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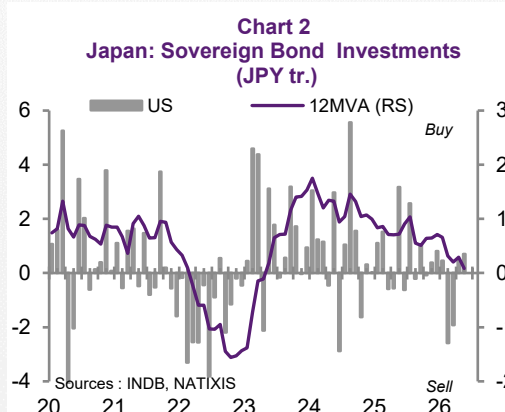
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Japan: private investors are still buying US Treasuries

With US public debt now past USD 40 trillion and the Treasury forced to double its long-end buybacks to calm a buyers' strike that has driven 30-year yields to their highest since 2007, the question of who will keep funding Washington has rarely mattered more. Japan, the largest foreign holder of US Treasuries (UST), looks like a prime candidate to retreat: Treasury International Capital (TIC) data show its holdings falling -5.5% MoM in May to USD 1,143 billion (**Chart 1**). Taken at face value, the number feeds the narrative of a Japanese exit from US debt just as Washington's borrowing needs balloon.

Japan's own Ministry of Finance (MoF) flow data tell the opposite story. Private investors were still net buyers of US sovereign bonds in May, adding JPY 0.7 trillion, and the twelve-month moving average confirms continued, if slower, accumulation (**Chart 2**). The two series diverge for different reasons but the key one is that TIC data includes Japan's foreign reserves managed by the Ministry of Finance (MoF). This means that Japan's forex interventions since April 30th with around USD 70 billion (JPY 11.72 trillion) loss in reserves to defend the Yen, reduced Japan's holdings of UST in that database. And yet, Japan's balance of payments data obviously excludes the change in forex reserves and focused in the change in holdings of investors (portfolio flows). This is where the net purchases of UST by Japan are still growing.

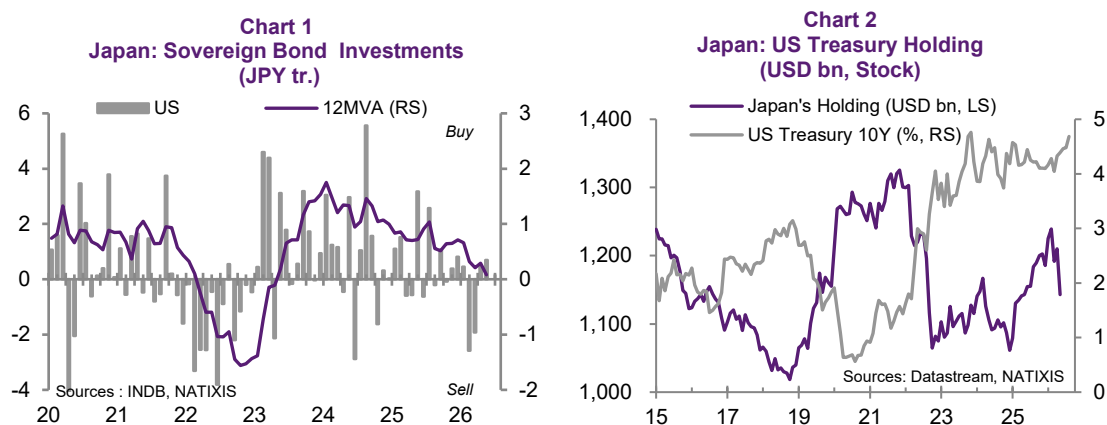
The pace of accumulation is nonetheless fading. The BoJ's cautious normalisation — hiking at roughly six-month intervals — has kept the Yen weak, lifted inflation expectations and pushed long-end JGB yields higher, while persistently low short-term rates keep FX hedging costs elevated and eat into the net return on US bonds. On a hedged basis, Japanese government bonds now out-yield Treasuries, dulling the case for US exposure. The real risk for US Treasuries is therefore not May's headline TIC drop but a faster BoJ, which is what the market is discounting by now. We are also aligned with a BoJ's faster move, with a hike in September instead of October, which might push to a further slowdown in the accumulation of Treasuries by Japanese investors. This could have global implications for the US Treasury market, especially at the current difficult juncture.



