

# **Examining Rate Cycles & their Impact on Interest Income and Investment Strategy**

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### **Today's Topics**

- 1. Market Color
- 2. Rates & Easing Cycles
- 3. Potential Impact on CU's
- 4. Strategic Focus
- 5. What to Avoid



# Section 1

#### MARKET COLOR



#### **US Treasury Yields**

Friday, October 10th

all	Ticker	Time	CURR YLD	Net	SPRD to 10YR	DAY LOW	DAY HIGH	YTD LOW	YTD HIGH	YTD CHNG
	. In		100000		10000					
atl	USGG1M	15:00	<b>14.08</b>		+.03bps	4.06	4.09	4.03	5.40	19
all	USGG3M	15:00	<b>\$3.94</b>	01	11bps	3.93	3.95	3.91	5.41	37
all	USGG12M	15:00	<b>\$</b> 3.59	06	46bps	3.59	3.65	3.58	5.24	54
eril	USGG2YR	15:00	<b>†3.52</b>	07	53bps	3.51	3.59	3.49	5.04	71
at l	USGG3YR	15:00	<b>1</b> 3.53	08	52bps	3.52	3.61	3.41	4.88	73
atl	USGG5YR	15:00	<b>\$3.65</b>	09	40bps	3.64	3.73	3.40	4.72	73
-11	USGG7YR	15:00	↑3.83	09	22bps	3.83	3.92	3.50	4.73	64
atl	USGG10YR	15:00	<b>†4.05</b>	09	NA	4.06	4.14	3.62	4.79	50
all	USGG30YR	15:00	<b>14.63</b>	09	+.58bps	4.64	4.72	3.93	5.09	13



#### **US Agency Bullet Yields**



# Historical Look at the 10 YR UST Yield & the FED Funds Rate (upper bound)



# Technical Analysis Fibonacci Retracement

#### Fibonacci Retracement

Fibonacci retracement is a **Technical Analysis** technique used to identify potential levels of support and resistance in a market trend.

It is based on the idea that markets will often retrace a predictable *percentage* of a move.

#### **Technical Analysis**

Fibonacci Retracement 10YR UST



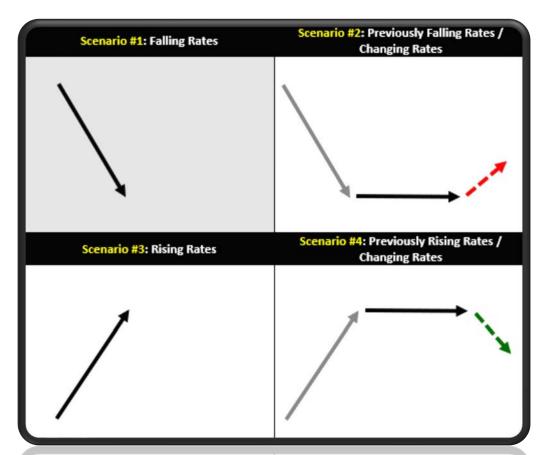




### Part 2

#### RATES & EASING CYCLES





# Interest-Rate Perspective

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### **FED Tightening Cycle**

MAR 2022 – JUL 2023



# **Current FED Cycle**



#### The FED's Mandate

#### The FED has two jobs:

- Keep prices under control | manage Inflation
- Keep the labor market strong | minimize Unemployment

#### **Dovish**

#### Rates Down

- Job market shows more weakness
- Unemployment continues to move higher
- Inflation remains manageable



#### Hawkish

#### Rates Up/Same

- Inflation surprise to the upside
- Surprising uptick in economic strength

#### Job market weakness AND Rising Inflation

#### STAGFLATION



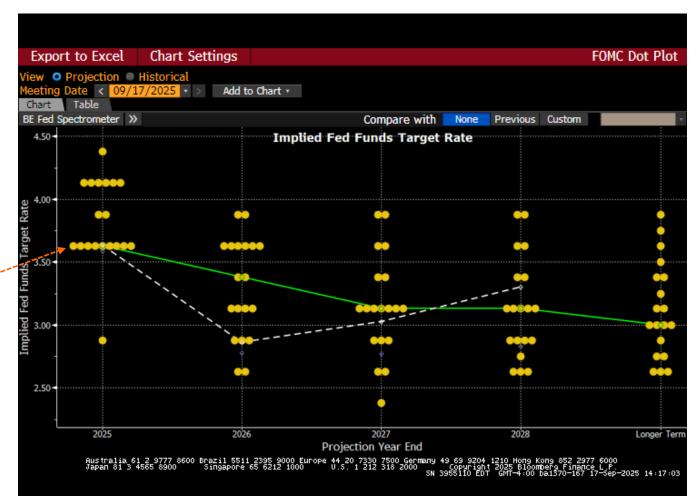
#### Where could Fed Funds go from here...

