

# TREASURY MARKET STRUCTURE & RECENT STRESSES

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# **Executive Summary**

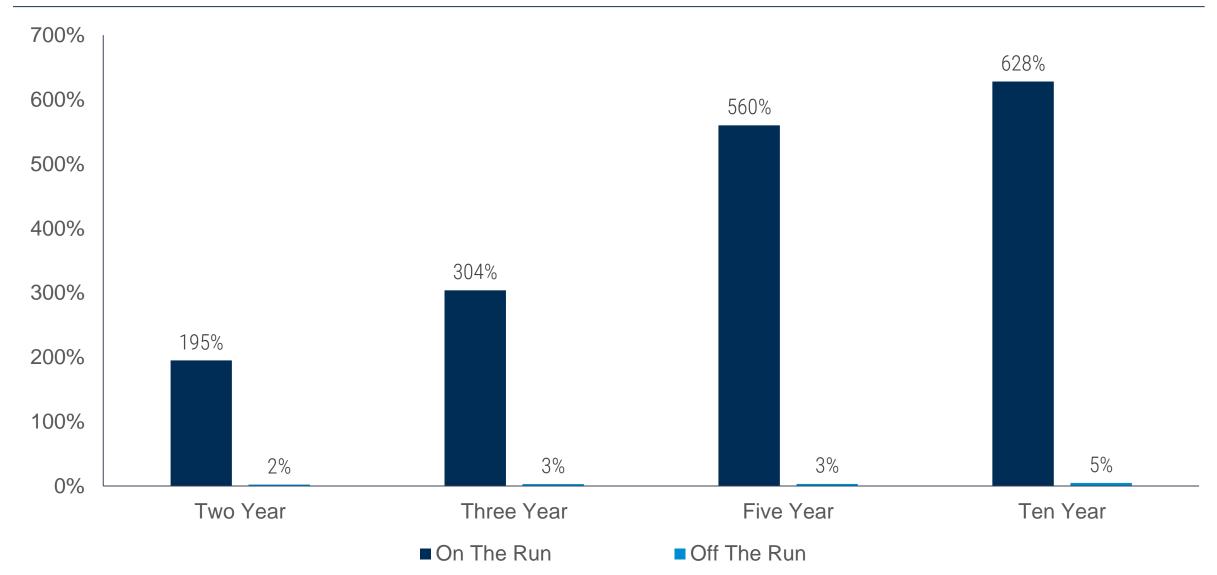
- 1 Treasuries are not a uniform market
- 2 Surprise shock from Covid prompted heavy redemptions and overseas dash for dollars
- 3 Treasury markets rely on multiple participants, not just traditional dealers, for liquidity
- 4 Repo financing relies heavily on bilateral relationships
- 5 Expanded central clearing solutions and other reforms are appropriate

# Multiple Markets That Function Differently



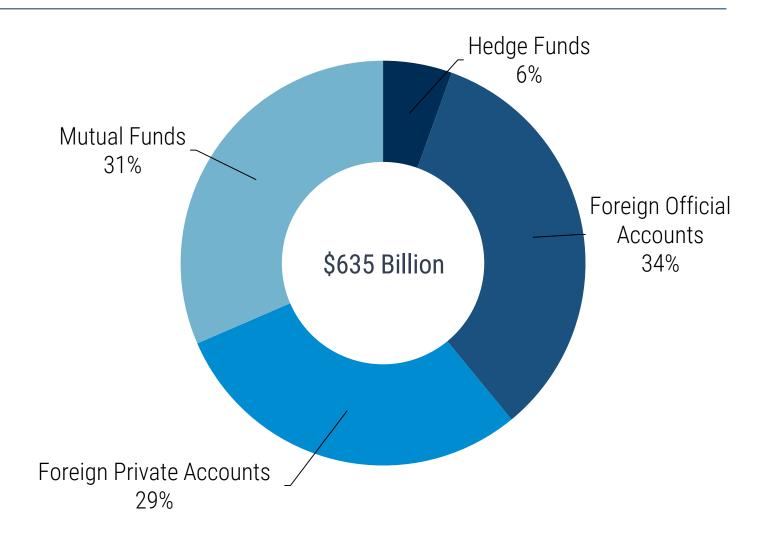
# A Tale of Multiple Markets: Treasury On-the-Runs and Off-the-Runs

