

## US Treasury Market Daily

### Revising the 10-year fair value model

- Treasury yields declined 2-3bp amid disappointing data; stay short 3-year Treasuries and hold 10s/30s flatteners
- We revise our 10-year Treasury fair value model, shortening the regression horizon and removing the Fed forward guidance factor. We find this better captures an environment in which the Fed is less reliant on non-traditional policy levers and is actively raising the Federal funds rate
- The long end comes under renewed pressure and cheapens the 30-year bond towards support clustered in the 3.40s. We continue to think the 3.45-3.50% area defines the cheap end of a new multi-month trading range and would look for buying interest to develop near those levels. Resistance comes in at 3.23-3.25%, followed by a more significant area at 3.13-3.15%

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#### Statistics for various on the run Treasury yields and curve spreads

		Close	1d chg (bp)	WTD chg (bp)	YTD chg (bp)	3m avg	3m low	3m high	3m pctl.
Yields (%)	4wk	2.16	-1.0	0.5	90.2	2.03	1.89	2.20	87%
	13wk	2.32	-0.5	0.1	92.9	2.17	2.00	2.33	97%
	26wk	2.49	0.0	2.7	95.4	2.34	2.21	2.49	100%
	52wk	2.66	0.5	1.8	91.2	2.55	2.41	2.69	88%
	2y	2.84	2.4	3.2	77.9	2.75	2.59	2.91	78%
	3y	2.89	2.5	3.9	81.9	2.82	2.65	2.99	72%
	5y	2.94	2.0	3.2	68.5	2.88	2.70	3.07	64%
	7y	3.03	2.2	3.2	65.9	2.96	2.77	3.17	65%
	10y	3.11	2.4	3.4	72.9	3.01	2.82	3.23	71%
Curves (bp)	30y	3.36	2.7	4.1	61.3	3.17	2.97	3.40	89%
	2s/5s	9.8	-0.4	0.0	-9.4	13.4	9.4	19.5	4%
	5s/10s	17.0	0.3	0.2	4.4	12.7	9.6	17.0	100%
	2s/10s	26.8	-0.1	0.2	-5.0	26.2	19.9	34.5	47%
	5s/30s	41.7	0.7	0.9	-7.2	28.9	22.3	41.7	100%
	10s/30s	24.7	0.4	0.7	-11.6	16.2	12.5	24.7	100%

Source: J.P. Morgan

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## Market views

Treasury yields declined 2-3bp amid disappointing data. Although initial claims decreased by 2k to 214k from last week, the ISM manufacturing survey fell to 57.7 (consensus: 59.0), near the low end of the range of figures reported over the past year ([“US: ISM manufacturing survey steps down in October,” Daniel Silver, 11/1/18](#)). Tomorrow, we project a 200k increase in nonfarm payrolls in September, an unchanged unemployment rate, and a 0.1% m/m increase in hourly earnings (**Exhibit 1**). We continue to carry shorts in 3-year Treasuries and hold 10s/30s flatteners.

**Exhibit 1: US calendar, 24 hours ahead**

Data	Time	Last	Consensus	JPM
Nonfarm payrolls (Oct)	8:30am	134k	200k	200k
Unemployment rate (Oct)	8:30am	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%
Average hourly earnings (Oct)	8:30am	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%
Trade balance (Sep)	8:30am	-\$53.2bn	-\$53.6bn	-\$54.0bn
Factory orders (Sep)	10:00am	2.3%	0.5%	0.5%

