

# **US** Rates Watch

# Follow the money: cash & collateral trends Nov 14 update

# Cash / collateral shift suggests higher funding over time

As collateral continues to come into the system and cash is drained via QT, upward pressure in funding is likely to become more persistent. We are already seeing increased signs of this with SOFR averaging 2bps above ON RRP in Nov vs only 1bp in Oct.

# Money map: repo rates feeling the funding pressure

Overnight repo rates have stabilized but landed higher with SOFR now 2bps above ON RRP. The move higher in SOFR is likely representative of the cash / collateral shift where cash is being drained from the system via QT but collateral continues to come in, especially from Treasury issuance. This week's \$68b in UST settlements from bills and coupons could put further upward pressure on SOFR.

# Cash: ON RRP decline offset increase in TGA & reserves

Fed balance sheet data for the week ending Nov 8, showed a \$12b decline from the FDIC bridge bank credit extension repayment but a \$4bn increase in the BTFP (Exhibit 1). The increase in the BTFP is the largest since early June and may be reflective of banks taking advantage of the 8bp decline in the rate which is equal to 1y OIS + 10bps. It may also be reflective of commercial banks who are increasingly liquidity constrained. On the liability side, reserve balances grew \$46b and are now \$45b higher than the level at the start of QT (Exhibit 2). TGA grew another \$10b but is now around the levels the Treasury has forecasted for year-end so unlikely to have any offsetting or exacerbating impacts on the Fed's liabilities for some time. Offsetting the increase in the TGA and reserves balances was ON RRP (Exhibit 3), which declined \$55b on the week.

# Cash: MMFs continue to see inflows, esp gov't inst'l MMFs

Over the week ending Nov 10, MMF AUM increased \$32b according to Crane Data (Exhibit 4). The inflows were broad across MMF types but primarily into gov't institutional funds. Gov't inst'l funds are now up \$359b YTD. We expect MMF inflows to continue but slow and potentially reverse as the curve steepens (Exhibit 6).

# Cash: Domestic bank cash higher driven by deposits

Bank balance sheet data, which is lagged an additional week compared to Fed balance sheet data, shows banking system assets grew \$116b on the week ending Nov 1, driven by large domestic banks (Exhibit 7). Domestic banks saw deposit inflows primarily into small retail deposits likely driven by month-end paychecks. Additionally, small banks increased loans & leases while large domestics and foreign banks were flat.

...More detail on cash & collateral dynamics on page 2...

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#### **Abbreviations:**

BTFP: bank term funding program ME: month-end

CB: Central bank

DW: discount window

FHLB: Federal Home Loan Banks

FIMA: Foreign and international monetary authorities

Gov't: government

GSE: Government sponsored enterprises

Inst'l: institutional

MMF: Money market funds

ON RRP: Overnight reverse repo facility

P&I: principal & interest

TGA: Treasury General Account

w/w: week on week

DL: debt limit

WTD: week to date

DN: Discount Note

PD: Primary Dealer

**UST: US Treasury** FRN: Floating rate note

FF: Fed funds

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**Cash bottom line**: Reserve balances continue to move higher, offset by lower ON RRP. TGA is not likely to have a significant impact on other Fed liabilities as its now around the levels Treasury has forecasted for the next two quarters. MMFs saw broad inflows across MMF types, but gov't ins't funds continue to see most of the inflows. Domestic banks cash and securities holdings moved modestly higher.

# Collateral: UST issuance moving higher

**UST issuance** has grown \$78b MTD due to T-bills (Exhibit 8). We forecast \$109b in net coupons to the public in November alongside net bill issuance of \$249b to help meet a typically large deficit month.

**FHLB debt** declined \$41b on the week ending Nov 10 (Exhibit 9) according to our estimates. We recently updated our forecasts for FHLB supply, see <a href="#FHLB supply outlook: low & uncertain">FHLB supply outlook: low & uncertain</a>.

**CP issuance:** Data from the Federal Reserve shows that on the week ending Nov 8 CP outstanding increased \$20b for financial CP but declined \$12b for non-fin CP (Exhibit 11). Bank borrowing via CP typically declines on the week of month-end and reverses the following week as we have seen recently but volumes remain roughly \$60b below levels seen pre-March bank stress events.

