Outlook for 10Y JGB Auction

Watching for demand from investors in positive yield territory

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[BOX] BOJ's JGB purchases for April: BOJ enhances "flexibility" of operations



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Auction Details

Auction Date:	April 2, 2020
Issue Date:	April 3, 2020
Maturity Date:	March 20, 2030
Offering Amount:	About 2.1 trillion yen

* New 10Y JGBs, JB358, will likely carry a 0.1% coupon.

** On April 1, WI barely traded, and closed at 0.015% (-1.5bp). JB357 traded at -0.005 - 0.005% (-1.5 - -0.5bp v. previous day's close) and closed at 0.000% (-1.0bp).

Exp. Rating on Auction Results

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Failed	Poor	Average	Good	Outstanding

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After the previous 10-year JGB auction went poorly at around -0.105 to -0.100% level (+3.5 to +4.5bp vs. previous day's close) in March, the 10-year JGB yield momentarily declined to -0.200% on an intraday basis on March 9 amid an intensified uptrend in the JGB market. Subsequently, the JGB market plunged, pushing the yield up to 0.095% at one point (on an intraday basis on March 19). As the JGB market has again trended up since late March, the 10-year JGB yield has been on a downtrend. Today (Apr 1), the yield moved in the -0.005 to 0.005% range on an intraday basis. Tomorrow's auction will likely be held in positive yield territory with a high probability, the first time since January 2019.

Let's check the environment surrounding the JGB market. With strong uncertainty on when the COVID-19 pandemic will come under control, concerns about economic conditions are intensified by the news such as the postponement of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. In Europe and the US, the authorities have started to announce aggressive policies also in the fiscal front, in addition to strengthening of monetary easing policy amid the aggravation of the pandemic. Amid the trend of global fiscal expansion, the probability on fiscal expansion (via an increase in issuance amount of deficit JGBs) and the resultant increase in JGB market issuance on a calendar basis is increasing also in Japan. On the other hand, the possibility appears small that the BOJ will conduct additional easing such as deepening of the short-term policy rate in negative territory. However, the commitment to "ample supply of funds via aggressive JGB purchases" appears strong. This is expected to improve market



functions to some extent. In such an environment, key points to think about the bidding stance at tomorrow's auction are as follows:

- ✓ While liquidity remains quite low, it would be difficult for primary dealers to aggressively place bids: As many primary dealers are in the BCP mode, this would prevent them from keeping big positions. They are likely to place minimum bids, closely watching primary demand from investors;
- ✓ Decent demand is expected from investors: Tomorrow's auction, at which the Ministry of Finance will sell new 10-year JGBs in new maturity basket, is the first auction for coupon-bearing JGBs in FY20. If investors gain confidence to be able to take new 10Y JGBs in positive yield territory, strong worries would be unnecessary for demand from investors;
- Neither overvalued nor undervalued in terms of the relative value: Based on data since the previous auction, the 10-year sector is neither noticeably overvalued nor undervalued on the curve (Appendix 3). This is the case also against swaps(Appendix 4);
- An increase in the number of offers in BOJ's purchase operations: In April, the number of offers in the 5- to 10-year zone will increase to five times (from four times in March, refer to [BOX] section). As the possibility of irregular operations is strong if judged necessary, the role as a safety net is expected.

All in all, we think about our bidding stance to take only the minimum necessary amount, keeping the possibility of a tailed auction in mind and watching for demand from investors in positive yield territory. As mentioned above, the 10-year sector is not undervalued on the curve or against swaps. It thus difficult to aggressively build new positions in terms of the relative value.

