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A Message from Jeff Schlesinger:

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UPDATE: Bonds Surge on Fed Announcement

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- FED KEEPS TARGET INTEREST RATE UNCHANGED AT 2.25-2.50 PCT, SEES NO RATE HIKES THIS YEAR, ONE IN 2020
- FED SAYS INTENDS BALANCE SHEET RUNOFF TO SLOW BEGINNING IN MAY AND END IN SEPTEMBER PROVIDED THAT ECONOMY, MONEY MARKET CONDITIONS EVOLVE AS EXPECTED
- FED PLANS TO CONTINUE TO ALLOW AGENCY DEBT AND MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES TO DECLINE IN ORDER TO HOLD PRIMARILY TREASURIES IN THE LONG RUN
- FED SAYS TO REDUCE CAP ON MONTHLY REDEMPTIONS FROM \$30 BLN TO \$15 BLN BEGINNING IN MAY
- FED PLANS TO REINVEST PAYMENTS ON AGENCY AND MBS DEBT INTO TREASURIES STARTING IN OCTOBER AT MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF \$20 BLN PER MONTH
- FED SAYS EXPECTS MBS REINVESTMENT BELOW THE \$20 BLN MAXIMUM WILL INITIALLY OCCUR ACROSS 'RANGE' OF MATURITIES TO ROUGHLY MATCH TREASURY MATURITY COMPOSITION
- FED EXPECTS LIMITED SALES OF AGENCY MBS IN THE LONGER RUN BUT SAYS TIMING AND PACE WOULD BE COMMUNICATED WELL IN ADVANCE
- FED EXPECTS TO HOLD ASSET PORTFOLIO ROUGHLY CONSTANT FOR A TIME WITH GRADUAL INCREASES IN SOME LIABILITIES OFFSET BY DECLINES IN RESERVES
- FED SAYS IT PLANS TO PROVIDE MORE DETAILS ON MARKET OPERATIONS IN MAY
- FED EXPECTS TO INCREASE HOLDINGS TO KEEP PACE WITH TREND GROWTH OF NON-RESERVE LIABILITIES IN THE LONGER RUN
- FED SAYS ECONOMIC GROWTH HAS SLOWED FROM ITS SOLID

MBS & Treasury Market Data

	Price / Yield	Change
MBS UMBS 5.5	99.49	+0.10
MBS GNMA 5.5	99.90	+0.12
10 YR Treasury	4.2325	-0.0200
30 YR Treasury	4.4542	-0.0183

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RATE IN THE FOURTH QUARTER, JOB GAINS SOLID

- FED SEES LOWER INFLATION ON A 12-MONTH BASIS LARGELY AS A RESULT OF LOWER ENERGY PRICES
- FED SEES SLOWER GROWTH OF HOUSEHOLD INVESTMENT AND BUSINESS FIXED INVESTMENT IN THE FIRST QUARTER
- FED SAYS MARKET BASED INFLATION MEASURES HAVE REMAINED LOW; SURVEY BASED INFLATION EXPECTATIONS LITTLE CHANGED
- FED REPEATS WILL BE PATIENT AS IT DETERMINES WHAT FUTURE ADJUSTMENTS TO RATES MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE FED VOTE IN FAVOR OF POLICY WAS UNANIMOUS



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