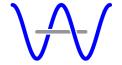
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# The Treasury and the Fed: a Symbiotic Relationship, and What it Means for Interest Rates

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#### **Presentation Overview**

- The Treasury is not "Going Long"
- Don't Underestimate the Fed
- Symbiosis in the Bond Market
- The Future of the Fed Portfolio
- Interest Rate Scenarios

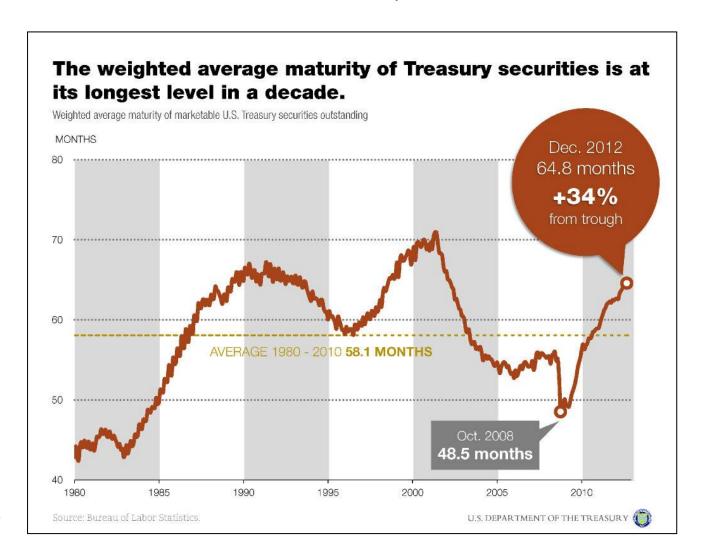


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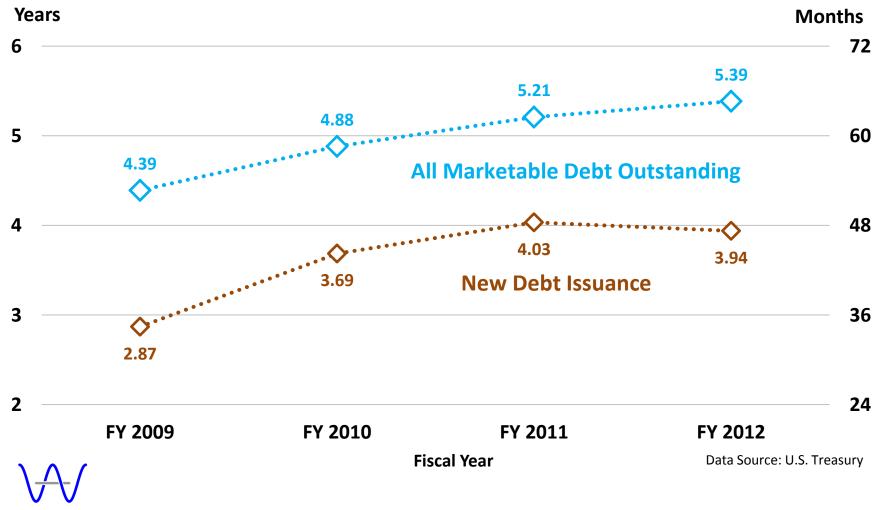
#### Chart from the U.S. Treasury

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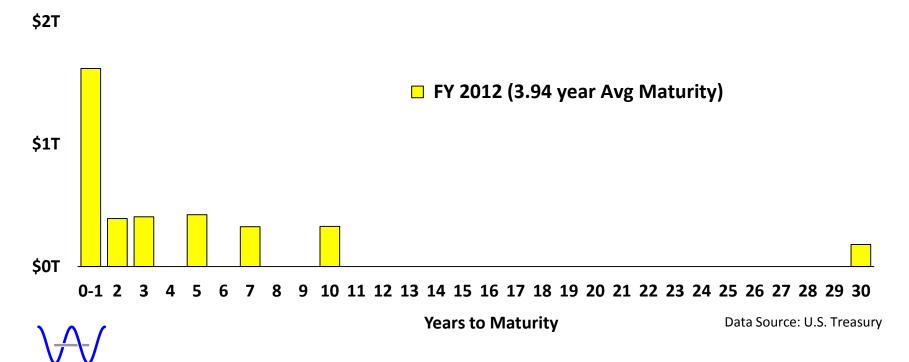