**Collateral bottom line**: UST issuance will pick up with this week's coupon and bill settlements. FHLB debt issuance is likely to be small but positive going forward. CP issuance remains well below levels pre-bank stress events as banks have diversified their sources of funding.

# Funding: less cash & more collateral=higher funding levels

To translate cash / collateral dynamics into funding markets we examine dealer holdings, repo volumes, & realized funding levels.

**Dealer holdings**, which are lagged, show a \$12b increase in Treasury holdings on the week ending Nov 1 (Exhibit 12, Exhibit 13), but are still \$6b lower MoM and \$32b lower since the debt limit resolution. As UST auction sizes grow, dealers will likely need to take down more and more of each auction and as a result USTs are likely to cheapen and reporates and volumes could move higher.

**Repo volumes**: SOFR volumes declined \$110b on the week ending Nov 10th (Exhibit 15). The decline in repo volumes was also seen in sponsored repo, which is \$18b lower on the week (Exhibit 16). The decline in SOFR and sponsored repo volumes were both driven by lower bilateral volumes. The higher cost of funding may have contributed to the lower bilateral repo volumes.

**Funding bottom line**: repo rates have normalized at a level 2bp above ON RRP, driven by bilateral transactions. The higher funding rate is likely a result of the cash / collateral shift as collateral continues to come into the system while cash is drained via QT. We expect upward pressure in funding to become more persistent especially around large settlement dates.

**Key takeaway**: Reserve balances continued to move higher, offset by lower ON RRP. TGA impact on other Fed liabilities likely to be limited near-term. Treasury collateral continues to come into the system and pressure SOFR higher. Higher rates are clearly evident in recent price action with SOFR averaging 2bps above ON RRP in Nov vs only 1bp in Oct.



#### Exhibit 1: Fed balance sheet, selected assets & liabilities (\$bn, Wednesday comparison data)

Fed bal sheet \$6b lower due to FDIC bank credit extension repayment. ON RRP decline was offset by reserves and TGA higher

	Dates         Securities         Repo         Discount Window         BTFP           12/28/2022         8,145         0         5         0           11/1/2023         7,338         0         3         109           11/8/2023         7,338         0         2         113					Liabilities								
Dates	Securities	Repo		BTFP	FDIC bank credit extension	FX Swaps	Other	Currency	Foreign RRP	ON RRP	TGA	Reserves	Other	Total
12/28/2022	8,145	0	5	0	0	0	451	2,307	334	2,293	410	2,980	277	8,601
11/1/2023	7,338	0	3	109	47	0	420	2,325	317	1,079	753	3,315	128	7,917
11/8/2023	7,338	0	2	113	35	0	423	2,326	319	1,024	763	3,360	117	7,911
WoW Change	0	0	-1	4	-12	0	2	1	2	-55	10	46	-10	-6
YTD Change	-806	0	-2	113	35	0	-28	19	-15	-1,269	354	381	-159	-689

Source: BofA Global Research, Federal Reserve

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# Exhibit 2: Fed reserve balances outstanding (\$bn)

Change in reserve balance from prior week was +\$45.8bn as of Nov 8

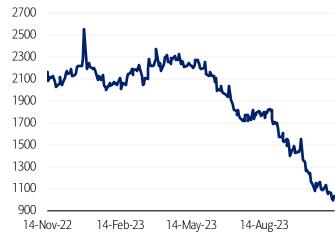


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#### Exhibit 3: ON RRP take-up (\$bn)

ON RRP take-up decreased \$38.42bn from prior week as of Nov 10



Source: FRBNY

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#### Exhibit 4: Daily Crane MMF AUM (\$bn)

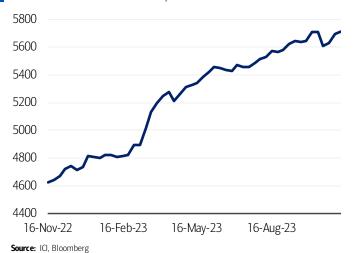
MMF AUM increased \$32b WoW as of Nov 10, with inflows primarily into gov't institutional funds

