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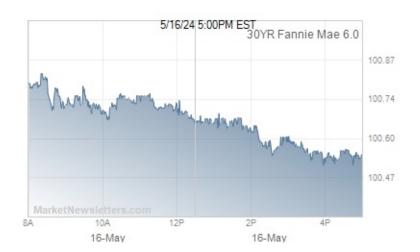
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ALERT: Bonds Much Weaker Overnight on French Election Results

As we discussed heading into the weekend, there was likely some pain for bonds in store in the event that Marine Le Pen didn't win the French election. We're now seeing that pain.

While it's true that Le Pen still technically has a chance (she advanced to a run-off), there's effectively no chance for her to beat the other candidate in the run-off, Macron. Her only chance would have been to win outright or for Melenchon to make it to the run-off instead of Macron.

In other words, it now looks almost certain that the mainstream, status quo candidate will win the election. That's good for global stock markets and bad for bonds. We'll talk more about the implications of the weakness in the Day Ahead, but for now, 10yr yields are up nearly 7bps at 2.313 and Fannie 3.5s are opening the domestic session down 10/32nds at 102-18.



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MBS & Treasury Market Data

	Price / Yield	Change
MBS UMBS 6.0	100.55	-0.25
MBS GNMA 6.0	101.31	-0.18
10 YR Treasury	4.3701	-0.0068
30 YR Treasury Pricing as of: 5/17 1:15AM EST	4.5136	+0.0075

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Average Mortgage Rates

	Rate	Change	Points
Mortgage News Daily			
30 Yr. Fixed	7.02%	+0.03	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	6.53%	+0.03	0.00
30 Yr. FHA	6.55%	+0.03	0.00
30 Yr. Jumbo	7.31%	+0.01	0.00
5/1 ARM	7.24%	+0.04	0.00
Freddie Mac			
30 Yr. Fixed	7.02%	-0.42	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	6.28%	-0.48	0.00
Mortgage Bankers Assoc.			
30 Yr. Fixed	7.08%	-0.10	0.63
15 Yr. Fixed	6.61%	+0.01	0.65
30 Yr. FHA	6.89%	-0.03	0.94
30 Yr. Jumbo	7.22%	-0.09	0.58
5/1 ARM	6.56%	-0.04	0.66
Rates as of: 5/16			

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