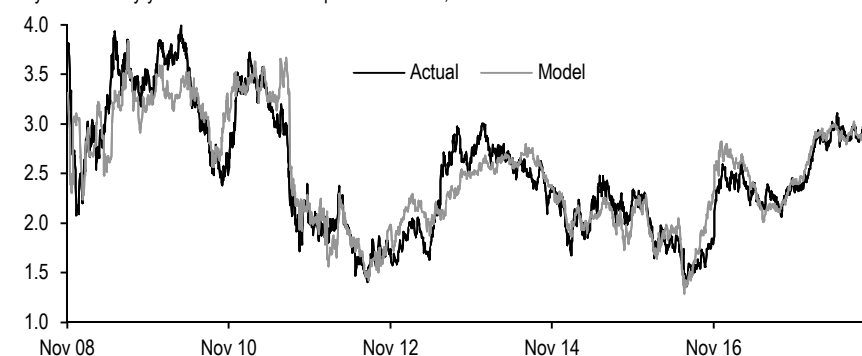
Source: J.P. Morgan, Bloomberg

## Revising the 10-year fair value model

Our fair-value framework for 10-year Treasuries combines a number of economic, Fed, and technical variables that we have identified as the main drivers of Treasury yields over the last few years. **Exhibit 2** shows this model has done a reasonably good job of tracking Treasury yields over the last decade. However, the exhibit also shows that over the last six weeks 10-year Treasuries have diverged from fair value. Ten-year Treasuries currently appear more than 25bp cheap to fair value and have not appeared this mispriced since late 2016. While this indicates that Treasuries are approximately 1 standard deviation cheap relative to their drivers, we think now is an appropriate time to make minor adjustments to our framework in order to improve the explanatory value of this model.

**Exhibit 2: Our fair-value framework has been highly explanatory in predicting 10-year yields over the past decade, but has diverged more recently**

10-year Treasury yields versus model implied fair value\*, %

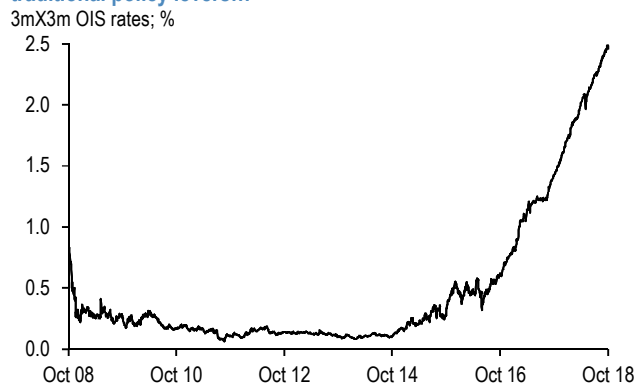


\* Fair value model for 10-year yields derived from a regression over the last 10 years. The model predicted value is given by  $1.08 \times 5y \times 5y \text{ Inflation swap rate (\%)} + 0.20 \times 1y\text{-ahead GDP growth forecast (\%)} + 0.198 \times 3m \times 3m \text{ OIS rate (\%)} - 0.0279 \times \text{Fed rate fwd guidance (months)} + G7 \text{ ex-US Avg } 3m \times 3m \text{ OIS rate (\%)} - 0.12 \times \text{CFTC speculative positions (3-year z-score)} - 0.94$ . R-squared = 84%, Standard error = 0.24%

Source: J.P. Morgan, CFTC, Blue Chip, Federal Reserve

**First, we reduce the regression period from 10 years down to 5 years, in order to more appropriately portray the market environment.** If we separate the decade horizon into two periods, the first five years of the horizon (2008-2013) are distinctly different than the last five years. The 2008-2013 era was characterized by short-term Fed expectations which were well anchored at historically-low levels, thanks to the combination of zero-interest rate policy (ZIRP), ongoing Fed balance sheet expansion, and the use of forward guidance (**Exhibit 3**). However, over the last 5 years, short-term OIS forwards have risen substantially as the Fed has tapered asset purchases and the raised the Fed funds rate by 200bp. Similarly, we think the 10-year horizon overstates the relative importance of growth expectations: **Exhibit 4** shows that the partial sensitivity of Treasury yields to growth expectations has declined from its peak earlier this decade. Intuitively, this makes sense: when the Fed was engaging in QE and forward guidance, growth expectations were relatively more important for Treasury yields than policy rate expectations. **With the Fed in the midst of policy normalization, however, the use of a 10-year regression horizon understates the sensitivity of 10-year yields to short-term Fed expectations, and overstates the relative importance of growth expectations; therefore reducing the window should improve the fit in our model.**

**Exhibit 3: Short-term Fed expectations were well-anchored earlier this decade, but have risen sharply over the past number of years as the Fed has transitioned from forward guidance and QE to more traditional policy levers...**