Dates	Total	Prime	Gov't	Tax exempt	Retail	Institutional	Prime Institutional	Gov't Institutional	Prime Retail	Gov't Retail
12/30/2022	5,073	1,077	3,996	0	1,584	3,489	655	2,834	421	1,163
11/3/2023	6,078	1,289	4,655	133	2,147	3,797	626	3,171	663	1,484
11/10/2023	6,110	1,298	4,680	131	2,155	3,824	630	3,193	668	1,487
WoW change	32	9	25	-2	8	27	5	22	4	3
YTD Change	1,037	222	684	131	571	334	-25	359	247	325

Source: Crane Data

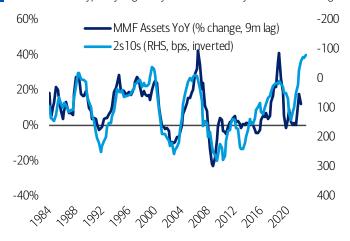
#### Exhibit 5: MMF AUM (\$bn)

MMFs saw \$16.87bn in flows from prior week as of Nov 8



### Exhibit 6: MMF assets and 2s10s curve

MMF assets are typically negatively correlated to the yield curve with a lag



Source: BofA Global Research, Federal Reserve, Haver

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Exhibit 7: US Commercial Bank balance sheets, selected assets & liabilities (\$bn)

Domestic banks saw cash higher on the week ending Nov 1 driven by month-end deposit inflows and higher borrowing at large banks

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		Total	Assets						Liabilities					
			Cash	UST & Agy	MBS	Repo & FF	Loans & Leases	Other	Deposits	Large	Small	Borrowings	Net due to related foreign offices	Other
All	11/1/2023	22989	3404	1541	2518	610	12240	2675	17357	2231	15126	2329	330	2972
Banks	1w Chg	116	50	24	5	23	9	5	156	5	151	-23	31	-48
	1m Chg	116	90	28	-9	0	21	-13	24	50	-25	-29	134	17320
	YTD Chg	13	308	-112	-256	10	136	-72	-587	579	-1166	476	60	18008
Domestic	11/1/2023	19930	2116	1433	2491	258	11205	2427	16099	1428	14670	1366	-343	2809
Banks	1w Chg	132	87	19	5	9	7	5	169	10	160	12	-3	-47
	1m Chg	70	35	26	-8	5	27	-14	43	52	-9	26	7	16049
	YTD Chg	-73	246	-114	-247	-55	157	-60	-532	613	-1145	382	-5	16712
Large	11/1/2023	13399	1675	1138	1920	220	6770	1676	10804	783	10021	942	-371	2024
Banks	1w Chg	123	80	21	7	8	0	7	142	7	135	21	-3	-37
	1m Chg	70	38	28	-2	4	12	-9	36	46	-10	31	6	10765
	YTD Chg	-26	203	-82	-58	-48	2	-42	-426	396	-822	348	5	11277
Small	11/1/2023	6531	441	294	572	38	4435	751	5295	645	4650	424	28	785
Banks	1w Chg	9	8	-3	-3	1	7	-2	28	2	25	-8	0	-10
	1m Chg	0	-3	-1	-6	1	14	-5	7	6	1	-5	1	5284
	YTD Chg	-47	43	-32	-188	-7	155	-18	-106	216	-323	34	-10	5436
Foreign	11/1/2023	3059	1288	108	27	352	1035	248	1259	803	456	963	673	163
Banks	1w Chg	-16	-37	5	0	14	1	0	-14	-4	-9	-35	35	-1
	1m Chg	46	55	2	-1	-5	-6	1	-19	-2	-17	-55	127	1271
	YTD Chg	86	62	2	-10	65	-22	-12	-55	-34	-21	94	65	1295

**Source:** Federal Reserve H8

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#### Exhibit 8: Treasury bill and coupon issuance (\$000s)

