

# US Rates Watch

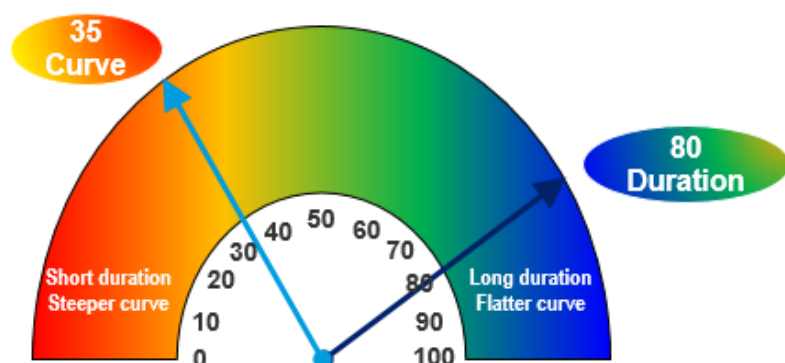
## Asset managers shift UST longs further in on curve, FI fund inflows cool

### Moving in

CFTC data suggest that asset managers are shifting away from long UST positions further out the curve to shorter tenors. This is consistent with investors requiring more compensation to own duration given elevated inflation risks, USTs being less diversifying in portfolio construction, and an uncertain fiscal backdrop. We remain more confident in curve steepeners than duration. Total US fixed income fund inflows cooled materially driven by notable outflows from credit funds. Despite the continued rate selloff resulting in losses on longer-term UST bond funds, ex-ante yields are continuing to attract investors.

#### Exhibit 1: Curve-o-meter

CTAs and hedge funds are in steepeners, speculators excluding leveraged funds are long



Source: BofA Global Research. Note: dials show 5y percentiles for the average non-commercial ex leverage funds & proxy of futures positioning for duration and the average of CTA betas and our proxy for futures positioning for the curve.

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### ITM shorts dominate open interest

Our futures positioning proxy (for construction details see: [Gauging positioning in Treasury Futures](#)) shows that ITM shorts dominate the composition of open interest across the curve, to the greatest extent in FV and US (Exhibit 11). We see a bias for rates to continue selling off particularly in UXY, US, and WN where the net out of the money position remains long (Exhibit 12). On the week through Thursday, open interest increased with shorts created across the curve (to the largest extent in TU, UXY, and US). New longs were also created in SFR and TU but were destroyed in FV and tenors further out, perhaps reflecting some repositioning of longs pulled further in on the curve.

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UST= Treasury security

CTA= Commodity trading advisor

OTM= out of the money

ITM=in the money

ED= Eurodollars

TIC=Treasury International Capital

QT= quantitative tightening

MoF= ministry of finance

COB = close of business

SFR = SOFR futures contract

TU = Treasury 2Y futures contract

FV = Treasury 5Y contract

TY = Treasury 10Y contract

UXY = Treasury ultra 10Y contract

US = Treasury 20Y contract

WN = Treasury 30Y contract

TGA= Treasury General Account

TR FI funds = Total return fixed income funds

PPTS = percentage points

JGB = Japanese government bonds

FoF = flow of funds

## Asset managers shift to shorter-dated tenors

Asset managers longs in 10y equivalent futures positions declined slightly the week ending Oct 17th (Exhibit 7). This reduction in duration represents a modest repositioning out of longer dated positions and into TU, FV, and TY. This shift may have been a contributor to the further bear steepening, as asset managers require more compensation to own duration (see: [Global Rates Weekly](#)). Leveraged hedge funds took the other side, with shorts added to the greatest extent in TU and FV. Speculative positioning excluding leveraged funds increased slightly on the week and sits around the 80<sup>th</sup> percentile over the last 5 years (Exhibit 8).

## CTA shorts may be moderating

Our top-down model (see: [CTA impact on the rates market](#)) showed a meaningful increase in the beta between 10y and returns, suggesting that CTAs may be covering UST shorts. (Exhibit 13). Momentum continues to suggest that CTAs are short, but points to largely unchanged 10y positioning in recent weeks. Non-reportable positioning which has diverged materially from our models does suggest an add to duration on the week as well (Exhibit 16).

Our indicators also continue to indicate that CTAs are meaningfully in steepeners (Exhibit 14). A key risk to the steepener position that we also continue to favor—is a flip in momentum which would likely drive material covering from CTAs and exacerbate flattening moves.

## Foreign officials rebuild USD holdings

Both the MoF data and custodial holdings showed a small pickup in foreign buying. Foreign custodial holdings for the week ending Oct 18th increased \$5bn alongside foreign ON RRP which grew by \$7bn (Exhibit 32). This suggests that foreign officials are rebuilding USD holdings following prior declines likely related to FX intervention.

We similarly saw MoF data reflect \$5bn in buying of foreign bonds the week ending Oct 13<sup>th</sup> (Exhibit 27). Alongside the curve continuing to steepen this week, FX hedging cost improved, with forwards implying more attractive pickup for UK, EUR, and CAD investors in coming months (Exhibit 20).

TIC data for August adjusted for change in valuation showed that UK, Ireland, and Lux were the largest buyers while Switzerland and China were the largest sellers (Exhibit 30). So far this year, China has sold about \$100bn of USTs which has been offset by demand from other regions which likely reflects the strong asset manager demand for USTs that we have seen more broadly.

## FI fund inflows cool materially

Fixed income fund flows slowed materially the week ending Oct 18th to around 10% of the pace observed in prior weeks (Exhibit 33). Corporate funds, both IG and HY saw meaningful outflows, consistent with what we have observed recently. While short term UST fund inflows also slowed, long term government fund inflows were above the pace observed in recent weeks. Despite the continued rate selloff driving losses on longer-term bond funds, ex-ante yields are likely continuing to attract investors (Exhibit 36).

Alongside the steepening of the curve and selloff in rates, on an AUM weighted basis total return fixed income funds outperformed their benchmark (Exhibit 38). Performance across individual funds is largely consistent with what has been observed recently. We saw some divergence between aggregate returns and change in yields in prior weeks which we thought may indicate a shift in positioning (Exhibit 40). However, this week's data suggests that steeper curves and higher rates are good for the performance of the largest fixed income funds. Only 12/28 funds we track underperformed on the week.

**Exhibit 2: On deck next week**

Calendar of upcoming events

	US Data			Fed Speaker / Event	Treasury Auction			Treasury Settlements	
	Series	BofA	BB Consensus		Security	Amount (\$bn)	Prior Δ	Security	Amount
M, Oct 23				<i>Fed Blackout Period</i>	13-week bills	75	0		
					26-week bills	68	0		
Tu, Oct 24	S&P Global US manufacturing PMI	49.5	49.5	<i>Fed Blackout Period</i>	42-day bills	75	0	Bills	40
	S&P Global US services PMI	50.1	49.4		2-year notes	51	3		
W, Oct 25	MBA Mortgage Applications	-	-	<i>Fed Blackout Period</i>	17-week bills				
	New Home Sales	700k	684k		5-year notes	52	3		
					2-year FRNs	26	2		
Th, Oct 26	Initial Jobless Claims	205k	-	<i>Fed Blackout Period</i>	4-week bills			Bills	51
	Wholesale Inventories	-	-		8-week bills				
	GDP (qoq saar)	4.50%	4.30%		7-year notes	38	1		
	Personal consumption (qoq saar)	4%	3.60%						
	GDP Price Index (qoq saar)	2.50%	2.50%						
	Core PCE (qoq saar)	2.50%	-						
	Advance Goods Trade Balance	-\$89.5bn	-\$85.5bn						
	Durable Goods Orders	2%	1.10%						
	Durables Ex Transportation	0.50%	0.30%						
	Core Capital Goods Orders	0.30%	0.00%						
	Core Capital Goods Shipments	0.40%	-						
	Pending Home Sales	-1%	1%						
F, Oct 27	Personal Income	0.40%	0.40%	<i>Fed Blackout Period</i>					
	Personal Spending	0.60%	0.40%						
	PCE Headline Prices (mom)	0.30%	0.30%						
	PCE Headline Prices (yoy)	3.40%	3.40%						
	PCE Core Prices (mom)	0.30%	0.20%						
	PCE Core Prices (yoy)	3.70%	3.70%						
	Personal saving rate	3.70%	—						
	U. of Michigan Sentiment	63	63.2						

