

# Fixed Income Securities

## PRODUCT SUMMARY PAGE

<b>Distributor</b>	<p>CTBC Bank Co., Ltd., Singapore branch (“CTBC” or the “Bank”)</p> <p>CTBC Bank Co., Ltd., Singapore branch is a licensed bank regulated by the Monetary Authority of Singapore.</p> <p>CTBC Bank Co., Ltd., Hong Kong branch (“CTBC” or the “Bank”)</p> <p>CTBC Bank Co., Ltd., Hong Kong branch is a licensed bank regulated by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority and an institution registered under the Securities and Futures Ordinance of Hong Kong to carry out Types 1 and 4 regulated activities.</p>
<b>Product Description</b>	<p>Fixed income securities include short-term debt securities, government bonds, agency bonds, municipal bonds, corporate bonds, perpetual bonds, convertible bonds, synthetic (dual currency) bonds and securities issued by banks with loss absorption features, as well as preferred shares.</p> <p>A bond is an interest bearing or a discounted debt security that obligates the issuer to pay the bondholder a specified interest amount, usually on a fixed schedule, and to repay the principal amount at maturity. These payments are subject to the creditworthiness of the issuer.</p> <p>Bonds are generally not exchange traded. They are issued in a primary market either through an underwriting process or a private placement, and traded (over-the-counter) after issuance. Primary issuance is managed by bookrunners who have direct contact with investors and act as advisors to the bond issuer in terms of timing and price of the bond issue.</p>
<b>Product Features</b>  Investment Grade vs. Non-Investment Grade (High Yield)  Secured vs. Unsecured  Senior vs. Subordinated (Junior)  Guaranteed vs. Unguaranteed	<p>Major rating agencies (i.e. Standard &amp; Poor's, Moody's, and Fitch) often rate bonds based on their credit assessment of the issuer. Bonds can be grouped into two broad categories, investment grade and non-investment grade (also known as high yield). Investment grade bonds are considered to have lower default risk while non-investment grade bonds tend to carry higher risk and hence will carry a higher yield (risk premium). Investment grade bonds are rated BBB- or better.</p> <p>Secured bonds are backed by collateral. In the event of default, secured bondholders will be paid first before unsecured bondholders.</p> <p>Senior bonds have a superior claim on the issuer’s assets or earnings before junior bonds. Subordinated bonds are given lower priority than other classes of bonds for repayment of debt in the event of default but are repaid before the stockholders.</p> <p>A guaranteed bond has their interest and principal guaranteed by a third party such as a government or other corporate. A guaranteed bond is under protection of the guarantor in case the issuer defaults. As such, a guaranteed bond is subject to lower risk and generally carries a lower coupon rate than unguaranteed bonds.</p>

Callable and Puttable	<p>The issuer of a callable corporate bond has the right to redeem the bond on a set of dates prior to maturity, paying back the bondholder either par value or an agreed percentage of par value. The call schedule lists the precise call dates of when an issuer may choose to pay back the call price.</p> <p>With a puttable security, the bondholder has the right to put the bond back to the issuer at a set date or a trigger event prior to maturity.</p>
Tailor-made vs. Non tailor-made	A tailor-made bond is when the issuance is not made through a competitive bidding/auction process.
<b>Types of Coupon</b>	
Fixed rate coupon	Fixed rate has a fixed coupon throughout the bond's life.
Floating rate coupon	The coupon on a floating-rate bond (sometimes referred to as Floating rate Note, or FRN) is specified as a spread over a pre-determined benchmark. This benchmark is a published rate such as LIBOR, base rate or the yield on a Government bond. The rate reset can occur multiple times per year and usually coincides with a coupon payment.
Variable- and adjustable- rate coupon	Variable- and adjustable-rate bonds are similar to floating-rate bonds, except that coupons are tied to a long-term interest rate benchmark and are typically only reset annually. Some bonds combine fixed coupons for an initial period, followed by variable coupons.
Zero-Coupon	Zero coupon bonds (also known as discount bonds) pay no interest and are bought at a price below the par value. The par value is repaid on maturity date and the difference between the initial price and the par value is equivalent to the coupon amount. Short term government paper (tenors of 1 year or less), such as US Treasury bills are often issued in this manner.
<b>Product Risk</b>	
Market risk	While the price of high quality bonds tends to rise as interest rates fall, high yield bonds are sensitive to the strength of the economic cycle and can potentially fall when interest rates are falling. In addition, bonds can experience greater volatility due to increased political, regulatory, market, or economic risks. Bonds with lower ratings also tend to have greater price volatility and these risks are usually more pronounced in emerging markets, which may be subject to greater uncertainties.
Credit risk	The primary risk for all bondholders is credit risk and the possibility of default. This risk increases as credit quality decreases. Changes in credit rating can also affect prices especially when rating are downgraded by the rating agencies.
Liquidity risk	Bond prices can be subject to wide bid/ask spreads, infrequent updates, and large differences between published and dealing prices. Liquidity risk is greater for thinly traded securities such as lower rated bonds, unrated bonds, bonds that have recently had their credit rating downgraded, bonds with a small issue size and bonds issued by an infrequent issuer.
Call risk	Bonds can have a call provision entitling the issuers to redeem at a specified price and on specified dates prior to maturity. In general, the return of principal is not considered a major risk, though declining interest rates may accelerate the redemption of a callable bond, causing investors to be exposed to reinvestment risk. All callable bonds have a fixed schedule of call dates and yields can be calculated to these dates.