### WEEKLY VELOCITY OF TREASURY MARKET TURNOVER, BY MARKET, SEPTEMBER 2021



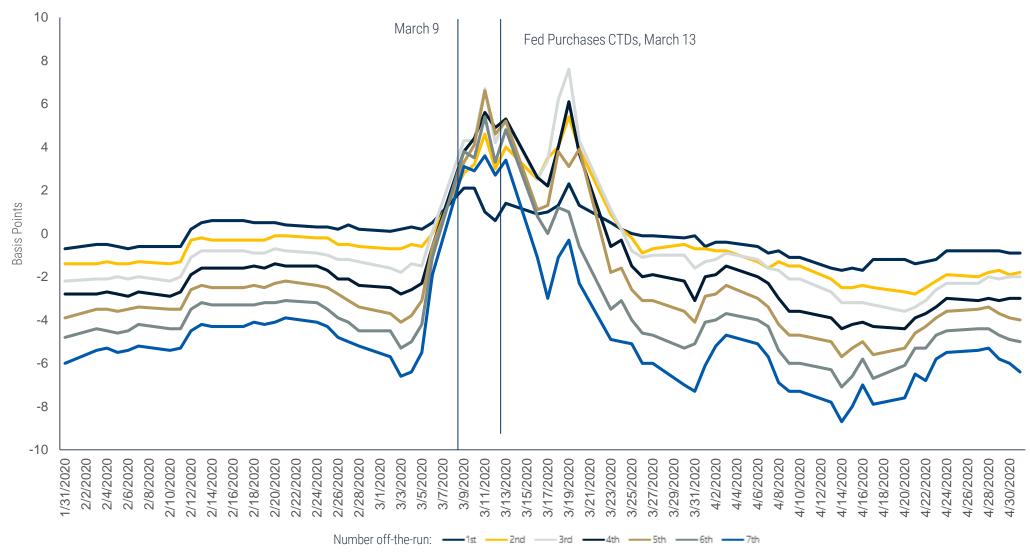
# Foreign Accounts Were Responsible For Most Treasury Sales In March 2020

### SALES OF TREASURIES IN MARCH 2020, BY PARTICIPANT TYPE



# Deeper Off-The-Run Treasuries Suddenly Hit Secondary Markets in Early March

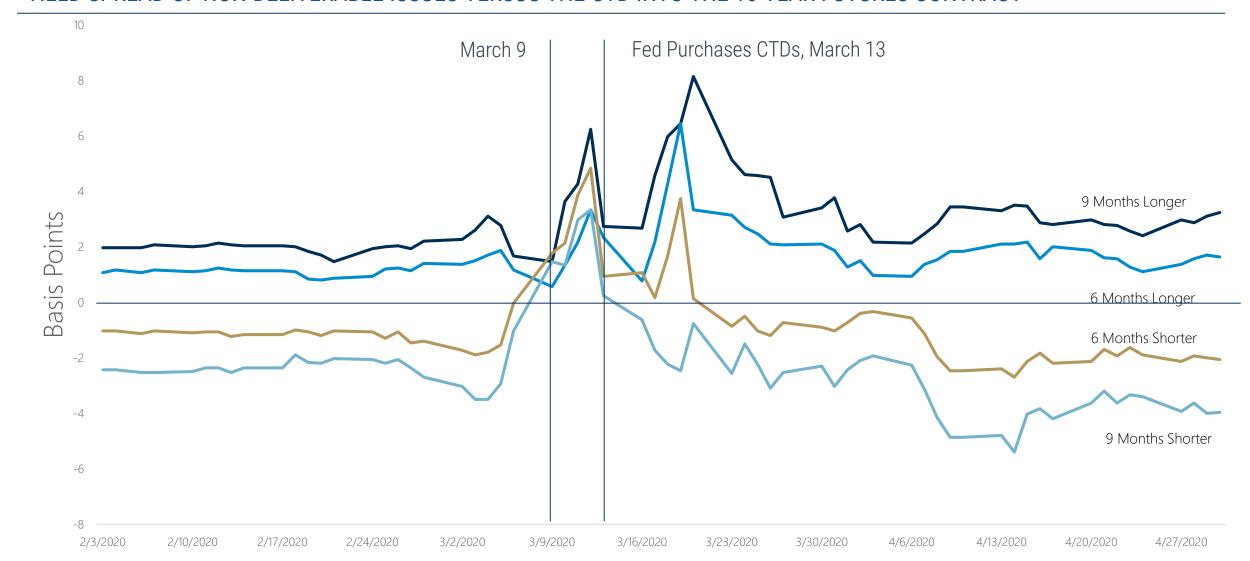
### NOMINAL OFF THE RUN SPREADS VS. ON THE RUN 10-YEAR NOTE



