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## THE PUBLIC INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO: INVESTING IN TREASURIES

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$\square$ In 1790, Congress passed a law that had the Federal Government assuming State debts


Federal Debt held by the public as a percent of GDP (1790-2013)

## A Brief History of U.S. Treasury Deb†

$\square$ In 2000, the U.S. debt level was \$5.7 Trillion
a In 2014, it was \$17.8 Trillion
$\square$ In 1929, U.S. Treasury shifted to auction process for T-bills

- In 1959, regular issuance of 26 week and 1 year bills
$\square$ In 1963, the competitive bidding on Treasury Bonds was first introduced for dealers and banks
$\square$ In 1974, Cash Management bills were introduced
$\square$ In 1979, Book-entry form was required for all Treasury bills issued
$\square$ In 1982, Bearer form was eliminated for New Treasury notes and bonds


## Bond Basics (Vocabulary)

$\square$ Term to Maturity: number of years over which the issuer has promised to meet the conditions of their obligation
$\square$ Par Value: The amount that the issuer agrees to repay the bondholder by the maturity date.

- A bond with a par value of $\$ 5,000$ is selling at $\$ 5,500$ the bond is said to be selling for 110
$\square$ Coupon Rate: the interest rate that the issuer/borrower agrees to pay each year.
- Semi-Annual Coupon Payment: the interest for a bond with a par value of $\$ 1,000$ and a coupon rate of $7 \%$ would be ( $1,000 \times .07 / 2$ ) $\$ 35$ every six months.
- Fixed Rate - The coupon rate does not change over the life of the bond
- Variable Rate (Floating Rate) - has a coupon that periodically resets according to some reference rate.
- Reference rate +/- Quoted Margin (i.e. 3 month Libor + 15 basis points) The quoted margin is the amount that the issuer agrees to pay above or below the reference rate.


## Bond Basics (Issue Types)

$\square$ On The Run - name given to the most recently auctioned issue or current issue

- Most liquid
- Tighter bid/ask spread
- More demand to be in current issue
$\square$ Off the Run - Security that is replaced by the on the run issue
- Slightly wider bid/ask spread
- Still very liquid
$\square$ When Issued - a trade based on a security that has been announced, but not yet issued


## The Basics of U.S. Treasury Securities

$\square$ Issued by the U.S Department of the Treasury

- Has the Full Faith and Credit of the U.S. government
- All securities are issued through an auction process
- Bills: 1 M, 3M, 6M, 1 year
- Notes: 2, 3, 5, 7, 10 year Floating Rate (2 year)
- Bond: 30 year
$\square$ Two types of Treasury Securities
- Discount: Issued at discount to par value, no coupon, and mature at par value
- Issued at a price of 99 and then matures at 100
- U.S. Treasury Bills
- 1 day to 1 year
- Fixed Rate: issued at approximately at par, have a coupon rate, and matures at par value
- Maturities range from $2,3,5,7,10,30$ years
- Auction determines the coupon rate


## The Basics of U.S. Treasury Securities

$\square$ Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS)

- Effective way to eliminate inflation risk
- Principal is adjusted for inflation by a CPI index
- Still has a semiannual coupon
- Coupon applies to the inflation adjusted principal
- Amount at maturity will be based on inflation adjusted amount
- New issues price are determined by auction
$\square$ Must have time forecast inflation
$\square$ Be careful of final maturity if buying at auction


## When Do TIPS Make Sense

## (5 year breakeven rates)



## The Basics of U.S. Treasury Securities

$\square$ What is a U.S. Treasury STRIPS?

- Separate Trading of Registered Interest and Principal of Securities aka STRIPS (1985)
- The interest and principal cashflows of a U.S. Treasury Bond as separate Securities

■ U.S. Treasury Coupon STRIPS

- Contains only the coupon payments of the associated Treasury Bond

■ U.S. Treasury Principal STRIPS (aka "Zero coupon" security)

- Contains only the principal payment of the associated U.S. Treasury Bond
- Sold at a discount and matures to Face Value


## How are STRIPS Created?

## \$1 million Par of the $\mathbf{3}$ year Treasury Note, 5\% coupon


(Cashflows for 3 year Interest payment STRIP)

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## Characteristics of Treasury Securities

$\square$ Seen as risk free

- No default risk
- Heavily purchased during times of crisis and uncertainty
$\square$ No credit risk
- Full faith and credit of U.S. Government
$\square$ Very liquid
- Visible in the small (Bid/Ask) spread
$\square$ Benchmark for interest rates around the world
$\square$ Still has interest rate risk
- Be mindful of a bond's duration


## Understanding Price \& Yield

$\square$ Time Value of Money Circle of Life $\square$ What is Price?
$\square$ What is Yield?
$\square$ Treasury Price/Yield Information

## Framework for Understanding...

"The Theory of Economics does not furnish a body of settled conclusions immediately applicable to policy. It is a method rather than a doctrine, an apparatus of the mind, a technique of thinking, which helps its possessor to draw correct conclusions." - John Maynard Keynes
[H.D. Henderson, Supply and Demand (New York: Harcourt, Brace and Company, 1922), v.]

## The Treasury Yield Curve Framework

<HELP> for explanation.



# Time Value of Money Circle of Life 

## Compounding



Present
Value

Future
Value


Discounting

## Time Value of Money Math

## $\mathrm{FV}=P V^{*}(1+\mathrm{i})^{\wedge} \mathrm{n}$

"The basic valuation equation is the foundation of all the financial mathematics that involves compounding, and if you understand this equation, you understand most everything in financial mathematics: where: FV = the future value $P V=$ the present value $i=$ the rate of interest $n=$ is the number of compounding periods"

Peterson Drake, Pamela; Fabozzi, Frank J. (2009-07-30). Foundations and Applications of the Time Value of Money (Frank J. Fabozzi Series) (Kindle Locations 316-318). Wiley. Kindle Edition.

