

European Bond Market Outlook

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Macroeconomic Framework

Global cycle sluggish... ...improvement in US and China, rotating from Japan and Europe



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Sources: Datastream, Markit, ISM

Macroeconomic Framework

Improving service sector PMIs mean growing domestic demand... ...sequential improvement is modest in composite PMI and GDP



Sources: European Commission, Haver

Macroeconomic Framework

European unemployment meaningfully below peak... ...whilst youth unemployment remains high



Peak UE (2008 – Mar 2016)

As of Mar 2016

Note: Youth unemployment defined as number of unemployed age 25 or younger. | Sources: Haver, Eurostat

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European credit growth is increasing... ... yet inflation expectations are still low



EMU market-based inflation expectations (%) 2.5 2.0 1.5 1.5 1.0 0.5 -0.5 -0.5 -0.5 EMU market-based inflation expectations (%) 2.9ear 10-year Target 10-year Target 10-year

1/11 9/11 5/12 1/13 9/13 5/14 1/15 10/15 6/16

Sources: Haver, ECB, Bloomberg

Macroeconomic framework

Populist political parties are gaining support across Europe... ...and remain a big risk



Note: No polling data available for National Front in June and for True Finn in August \mid Source: National polling agencies

Macroeconomic Framework

Liquidity is not just an issue in corporate bonds markets

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Daily absolute price moves expressed as multiple of 1-yr standard deviation



"Gold plunged the most in 33 years amid record-high trading as an unexpected slowdown in China's economic expansion sparked a commodity selloff from investors concerned that more cash will be needed to cover positions."¹



"Shanghai's stock market suffered its worst plunge in more than six years on Monday, after authorities cracked down on a risky lending practice used by the China's biggest securities brokerages."²



"The pair jumped after a surprise announcement by the BoJ to increase stimulus by raising its monetary base target to JPY 80 trillion annually."⁴



"The Swiss central bank has abandoned its exchange rate control and cut interest rates to -0.75 pc, sending the franc soaring against the single currency."⁵



"Traders were unable to pinpoint a single factor driving the selloff. Some said catalysts included the poorly received French government-bond auction and Wednesday's comments Janet Yellen, chairwoman of the US Federal Reserve, about valuations in stock and credit markets."³



"Black Monday 2011 refers to 8 August 8 2011, when US and global stock markets crashed following the Friday night credit rating downgrade by Standard and Poor's of the United States sovereign debt from AAA."⁶

Sources: Haver Analytics, ¹Bloomberg, ²The Guardian, ³The Wall Street Journal, ⁴FXStreet.com, ⁵The Telegraph, ⁶Wikipedia



Evidence points to ECB frontloading in April 2016 and May 2016

ECB cumulative purchases reach €1 trillion

In both April 2016 and May 2016 the total purchases were above the €80 billion target

Between March 2015 and March 2016 the Public Sector Purchase Programme (PSPP) averaged 83% of asset purchases, during April 2016 and May 2016 this average increased to 93%

	PSPP								
	Government bonds and agencies	Supranationals	Total	CBPP3		ABSSPP	Total		
Cumulative ¹	717.1	95.4	812.5 177.8 19.1						
Average (March 2015 to March 2016)	44.3	6.1	50.4	8.9		1.2	60.5		
Average (%)	73.2	10.1	83.3	14.7		2.0	-		
April 2016	69.8	8.7	78.5	6.6		0.0	85.2		
May 2016	72.0	7.7	79.7	5.6		0.0	85.2		
Average (April 2016 to May 2016)	70.9	8.2	79.1	6.1		0.0	85.2		
Average (%)	83.2	9.6	92.8	7.2		0.0	-		

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¹At amortized cost | Monthly size of ECB purchases and cumulative amounts spent last day of the week shown on a settlement basis € bil | Source: ECB

Government bond yield developments



Generic Germany 5-yr govt bond

7/15

9/15

12/15

3/16

6/16

4/15

-1.0

1/15

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Source: Bloomberg

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Who's been buying and selling?

Domestics have been net sellers except insurance companies who have been net buyers

Japanese investors have been buying during 2016

		ECB		Domestics Foreign			ı					
Monthly avg	Net govt issuance	QE1	SMP	Total	MFI	lnv fund²	Ins co ²	Pension funds ²	Other domestics	Total	Japan ³	Other
2014	26	0	-3	28	6	5	6	2	9	1	-1	2
1Q15	48	14	-1	3	15	10	5	1	-28	32	2	30
2Q15	15	44	-2	-16	-8	0	5	0	-13	-10	-8	-2
3Q15	0	42	-2	-19	0	2	-3	1	-19	-21	1	-21
4Q15	-4	44	-2	-32	-28	-5	-1	0	2	-15	2	-16
Jan 16	52	47	0	-5	56	-7	NA	NA	NA	10	6	3
Feb 16	8	47	-2	-13	13	-7	NA	NA	NA	-25	5	-30
Mar 16	85	47	0	-8	-5	-7	NA	NA	NA	47	4	43
Apr 16	-35	70	-7	-29	-7	NA	NA	NA	NA	-69	-1	-68
QE avg (Mar 15 – Apr 16)	14	46	-2	-20	-5	-2	1	0	-12	-10	0	-10

¹Includes a small portion of agency purchases | ²Quarterly data evenly split across months, in line with flow information | ³Japanese Ministry of Finance provides a sub-split on government securities net flows for only Germany, France, Italy and Netherlands. | Source: ECB, Japan BoP, JPMorgan

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Asset Purchase Programme

ECB balance sheet expansion continues... ... but what remains in the toolkit



Sources: Haver, ECB, BoE, Fed, BoJ

Cumulative EUR issuance catching up with a record 2015 YTD... ...and spreads have tightened meaningfully since early March



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Sources: Barclays Capital, BofA Merrill Lynch

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Asset Purchase Programme

Bifurcation of issuance across eligible vs ineligible so farwhilst spread compressions have been somewhat less discriminate



Sources: BofA Merrill Lynch, Dealogic, Dankse Bank, Bloomberg

Thoughts and observations

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An investor's perspective

1. Liquidity continues to be a challenge, we monitor this closely

2. Issuance is increasing
3. Corporate behavior
4. Investment opportunities
5. Brexit and its impact on Europe
For discussion 1. Central Bank toolkit: helicopter money and negative rates
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3. Politics
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5. Impact of low yields
6. Unwind of globalization

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