Source: Managed Funds Association 6

# Open Question: Why Did the Cheapest to Deliver (CTD) Issues Outperform?

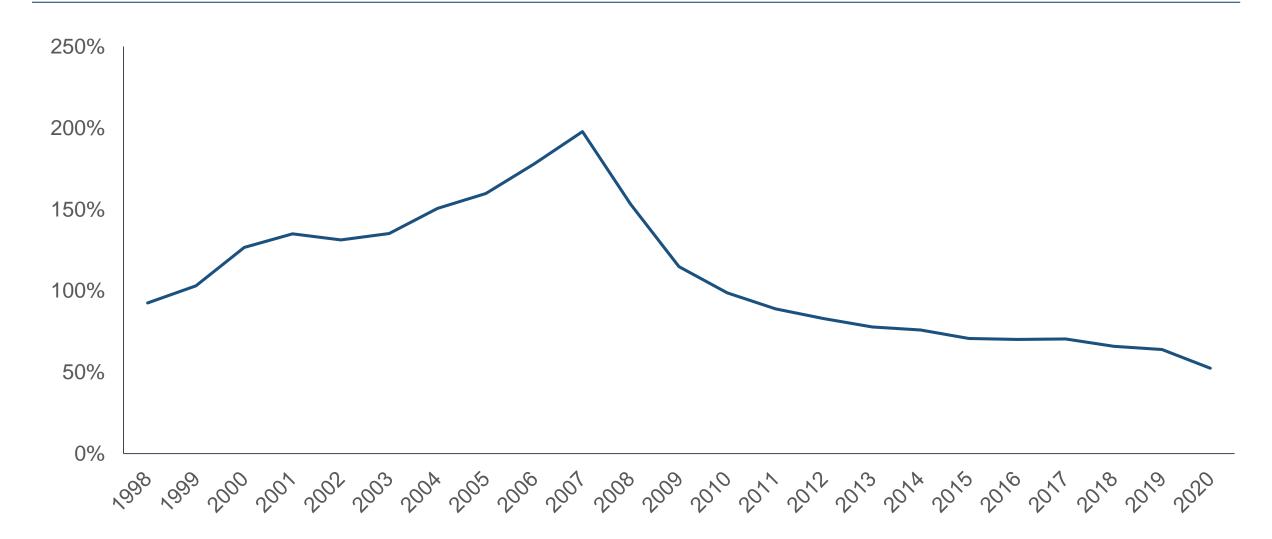
### YIELD SPREAD OF NON-DELIVERABLE ISSUES VERSUS THE CTD INTO THE 10-YEAR FUTURES CONTRACT



Source: Managed Funds Association

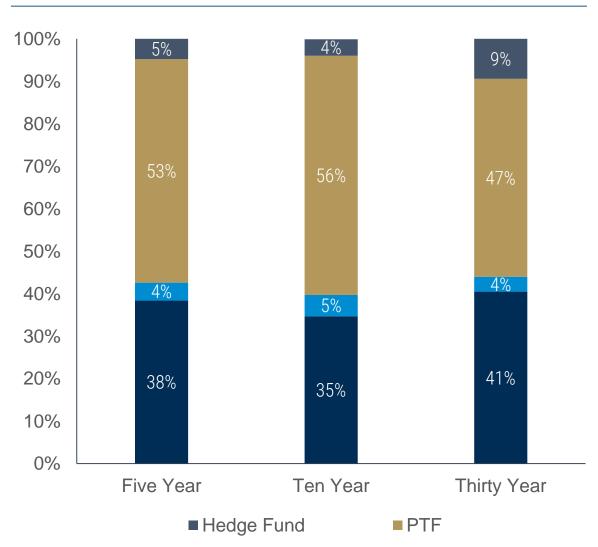
# Treasury Market Has Ballooned Beyond Dealer Capacity To Finance