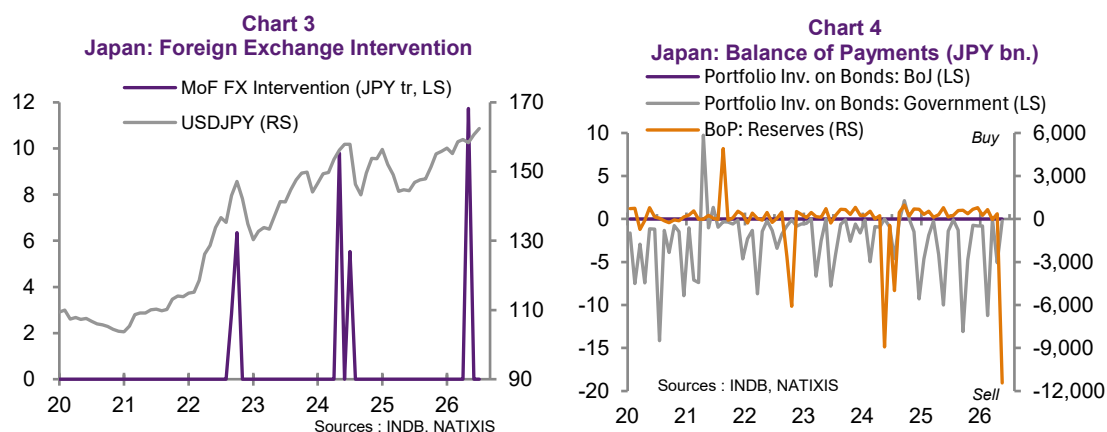
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Japanese investors have been net-buyers of US sovereign bonds (**Chart 1**). In fact, they increased their net-exposure by JPY +0.7 trillion in May, while the trend measured by the twelve-moving average¹ (12MVA) also reveals the Japanese were net-investors albeit at a slower pace. These statistics from Japan's Ministry of Finance (MoF) contrasts to those from the Treasury International (TIC) System compiled by the US Department of Treasury. From the US report, Japan's holding of Treasuries sharply declined by -5.5% MoM in May to USD 1,143 billion (**Chart 2**) and fell an additional \$26.4bn in June with the latter mostly in Treasury bills. These results have led to conflicting interpretations in the financial markets on how the Japanese have been investing in the US government bond market.