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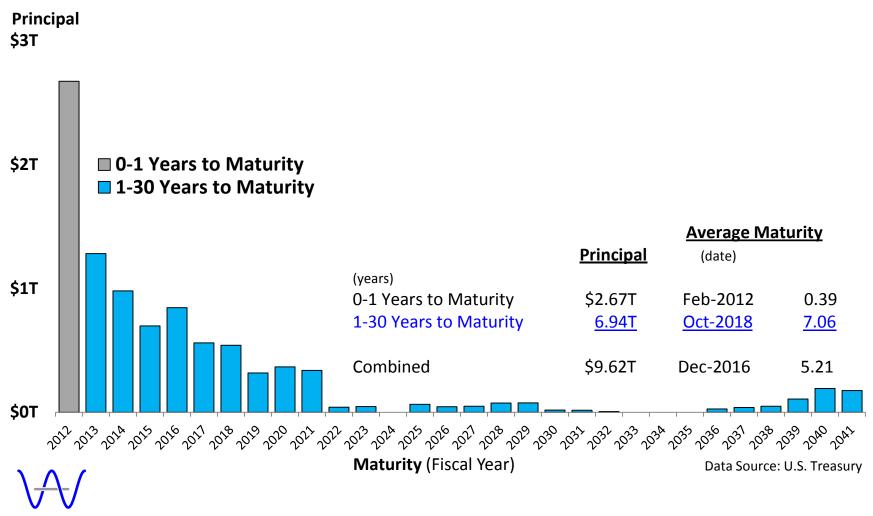


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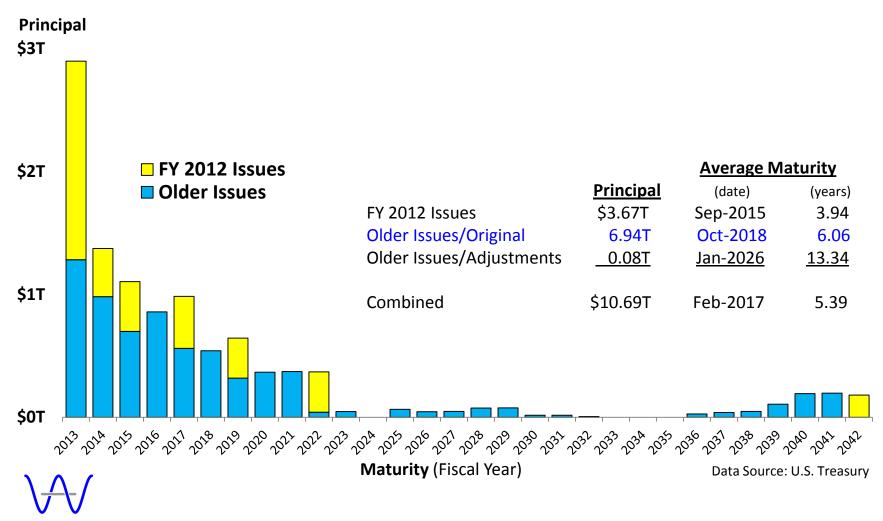
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## Marketable U.S. Treasury Securities Outstanding at 2011 Fiscal Year End (9/30/2011)



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# **Explaining Changes in Weighted Average Life**

Group	FY 2011	FY 2012	Change
FY13-41, Issued by FY11	7.06	6.06	-1.00
FY12, Issued by FY11	-1.85		1.85
FY12 New Issues		-0.73	-0.73
FY12 Adjustments		0.06	0.06
Totals	5.21	5.39	0.18

