# Presentation to the <br> Treasury Borrowing Advisory Committee 



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## Federal Budget Deficits FY2007 to FY2009

Fiscal Year to Date Deficits


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## Federal Outlays and Receipts



## Tax Receipts Continue to Decline

Rolling 12-Month Growth Rates


## Treasury Marketable Financing in FY2008 and FY2009

## Treasury Marketable Financing

| (\$ Billions) | FY 2009 <br> October 1, 2008 - September 30, 2009 |  |  |  | FY 2008 <br> October 1, 2007 - September 30, 2008 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Issued | Matured | Net SOMA Activity * | Net Cash Raised | Issued | Matured | Net SOMA Activity * | Net Cash Raised |
| Bills (includes SFPs) | \$6,920.5 | \$6,417.8 | \$0.0 | \$502.7 | \$4,632.9 | \$4,101.2 | (\$152.0) | \$531.7 |
| Nominal coupons | \$1,886.6 | \$640.7 | \$0.0 | \$1,245.9 | \$814.6 | \$626.2 | (\$5.5) | \$188.5 |
| TIPS | \$58.5 | \$20.8 | \$0.0 | \$37.7 | \$61.9 | \$21.8 | \$3.5 | \$40.1 |
| Total | \$8,865.6 | \$7,079.3 | \$0.0 | \$1,786.3 | \$5,509.5 | \$4,749.2 | (\$153.9) | \$760.4 |

* Note: Negative SOMA activity represents redemptions.

Positive SOMA activity represents additional issuance of securities, made possible by redemptions in maturing securities with the same settlement date; these are offsetting transactions and are net cash neutral.

## Cumulative Net Financing Flows since FY2007



## Cumulative Net Coupon Issuance since FY 2007



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## Treasury Cash Balances



## Portfolio Distribution



## Monthly Change in Debt Outstanding versus Average Maturity



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## Debt Maturity Measures



## Maturing Coupons



## Primary Dealer and Government Deficit Estimates

| FY 2010 Deficit Estimates |  |  | \$ Billions |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Primary |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Dealers* | CBO | OMB |  |  |  |  |
| Current: | 1,393 | 1,381 | 1,502 |  |  |  |  |
| Range based on average absolute forecast error*** | $1,203-1,583$ | $1,081-1,681$ | $1,219-1,785$ |  |  |  |  |
| Estimates as of: | Oct 09 | Aug 09 | Aug 09 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| FY 2010 Marketable Borrowing Range*** | $1,200-1,750$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| FY 2011 Marketable Borrowing Range*** | $725-1,400$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |

* Primary Dealers reflect average estimate. Based on Primary Dealer feedback on October 29, 2009.
** Ranges based on errors from 2005-2009.
*** Based on Primary Dealer feedback on October 29, 2009.


## OMB Long-term Deficit and Borrowing Projections



## Rescheduled 4-Week Bill Auctions Due to Calendar Constraints

Rescheduling of 4-Week Bill Auctions Due to Conflicts
FY2008-FY2009


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## 4-Week Bill Coverage Ratios and Offering Amounts



## Potential Cost Saving of Moving to 30-Year TIPS



## Source: Barclays Live

Graph shows 10-year and 20-year forward zero-coupon inflation levels for 10 years derived from Zero Coupon Inflation Swap data.
Long-term inflation expectations are assumed to be stable; therefore, an upward sloping curve demonstrates an increasing inflation risk premium.

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What adjustments to debt issuance, if any, should Treasury make in consideration of its financing needs in the short, medium, and long term?

