The Day Ahead: Bonds Mostly Finding Their Own Buyers

There are three distinct reasons that could account for bonds paradoxically rallying overnight despite oil prices remaining high and an absence of meaningful de-escalation in the Iran war.

The most notable development has been the correction in Fed Funds Futures that began on Friday morning and extended modestly into this morning.

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Less objectively quantifiable but still likely enough for us to call it out last week was pre-weekend positioning. Specifically, it has made good sense for bonds to be defensive heading into a weekend and recover on Monday if there was no major escalation. Last but not least, it's March 30th, so we'd always need to consider month-end positioning could be creating some of its own momentum for bonds. The net effect is a 3/8ths gain in MBS and a 7bp drop in 10yr yields (currently just under 4.37). Much like last week, this is a nice little recovery on a Monday, but by no means evidence of a broader reversal.