The Potential Path of Rates

#### Three Fed Fund Indicators to watch:

- 1. The Fed Dot Plot
- 2. Current 2-Year UST Yield
- 3. World Interest Rate Probability

#### The **DOTS**



Target Rate | Median 3.635%



#### The **DOTS**

- Federal Reserve officials lowered their benchmark interest rate by a quarter percentage point and penciled in two more reductions this year.
- Policymakers pointed to growing signs of weakness in the labor market to justify their first rate cut since December, but also acknowledged that inflation has "moved up and remains somewhat elevated."
- The Federal Open Market Committee voted 11-1 to cut the target range for the federal funds rate to 4%-4.25%, with one official voting against the decision in favor of a larger cut.

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#### **US Treasury Yield Curve**

The 2YR UST is highly sensitive to FED Monetary Policy. It can be thought of as the market's consensus *forecast* of the average FED funds rate over the next couple of years.



2 Year US Treasury Yield:

3.524%

**Current FED Funds Effective Rate = 4.10%** 

~55 Bps lower



# Bloomberg Interest Rate Probability (WIRP)

#### **DEC 2025:**

~1x 25 BP Cuts

-25 Bps

Implied O/N Rate

3.62%

#### **DEC 2026:**

~4x 25 BP Cuts

-100 Bps

Implied O/N Rate

2.93%



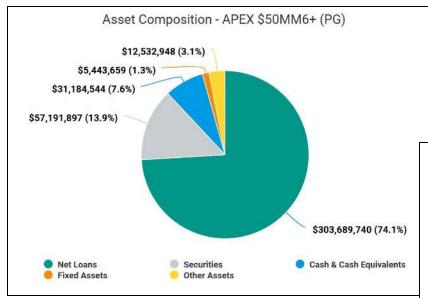




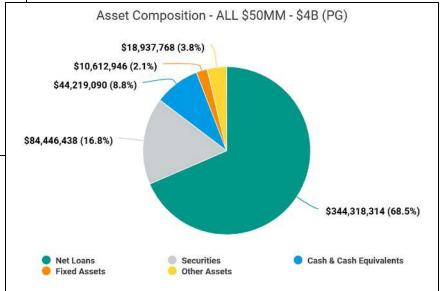
# Part 3 IMPACT ON CU'S

# So, what might happen if the FED continues the Easing Cycle?

# **Asset Composition**



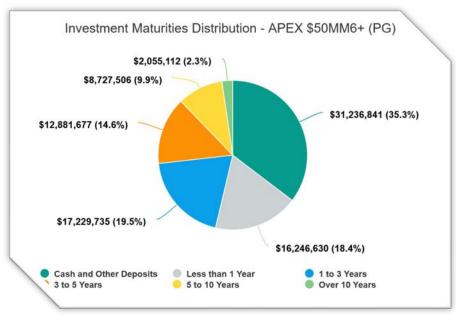
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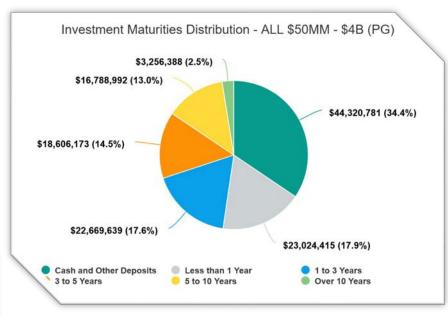