Source: BofA Global Research, Bloomberg, US Treasury

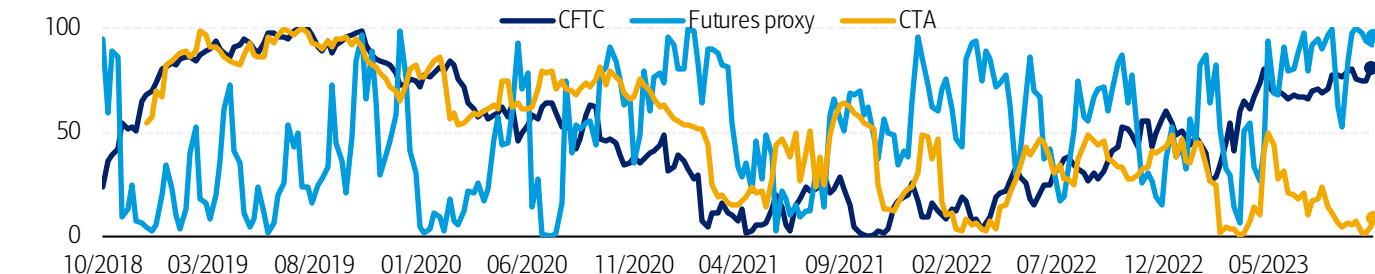
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## Positioning indicators

### Exhibit 3: 5y percentile of 10 equivalent duration positioning (percentile: higher = longer)

Futures positioning proxy shows less clear bias for rates, CFTC data adjusted for LFs is long, top down CTA model is lagged and shows historic shorts that may have been previously covered

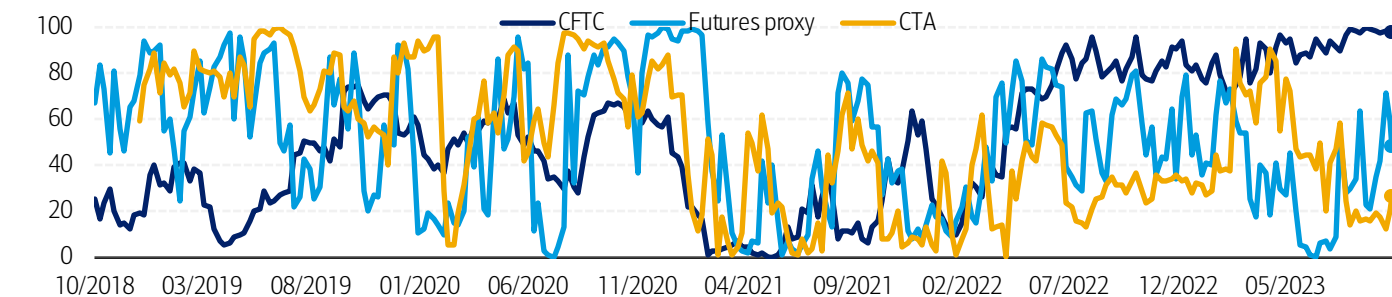


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### Exhibit 4: 5y percentile of curve positioning (percentile: higher = longer back-end relative to front end)

CTAs are in steepener but futures positioning proxy shows bias for back-end to sell off more, CFTC AMs have longs further out curve

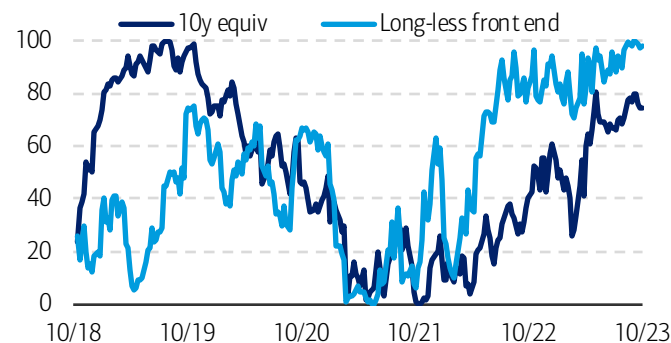


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### Exhibit 5: 5y percentile of non-commercial ex LF positioning

Positioning is historically long and largely concentrated at the back-end

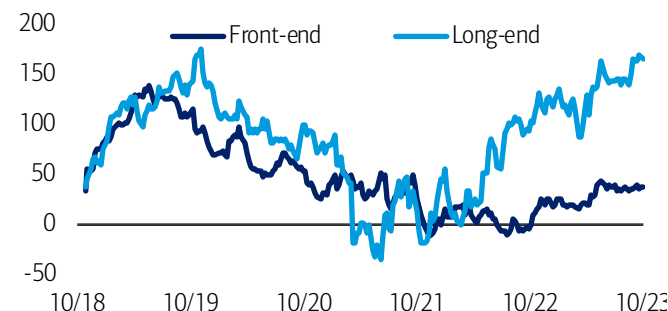


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### Exhibit 6: Non-commercial ex leveraged fund positioning (\$bn, 10y equivalent)

Longs are more concentrated in the back-end

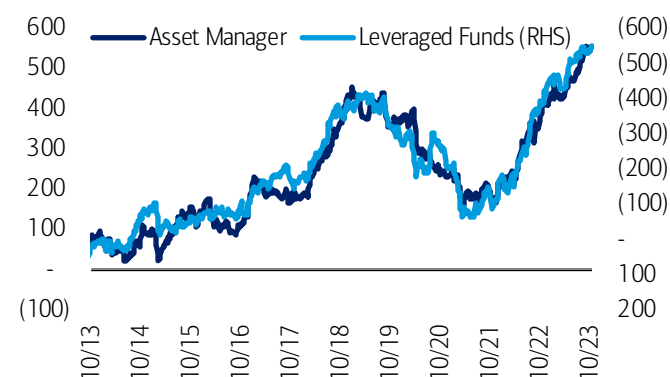


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### Exhibit 7: Asset manager and leveraged fund positioning (10y equivalent, \$bn)

Asset manager longs correspond with leveraged fund shorts

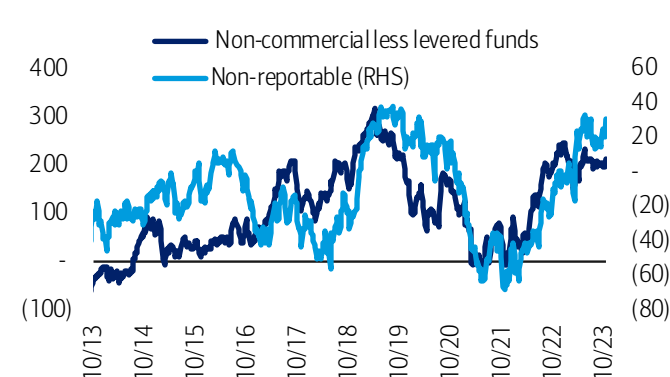


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### Exhibit 8: Non-commercial ex LFs and non-reportable positioning (10y equivalent, \$bn)

Directional positions trend together



Source: BofA Global Research, Bloomberg

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### Exhibit 9: 10y rate change for given percentile of non-commercial ex-Leveraged fund positioning (higher percentile = longer)

Positioning is a momentum signal: longer positioning is usually followed by stronger 10y performance

	0	1w	4w	8w	12w	16w
0 to 10	10	2	1	1	2	3
10 to 20	20	0	3	2	2	4
20 to 30	30	5	2	2	2	3
30 to 40	40	3	5	4	3	3
40 to 50	50	0	0	0	0	1
50 to 60	60	0	-1	0	0	0
60 to 70	70	1	1	1	0	0
70 to 80	80	-5	-2	-2	-2	-2
80 to 90	90	2	0	-1	-2	-4
90 to 100	100	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2

Source: BofA Global Research, Bloomberg, average performance calculated over last 5y

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### Exhibit 10: 10y rate change for given percentile of leveraged fund positioning (higher percentile = longer)

Positioning is contrarian signal: shorter positioning is usually followed by stronger 10y performance

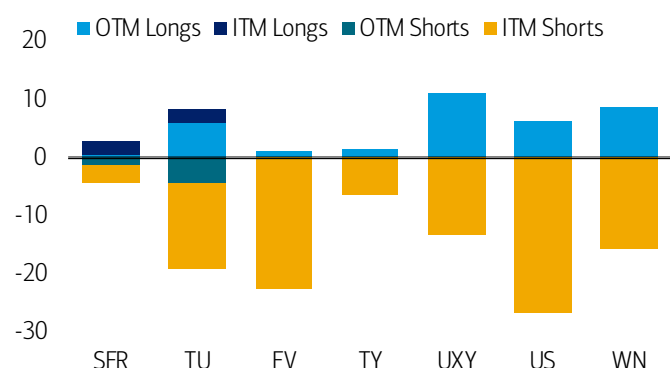
	0	1w	4w	8w	12w	16w
0 to 10	10	4	5	5	5	6
10 to 20	20	-3	-3	-1	-1	0
20 to 30	30	1	-3	-3	-3	-4
30 to 40	40	-6	-2	-3	-3	-5
40 to 50	50	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2
50 to 60	60	5	4	3	2	2
60 to 70	70	1	1	2	3	4
70 to 80	80	5	5	4	4	5
80 to 90	90	2	4	4	4	5
90 to 100	100	-1	-2	-1	0	0

