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Mortgage Rates May Already Be Bouncing on Post-Fed Floor

Mortgage rates were steady to slightly higher today. As such, they remain quite close to their lowest levels in roughly 4 months--a distinction achieved yesterday following the Fed announcement and press conference.

Actually, it may be more fair to give credit to sharp losses in the stock market for yesterday's drop in rates. Today, however, **another** move lower in stocks failed to push rates any lower. In other words, the bond market (which dictates rate movement) seems to have found its floor as of yesterday afternoon. Rates weren't willing to break yesterday's best levels despite numerous attempts today--not to mention the stock market losses.

When we talk about "numerous attempts" or numerous iterations of any specific interest rate move during a single business day, we'll generally need to look at something like US Treasury yields. Mortgage rates don't move frequently enough to talk about numerous encounters with a specific level on an intraday basis. While all that may sound a bit confusing, it's **pretty simple** when you think about it like this: the general trajectory in mortgage rates tends to match the general trajectory of Treasury yields.

The convenient thing about this--at least for those that want to follow potential rate movements closely--is that it's easy to keep tabs on something like the 10yr Treasury yield throughout the day. If you did that today, you would have seen it bounce repeatedly at 2.75% before moving higher into the afternoon. You would have seen that move occur against the backdrop of falling stock prices (which have generally helped push rates in the other direction). And taking all of the above into account, you might have been a bit **concerned** about the implications for the near term rate trajectory.

Bottom line: it looks like rates may have found their next floor--at least for now.

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National Average Mortgage Rates



	Rate	Change	Points
Mortgage News Daily			
30 Yr. Fixed	7.43%	+0.02	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	6.84%	+0.01	0.00
30 Yr. FHA	6.90%	+0.03	0.00
30 Yr. Jumbo	7.62%	+0.02	0.00
5/1 ARM	7.40%	+0.03	0.00

Freddie Mac

30 Yr. Fixed	7.10%	-0.34	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	6.39%	-0.37	0.00

Mortgage Bankers Assoc.

30 Yr. Fixed	7.13%	+0.12	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	6.64%	+0.18	0.64
30 Yr. FHA	6.90%	+0.10	0.99
30 Yr. Jumbo	7.40%	+0.27	0.46
5/1 ARM	6.52%	+0.11	0.60

Rates as of: 4/18

MBS and Treasury Market Data

	Price / Yield	Change
MBS UMBS 6.0	99.30	-0.29
MBS GNMA 6.0	100.06	-0.09
10 YR Treasury	4.5648	-0.0617
30 YR Treasury	4.6704	-0.0614

Pricing as of: 4/19 2:10AM EST

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