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Baker Market Update: Week in Preview

With temperatures falling across the country, Treasury yields are rising. In fact, they're rising even if you live someplace warm. In overnight markets, the yield on the Thirty-Year bond broke above 2% and is trading around 2.06% while the Ten-Year's yield has been pushed up to around 1.25%. The short-end is little changed so far and that has steepened the yield curve's slope.

Economic performance numbers don't seem to have a lot of effect on bond prices these days, but if they did, today's unexpectedly positive Empire Manufacturing report from the New York Fed might have sparked a sell-off. But it didn't; it's all about policies these days and those policies, both fiscal and monetary, are only getting easier.

But tomorrow, there's an avalanche of data scheduled for release starting with the Bureau of Labor Statistics' report on January's Producer Price Index. Surveys suggest the report will show a monthly rise of 0.4% for headline PPI with the year-over-year rate rising to 0.9% from 0.8%. Without food and energy, core PPI should show a monthly rise of 0.2% with the year-over-year rate falling one-tenth to 1.1%. The uncertain inflation picture will remain so. But there hasn't been anything uncertain about Retail Sales of late; they've fallen for three months in a row. But on Wednesday, analysts expect the Census Bureau to tell us that they actually grew by 1% last month and still notched a comeback of 0.9% without autos. Ditto for core Retail Sales without food, gas, autos, and building materials. An apparent stop to the downward trend of the past three months is good news, but things need to pick up a little bit. We're also expecting to hear from the Federal Reserve that Industrial Production only picked up by about 0.4% last month after posting a 1% rise in December. The Fed's report will also tell us that the nation's Capacity Utilization likely rose slightly last month to 74.8% from 74.5%. This measure tells us just how much of our ability to manufacture, mine, and generate utility output is actually being used, and one year ago it was 76.9%. All that slack is cold comfort for those experiencing rolling blackouts.

There hasn't been much slack in the housing market lately and we'll see on Wednesday how that might have affected the National Association of Home Builders' Housing Market Index. Analysts don't think it's been affected at all and will stay at 83 this month. Back in November, this measure reached its all-time high of 90. The Treasury's high debt level will get a little higher when it sells \$27B Twenty-Year bonds Wednesday afternoon. Oh yeah, you won't want to miss that day's release of the FOMC's minutes from its January meeting.

Thursday morning will bring us news of last month's Building Permits and the experts think they might have fallen 1.6%. Those same experts also think that Housing Starts may have fallen 0.7%. None of that sounds like very good news and it won't get much better when the BLS reports Jobless Claims that same morning. For the week ending February 13th, Initial Claims are expected to total 773k and that would be a little better than the prior week's 793k, but not much better. Continuing Claims for the week ending February 6th are expected to show a dip to 4.42M from 4.55M. We'll also learn from the BLS that its Import Price Index may have jumped 1% last month with a similar measure for Export Prices rising 0.8%. Thursday morning's news will finish with the Philadelphia Fed's February Business Outlook Survey Index and it's looking to backslide to 20 after unexpectedly rising to 26 last month.

Markit U.S. will round out the week on Friday when it is expected to report that its PMI for Manufacturing slipped this month to 58.5 from 59.2 while its counterpart for Services dipped to 58 from 58.3. Then, the National Association of Realtors will probably tell us that Existing Home Sales fell 2.2% last month. And that was before it got cold! Have a great week; be careful out there.

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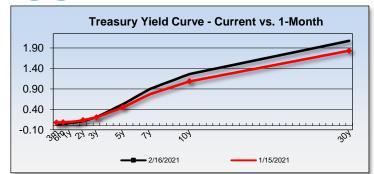
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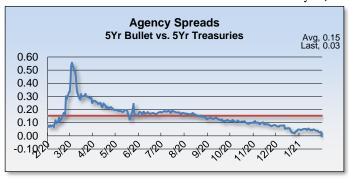