Source: BofA Global Research, Bloomberg, average performance calculated over last 5y

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### Exhibit 11: Proxies for futures positioning

On the week, shorts are large ITM, while longs are OTM except in SFR

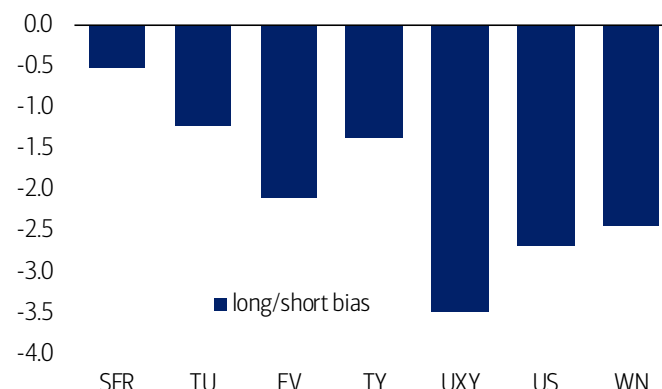


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### Exhibit 12: Analysis of proxies for futures positioning

Bias for rates to sell off in the back-end

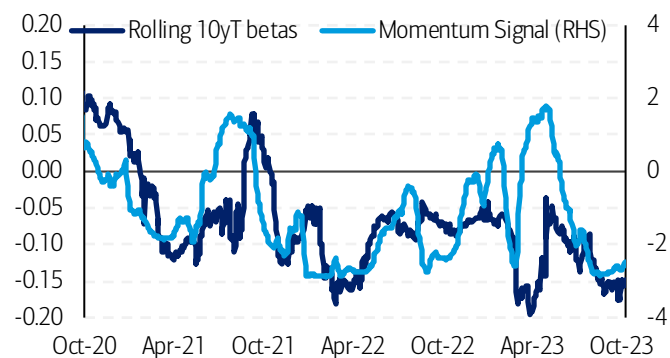


Source: BofA Global Research, Bloomberg, Note: reflects average positioning of futures stack over last 5 days

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**Exhibit 13: CTA positioning in 10yT**

On the week, CTAs reduced shorts as momentum signal moderated

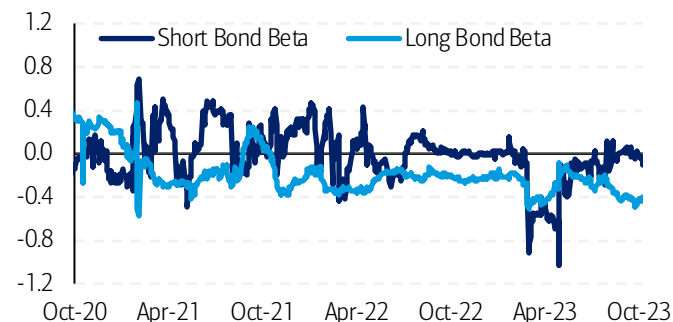


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**Exhibit 14: CTA positioning in longer duration and shorter duration bonds**

Top-down model suggests CTAs are positioned for a steeper curve and are short the back-end

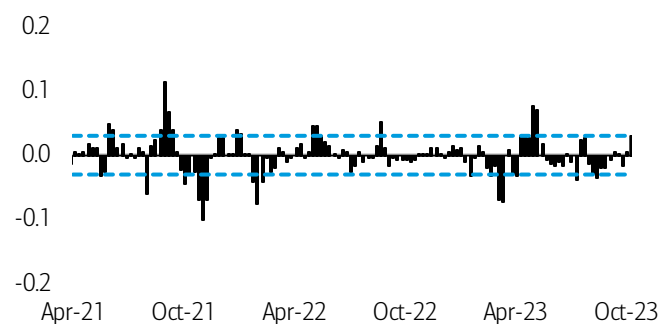


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**Exhibit 15: Changes in CTA 10yT beta**

Change in 10y beta is positive on the week

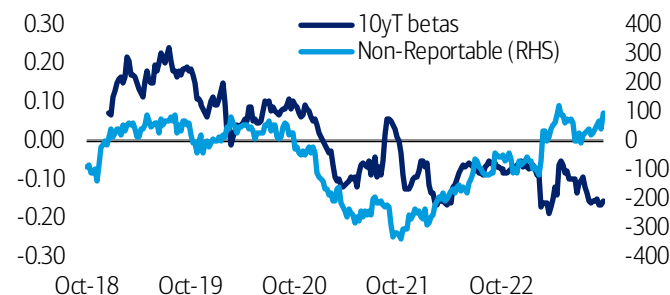


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**Exhibit 16: CTA 10y TSY beta and non-reportable positions**

Strong divergence between non-reportable position and top-down model, which tends to be lagged



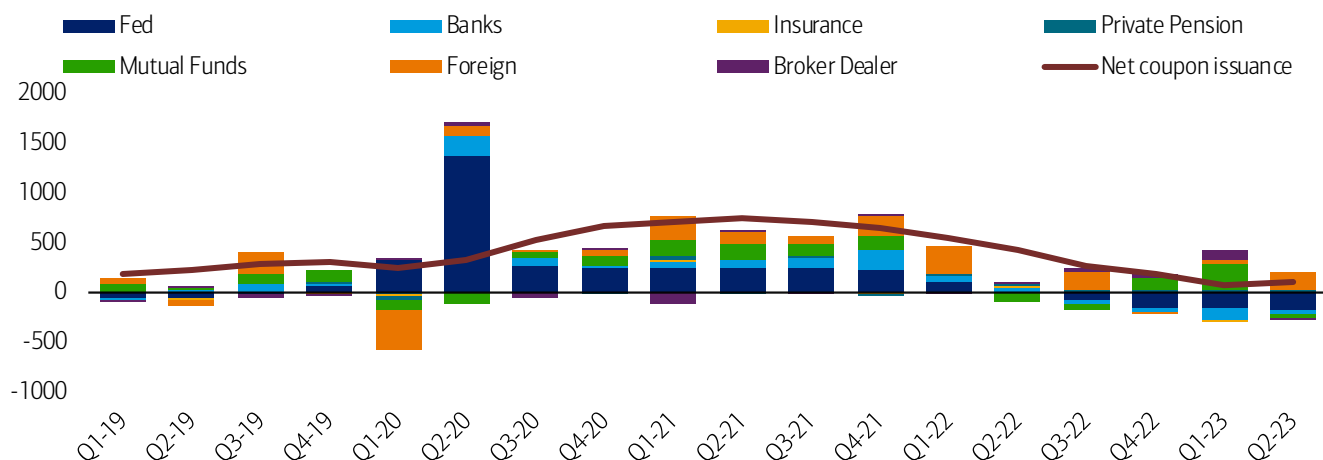
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## Flow of funds

**Exhibit 17: Changes in large holders of UST securities (\$bn)**

In Q2 foreign investors were largest buyers while Fed and banks reduced UST holdings the most

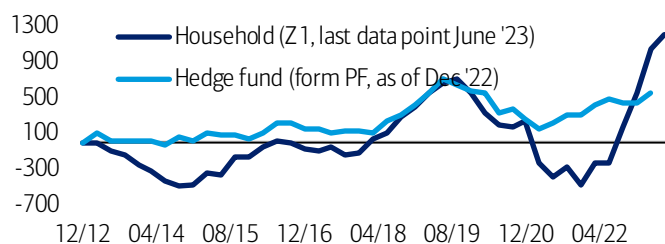


Source: BofA Global Research, Bloomberg. Note: change in levels adjusted for change in rates over the quarter

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**Exhibit 18: Change in UST holdings (\$bn)**

Hedge funds UST holdings increased last year based on Flow of Funds data and form PF

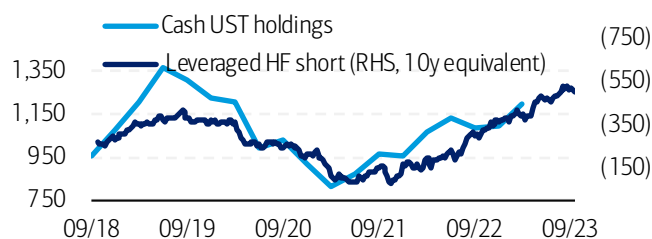


Source: BofA Global Research, Federal Reserve

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**Exhibit 19: Hedge fund cash UST holdings vs leveraged fund shorts (\$bn)**

