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MBS Recap: Bonds Surge Again As Risk Meltdown Continues

What's a risk meltdown? What's a "risk market" for that matter? This is just a shorthand term for anything investors are normally buying when stocks and broader economies are improving. The most quintessential risk market is the equity market, but in the current case, oil is in the same boat.

It's not hard to imagine that a risk meltdown benefits the safer haven markets. The quintessential safe haven (apart from cash) is the US Treasury market, with other low-risk bonds close in tow (like MBS). The safe havens have been basking in the warm red glow from the risk market conflagration, and **today's bonfire** was particularly bright.

S&P's are off their lows for the day, but remain **down more than 2%** as the NYSE close approaches. This translated into more than a 9bp drop in 10yr yields, taking them briefly to 1.986, but they're currently back up over 2% as equities recover. Fannie 3.0 MBS were up more than half a point, but are now heading out the door sideways with just under a 3/8ths point gain. The trend is our friend until it's not our friend any more.

MBS & Treasury Market Data

	Price / Yield	Change
MBS UMBS 5.0	99.37	+0.02
MBS GNMA 5.0	99.93	+0.02
10 YR Treasury	3.9068	+0.0029
30 YR Treasury	4.1960	+0.0028

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	Rate	Change	Points
Mortgage News Daily			
30 Yr. Fixed	6.43%	+0.02	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	5.95%	0.00	0.00
30 Yr. FHA	5.82%	+0.02	0.00
30 Yr. Jumbo	6.62%	0.00	0.00
5/1 ARM	6.28%	-0.01	0.00
Freddie Mac			
30 Yr. Fixed	6.35%	-0.51	0.00
15 Yr. Fixed	5.51%	-0.65	0.00
Mortgage Bankers Assoc.			
30 Yr. Fixed	6.44%	-0.06	0.54
15 Yr. Fixed	5.88%	-0.16	0.68
30 Yr. FHA	6.36%	-0.06	0.85
30 Yr. Jumbo	6.75%	+0.07	0.39
5/1 ARM	5.98%	-0.27	0.65

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