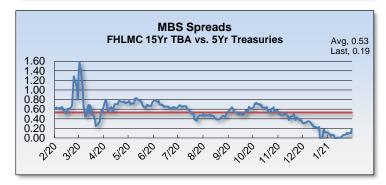


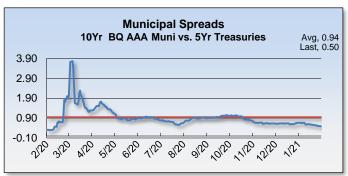


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Treasury Market Historical					Fixed Rate Market											
Maty	Current	1Wk	I	Historical		Maty	N-Call	US	AAA B	Q Muni	Tax			Agency	Calls - Eu	ro
Maty	Current	Change	1 Mo	6 Mo	1 Yr	/AL	Agency	Swap	C-Corp ²	S-Corp ³	Muni	Mty	3Мо	6mo	1Yr	2Yr
3mo	0.04	0.01	0.08	0.09	1.57	2yr	0.14	0.21	0.11	0.12	0.19	2Yr	0.04	0.04	0.04	-
6mo	0.05	(0.00)	0.09	0.12	1.55	3yr	0.25	0.31	0.14	0.15	0.36	3Yr	0.13	0.14	0.10	0.13
1yr	0.06	(0.01)	0.10	0.13	1.48	5yr	0.57	0.66	0.28	0.30	0.69	5Yr	0.53	0.53	0.52	0.46
2yr	0.11	(0.00)	0.14	0.15	1.43	7yr	0.90	0.99	0.53	0.57	1.07	7Yr	0.90	0.92	0.91	0.84
3yr	0.21	0.02	0.21	0.18	1.43	10yr	1.41	1.35	0.97	1.03	1.60	10Yr	1.31	1.37	1.36	1.30
5yr	0.53	0.05	0.45	0.30	1.42	15yr	1.91	1.66	1.33	1.42	2.02			March T	BA MBS	
7yr	0.89	0.07	0.77	0.50	1.51	20yr	2.41	1.79	1.61	1.71	2.61	Cpn	15Yr -Y	ld/AL	30Yr -Y	ld/AL
10yr	1.26	0.11	1.08	0.71	1.59	25yr	2.91	1.85	1.74	1.86	2.66	2.00	0.86	3.8y	1.55	
30yr	2.08	0.13	1.83	1.45	2.04	30yr		1.88	1.88	2.00	2.71	2.50	0.46	2.5y		
* Interpola	ted											3.00	0.96	2.9y	0.92	2.5y
												3.50	0.51	2.3y	0.46	2.1v

Key Market Indices								
		1Wk	Historical					
Index	Current	Change	1 Mo	6 Mo	1 Yr			
Fed Funds	0.25		0.25	0.25	1.75			
Primary Discount	0.25		0.25	0.25	2.25			
2ndary Discount	0.75		0.75	0.75	2.75			
Prime Rate	3.25		3.25	3.25	4.75			
Sec. O.N. Finance	0.05	0.03	0.08	0.09				
1 Month LIBOR	0.11	(0.01)	0.13	0.16	1.65			
3 Month LIBOR	0.19	0.00	0.23	0.26	1.70			
6 Month LIBOR	0.20	(0.01)	0.25	0.34	1.73			
1 Year LIBOR	0.30	(0.00)	0.33	0.46	1.81			
6 Month CD	0.16	0.04	0.20	0.20	1.71			
1 Year CMT	0.06		0.11	0.13	1.49			
REPO O/N	0.09	0.02	0.10	0.12	1.61			
REPO 1Wk	0.07		0.09	0.09	1.59			
CoF Federal	0.925		0.958	1.158	1.955			
11th D. CoF (Dec)	0.460		0.466	0.682	1.036			

FHLB Fixed Advance Rates									
Maturity	Chicago	Boston	Topeka						
3mo									
6mo									
1yr									
2yr									
3yr									
4yr									
5yr									
7yr									
10yr									
5yr Am									
10yr Am									

Fed Fund	d Futures
Maturity	Rate
Feb-21	0.072
Mar-21	0.065
Apr-21	0.075
May-21	0.080
Jun-21	0.075
Jul-21	0.080
Aug-21	0.075
Sep-21	0.080
Oct-21	0.080
Nov-21	0.080
Dec-21	0.080

