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MBS Recap: Calm Week So Far, But All Bets Are Off After Jobs Report



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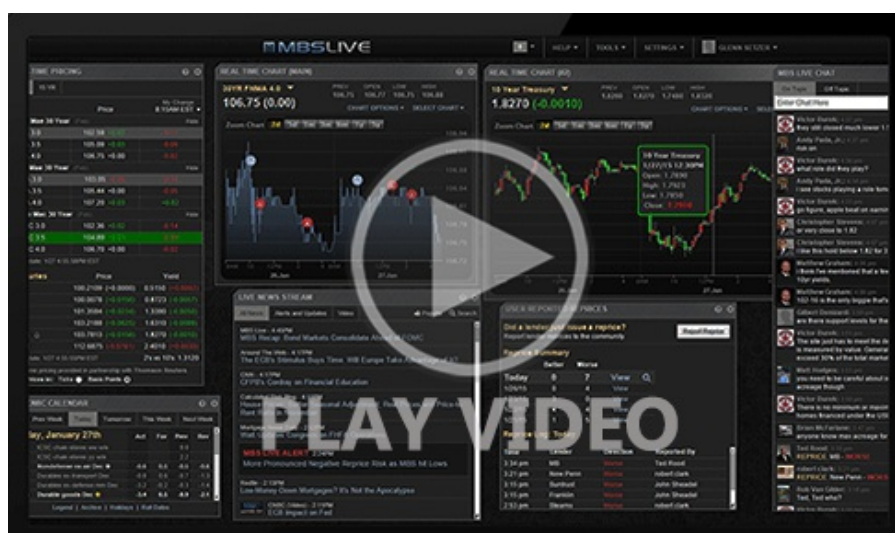
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Bonds were slightly weaker overnight and did just a bit more selling after the Jobless Claims data, but the losses were erased by the early afternoon. Even then, they were never that big in the first place. The muted volatility fit nicely in a week where the tone has been decidedly calm and the range has been reliably narrow. It's also a perfect set up for the report that always reserves the right to rock the boat (Friday morning's jobs report). Expectations are for a fairly middle-of-the-road 200k print for nonfarm payrolls and a slight uptick in the unemployment rate.



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Econ Data / Events

- ○ Jobless Claims
 - 224k vs 215k f'cast, 213k prev
- Continued Claims
 - 1871k vs 1910k f'cast, 1896k prev

Market Movement Recap

- 08:46 AM Modestly weaker overnight and slight additional losses after solid jobless claims data. MBS down 5 ticks (.16) and 10yr up 2.6bps at 4.214.
- 02:13 PM Bouncing back a bit into the PM hours. MBS down only 1 tick (.03) and 10yr down half a bp at 4.183
- 03:29 PM Best levels of the day with MBS now unchanged and 10yr down 1.5bps at 4.173

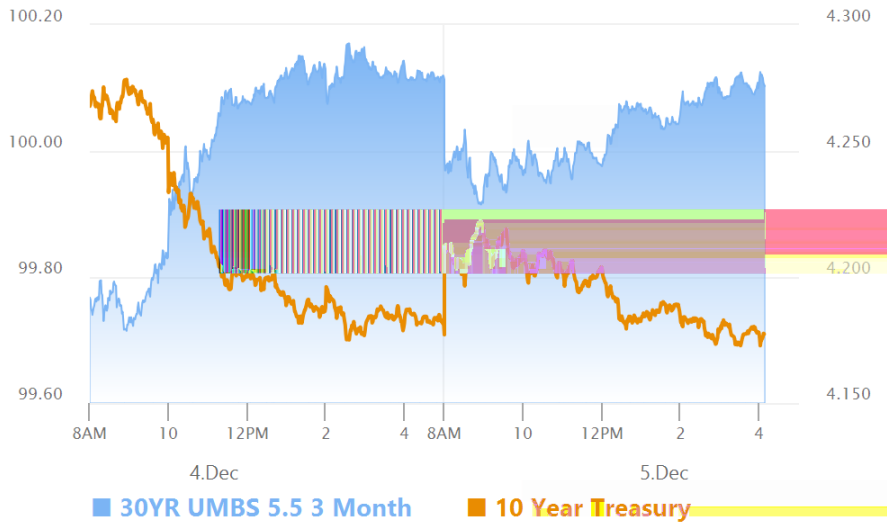
Lock / Float Considerations

- Bonds made it through the Thanksgiving trading week in the best possible shape relative to the incoming data. The rising rate trend from October was defeated 2 weeks ago and the initial sideways trajectory gave way to a modest recovery. Nonetheless, it continues to be up to incoming economic data to determine the next "real" move in rates. So far this week, data has merely helped rates hold near their lowest recent levels. The only major report left is Friday's jobs report.

Technical/Trends in 10yr (why 10yr)

- Ceiling/Support (can be used as "lock triggers")
 - 4.43
 - 4.35
 - 4.30
 - 4.20
- Floor/Resistance
 - 3.99
 - 4.12

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MBS

30YR UMBS 5.5	+
30YR UMBS 6.0	+
30YR GNMA 5.5	+
15YR UMBS-15 5.0	

US Treasuries

10 YR	4.177%	-0.012%
2 YR	4.143%	+0.013%
30 YR	4.335%	-0.010%
5 YR	4.073%	+0.005%

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