

# **Outlook for 40Y JGB Auction**

# Good primary sale expected

- ✓ In a favorable market environment for superlong JGBs, we expect the auction for 40Y JGBs to go well tomorrow, despite the low absolute yield level and the richness of 40Y JGBs on the curve. Some factors, such as a yield-Dutch method, expected decent short-covering, and small issuance amount of about 400bn yen, will be supportive for primary sale as well.
- We would like to think about our bidding stance to be able to take the amount we need to cover.

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# **Auction Details**

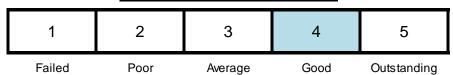
Auction Date: January 29, 2019
Issue Date: January 30, 2019
Maturity Date: December 20, 2058
Offering Amount: About 400 billion yen

Auction Method: Dutch auction on a compound

yield with the increment of 0.5bp

- \* New 40Y JGBs will be the fourth reopening of JU11 carrying a 0.8% coupon.
- \*\* On January 28, JU11 traded at 0.745% (unch v. previous day's close; 0.750% on compound yield) and closed at 0.740% (-0.5bp; 0.746%).

## **Exp. Rating on Auction Results**



40Y JGB yield around 0.75%, the lowest level since December 2016

After the previous 40Y JGB auction went well at the 0.960-0.970% level (or 0.939-0.948% on compound yield basis) on November 27, 2018, the bond markets firmed up partly on lower crude oil prices and global equity prices amid heightening concerns about the global economy. From the beginning of this year, the financial markets appear to be getting out of risk-off mode. In the JGB market, however, superlong JGBs have been firm backed by demand from investors approaching the end of the fiscal year. On January 25, the 40Y JGB yield temporarily declined to 0.740% (or 0.746% on compound yield basis), the lowest level since December 2016 on an intraday basis (Appendix 1).

Demand from investors is strongly expected amid favorable sentiment for superlong JGBs Let's look at the environment surrounding superlong JGBs. Last week, some media reported a clear slowdown in the Chinese economy, reigniting concerns about the global economy. Partly due to the yen appreciation, which strengthened in December, a rebound in Japanese stocks has been weaker than that, for example, in US stocks. In such an environment, it is still difficult for market participants to see JGB yields to rise strongly. The January Outlook for Economic Activity and Prices report the BOJ released last week showed the Bank's strong caution about downside risks both to the economy and prices.



The report gave us an impression that monetary policy normalization has further receded. Although we need to closely watch this week's press conference by Fed chairman Jerome Powell and the subsequent moves in financial markets, market sentiment for superlong JGBs is unlikely to worsen substantially as demand from investors is expected amid a strong attention to the end of the fiscal year.

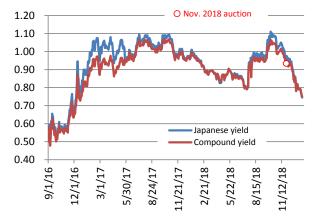
We think about bidding stance to be able to take the amount we need to cover, expecting good auction In such an environment, we expect the auction for 40Y JGBs to go well tomorrow, despite the low absolute yield level and the richness of 40Y JGBs on the curve (Appendix 5). There are some factors to support the primary sales as well, such as, (1) the auction will be conducted in a yield-Dutch method, (2) decent short-covering is expected, and (3) the issuance amount will be relatively small at about 400bn yen. We would like to think about our bidding stance to be able to take the amount we need to cover, assuming the high possibility that the 40Y JGB yield will decline to around 0.7% by the next auction scheduled for March 26.

