• In the US, new home sales grew by 2% in the month of February, supporting the argument that the domestic economy remains stable despite global economic concerns¹
  • Limited supply met strong demand pushing buyers into new home purchases and driving up median sales prices
• After selling off earlier in the month, Treasuries fought back this week as the consumer sentiment was weakened by global uncertainty
• The corporate new issue market was very quiet during the holiday-shortened week, with only $10 billion in supply versus the $34 billion that came to market last week³
  • The most significant debt deals of the week included Citigroup Inc., Sysco, and FedEx Corp., each offering between $2-2.5 billion of debt
• Corporate spreads continued to outperform this week adding 64bps in excess returns relative to Treasuries week-over-week ²
  • After starting the month at a spread of 210bps, the industrials sector proved to be a bright spot in the corporate market recovery and rallied to 168bps as of last night
• In CMBS, the low supply environment helped the sector continue its rally in correlation with the macro risk-on trade
• Municipal trading flows saw its fourth straight week of improvement as a seasonally large new-issue calendar and fund inflows inspired strong secondary activity¹