#### **Investment Portfolio Maturities**





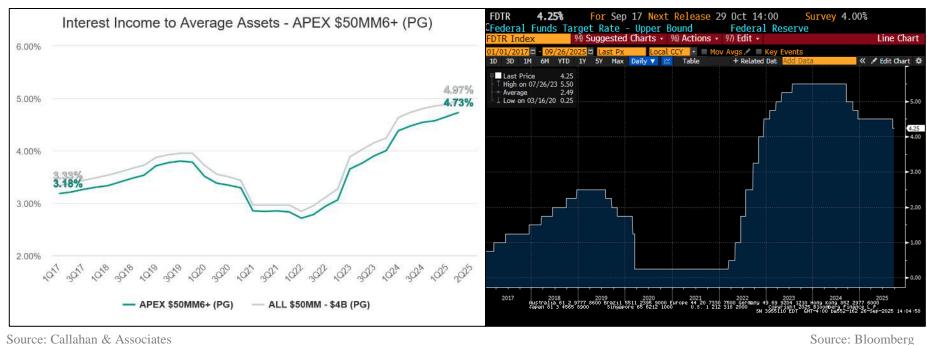
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Cash + < 1YR = 52.3%



#### **Interest Income**

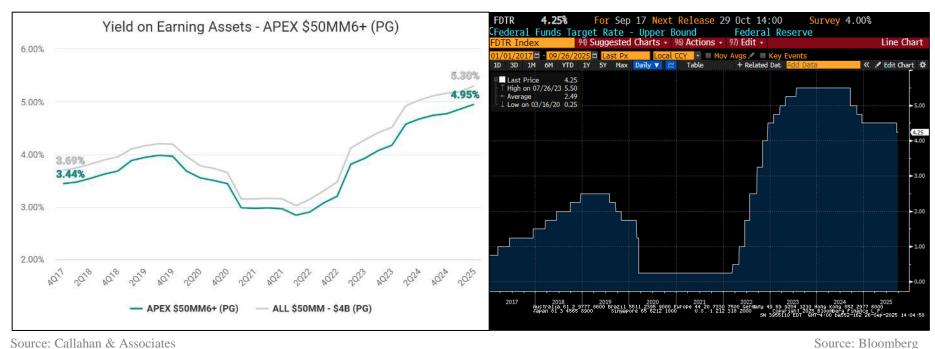


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### **Yield on Earning Assets**



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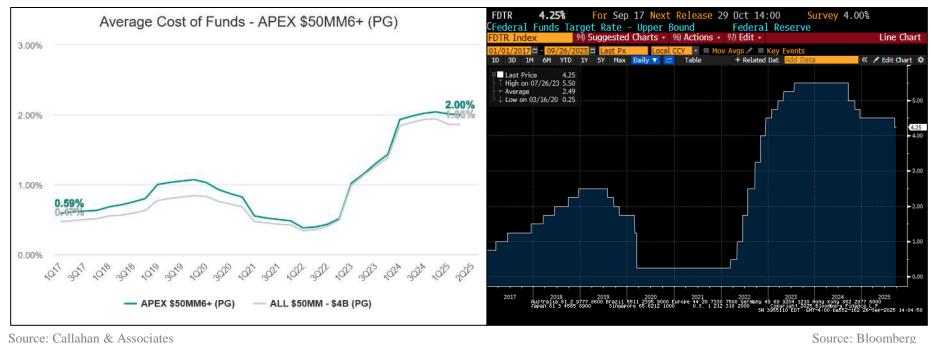
# Cash Will Reprice FAST...





# The Other Side of the Balance Sheet

#### **Cost of Funds**



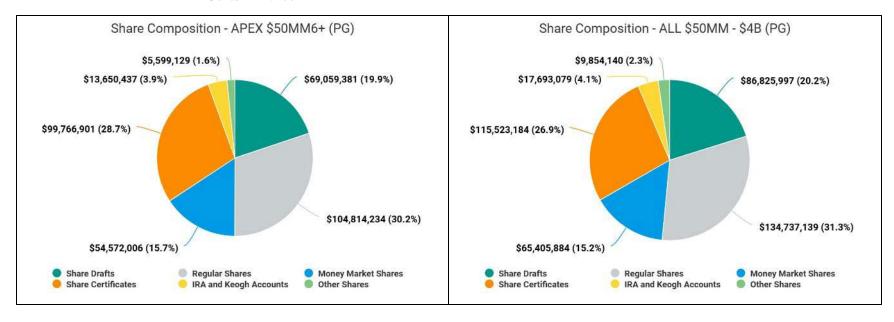
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### **Share Composition**

