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The Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) kept its cash rate and 3-year yield target on the Apr-24 bond on hold at 0.10% at its 5Oct meeting, as expected. On Quantitative Easing, the RBA continues to purchase government securities at the rate of AUD 4bn a week until at least mid-February 2022.

The RBA noted that the Delta outbreak and restrictions should see Gross Domestic Product 'decline materially' in 3Q21 before a bounce-back in 4Q. However, uncertainty remains around the timing of easing restrictions, and therefore, the bounce back. The RBA's central scenario still has GDP 'back around its pre-Delta path in 2H 2022'. The RBA continues to expect that its cash rate will not be lifted until 2024 at the earliest.

The RBA has its Statement of Monetary Policy on 2 Nov and the market will be looking for an update to the inflation forecast to see if it is expected to move higher in 2022 and 2023. If so, it could decide to bring forward its rate hike guidance to 2H2023 from early 2024 and also take a decision on whether to continue with its yield curve targeting on the Apr-24 bond.

Fixed rate credit spreads are flat to last month and haven't yet reacted to the marginal move up in short rates such as BBSW and ACTBs. In the primary, other than for a few banks which were offered at a positive spread to ACTBs, the rest are trading thru ACTB levels. Flush liquidity persists.

With the cash rate floored at 0.10%, o/n rates still near zero, BBSW rates off the bottom and having a positively sloped curve, ACTBs now in positive territory and with most issuers likely to reset their rates higher given the move in BBSW, we have downshifted to target a WAM at the low to mid end of the 35-45day range. FRNs continue to look attractive, given the move up in BBSW. We would look to add credit selectively, either fixed rate if compensated adequately or through FRNs to gain the tenor spread, where attractive and to meet our diversification and liquidity ladder requirements. This would be a combination of Banks, Supras, Agencies and State Governments. We maintain our liquidity through overnight / 1W deposits and ACTBs/ACGBs.

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