### BANK BALANCE SHEETS AS A SHARE OF MARKETABLE TREASURIES OUTSTANDING

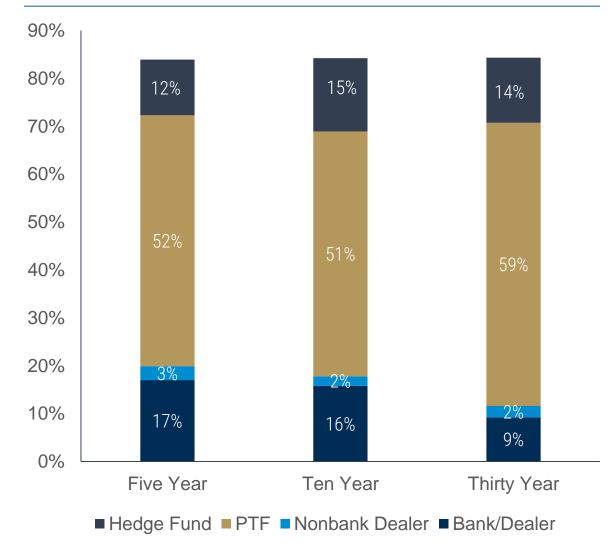


# Treasury Markets Rely On Multiple Participants For Liquidity

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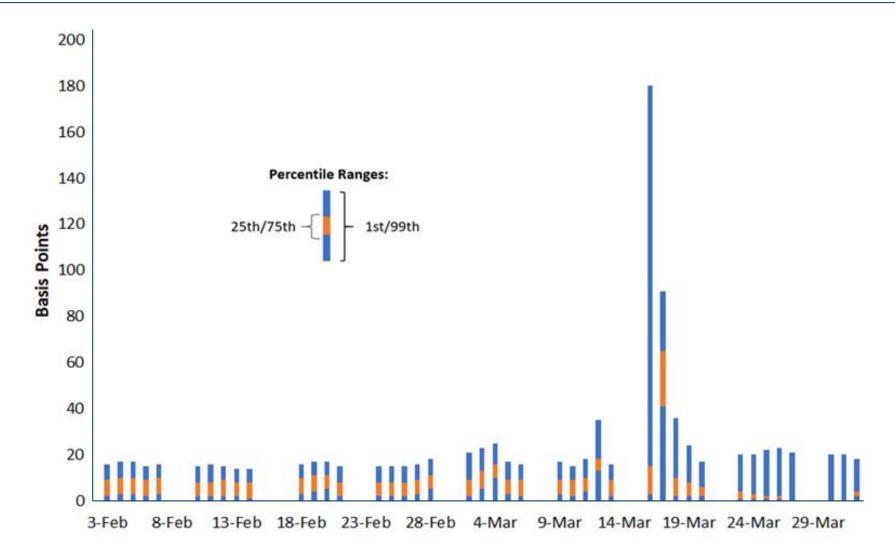