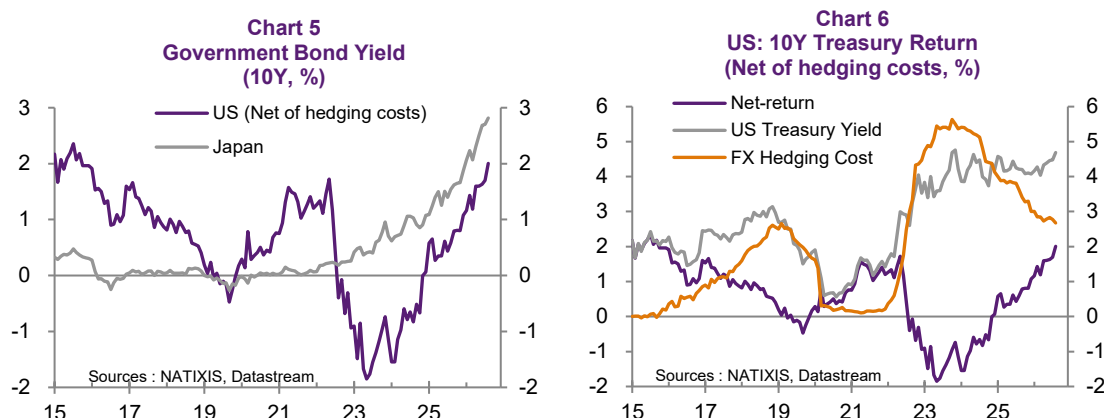
The divergence arises from different classifications of the government intervention in the foreign exchange market on official statistics. For example, the MoF and the Bank of Japan (BoJ) intervened in the market from April 30th to May 6th to support the Yen which was rapidly depreciating to USDJPY=160 (**Chart 3**). The Japanese authorities bought JPY 11.72 trillion worth of Yen against USD, by selling US Treasuries. On Japan's MoF statistics, these transactions were recorded as changes in foreign reserve assets, because FX interventions are not portfolio investments by the BoJ or the government (**Chart 4**). On the other hand, the US TIC data reflects the results from the market intervention, which can explain why Japan's holding sharply fell in May (**Chart 2**).



¹ The twelve-month moving average (12MVA) intends to reduce the seasonality of the volatile portfolio flow statistics.

In addition to differentiation of public and private holdings, the other important differences between Japan MoF and US TIC data include valuation effects, sourcing of data, and jurisdiction. For example, regarding jurisdiction, the TIC data is primarily based on where the transaction or custody of the security takes place, whereas the MoF tracks the ultimate investor's location (why the UK and Cayman Islands holdings in the TIC data is often regarded as reflecting the holdings of hedge funds). Also, the TIC data treats foreign branches of Japanese banks as US residents, while the MoF data may consolidate that under the parent entity. Valuation effects stem from TIC using market value, while MoF uses transaction value, and regarding sourcing of data is different with TIC compiled as a record of US cross-border financial liabilities while the MoF uses reports from major financial institutions and balance of payments reports. So the two series can diverge at times for a variety of reasons, and for the purpose of this note, we believe the MoF data to be more reliable.

While the Japanese investors haven't reduced their net-investments on US sovereign bonds, their pace has been slowing over the past few years (**Chart 1**). One of the reasons could be the BoJ's cautious policy normalization by raising the policy rate at about six-month intervals. This has raised inflation expectations through a weaker Yen, which in turn sharply lifted Japan's bond yield at the long end of the curve (**Chart 5**). On the other hand, the decline in foreign exchange hedging cost measured by short-term interest rate differential between the US and Japan could have been gradual (**Chart 6**). This reflects the BoJ's cautious stance on normalization, limiting the rise in Japan's short-term interest rates. On the back of these developments, Japan's bond yield has been above the net-return in the US bond market, making US bond less attractive. These metrics favoring Japanese bonds could change if the BoJ increases the pace of policy normalization to stabilize the Yen and inflation expectations.



Conclusion

Japanese investors have been increasing their net-exposures on US government bonds albeit at a slower pace. While Japan's holding of US Treasuries has recently fallen rapidly on the US TIC statistics, this also reflects the consequences from the foreign exchange market intervention in May by the Japanese authorities. Hence, Japan's MoF statistics on portfolio investment which excludes changes in foreign reserves from market intervention would be more appropriate to understand Japanese investor's appetites on US bonds.

The BoJ's cautious stance on policy normalization could have increased attractiveness of Japanese government bond relative to the US. On the one hand, the cautious stance has raised Japan's long-term bond yield, as the low policy rate has weakened the Yen, which in turn raised inflation expectations and the bond yield. On the other hand, the low short-term interest rate in Japan has kept the foreign exchange hedging cost elevated, which reduced net-return on US bonds. These metrics favoring Japanese bonds could change if the BoJ increases the pace of policy normalization to stabilize the Yen and inflation expectations.

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