## TBAC Presentation to Treasury

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## TBAC Presentation to Treasury: Exit Strategies

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## Outline

- Importance of the Exit Strategy
-Form and likely Sequence
- Removal of Excess Reserves
- Ending the MBS purchase program
- Raising the Funds rate target
- Implications for the Treasury and related markets
- Potential policy errors
-Conclusions/ Recommendations


## Importance of the Exit Strategy

- Near zero interest rates have had a significant impact on investor demand for many asset classes
- Many investors can not stay in cash or earn zero for long
- Pension funds
- Insurance companies
- Endowments
-Retired individuals living on income
-Zero yields on money market funds have pushed investors into longer-dated riskier asset classes
-The return of low cost financing as repo markets have reopened (aided by TALF and other Fed programs) has pushed leveraged investors into longer-dated riskier assets classes
-The increased demand has benefited Treasuries somewhat, but has benefited risk assets such as corporate bonds and securitized assets even more
- When the markets anticipate the move away from zero, the impact on longer dated risk assets may be significant due to reduced investor demand


## Importance of the Exit Strategy

- Investors have been moving out of cash and into longer-dated risk assets as the markets have stabilized and cash earns zero
-This can be seen in mutual funds flows


US Equity Mutual Funds

## Importance of the Exit Strategy

The sponsorship for longer dated risk assets has led to lower yields



## Form and Likely Sequence of the Fed's Exit Strategy

- The Fed has a very difficult task to get the form and timing correct
- Importance of the first move
- Uncertainty and fragility of the economic recovery
- Dependence of housing and other sectors on low rates
- As a result, predicting the form and timing of the exit strategy is also difficult
- The most likely sequence appears to be

1. Draining excess reserves
2. Ending MBS purchases
3. Raising the Funds rate target

Form and Likely Sequence: This Tightening Cycle is Different


|  | Source | Excess Reserves |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| End of 2009 |  | ~ \$1500 billion |
|  | Liquidity facilities roll off | (\$300) |
|  | Securities roll off | (\$100)-(\$200) |
| End of 2010 |  | \$1000-\$1100 billion |
|  | Securities roll off | (\$100) - (\$200) |
| End of 2011 |  | \$800-\$1000 billion |

## Form and Likely Sequence: Alternatives for Neutralizing Reserves

- Raise the funds rate and thereby the rate paid on excess reserves
- Increases opportunity cost of using reserves
-Potential complication(s): requires Fed to raise the funds rate
-Reverse repurchase agreements
-Banks and perhaps money markets potential counterparties
-Changes composition of Fed's liabilities
- Potential complication(s): reverse repos for TSYs cleaner than for MBS, scope for draining reserves unclear
-Term deposits
-Banks move overnight reserves into term facility
-Potential complication(s): Mechanism for setting rate and bank utilization unclear, implications for LIBOR market
- Sell assets
-Shrinks asset and liability sides of the balance sheet
-Potential complication(s): Private appetite for additional MBS and Treasury securities unclear


## Form and Likely Sequence: Reverse Repos

- Direct with Dealers
- Initial capacity \$150-\$200 billion
-Tier one capital relief could boost capacity in some instances
- Unlimited term
- Direct with Money Market funds
- Initial capacity near $\$ 1000$ billion
- Term less than 7 days
-Requires cumbersome setup
-TALF Model
- Banks are agents; allow access to MM with cumbersome setup
- No incentive for Banks

Market implications

- Compete with other short-term investments
- Upward pressure on bill rates


## Form and Likely Sequence: balance sheets, reserves and treasury demand



| Change in securities from Dec 17th |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Treasuries and agencies | 163.2 |
| Other | 65.7 |
| Total | 228.9 |

- Loans and leases declined from \$7.3 trillion to $\$ 6.7$ trillion over the past year
- Declines are being partially offset by securities purchases, particularly Treasuries
-Reserves being moved to securities?


## Form and Likely Sequence: Ending MBS Purchases

The Fed's purchases of MBS have had a significant impact on valuations


## Form and Likely Sequence: Ending MBS Purchases

Housing market still fragile and needs low mortgages rates


## Form and Likely Sequence: Raising the Fed Funds Rate

- Markets pricing in the first move in the first half of 2010 and expecting gradual tightening similar to the past
-Another possibility is a discreet initial move (to 1\%for example) to remove emergency level followed by a pause and then gradual tightening