Auction Date	Issue#	Coupon %	Maturity Date	lssue Size (billion yen)	Bid/ Cover	Average Accepted Price	Lowest Accepted Price	Tail (yen)	Average Accepted Yield	Highest Accepted Yield	Tail (%)	Allotment %	
4/2/20	358	0.1*	3/20/30	2,100**									
3/3/20	357R	0.1	12/20/29	2,309	3.20	101.98	101.84	0.14	-0.100	-0.086	0.014	28.9846	Poor
2/4/20	357R	0.1	12/20/29	2,271	3.63	101.50	101.48	0.02	-0.051	-0.049	0.002	77.1508	Avg
1/7/20	357	0.1	12/20/29	2,171	3.70	101.05	101.03	0.02	-0.005	-0.003	0.002	78.8770	Good
12/3/19	356R	0.1	9/20/29	2,100	3.28	101.40	101.24	0.16	-0.042	-0.026	0.016	95.7891	Poor
11/6/19	356R	0.1	9/20/29	2,100	3.62	101.99	101.94	0.05	-0.099	-0.094	0.005	80.6774	Avg
10/1/19	356	0.1	9/20/29	2,100	3.42	102.62	102.33	0.29	-0.158	-0.130	0.028	6.1227	Poor
9/3/19	355R	0.1	6/20/29	2,412	3.60	103.68	103.66	0.02	-0.265	-0.264	0.001	99.4435	Avg
8/1/19	355R	0.1	6/20/29	2,099	3.76	102.53	102.51	0.02	-0.152	-0.150	0.002	1.7771	Avg
7/2/19	355	0.1	6/20/29	2,099	3.92	102.42	102.40	0.02	-0.139	-0.137	0.002	93.8948	Avg
6/4/19	354R	0.1	3/20/29	2,099	3.99	102.04	102.01	0.03	-0.106	-0.103	0.003	15.1237	Poor
5/8/19	354R	0.1	3/20/29	2,099	4.44	101.59	101.57	0.02	-0.060	-0.058	0.002	36.0139	Avg
4/2/19	354	0.1	3/20/29	2,412	5.07	101.61	101.60	0.01	-0.060	-0.059	0.001	37.4603	Good
3/5/19	353R	0.1	12/20/28	2,233	4.25	101.00	100.98	0.02	-0.002	0.000	0.002	74.5124	Poor

10Y JGB Auction Results

* Daiw a forecast as of Apr. 1 ** Amount the MOF plans to issue

Source: Ministry of Finance (MOF), Daiwa Securities.

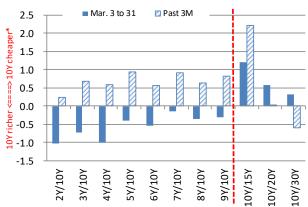


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Appendix 1: 10Y JGB Yield (%)

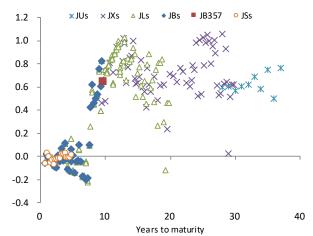
Source: Daiwa Securities.

Appendix 3: Z-scores of JGB Yield Spreads



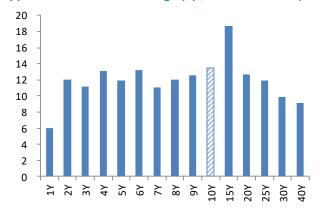
Note: + (-) 10Y richer (cheaper) for 10Y/15Y, 10Y/20Y and 10Y/30Y Source: Daiwa Securities.

Appendix 5: JGB Total Return Curve (3M, %)



Note: Based on JGB yield curve on Mar. 31; assuming that those yield curve shapes do not change and factoring roll-down effect etc. Source: Daiwa Securities

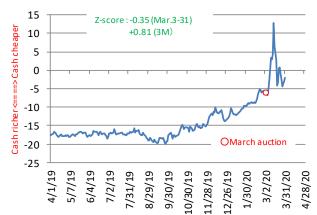
Appendix 2: JGB Yield Change (bp, Mar. 3 v. Mar. 31)



Source: Daiwa Securities.

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Appendix 4: 10Y JGB Asset Swap Spread (bp)



* Yen LIBOR basis Source: Daiwa Securities.

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[BOX] BOJ's JGB purchases for April: BOJ enhances "flexibility" of operations

The BOJ updated its Outline of Outright Purchases of Japanese Government Securities (Outline of Purchases) at 17:00 on March 31, thereby clarifying its plan for purchases in April. The changes relative to March are as follows:

- ✓ Sub zones are completely independent
- ✓ The targeted zones (not counting JGBis and floating-rate JGBs) have been expanded from 4 to 6
- ✓ Its number of operations targeting bonds in the up-to-1-year zone is increased (from 2 to 3) and the bottom of the range of its offer amounts is raised (the range is changed from Y10 billion-Y100 billion to Y50 billion-Y100 billion)
- ✓ Its number of operations targeting bonds in the over-1-year to 3-year zone is increased (from 4 to 6) and the range of its offer amounts is lowered (from Y300 billion-Y550 billion to Y200 billion-Y450 billion)
- ✓ Its number of operations targeting bonds in the over-3-year to 5-year zone is increased (from 4 to 6) and the range of its offer amounts is lowered (from Y200 billion-Y450 billion to Y150 billion-Y400 billion)
- ✓ Its number of operations targeting bonds in the over-5-year to 10-year zone is increased (from 4 to 5)

Its number of operations per month will be 10, up from 7 (excluding irregular operations) in March. We think that some factors, which led the BOJ to make these changes, are:

- ✓ The continued supply of ample liquidity through aggressive JGB purchases
- ✓ Amid the global threat from covid-19, countries are cooperating globally by using both monetary and fiscal policy to suppress downside risks to the economy. With JGB market issuance expected to increase significantly in conjunction with a FY20 supplementary budget, the BOJ and MOF are coordinating their efforts.