MM + Certs = 44.4%

MM + Certs = 42.1%



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# Part 4

#### STRATEGY FOCUS

#### **Strategic Focus**

- **Yield Protection** | *Income Protection*
- **✓** Yield Enhancement
- **▼ Positive Convexity** | "Engineered Convexity"

#### What to Avoid

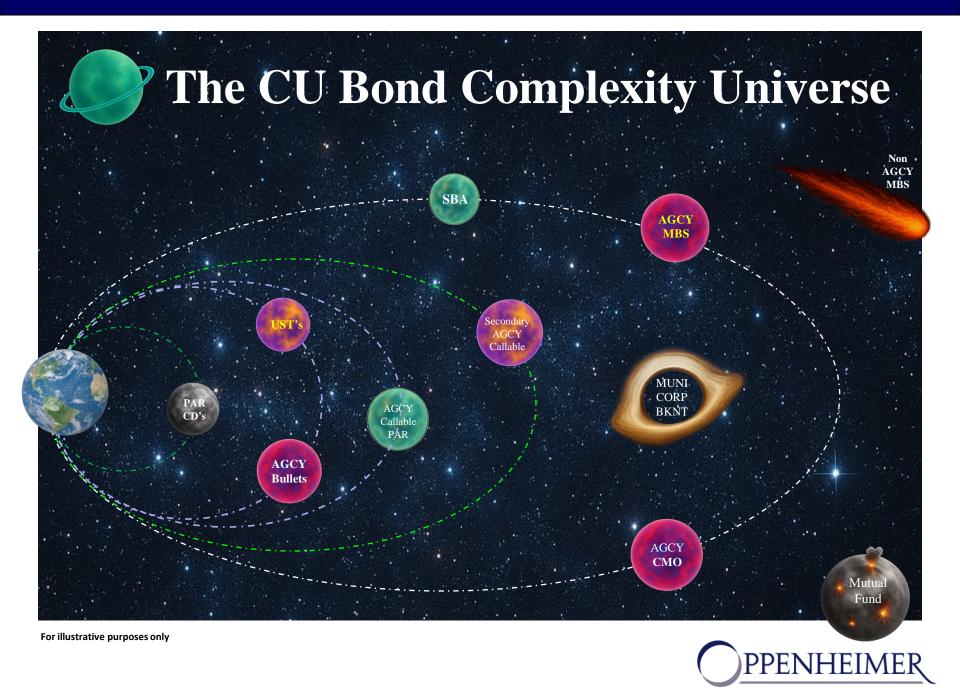
- **Staying Too Short**
- Callable Bond Trap

### **Strategic Focus**

Yield Protection	Yield Enhancement	Positive* Convexity   NEW
This strategy focuses on buying bonds that will have consistent yield performance regardless of interest rate movements.	This strategy focuses on bonds that have the potential to outperform their current yield projection in the event that rates move lower over the next 6-18 months.	Strategically add deeply discounted and/or bullet-alternative securities to the portfolio that have positive or *near-positive convexity.
Highest Coupon under PAR!	Move down the coupon stack for a 1.5-3 point discount	Using optionality in our favor!
Lock in Yield!	Monthly income can increase as Treasury Yields drop!	This will provide significant potential price appreciation in the event that interest rates fall.

#### The Bond Market Deli-Tray

US TREASUR	Υ	CPN	MTY		YTM	
2 YEAR		3.500	9/30/2027		3.524	
3 YEAR		3.500	10/15/2028		3.533	
5 YEAR		3.625	9/30/2030		3.647	
AGCY BULLET	rs	CPN	MTY		YTM	Spread
2 YEAR		0.750	10/8/2027		3.510	-1.4 bps
3.1 YEAR		3.250	11/16/2028		3.550	1.7 bps
4.8 YEAR		0.875	8/5/2030		3.680	3.3 bps
<b>INSURED BAI</b>	NK CD's		MTY	CALL	YTM	Spread
2 YEAR	Multiple Issuers			Bullet	3.500	-2.4 bps
3 YEAR	Multiple Issuers			Bullet	3.600	6.7 bps
5 YEAR	Multiple Issuers			Bullet	3.750	10.3 bps
AGCY CALLAI	BLES	CPN	MTY	<b>Call Protection</b>	YTM	Spread
2 YEAR	2-NC3MO INC	4.050	10/8/2027	0.2 YRS	4.050	52.6 bps
3 YEAR	3-NC6MO BERM	4.000	10/17/2028	0.5 YRS	4.000	46.7 bps
5 YEAR	5-NC3MO BERM	4.250	10/15/2030	0.3 YRS	4.250	60.3 bps
MBS		CPN	WAL   WAL +300	WAC	BASE	Spread
15 YEAR	15YR MBS Pool	4.500	5.2   6.6	5.47	4.450	80.3 bps
15 YEAR	15YR MBS Pool	4.500	6.4   8.6	5.43	4.520	87.3 bps
FIXED-RATE (	СМО	CPN	WAL BASE   +300	WAC	BASE	Spread
СМО	SEQ	4.750	4.2   7.47	6.90	4.810	116.3 bps

