HY-LITES - WEEKLY COMMENT



MIRABAUD - GLOBAL HIGH YIELD BONDS

Market News

Global High Yield markets held steady this week despite a very busy issuance calendar and strong demand dynamics. Spreads hover around the 500bps level against a backdrop of rising global bond yields and weaker equity markets. Any break out of these levels hinges on the stimulus bill passing in the US.

Flows/Company News/Activity

Flows this week subsided a little but cash holdings were more than enough to keep demand for new issues strong.

Derivatives

9.0% ITRX / CDX hedge

Outlook

Focus has returned to macro data as the strength of the recovery is called into question with restrictions on activity increasing especially in Europe. We maintain our view that sentiment is fragile with volatility picking up in the coming weeks.

Source: Mirabaud Asset Management. Mirabaud - Global High Yield Bonds, and EPFR (Emerging Portfolio Fund Research).

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