Form PF confirms that cash long has grown alongside futures short



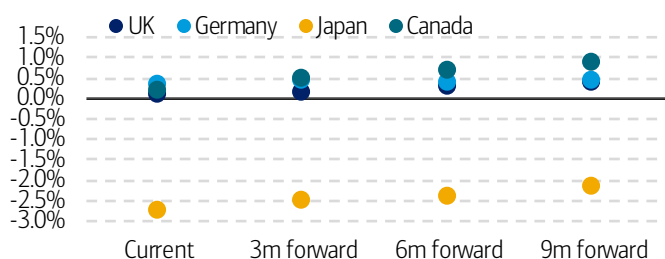
Source: BofA Global Research, Federal Reserve, Bloomberg

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## FX hedged pickup and foreign flows

**Exhibit 20: FX hedged pickup of TSYs vs local alternatives implied by forwards**

Market pricing does not reflect attractive environment for FX hedged carry trades in TSYs currently but forwards suggest improvement



Source: BofA Global Research, Bloomberg. Note: pickup vs 10y local alternative except Japan which is relative to 20y JGB using 3m forward FX hedge

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**Exhibit 21: 10Y UST pickup to 20Y JGB, with 3m fx hedge (bps)**

10y TSY now offer very negative hedged pickup vs 20yJGBs

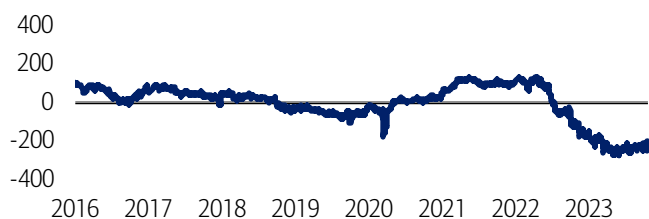


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**Exhibit 22: 10Y UST pickup to 10Y JGB, with 3m fx hedge (bps)**

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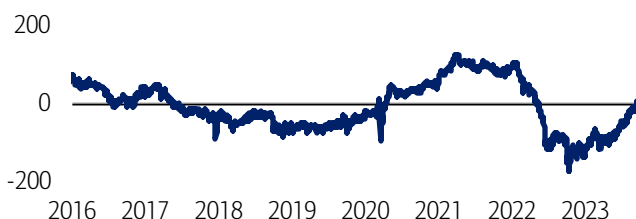


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**Exhibit 23: 10Y UST pickup to 10Y Bund, with 3m fx hedge (bps)**

10y TSY offers near zero pickup vs 10y Bund

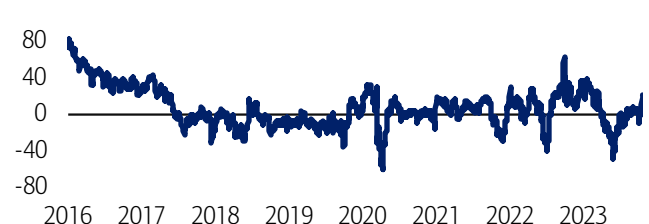


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**Exhibit 24: 10Y UST pickup to 10Y CAD govie, with 3m fx hedge (bps)**

10y TSY erased previous modest hedged pickup to 10y CAD gov bond

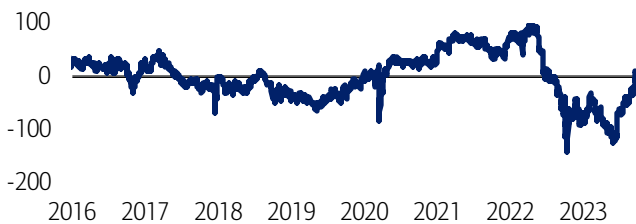


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**Exhibit 25: 10Y UST pickup to 10Y Gilt, with 3m fx hedge (bps)**

10y TSY offers flat pickup vs gilts



Source: BofA Global Research, Bloomberg

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**Exhibit 26: 3m rolling JPY currency hedge**

From the perspective of Japanese investor, pickup is negative across all regions

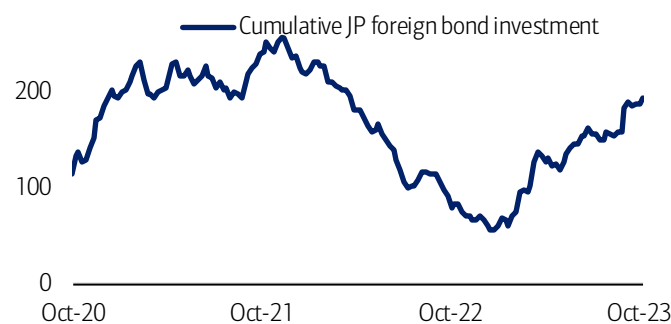
	10/19/2023		As of 1 wk ago		As of 1 mo ago		As of 1 yr ago	
	Pickup to 10y JGB	Pickup to 20Y JGB	Pickup to 10y JGB	Pickup to 20Y JGB	Pickup to 10y JGB	Pickup to 20Y JGB	Pickup to 10y JGB	Pickup to 20Y JGB
10y UST	-1.97%	-2.76%	-2.28%	-3.05%	-2.13%	-2.85%	-1.06%	-1.93%
10y GER	-2.28%	-3.07%	-2.37%	-3.13%	-2.31%	-3.02%	0.36%	-0.51%
10y FRA	-1.66%	-2.45%	-1.75%	-2.51%	-1.77%	-2.48%	0.94%	0.07%
10y BEL	-1.62%	-2.40%	-1.69%	-2.46%	-1.67%	-2.39%	1.01%	0.14%
10y ITA	-0.28%	-1.07%	-0.35%	-1.12%	-0.47%	-1.19%	2.75%	1.88%
10y SPA	-1.18%	-1.97%	-1.24%	-2.00%	-1.24%	-1.96%	1.51%	0.64%
10y UK	-2.02%	-2.81%	-2.22%	-2.98%	-2.21%	-2.92%	-0.31%	-1.18%
10y CAN	-2.16%	-2.95%	-2.33%	-3.09%	-2.25%	-2.96%	-1.34%	-2.21%

Source: BofA Global Research, Bloomberg

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**Exhibit 27: Japan investment in foreign bonds, cumulative weekly (\$bn)**

Long & medium term bonds (\$bn) holdings ticked up on the week

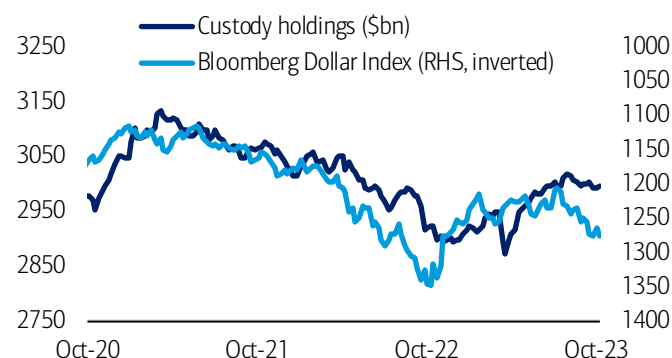


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**Exhibit 28: Weekly UST custody holdings, foreign official (\$bn)**

Custody holdings ticked up on the week

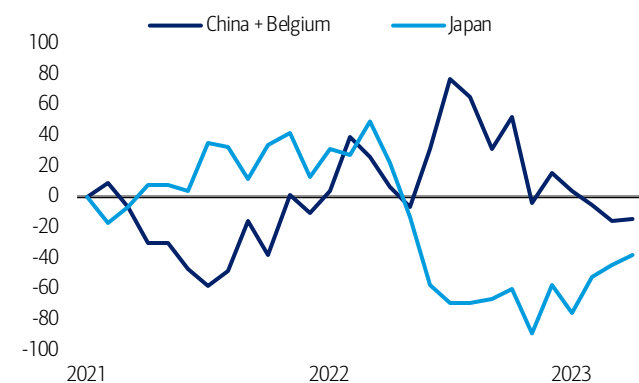


Source: BofA Global Research, NY Fed

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**Exhibit 29: Cumulative UST flows from foreign investors (\$bn)**

China + Belgium and Japan have turned to net sellers since end of '22, Japan now a net buyer of UST

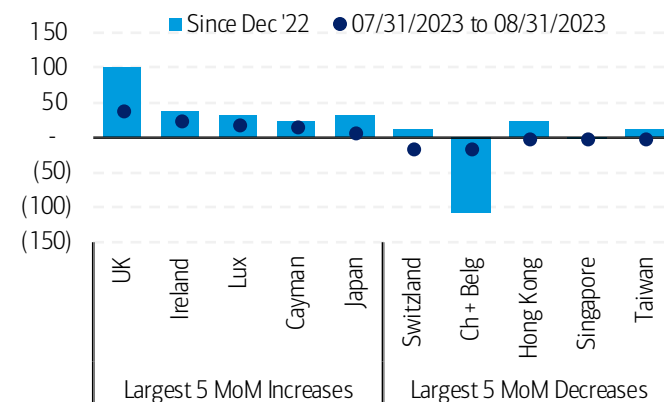


Source: BofA Global Research, Bloomberg, TIC, note: references the valuation-adjusted flow