## Time Value of Money Circle of Life

## Compounding

Present

$$
P V=F V /(1+i)^{\wedge} n
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Future

## $$
\mathrm{i}=(\mathrm{FV} / \mathrm{PV}-1)^{\wedge}(1 / \mathrm{n})
$$ <br> Value <br> Value <br> $$
F V=P V^{*}(1+i)^{\wedge} n
$$



Discounting

## Price vs Yield: Which Came First?



## Price \& Yield Relationship

Price / Yield Relationship


## Question



## Answer



The price of the bond will go down because the interest rate used to discount the cash flows (the yield) is higher. The higher yield makes the present value of the future cash flows lower; therefore making the price lower.

## Treasury Yield Data Sources

* US Department of the Treasury:

1. http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/data-chart-center/interest-rates/Pages/Historic-Yield-Data-Visualization.aspx
2. http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/data-chart-center/interestrates/Pages/TextView.aspx?data=realyield
3. http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/data-chart-
center/Pages/index.aspx

* Yahoo Finance:
http://finance.yahoo.com/bonds/composite bond rates
* Wall Street Journal Market Data Center:
http://www.wsi.com/mdc/public/page/mdc bonds.html
* Wolfram Alpha:
http://www.wolframalpha.com/input/? $\ddagger=t r e a s u r y+y i e l d+c u r v e$
* Bloomberg US Treasury Yields:
http://www.bloomberg.com/markets/rates-bonds/government-bonds/us


## Primary Risks Associated with Bonds

$\square$ Interest Rate Risk: The risk that bond prices will fall as interest rates rise.
$\square$ Reinvestment Risk: The risk that proceeds from the bond will be reinvested at a rate lower than the yield when purchased.
$\square$ Call Risk: The risk that a bond with a call provision will be called (redeemed before the stated maturity date) by the issuer.
$\square$ Default Risk: The risk that the bond issuer will be unable to pay the interest and principal as promised.

## Interest Rate Risk: Duration



## The Price-Yield-Duration Connection

## Price / Yield Relationship



## Duration \& Final Maturity

Duration Rises as Maturity Increases


## Duration \& Coupon Rate

## Duration Falls as Coupon Rate Increases



## Duration \& Yield

Duration Falls as Yields Rise


## Excel'ing @ Bonds!



## Wolfram Alpha Duration Calculator

| Calculate modifed duration |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| - settiement dete: | 4/30/2015 |
| - maturity date: | 4/30/2020 |
| - annual y yeld: | 1.434 |
| - annual coupon rase: | 1.375 |
| - coupon frequency | Steri-anuil * |
| * day count convention: | actualachuel |

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| input information: |
| :--- |
| bond duration  <br> settlement date Thursday, April 30, 2015 <br> maturity date Thursday, April 30, 2020 <br> annual yield $1.434 \%$ <br> annual coupon rate $1.375 \%$ <br> coupon frequency semi-annual <br> day count convention actual/actual |

Results:

| modified duration | 4.814 |
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| convexity | $0.2602 \mathrm{yr} / \%$ (years per percent) |


| Calcidete moditied duration |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| * settiement date: | 4/30/2015 |
| * maturity date: | 4/30/2020 |
| * annual yleld: | 2.434 |
| * annual coupon rate: | 1.375 |
| - coupon frequency. | semidinvial v |
| - day count convention: | actuilactual ${ }^{\text {\% }}$ |

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Input information:

| bond duration |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| settlement date | Thursday, April 30, 2015 |
| maturity date | Thursday, April 30, 2020 |
| annual yield | $2.434 \%$ |
| annual coupon rate | $1.375 \%$ |
| coupon frequency | semi-annual |
| day count convention | actual/actual |

## Results:

| modified duration | 4.786 |
| :--- | :--- |
| convexity | $0.2573 \mathrm{yr} / \%$ (years per percent) |

# California Government Code 53601 

"(b) United States Treasury notes, bonds, bills, or certificates of indebtedness, or those for which the faith and credit of the United States are pledged for the payment of principal and interest."

## CA Government Code 53601 Guidelines

| Investment Type | Maximum <br> Maturity ${ }^{\text {C }}$ | Max Specified \% of <br> Portfolio ${ }^{\text {D }}$ | Minimum Quality <br> Requirements |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| U.S. Treasury Obligations | 5 Years | None | None |

C Section 53601 provides that the maximum term of any investment authorized under this section, unless otherwise stated, is five years. However, the legislative body may grant express authority to make investments either specifically or as a part of an investment program approved by the legislative body that exceeds this five year maturity limit. Such approval must be issued no less than three months prior to the purchase of any security exceeding the five-year maturity limit.

D Percentages apply to all portfolio investments regardless of source of funds. For instance, cash from a reverse repurchase agreement would be subject to the restrictions.
$\square$ Match your risk profile
$\square$ Provides diversifications

- Lower volatility
- Increased liquidity
$\square$ Helps manage credit risk exposure
$\square$ Passive Investment strategy
- Passive or enhanced indexing to Treasury benchmark
$\square$ Active Investment strategy
- Relative value opportunities
- Market timing


## Relative Value

(2 year Fannie Mae Note vs 2 year Treasury Note)
May 2001 - December 2001


## Market Anomalies

(Looming Government Shutdown 2013 )
1 month T-Bill Rates (January 2013 - September 2014)


## QUESTIONS

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