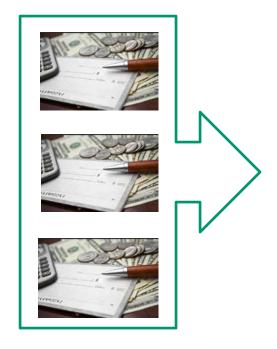


#### **MBS Cash Flow**

Individual Residential Mortgage are Pooled into a Bond



Individual Borrower Mortgages
Monthly P&I Payments



P & I Flows thru to the MBS Holders



# Loan Vs. Investment Cash Flow

### P&I from Loans...

	CAR/ Ter	m	Mortgage	Balloon
Month	Loan	LOC	Loans	Loans
1	P&i	I	p&I	I
2	P&i	I	p&I	I
3	P&i	I	p&I	I
4	P&i	I	p&I	I
5	P&i	I	p&I	I
6	P&i	I	p&I	I
7	P&i	I	p&I	I
8	P&i	I	p&I	I
9	P&i	I	p&I	I
10	P&i	I	p&I	I
11	P&i	I	p&I	I
12	P&i	I	p&I	I
	•	•		
<u>48</u>	<u>P&amp;i</u>	Ī	<u>p&amp;I</u>	<u>P</u>
Balance	0	P	p&I	0
		Year 12	P&i	

#### P&I from Bonds...

	Bullet	Callable	Callable	Callable	
Month	Maturity	Bond #1	Bond #2	Bond#3	MBS
1					p&I
2					p&I
3			(P?)		p&I
4					p&I
5					p&I
6	I	I (P?)	I (P?)	I (P?)	p&I
7				(P?)	p&I
8				(P?)	p&I
9			(P?)	(P?)	p&I
10				(P?)	p&I
11				(P?)	p&I
12	I	I (P?)	I (P?)	I(P?)	p&I
	:		•	:	
<u>48</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>(P?)</u>	<u>(P?)</u>	<u>(P?)</u>	<u>p&amp;I</u>
	0	0	0	0	p&I
		NC 6MOS	NC 3MOS	NC 6MOS	
		SEMI	QRTLY	<i>ANYTIME</i>	



#### **UST | AUG 2028**



#### **FHR 5516 HG**

#### **Projected Cash Flow** (Base Case)

FHR 5516	HG Mtge	Scenarios •	Stratify • Action	ons • Export • S	Settings	Yield Table
100% FNCL €	6.0 N 6.973(	(343)11 CUSIP 3	137HKMZ4 Pool	Level -		As of 09/2025 🔻
9/25 CPR	VPR CDR SEV		Bkrp FC REO Cun	nLoss First Proj	10/25/2025 Day	
1M ▼ 15.0	14.7	0.5 0.3 0.2			ily Delay 24 Crea	
	1) Price-to-Yield	Cashflov	vs 🔻 30) Table	31) Graph		32) Close Report
11) Bond F			1 000 000			
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	178,295,576 0.0000 for 0 days, Sta	Your Prev Bal	855,464			
		nthly	iy 24, WAL 1.901			<b>_</b> c
Silow pi	Dates	Balance	Principal	Interest	Cashflow	Coupon ·
Totals	Dutes		855,464	70,616	926,080	сопроп
1.	11/25/2025	840.933	14.531	3,208	17,739	4.500
2.	12/25/2025	825,513	15,420	3,153	18,574	4.500
3.	01/25/2026	809,229	16,283	3,096	19,379	4.500
» 4.	02/25/2026	792,111	17,118	3,035	20,153	4.500
5.	03/25/2026	774,188	17,923	2,970	20,894	4.500
6.	04/25/2026	755,492	18,696	2,903	21,599	4.500
7.	05/25/2026	736,056	19,436	2,833	22,269	4.500
8.	06/25/2026	715,917	20,139	2,760	22,900	4.500
9.	07/25/2026	695,110	20,806	2,685	23,491	4.500
10.	08/25/2026	673,676	21,435	2,607	24,041	4.500
11.	09/25/2026	651,653	22,023	2,526	24,549	4.500
12.	10/25/2026	629,082	22,571	2,444	25,014	4.500
13.	11/25/2026	606,006	23,076	2,359	25,435	4.500
14.	12/25/2026	582,469	23,538	2,273	25,810	4.500
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#### **FHR 5516 HG**