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**Exhibit 30: Largest MoM changes in foreign TSY holdings (\$bn)**

UK was largest buyer, Switzerland largest seller in August



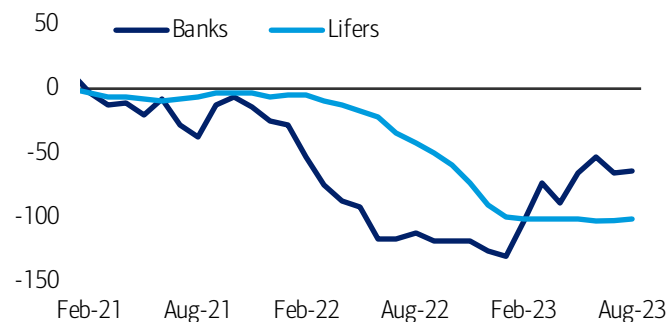
Source: BofA Global Research, TIC, Note: adjusted for level of rates

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**Exhibit 31: Cumulative change in Japanese investor foreign bond holdings (\$bn)**

While banks and lifers have reduced foreign bond holdings in the last year, banks have recently turned modest buyers while lifer demand has been flat

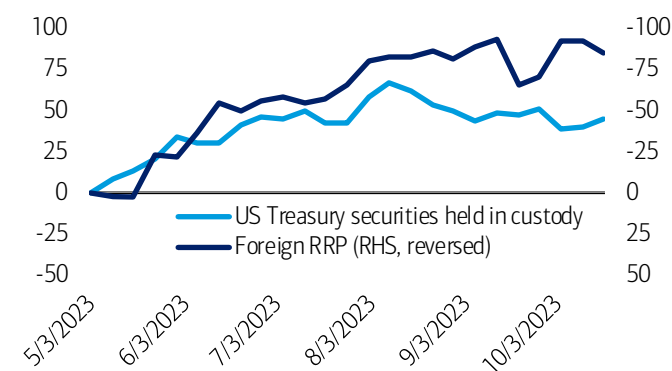


Source: BofA Global Research, Bloomberg. Note: JPY flow converted to USD using end of month FX level, last data point is June '23

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**Exhibit 32: Cumulative change in custody holdings and foreign RRP since May 2023 (\$bn)**

Dropped in custody holdings has been offset by increase in foreign RRP



Source: BofA Global Research, Federal Reserve, Bloomberg

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## Fund flows and returns

**Exhibit 33: US fixed income fund flows (\$million)**

US govt long funds saw inflows on the week, outflows seen primarily in corp IG & HY funds

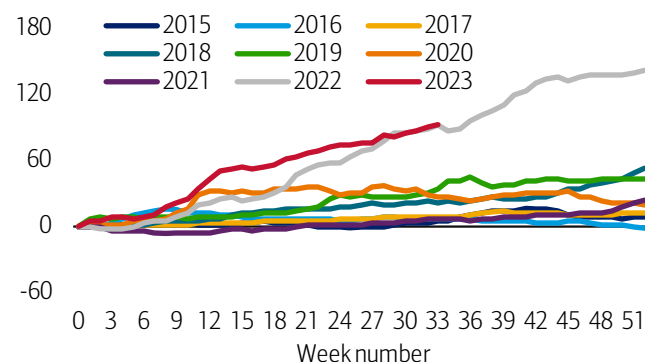
	10/18/2023	Rolling 4w average	Rolling 8w average	Rolling 12w average	Rolling 52w average
Gov: short	957	2,438	1,746	1,699	1,076
Gov: intermediate	62	521	367	389	271
Gov: long	2,045	1,556	1,061	1,013	1,203
Corp: IG	(2,008)	(1,616)	(854)	(638)	313
Corp:HY	(1,594)	(2,170)	(816)	(749)	(154)
Corp: all quality	71	35	44	38	29
MBS	925	258	197	258	256
Inflation	(199)	(258)	(315)	(298)	(455)
Muni	(77)	(569)	(351)	(290)	(191)
Mixed allocation	664	1,971	1,441	1,811	1,520
All US FI	173	1,738	2,485	3,125	3,365

Source: BofA Global Research, EPFR

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**Exhibit 34: Sovereign fund inflows by year (\$bn)**

Flows YTD are on track with highs of last year

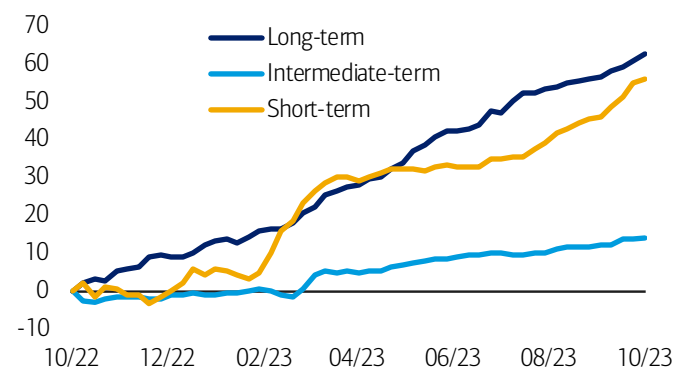


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**Exhibit 35: Sovereign inflows by tenor (\$bn)**

Inflows have been concentrated in long-term and short-term funds



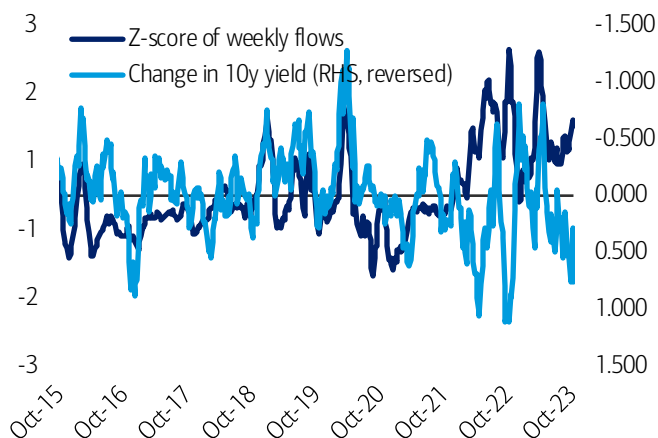
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**Exhibit 36: Fund flows and rate change (Z-score)**

Fund flows recently have been historically strong alongside rates rally

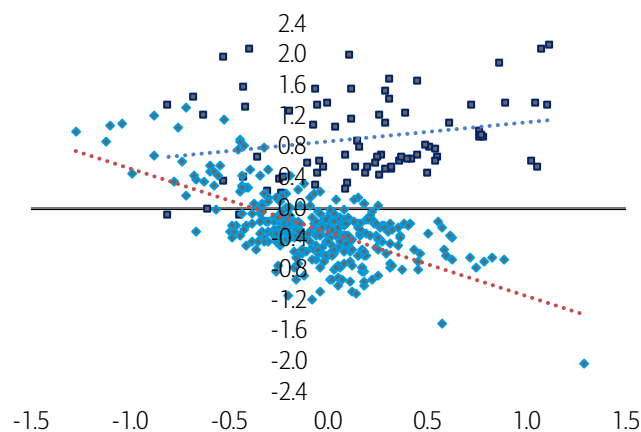


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**Exhibit 37: Fund flows and rate change**

Since start of '22, fund flows are less negatively correlated to change in rates



Source: BofA Global Research, EPFR, Bloomberg, Note: dark = post '22, light = '15-'22

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**Exhibit 38: Total return FI fund performance vs benchmark**