## Market Implications: Net Fixed Income Supply



Market Implications: Net Fixed Income Purchases

|  | 2008 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Open market paper | Treasuries | Agency/Agency MBS | Municipals | Corporates | Total |
| Households | -139 | 148 | 85 | 42 | -143 | -8 |
| Financial | 126 | 698 | 846 | 50 | -41 | 1678 |
| Nonfinancial | -59 | -7 | -4 | -24 | -- | -95 |
| State and Local Gov | -71 | -9 | -10 | 0 | -4 | -94 |
| Federal Gov | -- | -- | 54 | -- | -- | 54 |
| Federal Reserve | -- | -265 | 20 | -- | -- | -245 |
| Rest of the World | -45 | 674 | -218 | -4 | 40 | 447 |
| Total | -189 | 1239 | 772 | 64 | -149 | 1737 |


|  | 2009 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Open market paper | Treasuries | Agency/Agency MBS | Municipals | Corporates | Total |
| Households | -3 | 709 | -1158 | 86 | 77 | -290 |
| Financial | -634 | 30 | 24 | 63 | 256 | -261 |
| Nonfinancial | 26 | 21 | 2 | 17 | -- | 67 |
| State and Local Gov | -21 | -4 | -44 | 0 | 5 | -64 |
| Federal Gov | -- | -- | 192 | -- | 1 | 193 |
| Federal Reserve | -- | 368 | 1079 | -- | -- | 1447 |
| Rest of the World | -67 | 546 | -135 | 9 | -78 | 274 |
| Total | -699 | 1670 | -41 | 176 | 260 | 1366 |

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## Market Implications: Concern about higher real rates rather than inflation?

5yr5yr Forward TIPS Inflation Expectations


Volatility Skew
(1y10yr 100 high vs. 100 low strike)


Market Implications: Issuance and debt outstanding



Market Implications: Average Maturity of the Debt


## Market Implications: More TIPS Issuance

Advantages

- Diversify and broaden the buyer base of Treasury debt in time of extreme borrowing need
- Potentially further lower the funding cost of nominals if TIPS remove some inflation risk premium
-Further extends average maturity of issuance and debt
-Limited risk because tax receipts effectively hedge Treasury inflation exposure
Disadvantages
- Given Iow breakevens, there is potential for higher explicit cost relative to nominal -If there is substantial further disinflation or deflation, buyer base for TIPS may dwindle just as issuance increases

TIPS as Percentage of Nominals Outstanding


## Potential Policy Errors

Fiscal considerations
-Lack of budgetary restraint
-Big issue for non-US investors

- Need spending cuts or tax revenue increases as economy stabilizes
- Need to refrain from a second fiscal stimulus

Monetary considerations
-Liquidity programs

- Many of the programs addressing the money markets and financing can be removed now
-TALF is still needed to restart the shadow banking system, particularly for more difficult assets
-MBS program
-Housing market still needs low rate
- Stopping purchases vs. selling MBS
-Traditional policy
-Raising rates too soon is the bigger risk


## Conclusions

-The Fed's exit strategy is a significant challenge and the form and timing will have a significant impact on the broad financial markets
-The likely first step will be the use of reverse repos to remove excess reserves from the banking system
-The eventual increase in the Fed funds rate target will have the biggest impact and will likely come at a time when supply of fixed income securities is increasing and the Fed has stopped purchasing longer-dated securities
-The Treasury should continue to have a very transparent plan to increase issuance given the growing deficit and

- Extend average maturity
- Issue more inflation-linked debt


# Treasury Borrowing Advisory Committee: Optimal Issuance Strategy 

Quarterly Meeting

November 3, 2009

## Questions

Given the recent trends in the economy and the government's fiscal position, please discuss Treasury's plan to lengthen the average maturity of the portfolio in the medium term. Is there an optimal average maturity range, given structural financing needs in the medium and long term? Does it make sense to apply asset-liability management to Treasury's marketable debt portfolio? Can you discuss approaches to financing and risk management by other sovereign nations and how they might be applicable to the US Treasury debt management?

