Disclosures

SOURCES:

- 1. From March 16 to May 21 (2020), the Fed purchased \$1.5 trillion of U.S. Treasury securities and nearly \$700 billion of Agency MBS—for a combined total of \$2.2 trillion. Source: Bloomberg. Fed MBS-TSY Purchases, as of 5/22/2020.
- 2. The Fed undertook three rounds of quantitative easing post-Global Financial Crisis—from 2008 through 2015—in which the central bank increased the size of the balance sheet from \$900 billion to \$4.5 trillion. Source: Bloomberg as of 5/20/2020. FARBAST Index, 05/20/2007 to 5/18/2016.
- 3. Specific to MBS, estimates coming into the year projected agency MBS net supply for 2020 around \$285 billion. Source: Citigroup's Global Securitized Products Weekly, 3/22/2020.
- 4. Agency MBS have still underperformed U.S. treasury securities year-to-date. Source: Bloomberg. Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Mortgage Backed Securities Index, January 1 to May 27, 2020.
- 5. During the week ending March 27, the investment grade primary market saw 49 issuers price \$109 billion in new issue supply—the largest week of outstanding notional issuance in history. On average, order books were 6.7 times oversubscribed. Source: Citigroup New Issue IB Chat, 3/30/2020.
- 6. Year-to-date through May 28, over \$1 trillion of U.S. investment grade debt has been issued. Issuance is up approximately 90% over the same period from 2019. Source: CreditSights, US IG Chart of the Day: Top 25 New Issues, May 29, 2020.
- 7. The cruise industry collectively has been able to raise \$8 billion in the public bond markets over the past few weeks. Source: Bloomberg News, May 19, 2020.

Federal Funds Rate: Interest rate at which a depository institution lends funds maintained at the Federal Reserve to another depository institution overnight.

Yield: Annual income from an investment such as dividend or interest payments divided by the current market price of the investment.

Yield Spread: Difference in yield from a Treasury security and another debt security of the same maturity.

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