Over the last week, AUM weighted fund performance above benchmark

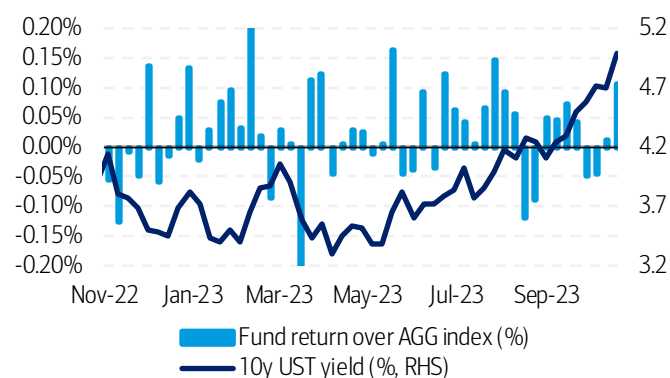
	AUM (\$Bn)	10/19/2023	Vs. Agg	Last 4w	Vs. Agg
Vanguard Total Bond Market II Index Fund	250	-1.60%	0.08%	-2.81%	0.07%
Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund	197	-1.58%	0.10%	-2.78%	0.10%
PIMCO Income fund	127	-1.16%	0.52%	-2.34%	0.54%
The Bond Fund of America	74	-1.59%	0.09%	-2.71%	0.17%
MetWest Total Return Bond Fund	54	-1.90%	-0.22%	-3.47%	-0.59%
PIMCO Total Return Fund	52	-1.76%	-0.08%	-3.31%	-0.43%
Dodge & Cox Income Fund	57	-1.61%	0.07%	-3.10%	-0.22%
PGIM Total Return Bond Fund	40	-1.59%	0.10%	-2.97%	-0.09%
BlackRock Strategic Income Opportunities Fund	35	-0.80%	0.89%	-1.20%	1.68%
Baird Aggregate Bond Fund	39	-1.63%	0.06%	-2.91%	-0.03%
JPMorgan Core Bond Fund	40	-1.54%	0.14%	-2.65%	0.23%
DoubleLine Total Return Bond Fund	31	-1.80%	-0.11%	-3.14%	-0.26%
Fidelity Series Investment Grade Bond Fund	33	-1.61%	0.08%	-3.00%	-0.12%
Fidelity Total Bond Fund	31	-1.58%	0.10%	-2.94%	-0.06%
Western Asset Core Plus Bond Portfolio	21	-2.31%	-0.63%	-4.68%	-1.80%
Baird Core Plus Bond Fund	24	-1.57%	0.11%	-2.80%	0.08%
John Hancock Bond Fund	22	-1.73%	-0.04%	-3.38%	-0.50%
TIAA-CREF Bond Index Fund	21	-1.70%	-0.02%	-2.91%	-0.03%
BlackRock Total Return Fund	17	-1.83%	-0.15%	-3.24%	-0.35%
JPMorgan Core Plus Bond Fund	16	-1.47%	0.22%	-2.70%	0.18%
Bridge Builder Core Bond Fund	16	-1.70%	-0.01%	-2.94%	-0.06%
T Rowe Price New Income Fund	16	-1.62%	0.06%	-2.92%	-0.04%
Western Asset Core Bond Fund	14	-2.13%	-0.44%	-3.93%	-1.05%
CREF Bond Market Account	10	-1.57%	0.12%	-2.89%	-0.01%
Fidelity Investment Grade Bond Fund	8	-1.54%	0.14%	-2.90%	-0.01%
DoubleLine Core Fixed Income Fund	6	-1.70%	-0.02%	-3.05%	-0.17%
TCW Total Return Bond Fund	3	-2.12%	-0.44%	-4.12%	-1.24%
Janus Henderson Flexible Bond Fund	3	-1.72%	-0.04%	-3.11%	-0.23%
Weighted avg	1257	-1.58%	0.10%	-2.86%	0.02%
Agg		-1.68%		-2.88%	
10y return		-2.93%		-4.96%	

Source: BofA Global Research, Bloomberg, Note: Excess returns are fund total returns over Bloomberg Barclays Agg Index

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**Exhibit 39: Total return funds, excess return vs. 10y rate**

Weekly asset-weighted total returns for total return funds. Funds return was above benchmark on the week

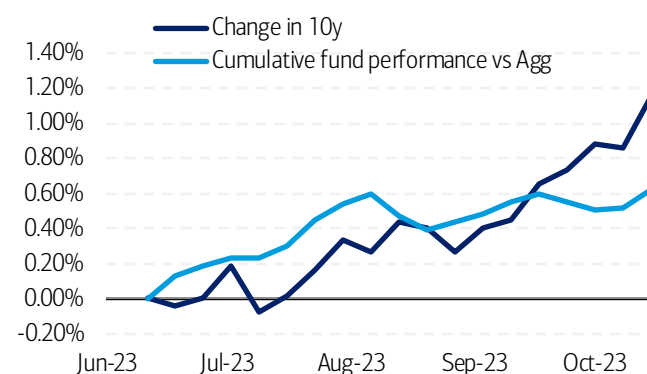


Source: BofA Global Research, Bloomberg. Note: Excess returns are fund total returns over Bloomberg Barclays Agg index

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**Exhibit 40: Cumulative return of TR FI funds over benchmark vs 10yT**

Funds have modestly outperformed since start of the year



Source: BofA Global Research, Bloomberg. Note: Excess returns are fund total returns over Bloomberg Barclays Agg index

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**Exhibit 41: Total return funds' published UST allocations vs benchmark from Q1 and Q2 '23**

Funds moderated underweight UST position from Q1 to Q2

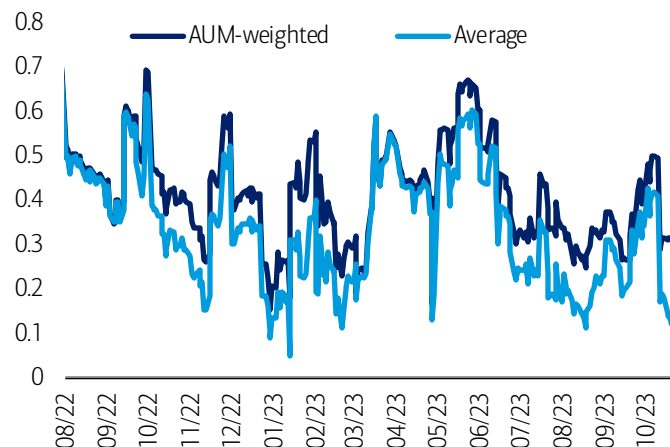
		AUM (\$bn)	Q1 '23 (%)	Q2 '23 (%)	Change (PPTS)
VTBIX	Vanguard Total Bond Market II Index Fund	250.0	2.4	2.1	-0.3
VBMFX	Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund	197.0	1.7	1.4	-0.3
PIMIX	PIMCO Income fund	127.4	-43.4	-34.1	9.3
ABNDX	The Bond Fund of America	73.6	-11.3	-14.0	-2.7
DODIX	Dodge & Cox Income Fund	56.5	-28.1	-32.7	-4.6
MWTIX	MetWest Total Return Bond Fund	54.0	-16.5	-18.7	-2.2
PTTRX	PIMCO Total Return Fund	52.5	-15.4	-18.6	-3.2
PGBOX	JPMorgan Core Bond Fund	39.9	-5.0	-2.2	2.8
PDBAX	PGIM Total Return Bond Fund	39.8	-33.7	-34.2	-0.5
BAGIX	Baird Aggregate Bond Fund	39.1	-16.9	-17.7	-0.8
BSIIX	BlackRock Strategic Income Opportunities Fund	35.0	-17.3	-23.4	-6.1
FSIGX	Fidelity Series Investment Grade Bond Fund	33.3	-7.5	-10.1	-2.6
DBLTX	DoubleLine Total Return Bond Fund	31.3	-32.7	-32.8	-0.1
FTBFX	Fidelity Total Bond Fund	31.2	-12.0	-12.5	-0.4
BCOIX	Baird Core Plus Bond Fund	24.0	-18.5	-18.4	0.1
JHBIX	John Hancock Bond Fund	21.6	-22.8	-22.5	0.3
WACPX	Western Asset Core Plus Bond Portfolio	21.5	-33.7	-38.0	-4.3
TBIIX	TIAA-CREF Bond Index Fund	20.9	0.8	0.3	-0.5
MAHQX	BlackRock Total Return Fund	16.9	-13.7	88.0	101.7
ONIAx	JPMorgan Core Plus Bond Fund	16.2	-5.1	-2.9	2.2
BBTBX	Bridge Builder Core Bond Fund	15.6	-22.1	-23.0	-0.9
PRCIX	T Rowe Price New Income Fund	15.6	-16.2	-11.8	4.4
WATFX	Western Asset Core Bond Fund	13.7	-30.7	-31.1	-0.4
QCBMIX	CREF Bond Market Account	10.2	-21.1	-22.6	-1.5
FBNDX	Fidelity Investment Grade Bond Fund	8.2	-5.7	-0.3	5.4
DBLFX	DoubleLine Core Fixed Income Fund	6.5	-16.9	-17.9	-1.0
JFLEX	Janus Henderson Flexible Bond Fund	2.7	-11.3	-17.9	-6.7
TGLMX	TCW Total Return Bond Fund	2.6	-38.5	-39.6	-1.1
<b>AUM weighted</b>		1256.7	-13.3	-11.8	1.4

Source: BofA Global Research, funds' publicly available reports

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**Exhibit 42: Rolling 30-day correlation between excess return and change in 10y UST yield**

A higher correlation between the two would suggest that when UST yields increase, excess return is higher (more short), recent decline may suggest moderation in short positioning