## Agenda

- Background
- Optimization Model/Debt management strategies
- Conclusions:

1. Inflation, higher interest rate and roll over risk should be the primary concerns in Treasury's debt management strategies.
2. In most scenarios, it is prudent to lengthen maturities significantly from current average maturity of 50 months. Our base case is to extend to 74 months, stretch case to extend to 96 months.
3. The objective of lowest borrowing cost could lead to higher yields that conflict with monetary policy objective.
4. Clever debt management strategy could potentially reduce debt service cost meaningfully, but still can't completely substitute for prudent fiscal policy.

## Comparison of debt management strategies across the G7

## Debt management strategies across the G7

| Country | Avg Maturity (years) | \% Foreign Ownership | Total Public Debt (USD \$bn) | Ratio of Debt to revenue | Ratio of debt to GDP | Interest Payments as share of revenue | Debt Management Methodology Summary |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| USA | 4.25 | 49\% | 7551** | 359\% | 53\% | 18\% | Cashflow matching. No ALM framework currently used |
| UK | 14.2 | 30\% | 1,347.1 | 118\% | 56\% | 3.30\% | Cashflow matching. No ALM framework currently used |
| Germany | 6.10 | 30\%* | 1522 | 151\% | 65.90\% | 6.10\% | Optimizes mix of funding instruments to minimize long term cost and risk for the issuer. Derivative instruments such as swaps are also used |
| France | 6.70 | 30\%* | 1689.7 | 137\% | 67.40\% | 5.70\% | Cashflow management. Management of average maturity and effort made to ensure liquidity in issues |
| Italy | 6.87 | 30\%* | 2382.5 | 230\% | 105.80\% | 11.10\% | Strategic scenario analysis and risks. Use of various cash and derivatives products to minimize cost of debt and reduce risk |
| Japan | 7.00 | 6\% | 9875.1 | 2331\% | 190\% | 26.20\% | Cashflow matching. No ALM framework currently used |
| Australia | 5.60 | 53\% | 92.87 | 19\% | 4.60\% | 2.60\% | Cost and risk optimization. Use of swaps until Nov 2007 |
| New Zealand | 5.60 | 72\% | 35.8 | 49\% | 15.60\% | 6.00\% | Diven by set of principles to minimize risk and costs of debt and help the DMO issue debt cost-effecitvely. Focus is on fiscal control, government balance sheet risk management, and containment of moral hazard, and limiting contingent liability risk to the Government. Contingent liabilities are disclosed, analyzed and contained on a sub national level with limited central government intervention. |

[^1]Source: JP Morgan

Average maturity of outstanding treasuries is approximately 50 months, which is near 25 -year lows!

## Average Maturity of Outstanding Treasuries, Months



Source: JP Morgan

## Total federal government debt to GDP ratio was only higher during WW II



Source: Bianco Research

## Debt to GDP about to go up significantly

Debt Held by the Public as a Percentage of GDP


Source: White House Office of Management and Budget, Congressional Budget Office

## Mandatory spending has increased $5 x$ faster than discretionary spending



Source: The Heritage Foundation 2009 Federal Revenue and Spending Book of Charts; and White House office of Management and Budget

## Entitlement spending is confronting a demographic time bomb

Entitlement Spending as a Percentage of GDP


Source: The heritage Foundation 2009 Federal Revenue and Spending Book of Charts; and Congressional Budget Office

