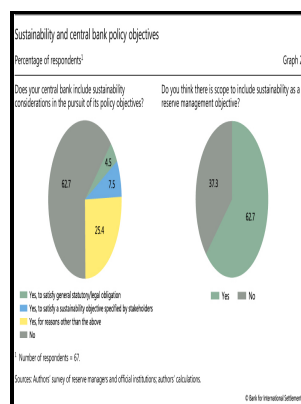


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The resulting bid-ask term structures suggest that green bonds tend to be more costly to buy and sell, trading with wider spreads than their conventional counterparts. Of course, real world asset allocation exercises would tend to involve a wider range of eligible assets as well as additional constraints. We pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

### Green bonds: the reserve management perspective

While Australia's foreign exchange reserves are relatively modest by international standards, they nonetheless constitute a sizeable portion of the Bank's balance sheet, and variations in the Australian dollar value of these reserves are usually the most volatile component of the Bank's profit and loss statement. Analysing the asset class properties of green bonds enables us to explore how well a sustainability objective might coexist with the classical triad.

### Risk Management in Central Banking

First, we identify and estimate the underlying statistical factors of government bond yield curves. In many emerging market economies, central banks and governments also consider reserves as useful for supporting financial systems and institutions.

### The management of foreign exchange reserves

Each of these decisions involves a trade-off between policy capacity, and financial costs and risks to the Bank's balance sheet. However, as a mitigating factor, the Bank's holdings of reserves are also likely to be low around that time. For example, between 2014 and mid-2019 US dollar green bonds had an average monthly return of 0.

### Swiss National Bank (SNB)

To answer this question, we construct simple, illustrative reserve portfolios comprising three assets: zero coupon government bonds, and the green and conventional bond portfolios built for the earlier analysis of returns. One proxy is bid-ask spreads.

## **Central Bank Reserve Management and International Financial Stability—Some Post**

Finally, the claim that Eurosystem operations entail base money flowing out of creditor countries to refinance euro area periphery banking systems is unsubstantiated. If a central bank instead holds unhedged reserves then it may be able to wait for the exchange rate to move higher before replenishing reserves that had previously been drawn down.

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