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MBS Recap: Data-Driven Weakness



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Data-Driven Weakness

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It was a reasonably straightforward day for the bond market. Trading was flat overnight, then weaker after the 8:30am Jobless Claims data. That report is hit and miss as a market mover, but a sub-200k print without any recent seasonal spike is certainly worth a few bps of weakness. Impacts were most notable in Fed Funds Rate expectations, which have now fully eliminated any possibility for a January cut and lowered the probability of a March cut from over 40% last week to under 20% today. In the bigger picture, longer-term rates remain squarely range-bound and MBS remain broken out the top of their comparable range thanks to GSE purchases.



Lock / Float Considerations

- There were two ways to approach lock/float decisions yesterday afternoon (lenders who didn't reprice for the better had a bit of a cushion today, and it showed. Lenders who repriced were susceptible to today's weakness). Contrast that to this afternoon where there's been little-to-no reprice activity and Friday's risk/reward profile is more balanced. Certainly, GSE MBS purchases offer some built-in insulation for risk-tolerant clients. But broader bond market bearishness and our nearness to multi-year lows in conventional rates present compelling lock opportunities for the risk-averse crowd.

Technicals/Trends in 10yr (why 10yr)

- **Ceiling/Support** (can be used as "lock triggers")
 - o 4.48
 - o 4.40
 - o 4.34
 - o 4.28
 - o 4.19
 - o 4.12
 - o 4.05
- **Floor/Resistance**
 - o 3.89
 - o 3.97

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30YR UMBS 5.0
30YR UMBS 5.5
30YR GNMA 5.0

US Treasuries

10 YR	4.171%	+0.039%
2 YR	3.566%	+0.056%
30 YR	4.795%	+0.013%
5 YR	3.769%	+0.061%

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