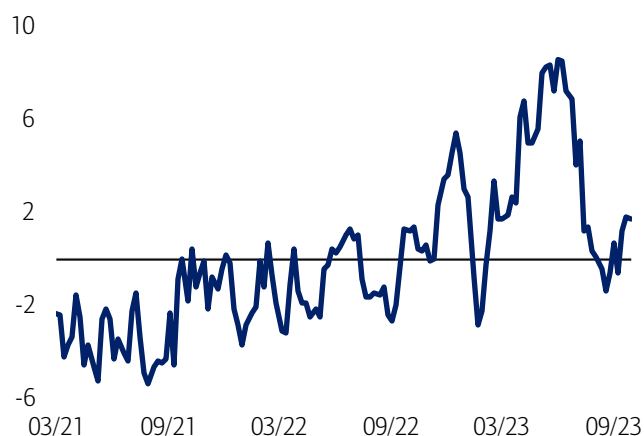


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**Exhibit 43: Primary dealer 2-6y holdings of TIPS (\$bn)**

Primary dealer holdings have modestly recovered from the decline since end of June



Source: BofA Global research, Note: cumulative change since 2021 reflects adjustment for change in market value

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## Bank balance sheets

**Exhibit 44: Changes to bank balance sheet assets (\$bn)**

Domestic bank balance saw increase driven by cash, securities portfolio declined

		Current	1w change	Rolling 4w avg wkly chg	Rolling 8w avg wkly chg	Rolling 12w avg wkly chg	Rolling 52w avg wkly chg
<b>All (\$bn, NSA)</b>	<b>Total Assets</b>	22974	109	14	18	15	4
	Cash	3420	105	4	15	12	5
	UST & Agency	1522	9	6	3	1	-3
	MBS	2517	-12	-13	-6	-6	-5
	Loans and Leases	12208	1	8	8	9	8
	Other	3307	7	10	-2	-2	-1
<b>Large Domestic (\$bn, NSA)</b>	<b>Total Assets</b>	13383	62	21	17	10	0
	Cash	1690	52	19	18	13	4
	UST & Agency	1117	5	3	2	1	-2
	MBS	1913	-10	-7	-3	-3	-2
	Loans and Leases	6746	0	0	2	2	1
	Other	1917	14	5	-2	-3	-2
<b>Small Domestic (\$bn, NSA)</b>	<b>Total Assets</b>	6536	5	-1	1	4	2
	Cash	449	5	-1	1	1	1
	UST & Agency	296	0	2	1	0	-1
	MBS	578	0	-6	-3	-3	-4
	Loans and leases	4421	1	3	4	5	6
	Other	792	-1	0	-1	0	0
<b>All Domestic (\$bn, NSA)</b>	<b>Total Assets</b>	19919	67	20	18	15	2
	Cash	2139	57	19	18	15	5
	UST & Agency	1413	6	6	3	1	-3
	MBS	2491	-10	-13	-6	-6	-5
	Loans and leases	11167	1	4	6	8	7
	Other	2709	13	5	-3	-3	-2
<b>Foreign (\$bn, NSA)</b>	<b>Total Assets</b>	3055	42	-5	0	0	2
	Cash	1280	48	-15	-4	-2	0
	UST & Agency	109	3	0	0	0	0
	MBS	27	-1	0	0	0	0
	Loans and leases	1040	-1	4	2	1	1
	Other	598	-6	5	1	1	1

Source: BofA Global Research, Federal Reserve, Bloomberg

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**Exhibit 45: Select bank balance sheet liabilities (\$bn, NSA)**

Domestic liability growth driven by deposits

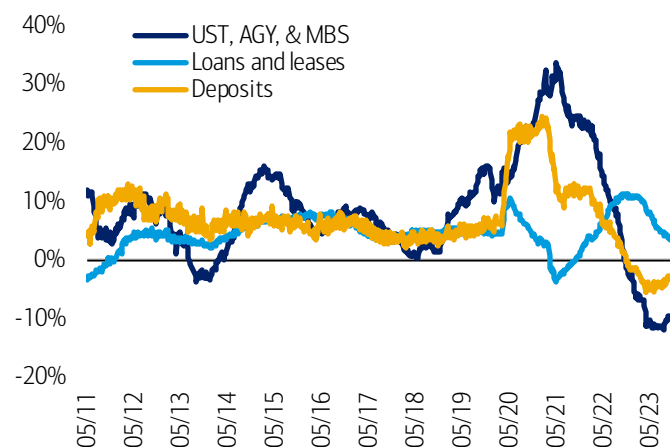
		Current	1w change	Rolling 4w avg wkly chg	Rolling 8w avg wkly chg	Rolling 12w avg wkly chg	Rolling 52w avg wkly chg
<b>Deposits (\$bn, NSA)</b>	All	17353	21	8	5	10	-8
	Domestic	16080	25	10	6	10	-8
	Large Domestic	10793	25	8	3	3	-7
	Small Domestic	5287	0	1	3	7	-1
	Foreign	1274	-4	-2	0	-1	0
<b>Other borrowing (\$bn, NSA)</b>	All	2373	15	21	18	6	12
	Domestic	1351	11	13	12	5	9
	Large Domestic	923	11	15	14	8	7
	Small Domestic	429	0	-2	-2	-3	2
	Foreign	1022	4	8	6	1	3

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**Exhibit 46: YoY change in securities, loans, and deposits**

Securities growth usually only positive when deposit growth is positive

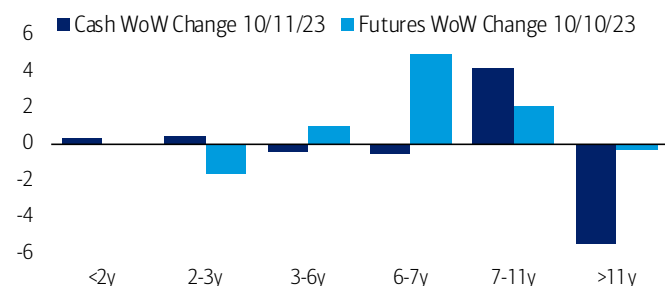


Source: BofA Global Research, Bloomberg, Federal Reserve

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**Primary dealer balance sheet****Exhibit 47: Dealers WoW change in positions**

10y equivalent, \$bn, futures &amp; cash positions higher in the belly but cash position lower in the back-end

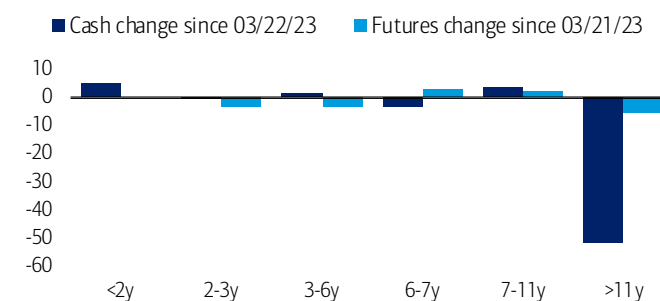


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**Exhibit 48: Dealers change in positions since bank risk events**

10y equivalent, \$bn, cash positions lower at back-end



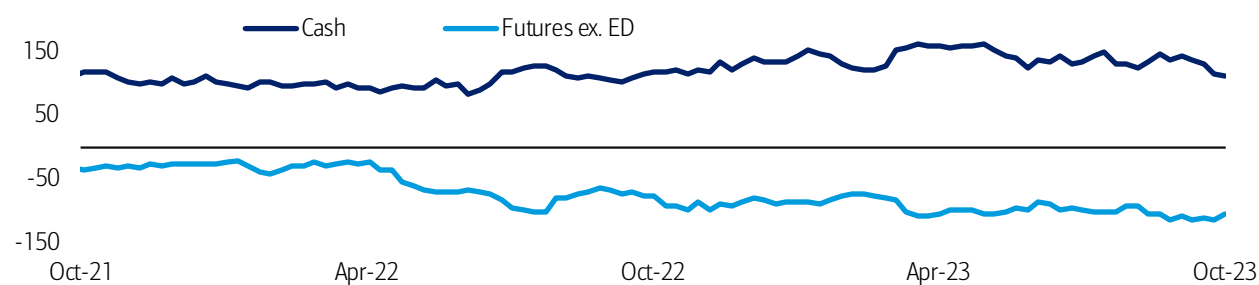
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**Exhibit 49: Dealers total sector positions**

10y equivalent, \$bn, short futures &amp; long cash dropped on the week



Source: BofA Global Research, NY Fed, CFTC

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**Auction statistics****Exhibit 50: Auction summary statistics**

Z-score calculated on levels, Investment fund participation in auctions remains robust

