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A Message from Ted Rood:

"Looks like bond markets have fallen into their post-Thanksgiving meal coma early. I can certainly live with flat rates, nothing wrong with that."

MBS Mid-Day: Bond Markets Super Sideways, Unfazed by Data and Events

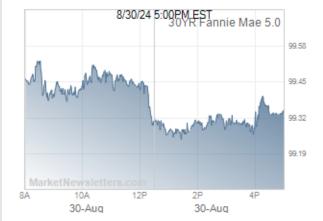
Bond markets have had plenty of **would-be** market movers thrown in their general direction today. This began in the overnight session with massive moves in shorter term European yields and substantial moves in longer term yields to boot. Despite that, the domestic bond market barely budged. While it's true that we don't always see US bond markets follow Europe in lock-step overnight, this is one of the bigger divergences.

Next up on the list of potential market movers was the morning's economic data. There were a few line items that could have been taken in a **positive light** for bond markets--such as the miss in personal consumption (0.1 vs 0.3 forecast)--but in general, the data was **NOT bond-friendly**. Here again, the input didn't matter. Treasuries and MBS simply kept on truckin'.

MBS & Treasury Market Data

	Price / Yield	Change
MBS UMBS 5.0	99.37	+0.02
MBS GNMA 5.0	99.93	+0.02
10 YR Treasury	3.9068	+0.0029
30 YR Treasury	4.1960	+0.0028

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Average Mortgage Rates

	Rate	Change	Points
Mortgage News	Daily		
30 Yr. Fixed	6.43%	+0.02	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	5.95%	0.00	0.00
30 Yr. FHA	5.82%	+0.02	0.00
30 Yr. Jumbo	6.62%	0.00	0.00
5/1 ARM	6.28%	-0.01	0.00
Freddie Mac			
30 Yr. Fixed	6.35%	-0.51	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	5.51%	-0.65	0.00
Mortgage Banke	rs Assoc.		
30 Yr. Fixed	6.44%	-0.06	0.54
15 Yr. Fixed	5.88%	-0.16	0.68
30 Yr. FHA	6.36%	-0.06	0.85
30 Yr. Jumbo	6.75%	+0.07	0.39
5/1 ARM Rates as of: 8/30	5.98%	-0.27	0.65

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The blip at 11:30 was due to the 7yr Treasury auction. That's rarely a market mover, but the passing of the week's supply considerations meant that traders were free to make their last trades of the day and head out for an **extended holiday** weekend. It's entirely possible that the robots and JV traders that remain in the office will keep the trend perfectly sideways through the close.

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