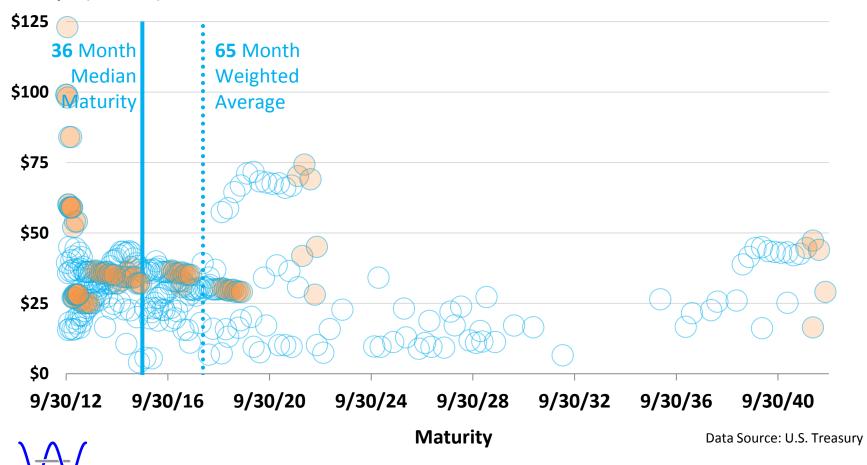


#### **U.S. Treasury Marketable Securities**

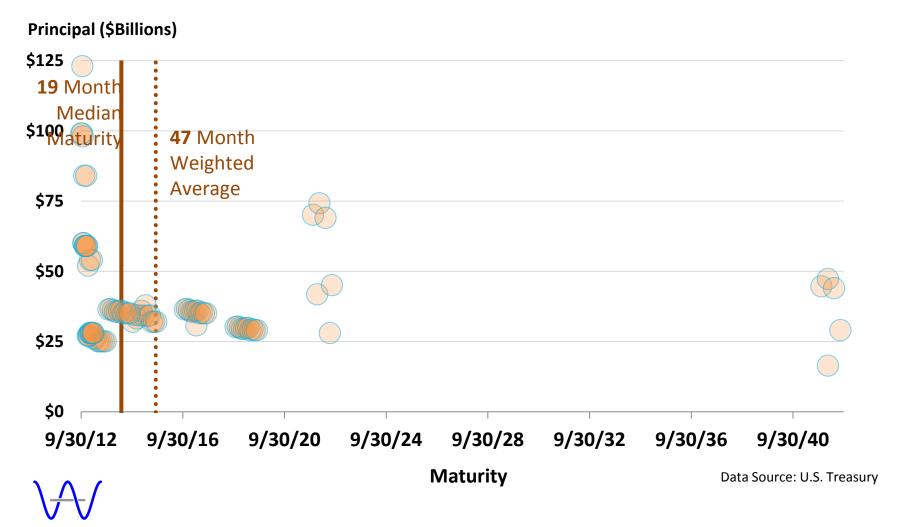
#### **All Outstanding Securities**

#### as of September 30, 2012

#### Principal (\$Billions)



# U.S. Treasury Marketable Securities Securities Issued in Fiscal Year 2012 as of September 30, 2012



### Don't Underestimate the Fed



### Fed Actions in the Treasury Market

- Quantitative Easing and Operation Twist
- Reduce **Duration** Held by Private Investors:

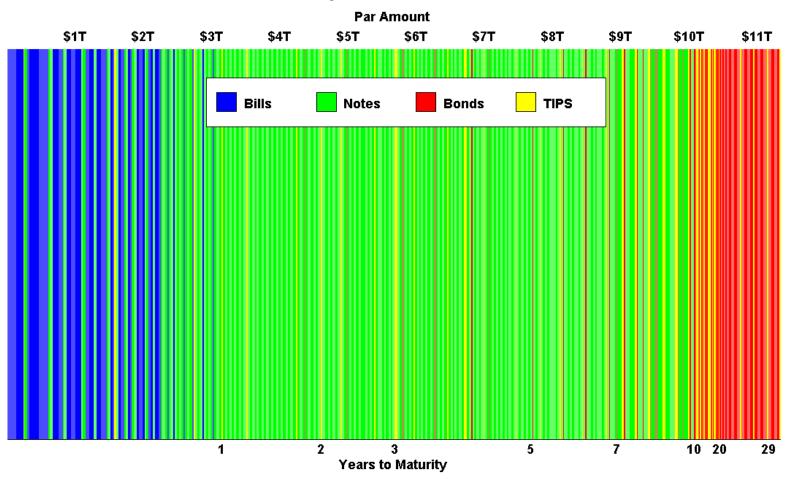
By reducing the supply of duration in the market, this action should put downward pressure on longer-term interest rates relative to levels that would otherwise prevail.

