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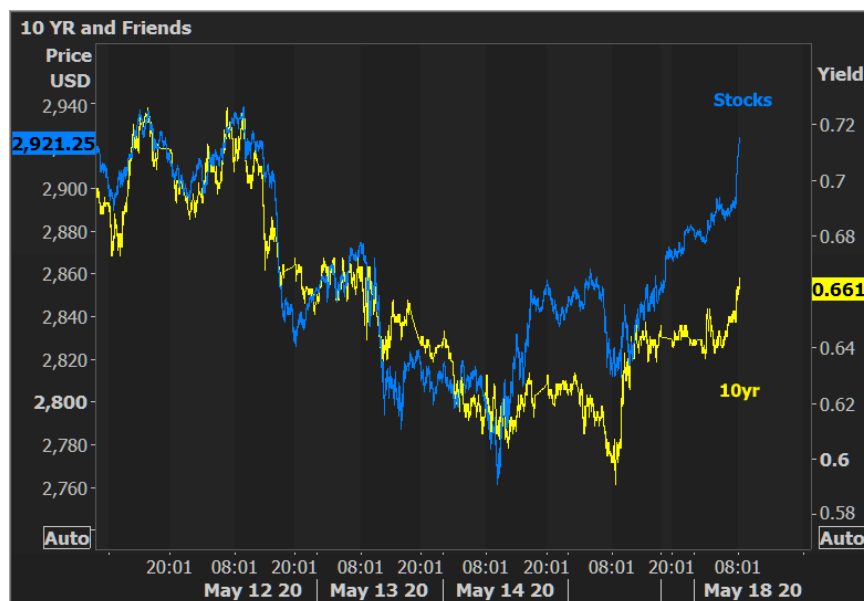
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The Day Ahead: Holiday-Shortened Week and Another Chance to Confirm Range

Bond markets will close early this Friday and will remain fully closed next Monday for the Memorial Day holiday. 3.5-day weekends can often see a shift in trading patterns as investors account for an extra uncertainty due to an extra day and a half of untradeable weekend time. That can **still** be the case, to some extent, but markets are arguably already settling into a constant state of "accounting for uncertainty."

In the short term, bonds have to consider the prospect of any significant shift in the coronavirus narrative. In the longer term, uncertainty surrounds the timing and nature of the economic recovery. Given that outlook, there **hasn't** been much of a reason to go **anywhere** quickly. The biggest inspirations have been related to new debt supply and the age-old custom of following a along with stocks.

In the shorter-term, stocks and bonds have been quite well connected at times.



In the longer term, the connection isn't as clear, but the two are nonetheless in the same boat with respect to leveling-off and trading a **sideways** range.

MBS & Treasury Market Data

	Price / Yield	Change
MBS UMBS 6.0	100.09	+0.31
MBS GNMA 6.0	101.03	+0.29
10 YR Treasury	4.5138	0.0000
30 YR Treasury	4.6711	0.0000

Pricing as of: 5/5 7:51PM EST



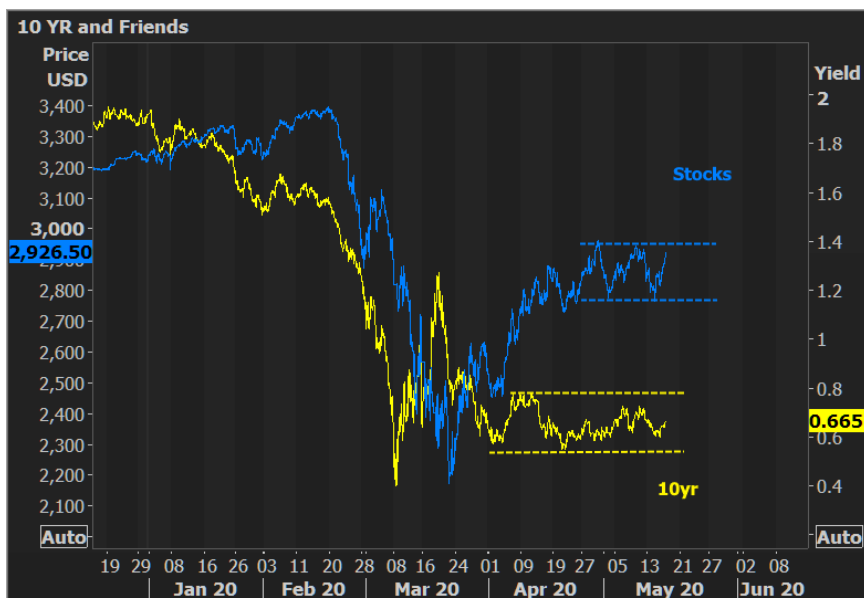
Average Mortgage Rates

	Rate	Change	Points
Mortgage News Daily			
30 Yr. Fixed	7.28%	-0.09	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	6.75%	-0.07	0.00
30 Yr. FHA	6.70%	-0.12	0.00
30 Yr. Jumbo	7.48%	-0.07	0.00
5/1 ARM	7.35%	-0.07	0.00
Freddie Mac			
30 Yr. Fixed	7.22%	-0.22	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	6.47%	-0.29	0.00

Mortgage Bankers Assoc.

30 Yr. Fixed	7.24%	+0.11	0.66
15 Yr. Fixed	6.75%	+0.11	0.64
30 Yr. FHA	7.01%	+0.11	0.94
30 Yr. Jumbo	7.45%	+0.05	0.56
5/1 ARM	6.64%	+0.12	0.87

Rates as of: 5/3



This is a relatively narrow range for bond yields, but it still leaves **plenty of room for movement** in either direction. There are a few ways to approach it in terms of an indicator for trading momentum. If we view it as a flat range, the best case to be made for a floor is at 0.58% (teal line below). If we view it as an ascending trend channel, the yellow lines are the best candidates. Either way, the 2nd half of last week implies a resistance/floor bounce. Today's early weakness helps solidify that case.

Bottom line: bonds begin the week in a defensive stance, and we should defend against a run back up to last week's yield highs in the mid 0.7's until and unless a big, friendly bounce tries to change our minds.



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