#### **Projected Cash Flow** (Base Case)





# Part 5

# WHAT TO AVOID

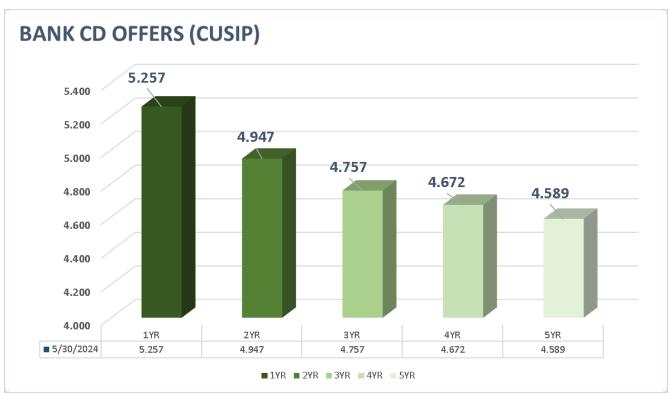
#### What to Avoid

- **Staying Too Short**
- **8** Callable Bond Trap

#### **Insured Bank CD's**

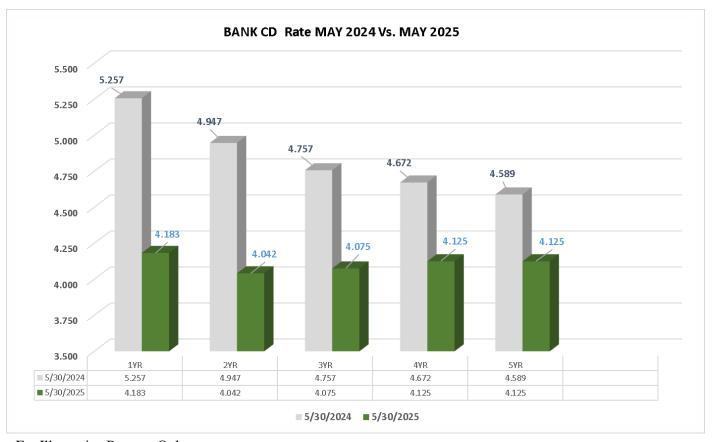
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"1YR... No Brainer!"



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# A Year Later... Our CD Matures



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### Rates are lower now...

## Should we have locked-in yield for longer?

		5-YR CD			
4.589%	4.589%	4.589%	4.589%	4.589%	4.589%
45,890	45,890	45,890	45,890	45,890	229,450
			4.589% 4.589% 4.589%	4.589% 4.589% 4.589% 4.589%	4.589% 4.589% 4.589% 4.589% 4.589%

	1YR CD		5YR CD						
1,000,000	5.257%	4.125%	4.125%	4.125%	4.125%	4.351%			
	52,570	41,250	41,250	41,250	41,250	217,570			
•									
Difference	6,680	(4,640)	(4,640)	(4,640)	(4,640)	-11,880			

-23.8 Bps



The Callable Bond Trap





#### Beware...

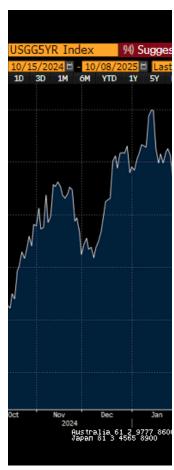
Getting Caught in the "Callable Bond Trap" due to Overreliance on New Issue Callable Bonds/CD's/Step-Up Bonds

**Result**: Chasing the initial higher yield results in lower income in a falling rate environment

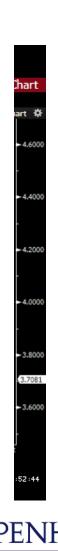


## **January 2025...**

#### Let's lock in some Yield!



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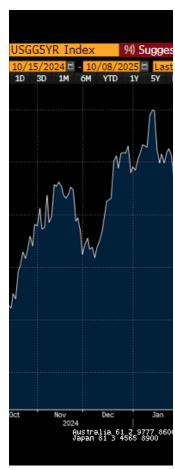
#### June 2024...