Plausible budget deficit outlook

|  | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CBO August Baseline | -1587 | -1381 | -921 | -590 | -538 | -558 | -558 | -620 | -625 | -622 | -722 |
| Plausible Revenue Changes |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| EGTRRA \& JGTRAA | 0 | -4 | -121 | -217 | -247 | -260 | -271 | -281 | -290 | -298 | -307 |
| AMT | 0 | -7 | -69 | -31 | -34 | -37 | -41 | -46 | -53 | -60 | -70 |
| Interaction | 0 | 0 | -13 | -44 | -49 | -53 | -58 | -64 | -70 | -77 | -85 |
| Making Work Pay, etc. | 0 | -48 | -141 | -199 | -203 | -201 | -199 | -198 | -199 | -202 | -205 |
| High Income | 0 | 76 | 106 | 131 | 140 | 147 | 155 | 165 | 175 | 186 | 186 |
| Debt Service | 0 | 0 | -4 | -17 | -42 | -75 | -109 | -146 | -189 | -236 | -286 |
| Subtotal Rev | 0 | 17 | -242 | -377 | -435 | -479 | -523 | -570 | -626 | -687 | -767 |
| Plausible Spending Changes |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Inflate Discretionary by GDP | 0 | -8 | -33 | -74 | -120 | -159 | -194 | -228 | -261 | -294 | -328 |
| Iraq War Phaseout | 0 | 1 | 7 | 29 | 59 | 83 | 97 | 104 | 106 | 111 | 115 |
| Debt Service | 0 | 0 | -1 | -1 | -3 | -8 | -13 | -19 | -28 | -39 | -52 |
| Subtotal Disc. Spending | 0 | -7 | -27 | -46 | -64 | -84 | -110 | -143 | -183 | -222 | -265 |
| Total Change | 0 | 10 | -269 | -423 | -499 | -563 | -633 | -713 | -809 | -909 | -1032 |
| Resulting Surplus / Deficit | -1587 | -1371 | -1190 | -1013 | -1037 | -1121 | -1191 | -1333 | -1434 | -1531 | -1754 |
| GDP | 14140 | 14439 | 14993 | 15754 | 16598 | 17319 | 18019 | 18760 | 19524 | 20308 | 21114 |
| Deficits as \% of GDP | -11.2\% | -9.5\% | -7.9\% | -6.4\% | -6.2\% | -6.5\% | -6.6\% | -7.1\% | -7.3\% | -7.5\% | -8.3\% |
| Debt Held by Public | 7612 | 8984 | 10174 | 11186 | 12224 | 13345 | 14536 | 15869 | 17304 | 18836 | 20590 |
| Debt / GDP | 54\% | 62\% | 68\% | 71\% | 74\% | 77\% | 81\% | 85\% | 89\% | 93\% | 98\% |
| Interest | 177 | 199 | 250 | 319 | 420 | 556 | 657 | 746 | 841 | 934 | 1038 |
| Interest Rate | 2.3\% | 2.2\% | 2.5\% | 2.9\% | 3.4\% | 4.2\% | 4.5\% | 4.7\% | 4.9\% | 5.0\% | 5.0\% |

Source: Concord Coalition, CBO, JCT, The Lindsey Group

The federal budget has benefited from the decline in rates, BUT approximately $40 \%$ of marketable Treasury securities now mature in less than 1 year

## Interest payments on federal debt



Source: Economic Report of the President 2009

## Interest payments to rise substantially

Spending on Net Interest


Source: Heritage Special Report July 27, 2009; Office of Management and Budget, Budget of the United States Government, FY 2010, Historical Table, Table 3.2, (July 15, 2009); Congressional Budget Office, A Preliminary Analysis of the President's Budget and an Update of CBO’s Budget and Economic Outllook, March 2009, (July 15, 2009). Figures adjusted for inflation into 2009 dollars.

## Large fiscal expansions coupled with debt monetization lead to inflation

## Inflation surges when fiscal expansions are monetized



Source: Deutsche Bank Global Markets Research

## Optimal Maturity of Issuance

## Definition of the problem

## Overview

- Across a range of 15 economic and credit scenarios, we project funding needs over the next 10 years
- Our goal is to find the optimal average maturity of debt issuance given different risk scenarios over the next 3 years


## Setup of problem:

- Decision variable: \% gross issuance of 2009-2011 to be issued in 3-months and 10-years
- Objective: Minimize the total cost of debt service from 2010-2020 (try to consider a confidence crisis on sovereign credit by 2020)


## - Constraints:

-Maintain enough net issuance in bills and 10-years to meet investor needs

## -Additional Consideration

-Keep yields within a range to achieve monetary policy goals


## Macro and credit scenarios

- The model considers 15 scenarios:
- 5 macro scenarios: combinations of growth and inflation
- 3 credit scenarios: optimistic, base case and disaster


