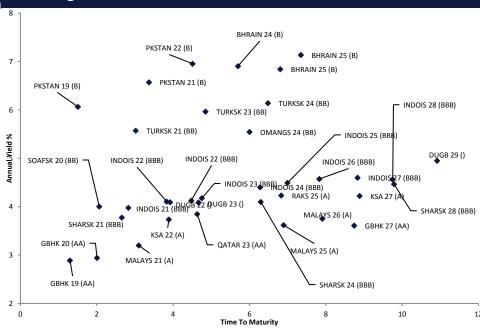
Non-conciliatory tone of ongoing trade discussions between the US and China and increasing geopolitical risks weighed on investor sentiment during the month. Consequently the increase in safe haven bid saw yields on US treasuries to fall even though the Federal Reserve is set to raise rates again this month. Yields on 2yr, 5yr, 10yr and 30yr treasuries closed the month of May at 2.43% (-6bps m/m), 2.70% (-10bps m/m), 2.86% (-9bps m/m) and 3.03% (-9bps m/m) respectively.

Supported by falling benchmark yields, USD denominated bonds and sukuk portfolios received some respite, however, total return on Markit iboxx Emirates NBD sukuk index remained negative as credit spreads widened. Total return for the month was negative 0.9%, taking the YTD return to negative -2.0%. This is much in sync with a generalised sell off in EM bonds and sukuk as investors' appetite for EM risk waned in the face of rising US rates, strengthening dollar and political uncertainties in several EM economies.

Looking at current yields, following relative value observations are made:

- In the sovereign sector :
 - a) BB rated TURKSK 21s, trading at yield of 5.77% appear cheaper than similar rated OMANGS 24s at yield of 5.55%.
 - b) KSA 22s, rated A, appear cheap at yield of 3.76% compared with similar rated MALAYS 21s at 3.20%, though maturity tenure on MALAYS 21s is a little shorter.

Sovereign Sukuk Universe



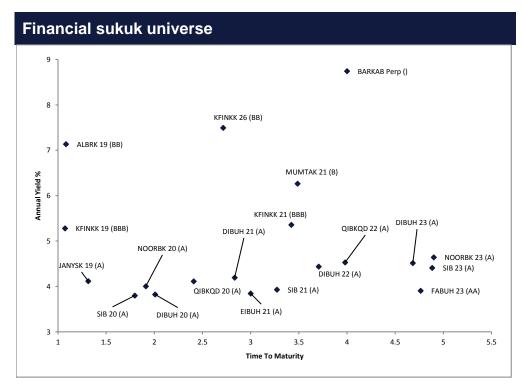
Source: Emirates NBD Research, Markit

2) In the Financial space:

- a) NOORBK 23s, rated 'A', at yield of 4.64% appear cheaper than similar rated SIB 23s at yield of 4.41%.
- b) DIBUH 21s rated 'A', at yield of 4.19% appear cheaper than similar rated SIB 21s at 3.93%, particularly since maturity on DIB is shorter at 2.8 years vs 3.27yrs on SIBUH.

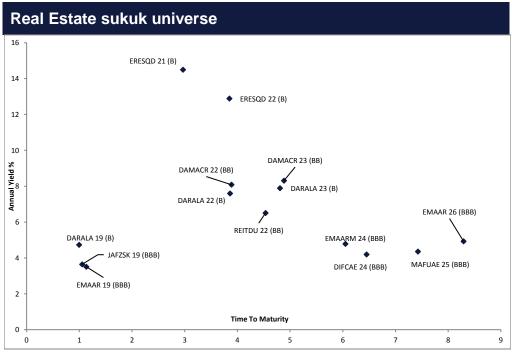


c) Qatari bonds such as QIBKQD 20s and 22s, continue to trade at a discount to similar rated peers in view of the continuing diplomatic rift with its neighbours.



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- 3) In the real estate sector, relative value positions remain largely unchanged:
 - DARALA 19s, with an estimated rating of B trading at yield of 4.73% appear expensive compared with six notches higher rated and indirectly majority government owned, JAFZSK 19s at yield of 3.64%
 - b) DAMAC 22s, rated BB, at yield of 8.08%, appear cheaper than similar rated REITDU 22s at yield of 6.50% given that both are exposed to Dubai real estate sector and duration on REITDU is higher than that on DAMAC 22s.

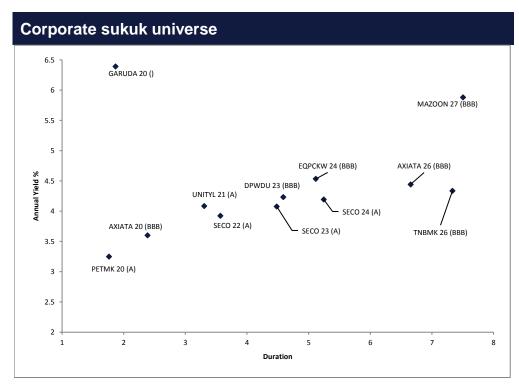


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4) In the corporate space:

a) MAZOON 27s at yield of 5.88%, a BBB rated utility, appear cheap compared with similar rated utility issuer, TNBMK 26s at yield of only 4.34%.



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