Fed measures impact in terms of "10-Year Equivalents"



# "Spectrum" of Marketable Treasurys as of March 2013

#### by Par Amount

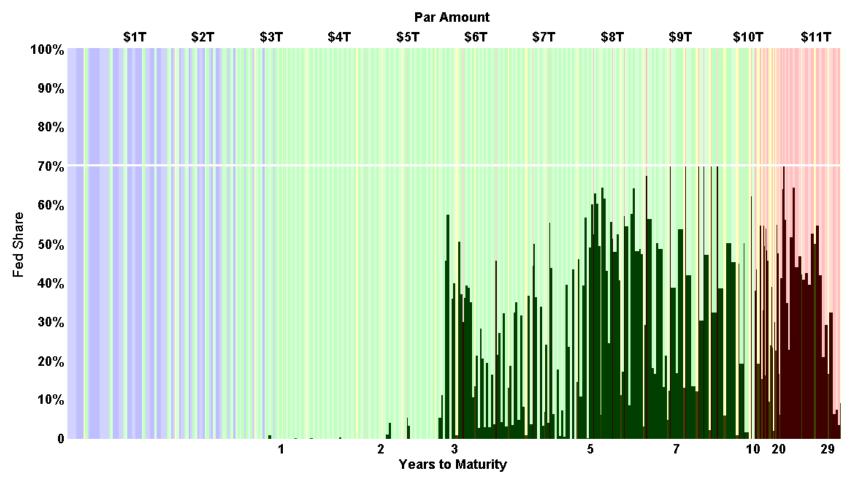




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#### Marketable Treasurys as of March 2013 16% Fed Share

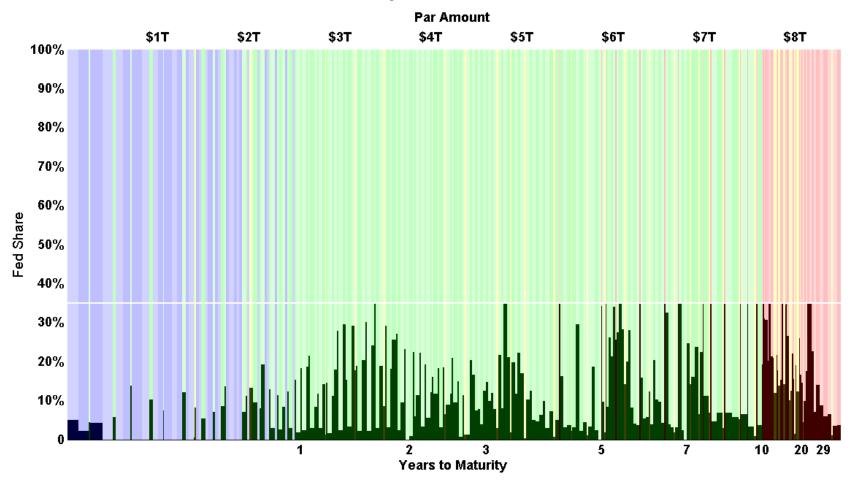
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### Marketable Treasurys as of September 2010 9% Fed Share

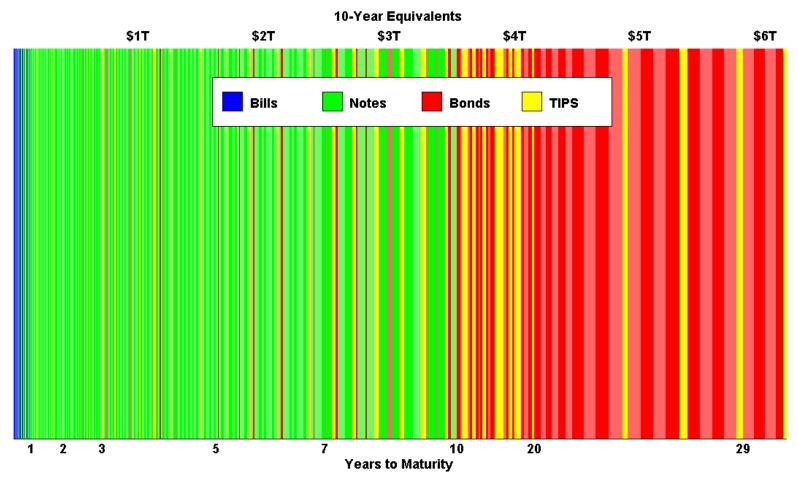
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# Marketable Treasurys Outstanding as of March 2013