#### Let's lock in this 5.80% Yield to Maturity



## **January 2025...**

#### Let's lock in some Yield!



Source: Bloomberg





Our Bond was called on 07/22. No worries, we'll get another one... Let's see what's available...

1) Show Filters 2) Clear Filters Issues 07/24/25 07/24/25 6 Prelim Issues | PREL Maturity Spread Curr Outst Book Mgr 3-5 Years All - All -All • 100 JOINT LEADS 5-NC1 CONT 07/24/30 5-NC3MO\_BFRM 07/30/30 5-NC6MO BERM 01/30/29 3.5-NC6MO 1X 15 JOINT LEADS 5-NC2 1X 07/19/30 USD USD 5-NC2 BERM 07/29/30 USD 5 MTBK-sole 5-NC1 ANN 08/07/30 07/29/30 30 DADA-sole 5-NC1 BERINC Australia 61 2 9777 8600 Brazil 5511 2395 9000 Europe 44 20 7330 7500 Germany 49 69 9204 1210 Hong Kong 852 2977 6000 Japan 81 3 4565 8900 — Singapore 65 6212 1000 — U.S. 1 212 318 2000 — Copyright 2025 Bloomberg Finance L.P.



same/similar

50 bps lower.

structure is

New Issue Monitor

# Potential negative impact on earnings from loss of coupon...

Loss of	Amount		Income Loss	
Coupon	on	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
-0.50%	\$500,000	-\$2,500	-\$5,000	-\$7,500
-0.50%	\$1,000,000	-\$5,000	-\$10,000	-\$15,000
-0.50%	\$2,500,000	-\$12,500	-\$25,000	-\$37,500
-0.50%	\$5,000,000	-\$25,000	-\$50,000	-\$75,000
-0.50%	\$10,000,000	-\$50,000	-\$100,000	-\$150,000

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#### How long do we get to keep this one?



## The "Callable Bond" Trap





## The Impact of Yield...

Amount Invested	Yield Pick		Protecting-Enhancing Yield   Income Impact							
Amount invested	Up	Monthly	Annual	2-YRS	3-YRS	4-YRS	5-YRS			
1,000,000	0.25%	208	2,500	5,000	7,500	10,000	12,500			
1,000,000	0.50%	417	5,000	10,000	15,000	20,000	25,000			
1,000,000	0.75%	625	7,500	15,000	22,500	30,000	37,500			
1,000,000	1.00%	833	10,000	20,000	30,000	40,000	50,000			
1,000,000	2.00%	1,667	20,000	40,000	60,000	80,000	100,000			

Amount Invested	Yield Pick		Protecting-Enhancing Yield   Income Impact						
Amount invested	Up	Monthly	Annual	2-YRS	3-YRS	4-YRS	5-YRS		
2,500,000	0.25%	521	6,250	12,500	18,750	25,000	31,250		
2,500,000	0.50%	1,042	12,500	25,000	37,500	50,000	62,500		
2,500,000	0.75%	1,563	18,750	37,500	56,250	75,000	93,750		
2,500,000	1.00%	2,083	25,000	50,000	75,000	100,000	125,000		
2,500,000	2.00%	4,167	50,000	100,000	150,000	200,000	250,000		

Amount Invested	Yield Pick		Protecting	g-Enhancing \	rield   Incom	ne Impact	
Up	Up	Monthly	Annual	2-YRS	3-YRS	4-YRS	5-YRS
5,000,000	0.25%	1,042	12,500	25,000	37,500	50,000	62,500
5,000,000	0.50%	2,083	25,000	50,000	75,000	100,000	125,000
5,000,000	0.75%	3,125	37,500	75,000	112,500	150,000	187,500
5,000,000	1.00%	4,167	50,000	100,000	150,000	200,000	250,000
5,000,000	2.00%	8,333	100,000	200,000	300,000	400,000	500,000



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