Treasury issuance has grown \$78b MTD in November, all from bills

	Net total	Net bills	Net coupons	Gross new issue	<b>Gross bill issue</b>	Gross coupon issue	<b>Gross maturing</b>	Gross bill maturing	Gross coupon maturing
MTD	78,044	78,044	-	716,000	716,000	-	637,956	637,956	-
YTD	2,727,685	1,897,661	830,024	18,222,025	15,379,025	2,843,000	15,494,340	13,481,364	2,012,976
FYTD	367,348	282,256	85,092	3,052,000	2,749,000	303,000	2,684,652	2,466,744	217,908

**Source:** BofA Global Research, Haver Analytics



#### Exhibit 9: Cumulative growth in FHLB debt since March 1 (\$bn)

FHLB debt outstanding declined \$41b on the week ending Nov 10

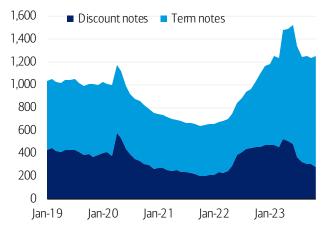


Source: Bloomberg, FHLB Office of Finance. Note: we use estimates of daily net issuance

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#### Exhibit 10: FHLB debt issuance (\$bn)

FHLB debt has been roughly flat after the bank stress normalized

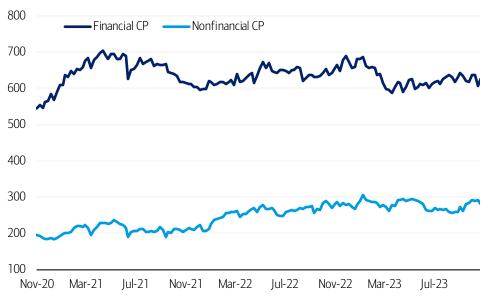


Source: BofA Global Research, FHLB Office of Finance

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#### Exhibit 11: Commercial paper (\$bn)

Financial CP is \$20b higher WoW, nonfin is \$12b lower WoW as of Nov 8



Source: Bloomberg

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### Exhibit 12: Primary dealer holdings (\$mn)

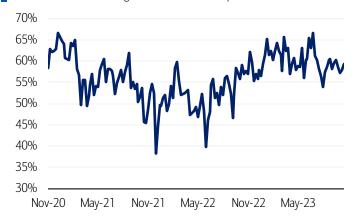
PD holdings are \$11b higher WoW, primarily from UST holdings which are still lower since the debt limit resolution despite higher issuance

	Total	US Trea	suries				Agency ex MBS	MBS	Corporates		State & Munis	ABS	Variable Rate Notes
			Bills	Coupons	FRNs	TIPS				Commercial Paper			
11/1/2023	355,539	211,223	57,129	129,304	5,825	17,000	16,704	85,866	20,011	9,737	11,866	8,683	1,186
Chg WoW	10,715	11,713	7,602	3,601	-2,395	940	4,537	-4,193	2,469	153	-2,336	246	-1,721
Chg MoM	-5,760	-6,260	-20,851	11,573	-742	1,795	2,028	-1,366	-102	530	475	-151	-384
Chg since DL	-29,172	-31,965	-30,124	545	430	-4,781	177	5,021	1,869	167	-3,011	1,564	-2,827

Source: BofA Global Research, Bloomberg

#### Exhibit 13: US Treasuries as a % of overall PD holdings

USTs as a % of PD holdings has increased vs the prior week of data



Source: BofA Global Research, Bloomberg

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#### Exhibit 15: SOFR volumes (\$bn)

SOFR volumes decreased \$110bn from prior week as of Nov 10



Source: FRBNY

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#### Exhibit 14: PD UST holdings by security type (\$mn)

PD holdings of bills are still higher than avg but declining

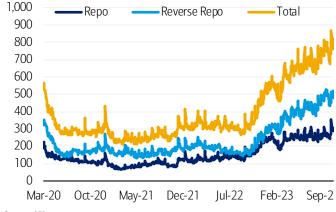
	Bills	Coupons	FRNs	TIPS	Total
10/4/2023	77,980	117,731	6,567	15,205	217,483
11/1/2023	57,129	131,269	5,825	17,000	211,223
MoM Change	(20,851)	13,538	(742)	1,795	(6,260)
Level Z-score	0.67	0.18	(0.45)	1.25	0.51

