October 2021

Primary Market View €

The news of the month

The essential

- **September was one of the year's busiest months on the Euro IG primary market,** and yet YTD IG issue volumes remain well below 2020 levels. IG issuers increased their liquidity in 2020 and have less need to issue immediately.
- **HY issuers have issued a record amount of bonds since the start of the year.** Much of the issuance in the HY market is now for refinancing purposes. However, dividend recaps have also picked up.
- **We expect the ECB to continue to support the credit market in 2022.** The ECB's Philip Lane was quite explicit recently on the fact that ECB will calibrate asset purchases next year while also taking into account expected volumes of net supply: "You cannot think about the volume of the APP independently of the volume of net bond supply. The relatively high fiscal deficits that we saw last year and this year will not be lasting in the coming years, but the scale of deficits may remain higher than the pre-pandemic levels."
- **We expect companies' credit metrics to continue to improve in the coming quarters** thanks to: (1) economic expansion, (2) active deleveraging, and (3) low cost of funding. Ratings momentum in HY, measured by downgrade/upgrade volumes, has turned positive.

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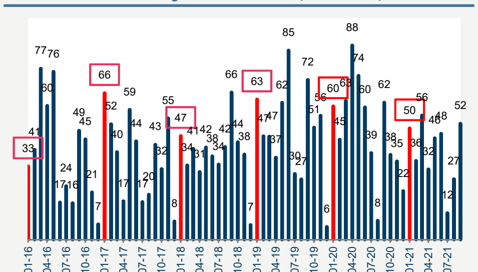
Primary market Investment Grade

Euro IG primary market
Monthly issuance (in €bn)



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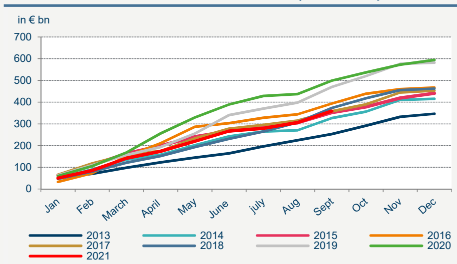
Euro IG primary market
Cumulative flows (in €bn)



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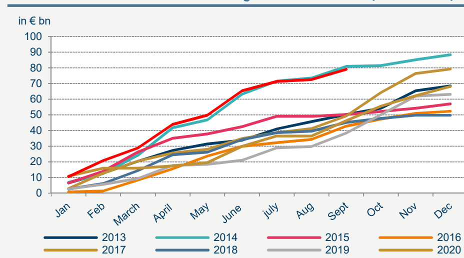
Euro HY primary market
Cumulative monthly issuance (in €bn)



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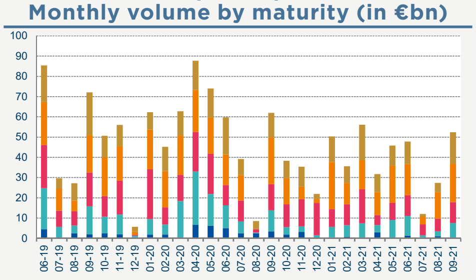
Euro IG primary market
Monthly volume by maturity (in €bn)



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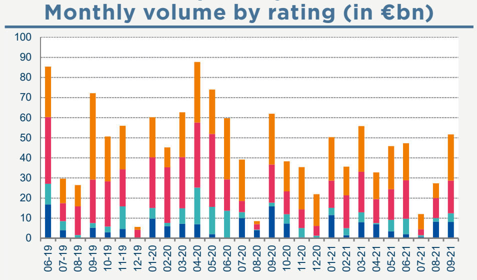
Euro IG primary market
Monthly volume by rating (in €bn)



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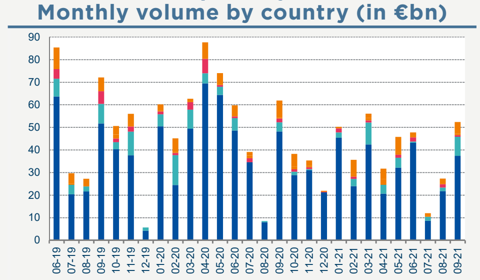
Euro IG primary market
Monthly volume by country (in €bn)



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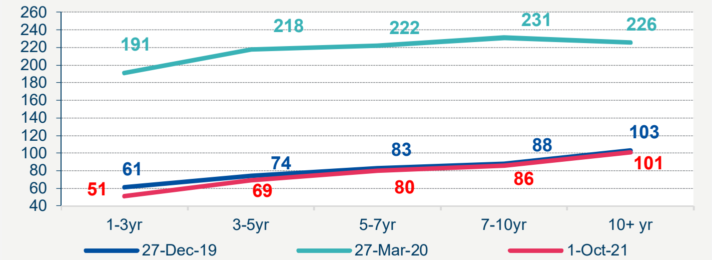
Market data

Euro IG A: OAS (in bp)



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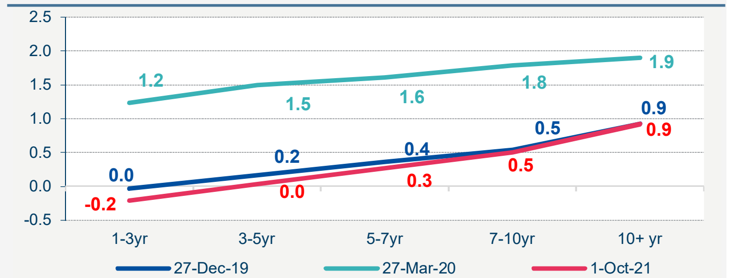
Euro IG A: yield (in %)



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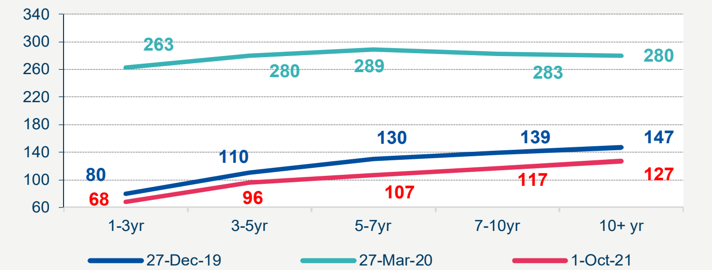

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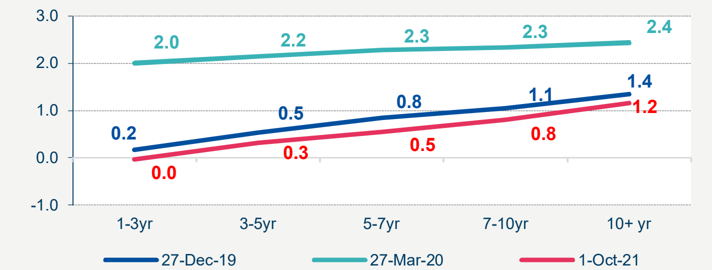

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