		Primary Dealer	Indirect Bidder	Direct Bidder	Investment Fund	Foreign	Depository Institution
2y	10/2/2023	13.3%	68.5%	18.2%	68.8%	13.9%	0.0%
	MoM Change	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-1.1%	1.5%	0.0%
	1Y Z-score	-1.1	1.0	-0.7	1.0	-0.5	-0.4
3y	9/15/2023	10.8%	69.4%	19.8%	63.5%	13.5%	0.0%
	MoM Change	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-7.7%	-3.1%	0.0%
	1Y Z-score	-1.3	0.9	0.2	-0.1	-0.7	-0.3
5y	10/2/2023	12.2%	19.7%	68.1%	73.7%	13.4%	0.1%
	MoM Change	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-1.1%	3.4%	0.1%
	1Y Z-score	-0.4	0.9	0.0	0.8	-0.1	1.2
7y	10/2/2023	8.1%	75.3%	16.6%	70.7%	13.0%	0.0%
	MoM Change	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-10.0%	4.7%	0.0%
	1Y Z-score	-0.9	1.0	-0.7	-0.1	0.0	-0.5
10y	9/15/2023	12.4%	67.7%	19.9%	67.6%	16.2%	0.0%
	MoM Change	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-1.5%	-1.4%	0.0%
	1Y Z-score	-0.7	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.2	-0.6
20y	10/2/2023	9.6%	68.8%	21.7%	72.9%	15.4%	0.0%
	MoM Change	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-2.6%	5.0%	0.0%
	1Y Z-score	-0.1	-0.6	1.2	-0.1	0.3	#DIV/0!
30y	9/15/2023	10.9%	69.0%	20.1%	66.8%	14.9%	0.0%
	MoM Change	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-2.7%	-0.5%	0.0%
	1Y Z-score	-0.1	-0.2	0.5	-0.8	0.3	-0.7

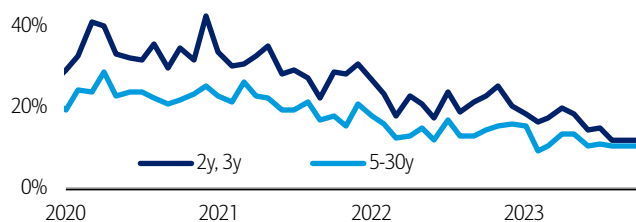
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**Exhibit 51: Primary dealer – average auction allotment**

Dealer participation has declined

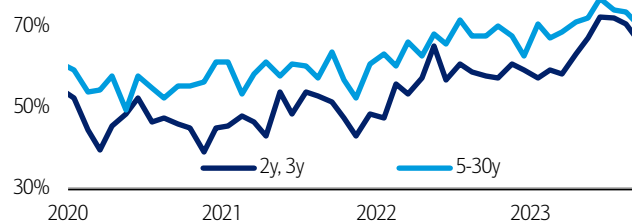


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**Exhibit 52: Investment fund – average auction allotment**

Fund participation still elevated

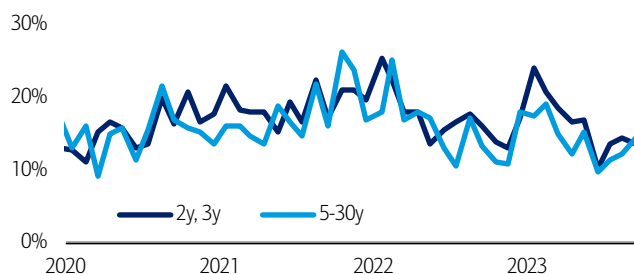


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**Exhibit 53: Foreign investment – average auction allotment**

Foreign participation still below average despite modest uptick in recent weeks

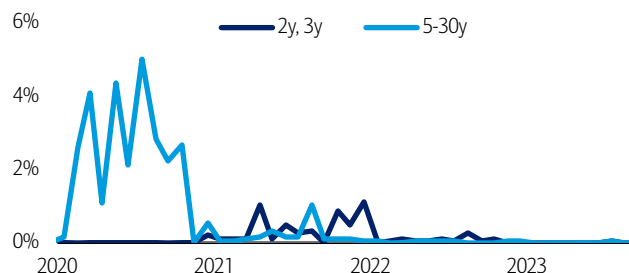


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**Exhibit 54: Depository institutions – average auction allotment**

Participation is minimal



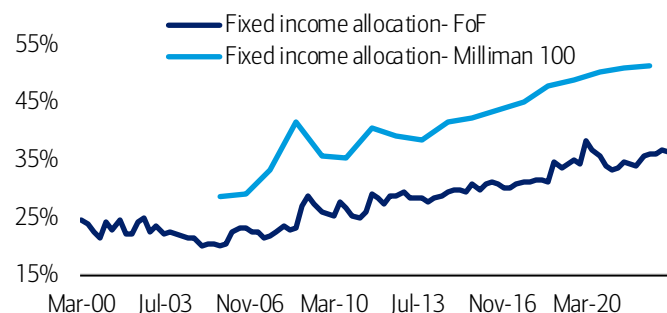
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# Pensions

## Exhibit 55: DB private pension fixed income allocation from Flow of Funds and smaller Milliman subset

Milliman funds have shown more de-risking than broader private DB pension funds according to FoF

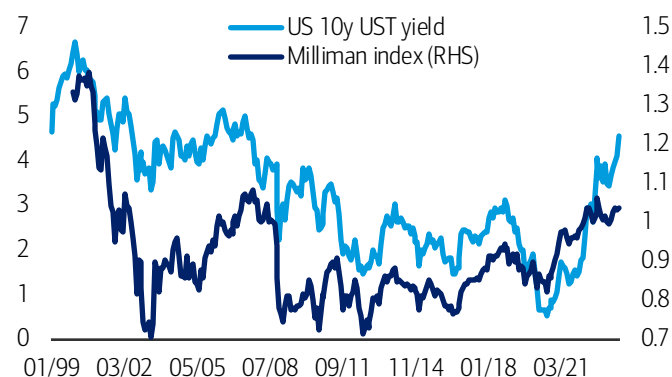


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## Exhibit 56: 10y UST yield and Milliman pension funded index

Funded status historically improves with an increase in interest rates

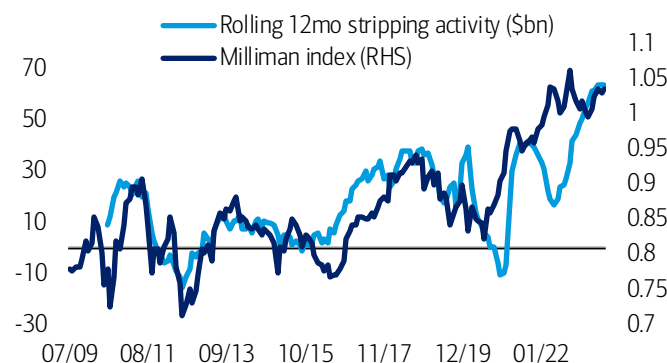


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## Exhibit 57: Milliman index and 12mo increase in USTs held in stripped form

Higher pension funded status aligns with higher stripping activity

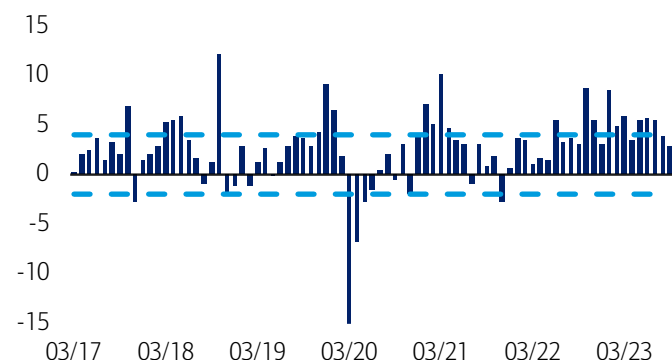


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## Exhibit 58: Change in USTs held in stripped form (\$bn)

Stripping activity cooled modestly in August

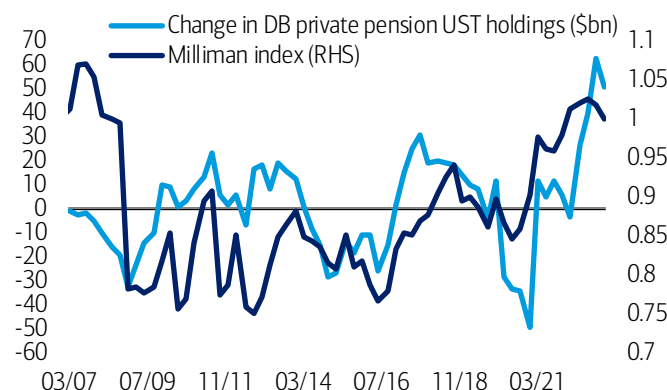


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## Exhibit 59: UST holdings of private DB pensions and funded status

When funded status is higher, pension funds buy more USTs



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