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# Exhibit 16: Sponsored Repo Volumes (\$bn)

Sponsored repo volumes have risen \$238 YTD but down \$18b WoW



Source: OFR



# **Appendix**

Exhibit 17: Daily FHLB debt issuance estimates (\$mn)
We estimate daily issuance from Bloomberg and FHLB Office of Finance website. Data is subject to revisions

	O/N	Term DN	Auction	Maturing DN	FRNs	Callable	Bullets	Maturing	Called	Total
10/2/2023	17,963	1,035	-	(25,184)	1,601	75	231	(2,427)	-	(6,707)
10/3/2023	22,405	3,235	4,425	(19,218)	1,000	-	355	(8,921)	-	3,281
10/4/2023	21,342	824	-	(27,164)	2,100	1,050	135	(1,769)	-	(3,483)
10/5/2023	23,645	4,989	4,815	(22,834)	2,545	15	-	(185)	-	12,990
10/6/2023	20,731	2,412	-	(27,834)	2,700	15	1,562	(7,512)	(15)	(7,941)
10/10/2023	21,515	3,666	1,725	(24,268)	2,550	1,486	-	(3,530)	(15)	3,129
10/11/2023	32,858	4,103	-	(30,414)	2,350	125	150	(526)	-	8,647
10/12/2023	17,435	1,948	905	(23,903)	3,430	3	215	(1,220)	-	(1,186)
10/13/2023	21,101	2,674	-	(37,889)	3,972	1,525	395	(2,285)	ı	(10,508)
10/16/2023	21,800	1,731	-	(25,012)	3,030	95	255	(615)	ı	1,284
10/17/2023	20,208	1,333	2,895	(21,690)	500	280	150	(100)	(15)	3,561
10/18/2023	18,100	3,072	-	(30,662)	3,177	2,074	265	(35)	ı	(4,010)
10/19/2023	18,347	1,917	4,655	(19,125)	3,652	1,025	670	(1,260)	ı	9,880
10/20/2023	19,030	3,958	-	(27,129)	2,600	1,055	75	(1,775)	(610)	(2,796)
10/23/2023	19,582	3,447	-	(20,820)	8,045	83	198	(3,619)	ı	6,916
10/24/2023	18,826	3,092	6,415	(20,642)	3,455	87	25	(3,396)	ı	7,863
10/25/2023	18,415	4,081	-	(28,573)	4,250	153	-	(105)	(113)	(1,891)
10/26/2023	18,657	5,421	2,795	(20,610)	10,260	194	153	(3,500)	(275)	13,094
10/27/2023	15,659	1,998	-	(26,323)	4,500	203	160	(4,395)	(625)	(8,823)
10/30/2023	15,950	2,182	-	(19,852)	17,186	1,074	429	(4,932)	-	12,037
10/31/2023	8,350	2,665	6,890	(22,199)	-	-	-	-	-	(4,293)
11/1/2023	17,154	2,628	-	(20,411)	2,305	50	80	(5,916)	ı	(4,110)
11/2/2023	18,550	1,273	5,995	(21,039)	2,750	15	-	(1,256)	ı	6,289
11/3/2023	17,400	2,923	-	(25,877)	733	60	129	(6,661)	ı	(11,293)
11/6/2023	18,077	2,108	-	(22,131)	160	156	80	(1,880)	ı	(3,430)
11/7/2023	18,516	2,082	3,035	(20,126)	(4,393)	90	225	(1,200)	-	(1,772)
11/8/2023	14,930	2,162	-	(24,276)	(6,750)	1,063	150	(1,255)	-	(13,976)
11/9/2023	17,023	3,842	3,150	(15,886)	(9,107)	-	5	(3,452)	-	(4,425)
11/10/2023	17,288	2,290	-	(21,158)	(11,464)	1,002	-	(5,273)	(25)	(17,340)

Source: Bloomberg, FHLB Office of Finance. Note: We use estimates of daily FHLB debt issuance

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