

US Rates Watch

CP monitor: supply stable, bank funding needs high

Supply: CP supply stable, CD issues continue to climb

Supply: Financials CP outstanding level has gradually come back from the March bank stress. Over the month through mid-September, non-financials CP issuance declined further, while asset-backed CP supply saw modest pickup. Tier-2 CP supply seems to have bottomed near the end of August and level in September shows a slight pickup since then. Overall, total CP outstanding has been steady and is at \$1.2tn as of Wednesday, Sept 13th. In addition, bank CD issuance has continued to climb over recent weeks, especially in large domestic commercial banks. We continue to believe the growth in financial CP & CDs represents banks competing for liquidity (see our report, Banks fighting to keep liquidity).

Demand: MMFs the largest CP holders in Q2 '23

Demand: MMFs have surpassed other financial business to be the largest CP buyers at the end of Q2 2023; on the other hand, amount held by other financial business dipped in Q2. In addition, prime MMF have maintained a higher WAM to support CP issuance at longer tenors. Prime MMF WAMs are now 25-30 days vs start of year levels at 10-15 days.

Rates: trading in-line with other front-end levels

Rates: Overall fin & non-fin CP rates trade in-line with other money market rates. We see risks that continued aggressive bank CD issuance & funding competition could cheapen rates further (Exhibit 7, Exhibit 10).

Maturity distro & issuance: Sept mat. extension dropped

Maturity distribution: Total CP maturity extension modestly dropped in September. Asset-backed CP and non-asset backed tier-1 are now at similar maturity extension c.60-62 days. CP maturing in the next 3 months remain primarily in financials (Exhibit 16). Country-wise, the amount of CP maturing is mostly seen in Canada, France & US (Exhibit 18). Canada was the largest issuer in August with \$62bn total CP.

Bottom line: Financials continue to source funding from CP & CD markets, supporting their growth & threatening cheaper levels over time. MMFs have surpassed "other financial business" to be the largest CP holders at the end of Q2 '23. Maturity extension modestly dropped in September.

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CD = certificate of deposit

CP = commercial paper

MMF = money market mutual funds

O/S = outstanding

WAM = weighted-average maturity

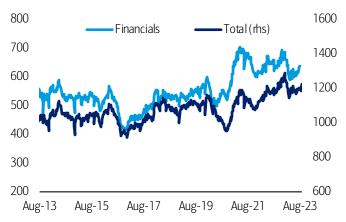
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Commercial paper outstanding

Exhibit 1: Financial CP vs total CP outstanding (\$bn)

Financials O/S has seen gradual recovery since March bank stress

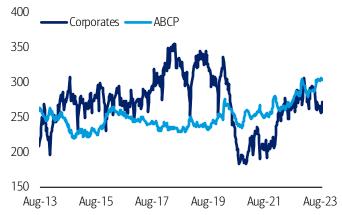


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Exhibit 2: Nonfin CP vs ABCP outstanding (\$bn)

Over the month thru mid-September, nonfin CP issuance saw further decline, ABCP supply modestly picked up

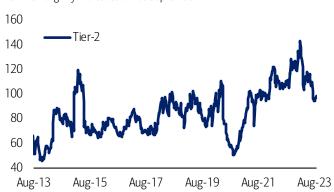


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Exhibit 3: Tier-2 CP outstanding (NSA, \$bn)

Tier-2 CP slightly increased since September



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Exhibit 4: CP outstanding as of 09/20/2023 (NSA, \$bn)

MoM total O/S increased by \$20bn

	0/S	ΔΜοΜ	Z-score since 2020	ΔΥοΥ	Z-score since 2001
Financials	644	6	0.16	8	0.07
ABCP	304	2	0.14	25	0.42
Corporates	272	12	0.83	-3	-0.13
Total (rhs)	1221	20	0.60	31	0.27

Source: BofA Global Research, Haver

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Exhibit 5: Domestic vs foreign issuers in Fin & Corp CP (NSA, \$bn)

Further breakdown shows YoY decline in foreign fin CP is almost 2-sigma below average