The offer amount for the operations targeting the over-3-year to 5-year zone at the April 1 operation was Y280 billion (the median of the April range is Y275 billion), Y60 billion reduction from the last operation on the 3-5Y zone in March, which was Y340 billion. On the first operations in April for other targeted zones, we expect the offer amounts to be about Y350 billion for the over-1-year to 3-year zone, down Y70 billion from the last operation in March, and unchanged for over-5-year to 10-year, over-10-year to 25-year, and over-25-year zones. Based on this outlook, we estimate that the total purchases in April (excluding floating-rate bonds) to be about Y6.45 trillion, a significant increase from the roughly Y5 trillion total (excluding irregular operations) in March.

In the current market environment, this increase in the BOJ's purchases may curb the volatility, we think.



BOJ JGB Purchase Guideline for April 2020

											(Yen billions	
		Offer size per operation				Number of Offers (per month)	Offer size expexted at the first operation in Apr.	Offer size at the last operation in Mar.*	Monthly Total exp. in Apr. (a)	MOF issuance in April FY2020** (b)	(a)-(b)	
					Mid							
JGBs ex Lir	nkers and Floaters											
Up to 1 year		50	-	100	55	3	70	50	210	-	-	
Over 1 to	Over 1 to 3 years	200	-	450	425	6	350	420	2,100	2,000	100	
5 years	Over 3 to 5 years	150	-	400	325	6	280	340	1,680	1,900	-220	
Ove	r 5 to 10 years	200	-	500	350	5	350	350	1,750	2,100	-350	
Over 10	Over 10 to 25 years	50	-	200	125	2	120	120	240	900	-660	
years	Over 25 years	0	-	50	25	2	30	30	60	700	-640	
Linkers			30		-	2	30	30	60	-	-	
Floaters (in even months)			100 -		1	100	100	100	-	-		
								TOTAL:	6,200	7,600	-1,400	

(Note) "Offer size per operation" and "Number of offers (per month)" are as released by the BOJ on Mar. 31 and "Offer size expected at the first operation in Apr." is expected by Daiwa Securities as on Apr. 1 (actual for over 1 to 3 years) * Offer size at the previous operation for Floaters Source: Bank of Japan, Ministry of Finance, Daiwa Securities.

BOJ JGB Purchase Schedule in April 2020

BOJ offer day / JGB auction day		(BOJ start day/ MOF settlement day)	Up to 1 year	Over 1 to 3 years	Over 3 to 5 years	Over 5 to 10 years	Over 10 to 25 years	Over 25 years	JGB Linker	JGB Floater	TDBs	MOF Buyback
4/1/20	W	4/2/20			280.2				30.3			
4/2/20	TH	4/3/20				10Y JGB	Auction					
4/3/20	F	4/6/20		O	Ø		Ø	O			3M	//
4/6/20	М	4/7/20	0			Ø						//
4/7/20	Т	4/8/20				30Y JGB	Auction			-	0	//
4/8/20	W	4/9/20		O		O						
4/9/20	TH	4/10/20		5Y JGB Auction							6M	
4/10/20	F	4/13/20									3M	
4/13/20	М	4/14/20		O	O	O						0
4/14/20	Т	4/15/20		AE	L (10Y and 20)	JGBs with ov	/er 5 to 15.5 ye	ars to maturi	ty)		0	
4/15/20	W	4/16/20		O						0		
4/16/20	TH	4/17/20		AEL (20Y	, 30Y and 40Y J	IGBs with ove	r 15.5 less tha	n 39 years to	maturity)		1Y	
4/17/20	F	4/20/20	0	O	O						3M	
4/20/20	М	4/21/20										
4/21/20	Т	4/22/20				20Y JGB	Auction				0	
4/22/20	W	4/23/20			O	O			0			
4/23/20	TH	5/1/20		2Y JGB Auction								
4/24/20	F	4/27/20	0				Ø	Ø			3M	
4/27/20	М	4/28/20		O	O	O						
4/28/20	Т	-	BOJ MPM (Day 2)								0	
4/29/20	W	-	Public Holiday (ShowaDay)									
4/30/20	TH	5/1/20										

Note: @ Announced by the BOJ on Mar. 31, O Daiwa forecast as of Apr. 1; Fingers are actual in billion yen; Red figures are decreased from previous operations. Source: Bank of Japan, Ministry of Finance, Daiwa Securities.



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