

How much did Singapore put into MAS T-Bills in 2022?

## Description

With fixed income instruments back in the spotlight again, the MAS treasury bills received a lot of attention as the yields climbed higher. Every tranche that was issued after July was between $2-3 \%$ yield, with the highest cut-off yield coming in at $4.4 \%$ p.a. in December.

Mind you, we haven't seen such high yields in almost a decade, and some savvy Singaporeans have been quick to act. If you've been paying attention here on this blog and subscribed to some T-bills after I wrote this article, congratulations on your yield!

But how much did MAS receive in T-bills last year, and how does it compare with one year ago? Here's your answer:

| Issue Date | Maturity Date | Average Yield | Total Amount Allotted (in Billions) | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{Ap} \\ \text { (in } \mathrm{B} \end{gathered}$ |
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| 25-Jan-22 | 26-Jul-22 | 0.38\% | 4.5 |  |
| 8-Feb-22 | 9-Aug-22 | 0.50\% | 4.4 |  |
| 22-Feb-22 | 23-Aug-22 | 0.56\% | 4.3 |  |
| 8-Mar-22 | 6-Sep-22 | 0.54\% | 3.9 |  |
| 22-Mar-22 | 20-Sep-22 | 0.71\% | 3.9 |  |
| 5-Apr-22 | 4-Oct-22 | 0.98\% | 3.6 |  |
| 19-Apr-22 | 18-Oct-22 | 0.84\% | 4.3 |  |
| 4-May-22 | 1-Nov-22 | 1.28\% | 4.3 |  |
| 17-May-22 | 15-Nov-22 | 1.31\% | 4.3 |  |
| 31-May-22 | 29-Nov-22 | 1.35\% | 4.5 |  |
| 14-Jun-22 | 13-Dec-22 | 1.76\% | 4.1 |  |
| 28-Jun-22 | 27-Dec-22 | 1.97\% | 4.1 |  |
| 12-Jul-22 | 10-Jan-23 | 2.28\% | 4.5 |  |
| 26-Jul-22 | 24-Jan-23 | 2.17\% | 4.6 |  |
| 10-Aug-22 | 7-Feb-23 | 2,28\% | 4.6 |  |
| 23-Aug-22 | 21-Feb-23 | - $2.36 \%$ | 4.6 |  |
| 6-Sep-22 | 7-Mar-23II | 2.48\% | 4.3 |  |
| 20-Sep-22 | 21-Mar-23 | 2.76\% | - 4.2 |  |
| 4-Oct-22 | 4-Apr-23 | 2.85\% | 4 |  |
| 18-Oct-22 | 18-Apr-23 | 3.07\% | 4.5 |  |
| 1-Nov-22 | 2-May-23 | 3.44\% | 4.6 |  |
| 15-Nov-22 | 16-May-23 | 2.87\% | 4.5 |  |
| 29-Nov-22 | 30-May-23 | 3.26\% | 4.8 |  |
| 13-Dec-22 | 13-Jun-23 | 3.73\% | 4.6 |  |
| 27-Dec-22 | 27-Jun-23 | 3.76\% | 4.4 |  |
| Total Inf | ws into 6M T-B | ls for 2022 | 108.4 BILLION |  |

Thanks to the SGX team for inspiring this compilation, as we wondered over our dinner chat yesterday whether MAS collected more funds from its T-bills due to the higher yield in recent months.

In 2022, Singapore invested SGD 108.4 billion into the 6-month T-Bills issued by MAS.
There were 25 tranches issued (same as in 2021), but the amount allotted was 9.4 billion more.
That's $9,400,000,000$ SGD more!

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How did that happen?
Well, if you've been keeping track of the yield, it is not surprising to see why so many people have been rushing to subscribe.

## Historical Prices

## BENCHMARK YIELD CHART

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Yield (\%)


Source: MAS
And if you didn't already know, you can also use your CPF-OA funds to subscribe, which kinda makes sense since the yield is higher than $2.5 \%$ p.a. right now. The trade-off? You'll have to physically queue up at your local bank if you wish to invest your CPF funds.

## How to calculate your T-bill yield

If you're confused by all the terms shown on the MAS auction results page, here's an easy formula:

Your Yield $=($ S $\$ 100-\$ X) / \$ X \times 100$
\$X refers to your purchase price, which can be calculated based on how much you spent on the T-bills (you need to minus off any returned capital and more). ( $\mathrm{S} \$ 100-\$ \mathrm{X}$ ) is how much you got refunded, whereas the rest of your capital will come back upon maturity in 6 months.

The yield that you get at maturity is essentially the difference between the purchase price and the face value. Still lost? Ok, here's an example:

- You put in \$50,000 to purchase T-bills
- You got refunded \$25,000 as your application was only partially successful.
- You also got back $\$ 498.75$ as the final auction price was lower than your initial bid price.
- Hence, you got 250 T-bills at $(\$ 25,000-\$ 498.75)=\$ 24,501.25$
- Take that divided by $250=\$ 98.005$ each (how much you paid vs. the original value of $\$ 100$ )

Thus, your scenario is now one whereby you've paid $\$ 98.005$ for a 6 -month T-bill with a face value of $\$ 100$, so your yield is calculated as ( $\$ 100-\$ 98.005$ ) / $98.005 \times 100=2.03 \%$ for 6 months.

That's $4.06 \%$ p.a. (multiply by 2 because 6 months $\times 2=1$ year).
Not too shabby, considering how you don't have to ensure you're depositing your salary by GIRO monthly / spend on your credit cards / clock 3 bills, xight?

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