**Exhibit 4: ...and the partial sensitivity of Treasury yields to growth has come down**

Rolling 5-year partial beta with respect to 1-year ahead growth expectations in our 10-year Treasury fair value model\*



\* See Exhibit 2 for model details

**Second, as a nod to the changing environment, we remove Fed forward guidance from our framework.** The statistical significance of this variable drops meaningfully when we reduce the historical window from a decade to 5 years, and this also makes sense, as the FOMC is no longer using forward guidance (either in a calendar-based or conditional format) in order to anchor the market's expectations. By making both of these revisions, we can better capture an environment in which the Fed is less reliant on non-traditional policy levers and actively raising the Federal funds rate (**Exhibit 5**). **Indeed, the regression fit on our revised model rises from 84% to 91%, and the standard error is cut in half from the previous iteration. However, as the exhibit also shows, even with this improved fit, 10-year Treasuries remain more somewhat cheap to fair value.**

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**Exhibit 5: Our revised fair framework offers a better regression fit with a lower standard error, and shows that Treasury yields remain cheap relative to fair value**

Updated J.P. Morgan 10-year Treasury Fair Value Model\*; units as indicated

Variable	Coefficient	T-stat	Current
Intercept	0.076	0.7	
5y5y Inflation swap rate; %	0.652	22.8	2.35
1y-ahead Growth Forecast; %	0.144	5.7	2.48
3m3m OIS rate; %	0.348	63.8	2.49
G7 ex-US avg 3mx3m OIS rate; %	0.889	11.8	0.062
CFTC positions; 3yr z-score	-0.056	-13.8	-1.98
R-squared; %			91.2%
Standard Error; bp			12.0
Residual; bp			16.1

\* Regression from 10/31/13-10/31/18

Source: J.P. Morgan, CFTC, Blue Chip

## Technical highlights

**Exhibit 6: The 30-year bond comes under renewed pressure and cheapens toward support in the 3.40s. We continue to think the 3.45-3.50% area defines the cheap end of a new multi-month trading range and would look for buying interest to develop as yields approach that area.**

**Resistance comes in at 3.23-3.25%, followed by more significant levels at 3.13-3.15%**

30-year bond, daily bars; %



Source: J.P. Morgan, CQG

The **30-year bond** comes back under pressure as risk markets provide indications that a lasting reversal pattern is potentially starting to take hold. The latest weakness leaves the long end cheapening towards support at the **3.445%** Oct 9 pivot, **3.455%** Aug-Sep equal swings objective, and **3.46%** longer-term monthly trend line (**Exhibit 6**). Ultimately, we think the **3.45-3.50%** area defines range support heading into early 2019. That area also matches levels we suspect would create an extreme oversold condition and set the market up for the same short-term buy signals that triggered in early-Oct. Given that setup and our view, we would view a systematic buy signal as an opportunity to re-enter a tactical long position. The Oct risk-off rally from noted support stalled just shy of the **3.23-3.25%** Sep breakdown area.

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Look for that area to continue to mark an initial resistance zone for rallies in the weeks ahead. We think the **3.13-3.15%** summer range cheaps will likely define the rich end of the new multi-month trading range.

### Technical trade strategies

- **Hold 5s/30s curve flattening trade**
  - Hold 50% flattener from 35.5bp average entry. Use a closing stop above 46bp.
- **Hold 10-year TIPS breakeven widener**
  - Hold 50% widener trade from 210.5bp average entry. Use a stop just below 199bp.
- **Hold a 2-year note short**
  - Hold 50% short from 2.80%. Use a stop just through 2.69%. Exit near 3.10%.

