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UPDATE: Bonds Pushing Back With Help From Europe; Tax Announcement Timing

With so much of our recent pain being attributable to European market volatility surrounding the French election, it's only fair that European markets share some of the love now that they're recovering a bit. Specifically, German Bunds (Europe's 10yr benchmark have finally found their footing after a resolute sell-off that began on April 18th.

US bond markets didn't take as hard of a hit as European bond markets, but they've nonetheless been taking most of their guidance from Bunds. That's working out in our favor this morning. In fact, US bonds are rallying with EU bond markets in spite of US stock market strength (the other recent guidance giver).



While this correlation is obviously in effect at the moment, we can expect it to be overshadowed by the market reaction to any tax reform headlines. Today is the day that the Trump administration ostensibly unveils the tax cut plan. **There is no set time for the announcement**, so constant vigilance is the order of the day. That said, there is a press briefing scheduled for today at **1:30pm ET** with Mnuchin and Cohn. Trump himself isn't expected to talk

MBS and Treasury

	Price / Yield	Change
MBS UMBS 6.0	99.43	-0.62
10 YR Treasury	4.9860	+0.0952
30 YR Treasury	5.3557	+0.0737

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Average Mortgage Rates

	Rate	Change	Points
Mortgage News Daily			
30YR Fixed	7.30%	+0.12	0.00
15YR Fixed	6.92%	+0.09	0.00
30YR FHA	6.89%	+0.07	0.00
30YR Jumbo	7.40%	+0.03	0.00
7/6 SOFR	6.80%	+0.31	0.00
30YR VA	6.90%	+0.07	0.00
Freddie Mac			
30YR Fixed	7.18%	+0.97	0.00
15YR Fixed	6.57%	+1.10	0.00
Mortgage Bankers Assoc.			
30YR Fixed	7.30%	+0.18	0.75
15YR Fixed	6.76%	+0.33	0.98
30YR FHA	7.02%	+0.24	1.07
30YR Jumbo	7.20%	+0.05	0.48
7/6 SOFR	6.29%	+0.19	1.00

Rates as of: 11/10

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about it until this weekend.

Markets are always priced to reflect what they know and what they think they'll know. That means there's a certain mix of headlines that could come out on taxes that would be a perfectly warm bowl of porridge (i.e. they would confirm markets were right about what they thought they knew). If the administration offers greater detail than in the past, but not the excruciating details that markets might hope for (this is the baseline expectation for markets), we might see very little reaction. The "too hot" and "too cold" bowls of porridge (excruciating detail and lack of detail respectively) would be more likely to elicit a bigger move higher or lower in yields respectively.

In other other words: if the briefing gives more info than expected, it could push rates higher.



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