by Ten-Year Equivalents

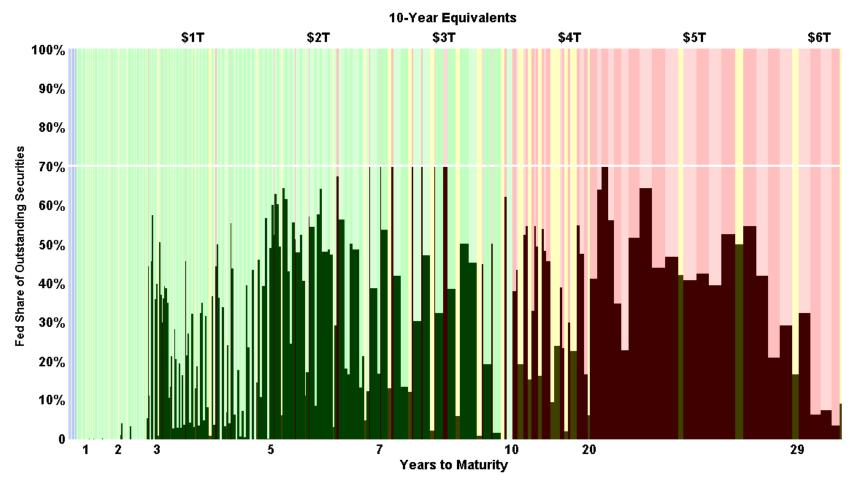




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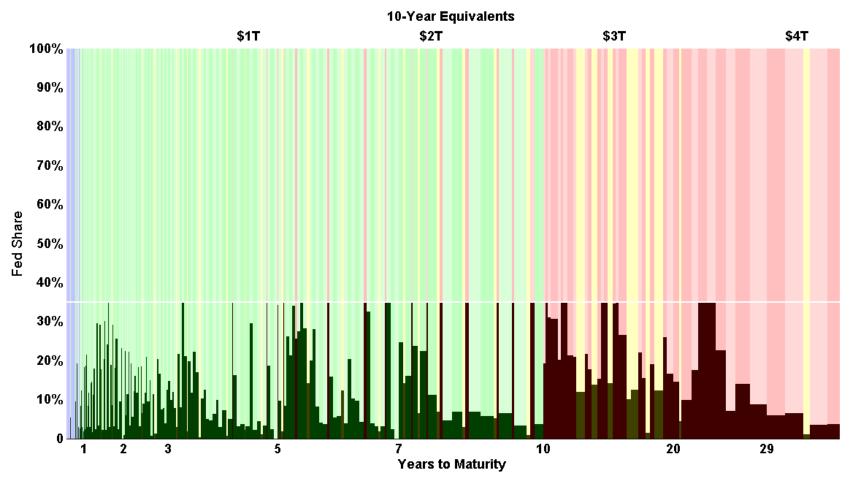
#### by Ten-Year Equivalents





### Marketable Treasurys as of September 2010 13% Fed Share

#### by Ten-Year Equivalents





#### The Fed's Impact on the Treasury Market

in "Ten-Year Equivalents"