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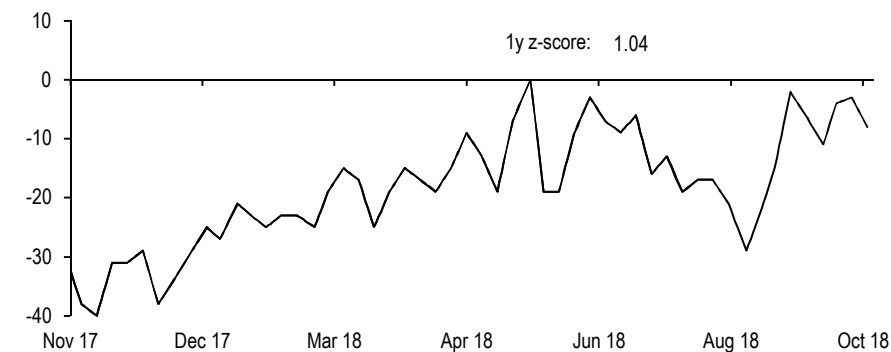
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## Appendix: Position technicals overview

### Exhibit A1: J.P. Morgan Treasury Client Survey

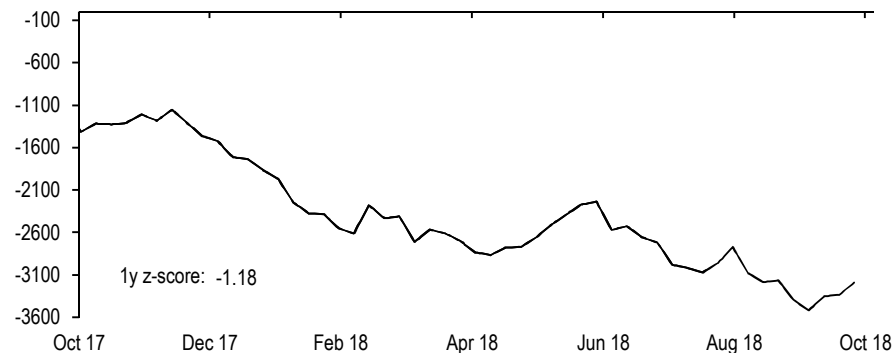
Net longs; %



Source: J.P. Morgan

### Exhibit A2: CFTC non-commercial positions

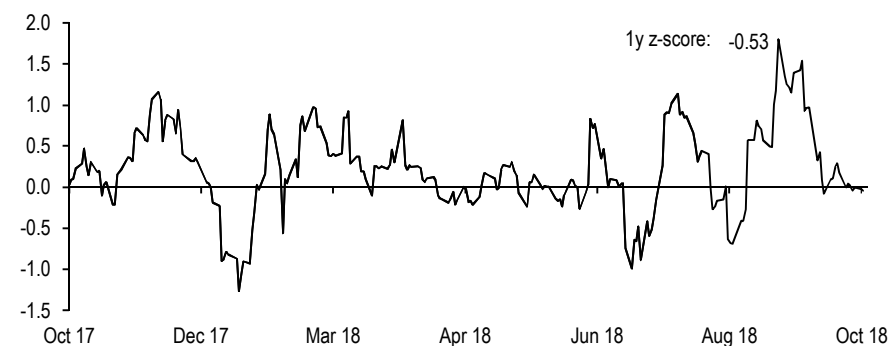
Net longs in all Eurodollar and Treasury futures; 000s of TY equivalents



Source: CFTC

### Exhibit A3: CTA exposure to 10-year Treasuries

Partial beta with respect to the J.P. Morgan US 7-10Y bond index in our model for CTA returns\*



\* Model is a 1-month regression of daily excess returns on the CTA index versus daily excess returns on 1) J.P. Morgan US 7-10Y bond index, 2) J.P. Morgan ex-US Global Bond Index, 3) S&P500 index, 4) J.P. Morgan global cash index, and 5) Goldman Sachs Commodities Index

Source: Bloomberg, SG, J.P. Morgan

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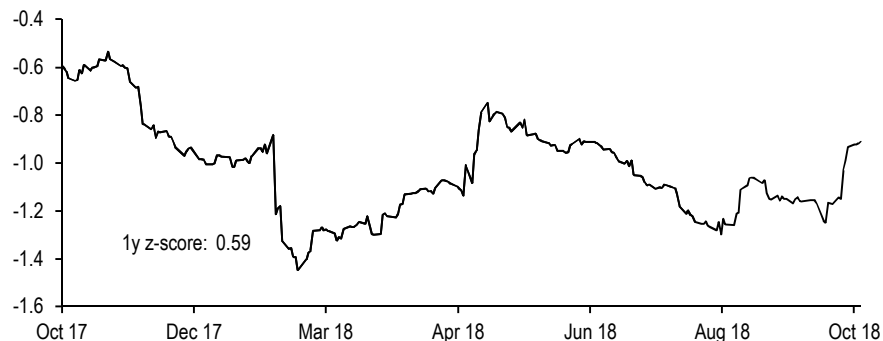
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### Exhibit A4: Active Core Bond Fund\* Managers' exposure to 10-year Treasuries