## Four focus scenarios

| Scenario | Description | Inflation | Real Growth | Credit Losses |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Fannie/ Freddie | FDIC | Extraordinary Assistance | Total |
| 1 | Base Case | 2\% | 2\% | \$300 | \$200 | \$75 | \$575 |
| 2 | Low Growth, low inflation (Japan) | 0\% | 0\% | \$300 | \$200 | \$75 | \$575 |
| 3 | Moderate growth, high inflation | 2\% | 5\% | \$300 | \$200 | \$75 | \$575 |
| 4 | High credit loss | 2\% | 2\% | \$600 | \$600 | \$200 | \$1,400 |

## Yield curve dynamics

- The 10 -year rate is the sum of:
- Real growth rate
-Inflation
-Credit spread: based on amount of credit losses
-Inflation risk premium: 50 bps $+20 \%$ of current inflation
-An adjustment for duration supply: assume $\$ 1$ trn in net issuance leads to $1 \%$ increase in yields. *
- The 3-month point is largely determined by the Fed:
- Taylor rule: d(3-month Yield) $=1.5$ * d(Inflation) $+0.5 * \mathrm{~d}$ (Real Growth)
- The 3-month credit spread is smaller than the 10-year spread and varies by credit scenario
- The impact of duration supply is small: $\$ 1$ trn in net issuance increases yields by 7 bps

Rates in 2020 across focus scenarios

| Scenario | Growth | Inflation | Credit <br> Spread | Inflation <br> Risk Prem | Impact of <br> Durn <br> Supply | 10-yr Yield | 3m Yield | Debt /GDP |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Base | $2.0 \%$ | $2.0 \%$ | $0.25 \%$ | $0.9 \%$ | $2.3 \%$ | $7.5 \%$ | $2.9 \%$ | $123 \%$ |
| Japan | $0.0 \%$ | $0.0 \%$ | $0.25 \%$ | $0.5 \%$ | $2.1 \%$ | $2.8 \%$ | $0.0 \%$ | $149 \%$ |
| High Inflation | $2.0 \%$ | $5.0 \%$ | $0.25 \%$ | $1.5 \%$ | $2.9 \%$ | $11.7 \%$ | $7.4 \%$ | $117 \%$ |
| High Credit | $2.0 \%$ | $2.0 \%$ | $1.75 \%$ | $0.9 \%$ | $2.9 \%$ | $9.6 \%$ | $4.3 \%$ | $140 \%$ |

* A recent study by JP Morgan concluded that net issuance of 10yrs in the amount of 1\% of GDP causes yield to rise by 30bps.

This would imply that yields would rise by $2 \%$ given $\$ 1$ trn in issuance. We found this lead to yield curves that were implausibly steep by 2020 so we halved the effect. We do feel that the effect we used in our model is on the conservative side.

## Budget outlook across scenarios

## Federal budget in focus scenarios

| Scenario | \% Bill in Gross Supply | Avg <br> Maturity of Issuance | Avg Maturity of Debt 2011 | 2011 Yield Curve |  | 2020 Yield Curve |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | 3m | 10y | 3m | 10y | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Deficit/ } \\ & \text { GDP } \\ & (2015-2020) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Debt / GDP } \\ & \text { in } 2020 \end{aligned}$ | Debt Service / GDP in 2020 |
| Base | 56\% | 55 | 74 | 2.2\% | 5.8\% | 2.9\% | 7.5\% | 9\% | 123\% | 7\% |
| Japan | 81\% | 26 | 51 | 0.2\% | 2.8\% | 0.0\% | 2.8\% | 7\% | 149\% | 3\% |
| High Inflation | 3\% | 116 | 96 | 4.4\% | 7.8\% | 7.4\% | 11.7\% | 11\% | 117\% | 9\% |
| High Credit | 42\% | 70 | 83 | 2.6\% | 7.0\% | 4.3\% | 9.6\% | 9\% | 140\% | 9\% |

## Optimization across scenarios

- In the low growth / low inflation scenario, we want to keep issuance as short as possible
$\bullet$ In the high inflation scenario, we should issue long now to lock in low rates