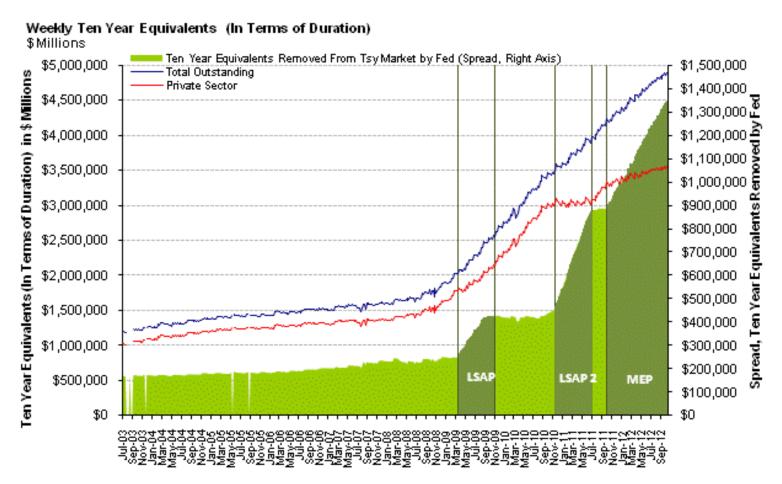
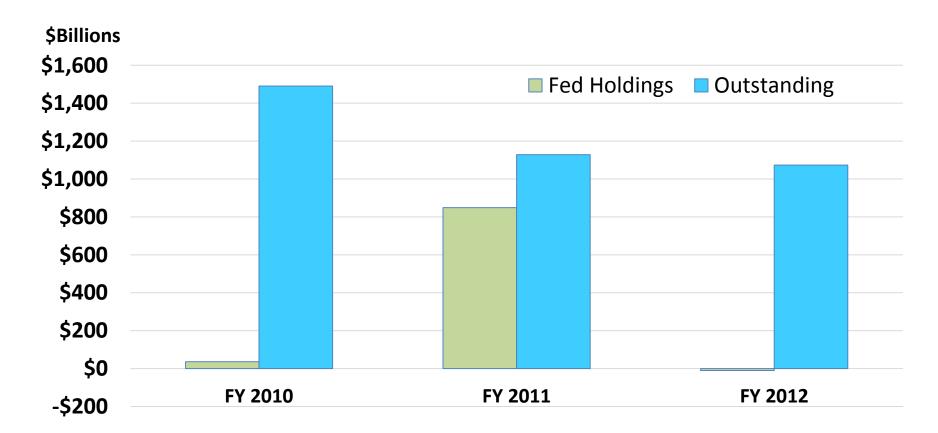




Chart Source: Stone & McCarthy Research Associates

## Marketable Treasurys Annual Changes in Par Amount

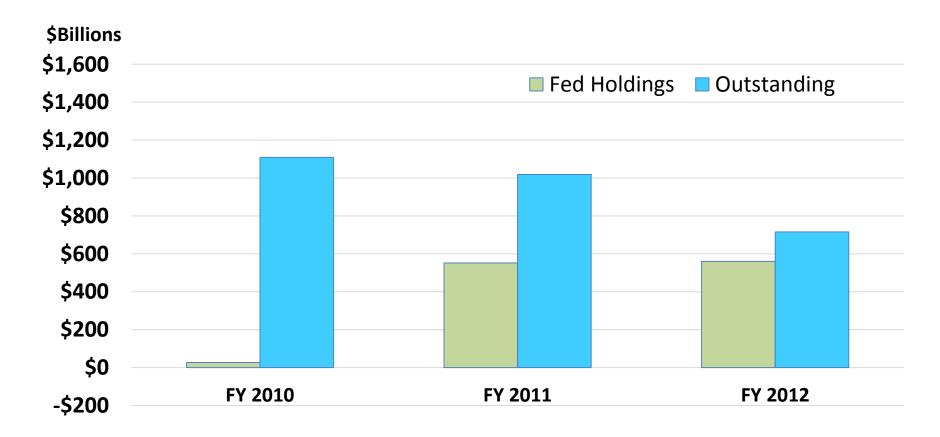
#### **Fed Holdings Compared to All Outstanding**





# Marketable Treasurys Annual Changes in Ten-Year Equivalents

**Fed Holdings Compared to All Outstanding** 





### **Symbiosis in the Bond Market**

### The Fed helps the Treasury:

- Low rates keep interest costs low
- Front-loaded debt exacerbates Treasury's need for low rates
- Fed remits net interest income to the Treasury
- If Fed stimulus succeeds, more revenue to the Treasury

### The Treasury helps the Fed:

 Limited flow of long debt supports the Fed's efforts to reduce duration held by private investors



#### The Future of the Fed Portfolio

#### Observations

- In a sense, Treasurys held by Fed have not yet been issued or priced
- Effective pricing to Treasury will be set when Fed sells
- Fed could become a second issuer of Treasurys

#### Questions

- When will portfolio stop growing?
- When and how will it be sold?
- How will sales impact interest rates?



### **Implications for Interest Rates**

#### Three Scenarios:

- Rates rise gradually as economy improves
  - Symbiosis dissolves
- Rates remain at low levels for extended period
  - Symbiosis locks in place
- Rates spike
  - Symbiosis breaks under pressure