Partial beta with respect to 10-year US Treasury yields in our model for active bond fund excess returns\*\*

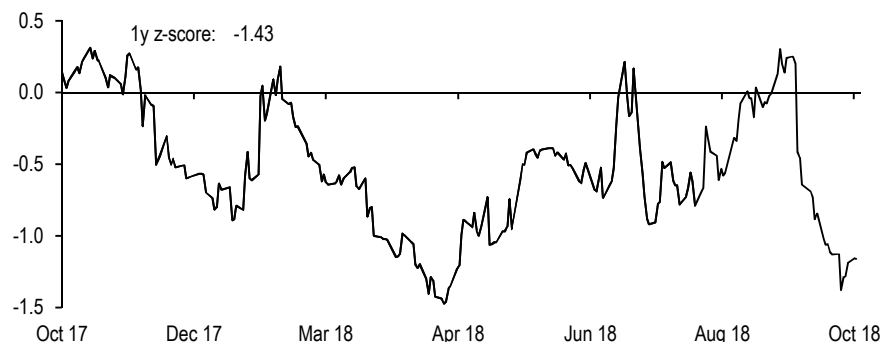


\* The core bond fund index is comprised of the 20 largest (by assets under management) actively-managed US core bond funds

\*\* Model is a 3-month regression of daily excess returns on the bond fund index versus daily changes in 1) 10-year US Treasury yields, 2) 5s/30s Treasury curve, 3) constant-maturity 5-year CDX.IG spread, 4) MBS Libor option-adjusted spread, and 5) 3Mx10Y swaption volatility; Source: Bloomberg, J.P. Morgan

### Exhibit A5: Macro Hedge Fund exposure to 10-year Treasuries

Partial beta with respect to the J.P. Morgan US 7-10Y bond index in our model for macro hedge fund returns\*

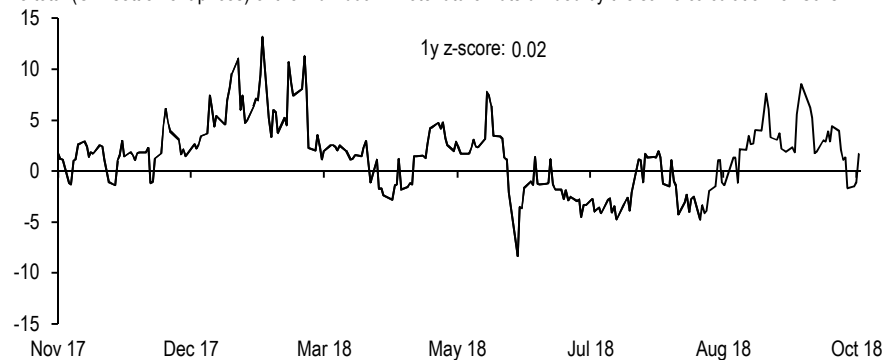


\* Model is a six-week regression of daily excess returns on the HFRX Macro/CTA index versus daily excess returns on 1) J.P. Morgan US 7-10Y bond index, 2) J.P. Morgan ex-US Global Bond Index, 3) S&P 500 equity index, 4) MSCI G7 ex-US equity index, 5) J.P. Morgan global cash index, and 6) Goldman Sachs Commodities Index.

Source: Bloomberg, HFR, J.P. Morgan

### Exhibit A6: T-note dollar weighed Put/Call ratio

The total (OI \* settlement prices) of the individual T-note future Puts divided by the same calculation for Calls



Source: CFTC, Bloomberg, CQG, CME, J.P. Morgan



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