Average Debt Service / GDP: 2015-2020


Line shows optimal maturity of issuance to minimize total debt service cost for 2009-2020
Number in parentheses is average maturity of total debt at the end of 2011

## Optimal issuance across macro and credit scenarios

## Current macro environment

|  |  | Recent Issuance |  | Yield Curve |  | Deficit/ <br> GDP | Debt/ GDP | Debt Service <br> / GDP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Real Growth | Inflation | \% of Bills | Maturity | 3m | 10y |  |  |  |
| -1\% | 1\% | 70\% | 26 | 0.08\% | 3.59\% | 14\% | 50\% | 1.3\% |

## Optimal issuance for a given macro environment

| Real Growth | Inflation | Base Case Tax Rate |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Optimal Issuance |  | Yield Curve in 2020 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Deficit / } \\ & \text { GDP } \\ & (2015-20) \end{aligned}$ | Debt/ GDP in 2020 | Debt Service / GDP in 2020 |
|  |  | \% Bills in Gross Supply | Debt <br> Maturity | 3m | 10y |  |  |  |
| 0\% | 0\% | 80.6\% | / 26 ' | 0.2\% | 2.8\% | 7.4\% | 149\% | 3.5\% |
| 2\% | 2\% | 55.6\% | I 55 | I $2.2 \%$ | 5.8\% | 8.9\% | 123\% | 6.6\% |
| 2\% | 5\% | 3.4\% | \| 116 | I $4.4 \%$ | 7.8\% | 11.1\% | 117\% | 9.3\% |
| 4\% | 0\% | 62.7\% | 147 | I 1.2\% | 5.5\% | 7.0\% | 107\% | 5.4\% |
| 4\% | 5\% | 0.0\% | ! 120 / | / 4.9\% | 8.8\% | 10.6\% | 96\% | 8.8\% |


| 30\% Higher Taxes |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Optimal Issuance |  | Yield Curve in 2020 |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Deficit/ } \\ \text { GDP } \\ (2015-20) \end{gathered}$ | Debt / GDP in 2020 | DebtService/GDP in2020 |
| \% Bills in Gross Supply | $\begin{gathered} \text { Debt } \\ \text { Maturity } \end{gathered}$ | 3m | 10y |  |  |  |
| 83.6\% | ' 22 , | , 0.2\% | 2.7\% | 4.9\% | 112\% | 2.5\% |
| 60.4\% | 149 | I $2.2 \%$ | 5.7\% | 5.5\% | 87\% | 4.6\% |
| 10.5\% | I 108 | I $4.4 \%$ | 7.8\% | 7.4\% | 81\% | 6.1\% |
| 66.9\% | 142 | I 1.2\% | 5.3\% | 2.8\% | 71\% | 3.6\% |
| 0.0\% | ' 120 ; | , 4.9\% | 8.8\% | 5.4\% | 60\% | 5.4\% |

## Optimal issuance for a given macro/credit environment

| Real Growth | Inflation | Credit <br> Losses (bn) | Base Case Tax Rate |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  | Optimal Issuance |  | Yield Curve in 2020 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Deficit / } \\ & \text { GDP } \\ & (2015-20) \end{aligned}$ | Debt/ GDP in 2020 | Debt Service / GDP in 2020 |
|  |  |  | \% Bills in Gross Supply | Debt <br> Maturity | 3m | 10y |  |  |  |
| 0\% | 0\% | \$6 | 82.7\% | / 231 | 0.1\% | 2.5\% | 7.4\% | 142\% | 2.9\% |
| 0\% | 0\% | \$575 | 80.6\% | I 26 I | 0.2\% | 2.8\% | 7.4\% | 149\% | 3.5\% |
| 0\% | 0\% | \$1,400 | 73.1\% | , 34, | 0.6\% | 4.0\% | 7.9\% | 168\% | 5.9\% |
| 2\% | 5\% | \$6 | 6.5\% | , 112, | 4.4\% | 7.5\% | 11.1\% | 111\% | 8.6\% |
| 2\% | 5\% | \$575 | 3.4\% | \| 116 | | 4.4\% | 7.8\% | 11.1\% | 117\% | 9.3\% |
| 2\% | 5\% | \$1,400 | 0.0\% | $\text { i } 120$ | 4.8\% | 8.8\% | 11.7\% | 132\% | 12.0\% |