### SHARE OF TREASURY FUTURES TRADING BY FIRM TYPE, 2014



# The Price of Repo Finance Became Much More Tiered During March 2020

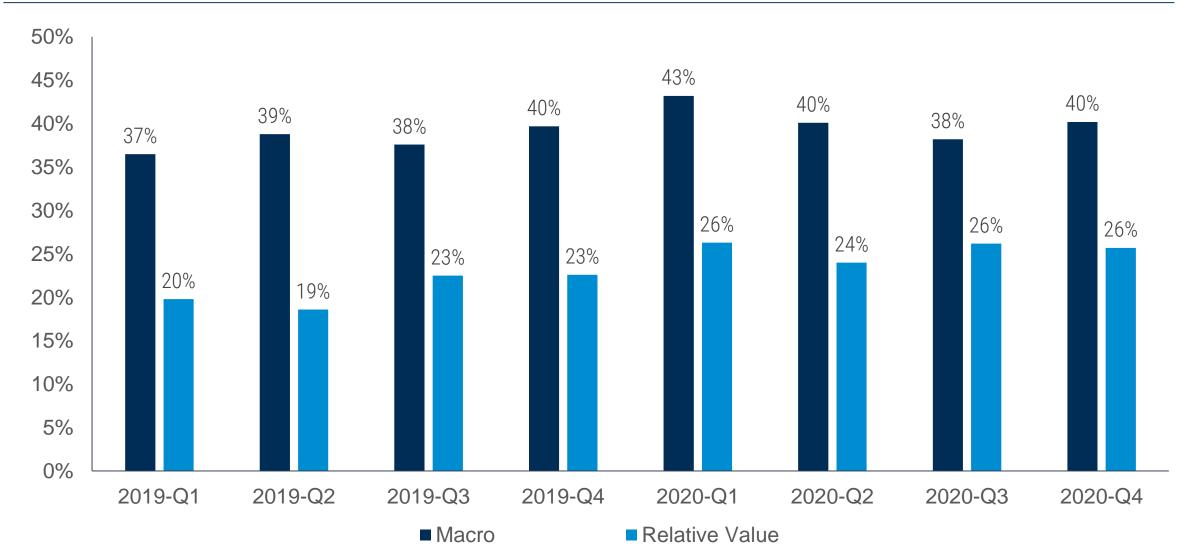
### SOFR REPO RATE: SPREAD BETWEEN CHEAPEST AND MOST EXPENSIVE REPOS



Source: Federal Reserve Bank of New York

# High Unencumbered Cash At Hedge Funds That Trade the Basis is Stabilizing

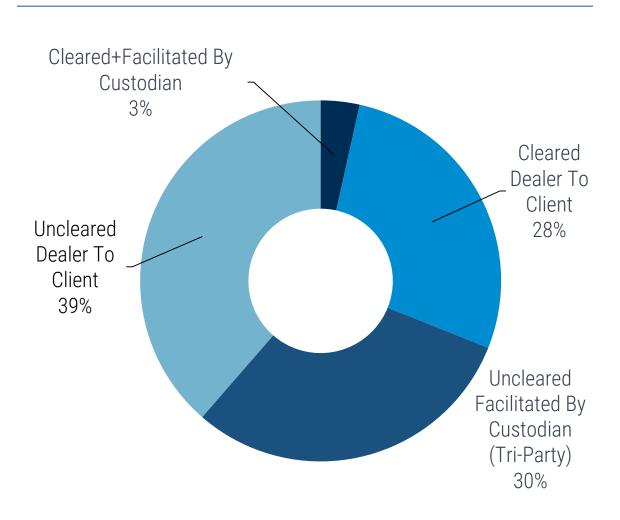
### UNENCUMBERED CASH AS A PERCENT OF NET ASSETS, BY HEDGE FUND STRATEGY



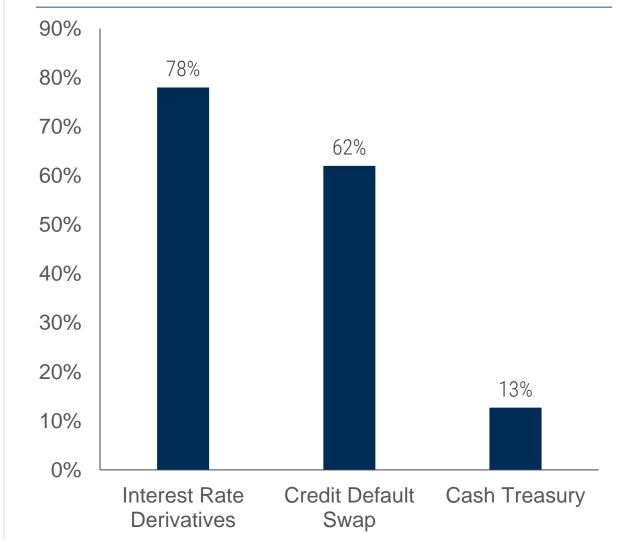
Source: SEC Private Fund Statistics

# Treasury Repo and Cash Markets Do Not Have Enough Central Clearing Options

### REPO MARKET CLEARING ARRANGEMENT



### SHARE OF MARKET CENTRALLY CLEARED, BY SECURITY



### Recommendations

- 1 Expand Central Clearing Solutions
- 2 Make Targeted Enhancements to Regulatory Data Collection
- 3 Carefully Introduce Public Dissemination of Post-Trade Transaction Data
- 4 Rationalize Trading Venue Oversight

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