

MBS Recap: Surprisingly Big Bond Rally Relative to The Data



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Bonds went on a bit of a buying spree on Thursday. It was the biggest rally day since November, at least, and that's impressive given the motivations. Specifically, there was a trifecta of downbeat labor market reports (Challenger, Jobless Claims, and Job Openings). Individually, none of these are worth a third of the move we saw today, but the whole was greater than the sum of its parts. There's also a 4th report being traded today: next week's big jobs report. In other words, between yesterday's ISM employment numbers and today's reports, traders are taking a cautious lead-off ahead of the big jobs report. This raises the stakes for volatility next Wednesday morning.

The screenshot shows the MBS LIVE interface. On the left, a 'REAL TIME PRICING' table displays bond yields for various maturities, including 10-Year, 20-Year, and 30-Year bonds. The 30-Year bond table shows a significant jump in price from 106.75 to 106.88. In the center, a 'REAL TIME CHART (BOND)' for the 30-Year bond shows a sharp upward trend from 106.75 to 106.88. To the right, a 'REAL TIME CHART (TREASURY)' for the 10-Year Treasury shows a similar upward trend from 1.8270 to 1.8268. A large circular play button is overlaid on the charts. On the far right, a 'REAL TIME CHAT' window is active with multiple users commenting on the market's performance. At the bottom, there are news headlines and a calendar.



Watch the Video

MBS Morning

9:21 AM Stronger Start Thanks to Employment Data

2:01 PM

Econ Data / Events

- - Continued Claims (Jan)/24
 - 1,844K vs 1850K fcast, 1827K prev
 - Jobless Claims (Jan)/31
 - 231K vs 212K fcast, 209K prev

Market Movement Recap

08:32 AM Modestly stronger overnight with additional gains after AM data. MBS up almost an eighth and 10yr down 4bps at 4.24

10:06 AM Additional gains after JOLTS data with 10yr down 5 bps at 4.228 and MBS up 5 ticks (.16).

01:09 PM Best levels of the day. MBS up a quarter point and 10yr down 7.1bps at 4.207

Lock / Float Considerations

- Thursday's labor market data got bonds moving in a more serious way. There is no remaining big ticket data this week, but the clear implication is for next Wednesday's jobs report to either endorse a move back into the previous range or reinforce the recent breakout. On a short-term, tactical note, if you're floating with a lender who didn't offer any noticeable improvement today, you're more insulated than normal going into tomorrow.

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

MBS & Treasury Markets



MBS

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

US Treasuries

10 YR	4.207%	-0.071%
2 YR	3.480%	-0.075%
30 YR	4.860%	-0.060%
5 YR	3.749%	-0.082%

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