			Z-score		Z-score
	O/S	ΔΜοΜ	since 2020	ΔΥοΥ	since 2001
Fin - domestic	267	-4	-0.31	40	0.99
Fin - foreign	377	10	0.52	-32	-1.61
Corp - domestic	207	21	1.70	-9	-0.22
Corp - foreign	64	-10	-1.34	5	0.46

Source: BofA Global Research, Haver

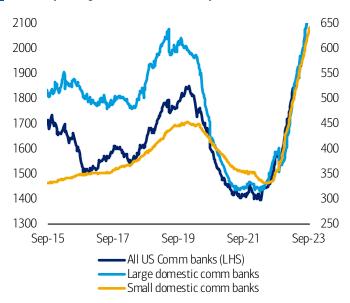
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CD activity

Exhibit 6: US Commercial bank large time deposits as a proxy for CD activity (\$bn)

CD activity saw significant increase since last year

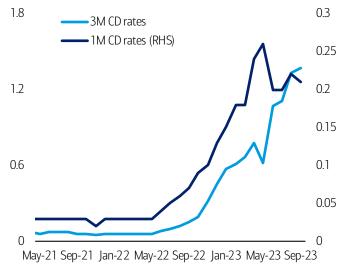


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Exhibit 7: 1M & 3M CD rates (monthly, %)

CD rates has cheapened with aggressive bankCD issuance & funding competition since 2H '22



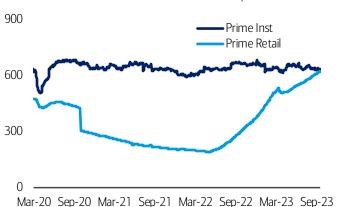
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MMF AUM & WAM

Exhibit 8: MMF AUM (\$bn)

Retail funds continued to attract inflows due to low deposit alternatives

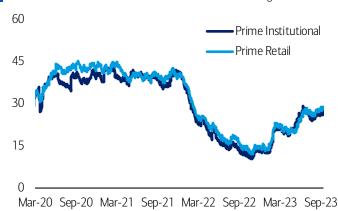


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Exhibit 9: MMF WAM (days)

Prime institutional & retail funds have both been extending WAM



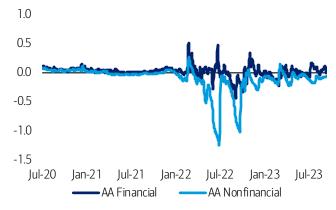
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CP rates & spreads to OIS

Exhibit 10: 3m AA fin & AA non-fin CP spreads to OIS (5D MA, %)

Fin & non-fin CP rates trade in-line with other money market rates



Source: BofA Global Research, Bloomberg

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Exhibit 11: 1-month CP rates levels %, spreads to OIS (5d MA, bp), and z-scores

Z-scores of 1m CP spreads to OIS reflect relatively stable valuations

	Levels as of 09/25/2023	5D MA spreads	Z-score of spreads (5d MA) since 2020
AA Fin	5.43	9.1	0.1
AA Nonfin	5.29	-4.9	-0.2
A2 P2 Nonfin	5.51	17.1	-0.3
AA Asset backed	5.38	4.1	-0.1

Source: BofA Global Research, Bloomberg

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Source: BofA Global Research, Federal Reserve

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Non-AB Tier 2

Exhibit 12: 3-month CP rates levels %, spreads to OIS (5d MA, bp), and z-scores

Z-scores of 3m CP spreads to OIS reflect relatively stable valuations

	Levels as of 09/25/2023	5D MA spreads	Z-score of spreads (5d MA) since 2020
AA Fin	5.41	0	-0.3
AA Nonfin	5.34	-7	-0.1
A2 P2 Nonfin	5.6	19	-0.3
AA Asset backed	5.48	7	-0.3

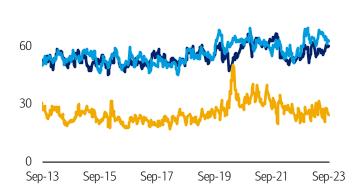
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CP maturity distribution

Exhibit 13: Avg maturity distribution of CP O/S by category (days)

Maturity extension most pronounced for non-asset backed tier 1 issuers

Non-AB Tier 1 —

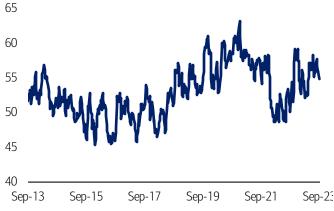


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Exhibit 14: Avg maturity distribution of total CP outstanding (days)

