

S&P Provides Its Global Credit Outlook for 2021

A report issued by S&P Global on December 3rd, noted that the pandemic and its aftermath will continue to dominate credit conditions on a global scale in 2021 notwithstanding the development of several vaccines. It went on to state "Recent vaccine developments offer a clear route out of the acute phase of the crisis. Our central assumption remains that COVID-19 will come under control very gradually through a combination of vaccines, medical treatments, and testing starting from Q2 in developed economies, but more broadly only in the second half of the year. This should allow for many social-distancing measures to be lifted, a resumption of international travel, and a rebound in private demand. At that point, governments may be able to gradually phase out extraordinary fiscal support. Central banks are likely to keep interest rates exceptionally low and continue to offer liquidity support as necessary." With a second wave of the disease firmly taking hold across the United States, S&P's expectation is that there will be an increase in credit downgrades in the upcoming New Year. The firm expects very low interest rates to continue into 2021 and notes climate change, social unrest and technology risks as challenges to be faced in 2021. The most recent Municipal Market Data interest rate scales reflect rates all along the yield curve that were unimaginable this time last year.

In Memoriam – Charlie Schachter, Esq.

Charlie Schachter, a partner at the Bond Counsel firm Harris Beach, PLLC, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on December 2nd at the age of 64. As an attorney at Harris Beach for over 28 years, Charlie was very active in the firm's Public Finance & Economic Development Practice Group across New York State. A graduate of University of Rochester, Albany Law School and NYU School of Law, Charlie is survived by his wife Joyce and children, Rebecca and Joshua. He will be missed by all who knew him.

MMD GENERAL OBLIGATION INTEREST RATES

Term	Today - December 1, 2020					1 Month Ago - November 2, 2020					1 Year Ago - December 2, 2019				
	Aaa	Aa	Insured	A	Baa	Aaa	Aa	Insured	A	Baa	Aaa	Aa	Insured	A	Baa
1 yr.	0.14%	0.19%	0.18%	0.25%	1.02%	0.21%	0.26%	0.25%	0.32%	1.14%	1.07%	1.10%	1.15%	1.16%	1.45%
5	0.24	0.34	0.42	0.53	1.30	0.32	0.42	0.50	0.61	1.43	1.16	1.25	1.38	1.43	1.73
10	0.72	0.87	0.95	1.06	1.88	0.94	1.09	1.17	1.28	2.15	1.51	1.65	1.77	1.81	2.13
15	0.99	1.19	1.25	1.42	2.27	1.28	1.48	1.54	1.71	2.61	1.74	1.94	2.04	2.11	2.39
20	1.19	1.40	1.45	1.62	2.47	1.49	1.70	1.75	1.92	2.82	1.92	2.12	2.22	2.29	2.57

RECENT CMA CLIENT SALE RESULTS

Issuer	Issue Type	Par Amount	Sale Date	Term	Rate	Purchaser
North Hempstead Town	Ref. Bonds	\$ 3,950,000	24-Nov	7 yrs.	0.30%	Fidelity Capital Markets
Evans-Brant CSD	Ref. Bonds	\$ 2,145,000	19-Nov	5 yrs.	0.45%	FHN Financial Capital Markets
Suffolk County	TAN	\$ 100,000,000	18-Nov	10 mos.	0.96%	Morgan Stanley; BofA Merrill Lynch
Levittown UFSD	TAN	\$ 50,000,000	17-Nov	7 mos.	0.29%	Morgan Stanley & Co., LLC
Mount Pleasant Town	Bonds	\$ 6,865,000	12-Nov	12 yrs.	1.02%	Roosevelt & Cross, Inc.
Syracuse City	RAN	\$ 46,000,000	12-Nov	8 mos.	0.49%	TD Securities (USA) LLC
Sag Harbor UFSD	TAN	\$ 13,000,000	4-Nov	16 yrs.	0.37%	JP Morgan Securities LLC