After dipping below 2.00% for the first time since November 2016, the 10-year Treasury yield rebounded to 2.05% on Wednesday.

- St. Louis Federal Reserve (Fed) President James Bullard, the lone dissenting vote in last week’s decision, reiterated Tuesday that he thought a 25bps cut would be advisable, but a 50bps cut would be unnecessary.
- The market-implied probability of a 50bps rate cut decreased to 20%, down from 38% on Monday.

Globally, bond yields moved further into negative territory as economic worries and low inflation expectations kept investors in government-backed debt.

- 10-year German Bunds traded at a yield of -0.33% earlier this week, the lowest yield on record.
- Issuers took advantage of low all-in yields and priced $11 billion of investment-grade corporate debt, meeting dealer estimates of $10 to $15 billion.
- New issuance is expected to slow, as companies await signals from the ongoing G-20 Summit.

Investment-grade corporate bond spreads tightened by 7bps week-over-week, and closed at 116bps, reflecting investors’ strong appetite for risk.

Commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS) outperformed other securitized assets month-to-date, as the subsector is less sensitive to interest-rate volatility.

Demand for municipal bond issuance has largely outweighed supply; numerous deals were multiple times oversubscribed, with some new issues pricing through the AAA-rated muni yield curve.

Sources: Bloomberg Barclays, Bloomberg, and Bloomberg Index Services Limited.

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