Interest rate risk	Bonds are sensitive to fluctuations in interest rates. As interest rates rise, prices will typically decline. The longer a bond's maturity, the greater the impact a change in interest rates can have on its price. Bonds are priced against the yield curve and therefore unexpected changes in rates have greater impact on prices than interest rate changes that are already priced in. The narrower the credit spread, the greater the sensitivity to interest rates.
Inflation risk	Bonds are subject to inflation risk. Inflation may diminish the purchasing power from a bond's interest and principal. Inflation-indexed securities such as Treasury Inflation Protection Securities (TIPS) are structured to mitigate the inflation risk.
Event risk	A bond's payments are dependent on the issuer's ability to generate cash flow. Unforeseen events could impact their ability to meet those commitments. In general, the risk applies more to corporate bonds.
<b>Additional risks of specific bonds</b>	
Non-investment grade bonds	Non-investment grade bonds are subject to greater market, liquidity, and credit risks than investment grade bonds as bid-offer spreads may be wider and liquidity may be thinner.
Unrated bonds	These are bonds which are not rated by the rating agencies. Unrated bonds are subject to greater market and liquidity risks than rated bonds as bid-offer spreads may be wider and liquidity may be thinner. In addition, any deterioration in credit quality cannot be tracked easily.
Convertible bonds	A convertible bond can be converted into a predetermined amount of the underlying company's equity at certain times during the bond's life, usually at the discretion of the bondholder. These bonds are subject to higher market and liquidity risks as bid-offer spreads may be wider and liquidity may be thinner due to limited market makers and investor base.
Perpetual bonds/ Preference shares	Perpetual bonds have no maturity and the issuer is not required to redeem them. Perpetual bonds are riskier than regular debt instruments due to the very long maturity and possibility of deferral of coupon payment. Preference shares rank below all bondholders and are more sensitive to movements in the underlying equity of the issuer than to interest rates.
Subordinated bonds	Subordinated bonds rank below senior creditors in claims on assets and earnings, when the bond issuer is in default. In such default case, the bondholder may lose a significant proportion of their investment amount.
Loss absorption feature	<p>Securities which have loss-absorption features (applicable to all loss absorption bonds) are designed to protect the issuer's capital base at the expense of bondholders. They can be partially or wholly written down or converted into equity on a going concern basis at the option of the issuer at a pre-defined (usually capital) threshold or the issuer's regulators. Their write-down and/or conversion to equities are mandatorily triggered if certain conditions are met. Should their write-down and/or conversion to equity get triggered, the investor may get lesser or no coupon payments.</p>
	<p>The Basel-III Accord was set up in January 2011 to regulate international banks on capital adequacy and liquidity after the global financial crisis. Basel-III regulations will be implemented by 31 March 2019. These regulations are introduced to strengthen regulation, supervision and risk management of the banking sector. At the bank level, these rules will help increase the bank's liquidity and decrease the bank's leverage.</p>

	Please refer to the Appendix for all other information regarding to the Loss absorption bond.
<b>Investor Profile</b>	The target investors are clients who are either (i) “professional investors” as defined under the Securities and Futures Ordinance, Hong Kong; and/or (ii) “accredited investors” as defined under the Securities and Futures Act, Singapore.
<b>Investor Commitment and Risk Tolerance</b>	<p>You must understand and accept that there is a possibility that you may lose some or all of your original investment amount. In a worst case scenario, the issuer may default on or prior to maturity and as a result, you may lose your entire investment amount.</p> <p>You must understand and accept that there is a possibility that for some coupon periods you may not earn any interest at all.</p> <p>You should only invest in the Bonds if you are able to commit your funds for the full investment period. However, you also accept that there is a possibility that your investment may be called before maturity in line with any early call conditions.</p> <p>You must be able to accept the risks outlined in this document as well as the Issuer’s offering documents.</p>
<b>Risk Disclosure</b>	For a full description of all relevant risks, please refer to the relevant Issuer’s Offering and Product Documentation, wherever applicable.