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Weekly Economic Calendar										
	This Week & Next									
Date	Release	Per.	Est.	Actual	Prior	Revised				
2/16	Empire Manufacturing	Feb	6.0	12.1	3.5					
2/16	Total Net TIC Flows	Dec			\$214.1b					
2/16	Net Long-term TIC Flows	Dec			\$149.2b					
2/17	MBA Mortgage Applications	2/12			-4.1%					
2/17	PPI Final Demand YoY	Jan	0.9%		0.8%					
2/17	PPI Ex Food and Energy YoY	Jan	1.1%		1.2%					
2/17	PPI Ex Food, Energy, Trade YoY	Jan	1.0%		1.1%					
2/17	Retail Sales Ex Auto and Gas	Jan	0.8%		-2.1%					
2/17	Retail Sales Control Group	Jan	1.0%		-1.9%					
2/17	Capacity Utilization	Jan	74.9%		74.5%					
2/17	Manufacturing (SIC) Production	Jan	0.7%		0.9%					
2/17	Business Inventories	Dec	0.5%		0.5%					
2/17	NAHB Housing Market Index	Feb	83		83					
2/18	Building Permits	Jan	1679k		1709k	1704k				
2/18	Housing Starts	Jan	1660k		1669k					
2/18	Initial Jobless Claims	2/13	770k		793k					
2/18	Continuing Claims	2/6	4450k		4545k					
2/18	Philadelphia Fed Business Outlook	Feb	20.0		26.5					
2/18	Import Price Index YoY	Jan	0.4%		-0.3%					
2/18	Export Price Index YoY	Jan			0.2%					
2/18	Bloomberg Consumer Comfort	2/14			44.9					
2/18	Bloomberg Economic Expectations	Feb			39.5					
2/19	Markit US Manufacturing PMI	Feb P	58.5		59.2					
2/19	Markit US Composite PMI	Feb P			58.7					
2/19	Markit US Services PMI	Feb P	57.9		58.3					
2/19	Existing Home Sales	Jan	6.60m		6.76m					
2/22	Chicago Fed Nat Activity Index	Jan			52.0%					
2/22	Leading Index	Jan	0.3%		0.3%					
2/23	House Price Purchase Index QoQ	4Q			3.1%					
2/23	S&P CoreLogic CS 20-City YoY NSA	Dec			9.08%					
2/23	S&P CoreLogic CS US HPI YoY NSA	Dec			9.49%					
2/23	Conf. Board Consumer Confidence	Feb	90.0		89.3					
2/23	Conf. Board Present Situation	Feb			84.4					
2/23	Conf. Board Expectations	Feb			92.5					
2/25	Durables Ex Transportation	Jan P	0.6%		1.1%					
2/25	Cap Goods Orders Nondef Ex Air	Jan P			0.7%					
2/25	GDP Annualized QoQ	4Q S	4.2%		4.0%					
2/25	Cap Goods Ship Nondef Ex Air	Jan P			0.7%					
2/25	Personal Consumption	4Q S			2.5%					
2/25	GDP Price Index	4Q S			2.0%					
2/25	Core PCE QoQ	4Q S			1.4%					
2/25	Pending Home Sales NSA YoY	Jan			22.8%					
2/26	Advance Goods Trade Balance	Jan	-\$83.0b		-\$82.5b					
2/26	Personal Income	Jan	9.4%		0.6%					
2/26	Real Personal Spending	Jan			-0.6%					
2/26	PCE Deflator YoY	Jan			1.3%					
2/26	PCE Core Deflator YoY	Jan			1.5%					

MBS Prepayments ⁴									
	3-Month CPR								
Type	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5			
FN 10y	14.4	25.0	26.7	28.6	28.5	27.5			
FH/FN 15y	13.8	34.4	40.4	45.0	22.3	22.2			
GN 15y	20.3	19.3	18.9	19.8	17.8	19.0			
FH/FN 20y	54.3	32.5	33.3	32.1	30.4	24.0			
FH/FN 30y	3.5	23.0	57.6	56.5	56.8	52.3			
GN 30y	11.4	18.1	42.3	51.7	41.8	28.5			
		(CPR Pr	ojection	ıs				
Type	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5			
FN 10y	16.5	20.9	18.9	22.6	18.3	15.8			
FH/FN 15y	16.6	24.6	23.5	34.8	19.2	22.0			
GN 15y	25.2	15.9	15.8	14.6	13.5	13.1			
FH/FN 20y	14.3	20.4	22.5	30.5	20.0	17.8			
FH/FN 30y	12.9	20.8	36.1	37.6	36.0	32.8			
GN 30y	12.0	19.5	26.7	25.2	30.1	22.7			

Other Markets									
		1Wk	Historical						
Index	Current	Chng	1 Mo	6 Mo	1 Yr				
Currencies									
Japanese Yen	105.71	1.12	103.69	106.00	109.88				
Euro	1.21	(0.00)	1.21	1.19	1.08				
Dollar Index	90.52	(0.42)	90.77	93.10	99.12				
Major Stock	Indices								
Dow Jones	31,458	310	30,814	27,931	29,398				
S&P 500	3,934.8	48.0	3,768.3	3,372.9	3,380.2				
NASDAQ	14,095.5	239	12,998.5	11,019.3	9,731.2				
Commoditi	es								
Gold	1,817.6	(14.3)	1,829.9	1,937.0	1,582.7				
Crude Oil	59.72	1.75	52.36	42.01	52.05				
Natural Gas	3.19	0.31	2.74	2.36	1.84				
Wheat	643.8	-12.0	675.5	500.0	542.8				
Com	541.5	-22.3	531.5	324.5	377.8				

Notes

- 1 Call Agy = Maturity at left w/ a 1-Year Call at Par
- 2 Muni TEY (21% Fed, 0.75% CoF)
- 3 S-Corp TEY Muni (29.6%, no TEFERA)
- 4 MBS Prepayments are provided by Bloomberg

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