**40Y JGB Auction Results** 

| Offer<br>Date | Issue# | Nominal<br>Coupon<br>(%) | Maturity<br>Date | Issue<br>Size<br>(100M<br>yen) | B/C  | Highest<br>Accepted<br>Yield (%) | (%)     | Issue<br>Price<br>(yen) | Yield on<br>the<br>previous<br>day (%)** | 30Y/40Y<br>on the<br>previous<br>day (bp)** | Yield at<br>close on<br>the auction<br>day (%)** | 30Y/40Y at<br>close on<br>the auction<br>day (bp)** |      |
|---------------|--------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|------|----------------------------------|---------|-------------------------|--|---|--|---|------|
| 1/29/19       | 11R    | 0.8                      | 3/20/58          | 400*                           |      |                                  |         |                         | 0.750                                    | 9.2   |  |   |      |
| 11/27/18      | 11R    | 0.8                      | 3/20/58          | 449.2                          | 3.85 | 0.940                            | 57.2420 | 95.41                   | 0.943                                    | 12.5  | 0.934  | 12.1  | Good |
| 9/26/18       | 11R    | 0.8                      | 3/20/58          | 399.2                          | 3.24 | 1.025                            | 66.5584 | 92.71                   | 1.027                                    | 14.3  | 1.027  | 14.3  | Good |
| 7/24/18       | 11R    | 0.8                      | 3/20/58          | 399.5                          | 3.30 | 0.880                            | 36.6400 | 97.33                   | 0.896                                    | 12.8  | 0.921  | 13.1  | Good |
| 5/29/18       | 11     | 0.8                      | 3/20/58          | 456.7                          | 3.92 | 0.865                            | 52.4978 | 97.81                   | 0.890                                    | 15.0  | 0.857  | 13.5  | Good |
| 3/27/18       | 10R    | 0.9                      | 3/20/57          | 566.1                          | 3.19 | 0.885                            | 20.6239 | 100.49                  | 0.886                                    | 14.6  | 0.882  | 14.2  | Good |
| 1/12/18       | 10R    | 0.9                      | 3/20/57          | 572.1                          | 3.67 | 0.985                            | 10.8072 | 97.24                   | 0.995                                    | 15.9  | 0.982  | 15.5  | Good |
| 11/28/17      | 10R    | 0.9                      | 3/20/57          | 534.1                          | 3.00 | 1.005                            | 63.8132 | 96.60                   | 0.991                                    | 16.0  | 0.999  | 16.3  | Poor |
| 9/26/17       | 10R    | 0.9                      | 3/20/57          | 556.2                          | 3.24 | 1.015                            | 1.4525  | 96.27                   | 1.012                                    | 19.4  | 1.012  | 19.0  | Good |
| 7/25/17       | 10R    | 0.9                      | 3/20/57          | 563.7                          | 3.20 | 1.045                            | 6.5217  | 95.30                   | 1.046                                    | 18.8  | 1.033  | 18.8  | Good |
| 5/25/17       | 10     | 0.9                      | 3/20/57          | 530.2                          | 2.87 | 0.965                            | 5.1671  | 97.86                   | 0.945                                    | 14.5  | 0.956  | 14.7  | Poor |

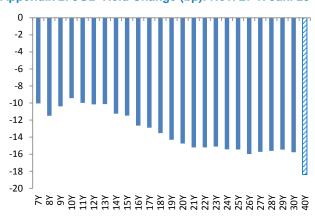
<sup>\*</sup> Issue amount planned by Ministry of Finance \*\* Based on WI for new JU series; as of Jan. 25 close for the Jan. 2019 auction Source: Ministry of Finance (MOF), Daiwa Securities.

### Appendix 1: 40Y JGB Yield (%)



Source: Daiwa Securities.

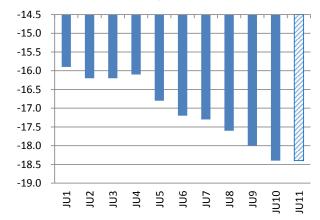
Appendix 2: JGB Yield Change (bp): Nov. 27 v. Jan. 25



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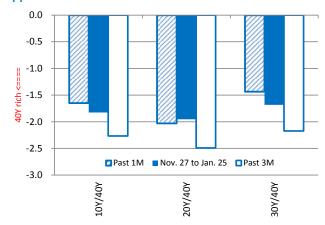


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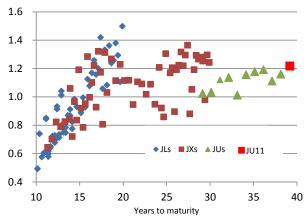
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### Appendix 5a: Z-score I



Source: Daiwa Securities. Note: Based on on-the-run issues

# Appendix 6a: 3M Total Return Curve on Years to Maturity (%)



Note: Assuming that the yield curve shape as on Jan. 25 is unchanged and factoring in roll-down effect etc.