**Appendix:**  
**Contingent Convertible Bonds or Contingent Capital Securities**  
**(“Loss Absorption Bond”)**

<b>Reference Entity(s)</b>	In these loss absorption bonds, performance will be directly based on the creditworthiness and/or capital base of an issuer.
<b>Product description</b>	<p>This product is a Contingent Convertible Bond or Contingent Capital Securities (loss absorption bond) as described below.</p> <p>Loss absorption bonds are capital securities with bond-like features. They may be issued by banks or non-bank financial institutions. They are part of the issuer’s capital structure and they will be subordinated to depositors, general creditors and senior unsecured debt/bond respectively.</p> <p>They can be issued under the issuer’s Tier 2 or Tier 1 capital structure and can be issued as a fixed maturity or perpetual bond.</p> <p>All loss absorption bonds have loss-absorption features and they are designed to protect the issuer’s capital base at the expense of bondholders. Loss absorption bonds can be partially or wholly written down or converted into equity on a going concern basis at the option of the issuer or the regulator at a pre-defined threshold. Their write-down and/or conversion to equities are mandatorily triggered if certain conditions are met. These conditions could be Tier1 Capital Adequacy Ratio falling below a specific level or Point of Non-viability (PONV) being issued by a relevant authority.</p>

### Differences between a Tier 2 and Tier 1 Capital Security

	<b>Tier 2</b>	<b>Tier 1</b>
<b>Issue rating</b>	Higher rating as it sits higher in the capital structure	Lower or no rating
<b>Coupon payment</b>	Mandatory	Cancellable and non-cumulative
<b>Others</b>	Can be part of a benchmark index and enjoy a bigger investor base	Excluded

### Basel-III Accord

The Basel-III Accord was set up in January 2011 to regulate international banks on capital adequacy and liquidity after the global financial crisis. Basel-III regulations will be implemented by 31 March 2019. These regulations are introduced to strengthen regulation, supervision and risk management of the banking sector. At the bank level, these rules will help increase the bank's liquidity and decrease the bank's leverage. It stipulates that a bank must have a Tier 1 CAR of at least 7% and the minimum non-viability rate is set at 4.5%.

### Product risks

#### **You may lose your entire Principal Investment Amount:**

The Loss absorption bond will be mandatorily written down and/or converted into equity if certain conditions are met. These conditions could be the Tier 1 Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR) falling below a specified level (usually 5% or 7%) or a Point of Non-viability call (PONV) being issued by a relevant authority.

In the event when a loss absorption bond is converted into equity, the current market price will most likely be lower than the pre-specified conversion price.

In the event of a write-down, the loss absorption bond will be rendered junior to the shares.

In the worst case scenario, you may lose your entire investment amount.

#### **Risk that the Issuer is unable to pay you back your money/coupon:**

Creditworthiness of Issuer: the loss absorption bonds constitute part of the issuer's capital structure and of no other person. If the issuer becomes insolvent or defaults on its obligations, your rights will be subordinated to depositors, general creditors and senior unsecured debt/bond respectively.

Coupon payment in Tier 2 bond is mandatory. A missed coupon payment is a credit event (default).

Coupon payment in Tier 1 perpetual is cancellable and non-cumulative.

#### **You may not receive the intended yield:**

As loss absorption bonds are designed with loss-absorption features to protect the capital base of the issuer, should their write-down and/or conversion to equity get triggered, the investor may get lesser or no coupon payments.

#### **Do not invest if you do not understand or accept the risks:**

You must be able to accept the risks and terms outlined in the Offering Prospectus or other Product Documentation.

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- Upon signing the relevant Product Documentation, I/we are aware that I/we may enter into further transactions relating to the Bonds and if I/we do so, I/we am/are aware that I/we may not be entitled to redeem the Note prior to the maturity date without CTBC's prior consent (which, if granted, may be subject to such conditions and terms as CTBC may require). CTBC may at its absolute discretion refuse to give such consent. If CTBC gives its consent, it may impose conditions including but not limited to deducting such amount of breakage costs from the redemption proceeds as CTBC may determine conclusively acting in good faith. Such breakage costs shall include the costs, expenses, liabilities or losses incurred or suffered by CTBC as a consequence of breaking its hedge or cost of funding from other sources in respect of the Bonds. Therefore, the total amount that you may receive on an early redemption of the Bonds may be less than the principal amount.
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- I/We confirm that by acquiring the Bonds, we will be bound by the terms and conditions set out in the Product Documentation.
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