| 30\% Higher Taxes |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Optimal Issuance |  | Yield Curve in 2020 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Deficit / } \\ & \text { GDP } \\ & (2015-20) \end{aligned}$ | Debt/ GDP in 2020 | Debt Service / GDP in 2020 |
| \% Bills in Gross Supply | Debt Maturity (mos) | 3m | 10y |  |  |  |
| 85.7\% | 20 | 0.1\% | 2.4\% | 4.8\% | 105\% | 2.1\% |
| 83.6\% | 22 | 0.2\% | 2.7\% | 4.9\% | 112\% | 2.5\% |
| 76.3\% | 31 | 0.6\% | 3.9\% | 5.6\% | 128\% | 4.3\% |
| 13.2\% | 105 | 4.4\% | 7.5\% | 7.2\% | 75\% | 5.5\% |
| 10.5\% | 108 | 4.4\% | 7.8\% | 7.4\% | 81\% | 6.1\% |
| 0.0\% | 120 | 4.8\% | 8.8\% | 8.2\% | 93\% | 8.1\% |

## Impact of duration supply

- Our choice of maturity is highly dependent on the impact of duration supply on yields
- All else equal if issuing more long debt has a larger impact on rates, the optimal maturity will be shorter

Average Debt Service Across all Scenarios / GDP: 2015-2020


## Implications of monetary policy constraints for debt issuance

- The lowest-cost issuance strategy may lead to yields that conflict with monetary policy goals
- If we restrict ourselves to strategies that limit near-term bond yields, the maturity of issuance will be shorter

Issuance strategies across targeted yields

| Maximum Allowed 10Year Yield | Average Maturity of Issuance 20092011 | Debt Maturity 2011 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Debt Service / GDP } \\ 2015-2020^{*} \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| None | 79 | 87 | 5.7\% |
| 5.5\% | 74 | 84 | 5.7\% |
| 5.0\% | 56 | 75 | 5.8\% |
| 4.5\% | 41 | 65 | 5.9\% |
| 4.0\% | 28 | 53 | 6.2\% |
| 3.5\% | 16 | 41 | 6.7\% |
| 3.0\% | 15 | 39 | 6.8\% |

* Maximum across all scenarios
** Average across scenarios

The choice of maturity matters, but without budgetary restraint the cost of debt could spiral

- In a high credit loss, high inflation scenario issuing long-dated debt from 2009-2011 can reduce debt service cost in 2020 by 13\% of government revenues
- But even with the optimal maturity debt service costs will be unbearable
- The dashed lines assume spending is cut by 30\% by 2012

Debt Service as \% of Federal Revenues: High Inflation, High Credit Scenario


## Recap

Four Conclusions:

1. Inflation, higher interest rate and roll over risk should be the primary concerns in Treasury's debt management strategies.
2. In most scenarios, it is prudent to lengthen maturities significantly from current average maturity of 50 months. Our base case is to extend to 74 months, stretch case to extend to 96 months.
3. The objective of lowest borrowing cost could lead to higher yields that conflict with monetary policy objective.
4. Clever debt management strategy could potentially reduce debt service cost meaningfully, but still can't completely substitute for prudent fiscal policy.

## Future Research

- We did not fully consider entitlement and state and local government as potential contingent liabilities. Hence risk to the model is to the upside.
- We can enhance the model on duration supply going forward. Current literature focused on historical regression. Possible new variables to consider: oil, dollar debasement, change of foreign demand, and US saving rate.
- We can attempt to model the rollover risk in a different context. We can tie the front end credit spread to the amount of short term debt maturing within a certain time frame.


[^0]:    \$ billions

[^1]:    * Estimated ownership for Eurozone debt by non Eurozone members
    ** Debt held by public