Maturity extension for total CP dropped in September

Source: BofA Global Research, Bloomberg



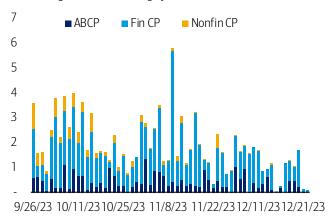
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Exhibit 15: CP maturing in the next 3 months (\$bn)

CP maturing in the next 3m largely concentrated in financial CP

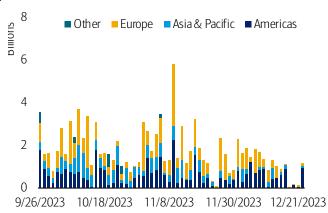


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Exhibit 17: CP maturing by region (\$bn)

Amount of CP maturing mostly seen in Americas & Europe

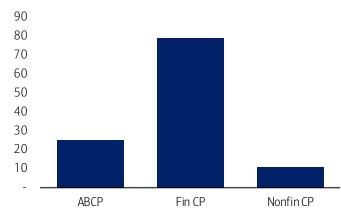


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Exhibit 16: Total CP maturing in the next 3 months by category (\$bn, as of 09/25/2023)

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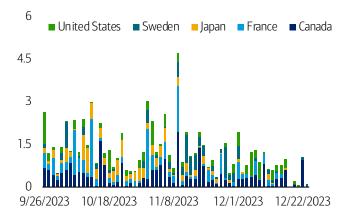


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Exhibit 18: Top 5 CP maturing by country (\$bn)

Country-wise amount of CP maturing mostly seen in Canada, France & US



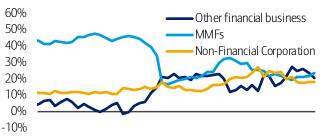
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CP holders

Exhibit 19: Top 3 holders CP holdings over time

CP demand from other financial business declined in Q2 '23



Mar-11 Dec-12 Sep-14 Jun-16 Mar-18 Dec-19 Sep-21 Jun-23

Source: BofA Global Research, Federal Reserve

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Exhibit 20: CP holders as of end Q2 2023 (% total)

The largest CP buyers in Q2 '23 is money market mutual funds

\$bn	% Total
MMFs 263	23.3%
Other Financial Business 234	20.8%
NonFinancial Corporation 206	18.2%
Foreign Institutions 172	15.2%
Other -875	-77.5%
State & Local Govt 87	7.7%
Mutual Funds 40	3.5%
Total 1130	100%

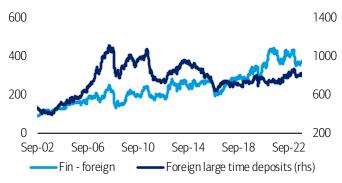
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Foreign CP

Exhibit 21: Foreign fin CP outstanding & large time deposits (NSA, Sbn)

Foreign fin CP & large time deposits have stabilized recently



Source: BofA Global Research, Haver

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CP issuers

Exhibit 22: Total CP top 5 issuers by country (as of 08/31/2023)

Canada was the largest issuer in terms of total CP

	\$bn	% Total
Canada	62	22%
France	47	17%
United States	40	14%
Japan	24	8.4%
Sweden	20	7.2%

Source: BofA Global Research, Crane

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Exhibit 23: ABCP top 5 issuers by country

France has the largest issuance in ABCP

	\$bn	% Total
France	19	33%
Canada	13	22%
United States	12	21%
Japan	6	11%
United Kingdom	6	10%

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Exhibit 24: Fin CP top 5 issuers by country

Canada leads the largest issuance in financial CP

	\$bn	% Total
Canada	44	24%
Sweden	20	11%
United States	18	10%
Australia	15	8%
France	15	8%
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Exhibit 25: Nonfin CP top 5 issuers by country

France leads the largest issuance in non-financial CP

	\$bn	% Total
France	13	33%
United States	9	23%
Canada	5	13%
Netherlands	4	11%
Japan	3	7%

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