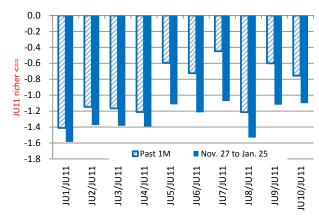
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Appendix 4: 40Y JGBs held by BOJ (Yen billions)

|      | MOF Issue<br>Size | BOJ<br>Holding | % of<br>BOJ<br>Holding | Market<br>Outstanding |
|------|-------------------|----------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| JU1  | 975.4             | 194.8          | 20.0%                  | 780.6                 |
| JU2  | 1,335             | 62             | 4.7%                   | 1,273                 |
| JU3  | 1,356             | 194            | 14.3%                  | 1,162                 |
| JU4  | 1,957             | 220            | 11.2%                  | 1,738                 |
| JU5  | 1,918             | 133            | 6.9%                   | 1,786                 |
| JU6  | 1,985             | 926            | 46.6%                  | 1,059                 |
| JU7  | 2,153             | 1,057          | 49.1%                  | 1,096                 |
| JU8  | 2,315             | 1,225          | 52.9%                  | 1,090                 |
| JU9  | 3,352             | 1,472          | 43.9%                  | 1,880                 |
| JU10 | 3,323             | 1,069          | 32.2%                  | 2,253                 |
| JU11 | 1,705             | 372            | 21.8%                  | 1,333                 |

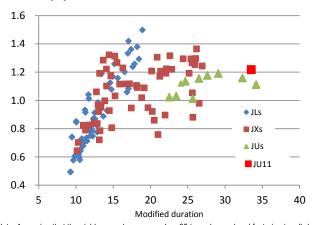
Note: as of Jan. 18 on the BOJ start day Source: Daiwa Securities

### Appendix 5b: Z-score II



Source: Daiwa Securities.

# Appendix 6b: 3M Total Return Curve on Modified Duration (%)

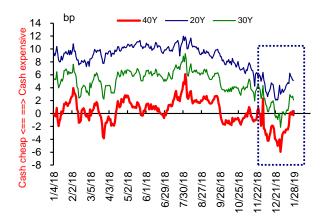


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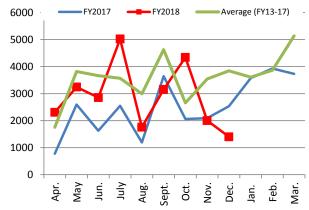


#### **Appendix 7: Swap Spreads**



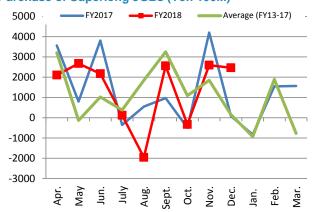
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# Appendix 9a: Trend of Life and Non-life Insurers' Net Purchase of Superlong JGBs (Yen 100M)



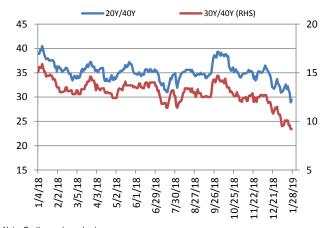
Source: JSDA

# Appendix 10a: Trend of Overseas Accounts' Net Purchase of Superlong JGBs (Yen 100M)



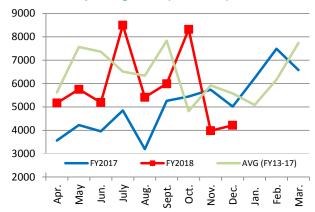
Source: JSDA

Appendix 8: JGB 20Y/40Y and 30Y/40Y Spreads (bp)



Note: On-the-run issue basis Source: Daiwa Securities.

# Appendix 9b: Trend of Life and Non-life Insurers' Goss Purchase of Superlong JGBs (Yen 100M)



Source: JSDA

# Appendix 10b: Trend of Overseas Accounts' Goss Purchase of Superlong JGBs (Yen 100M)



Source: JSDA



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