



# The New Normal after COVID-19

## Lessons learned from the Impact of the Pandemic on Financial Markets

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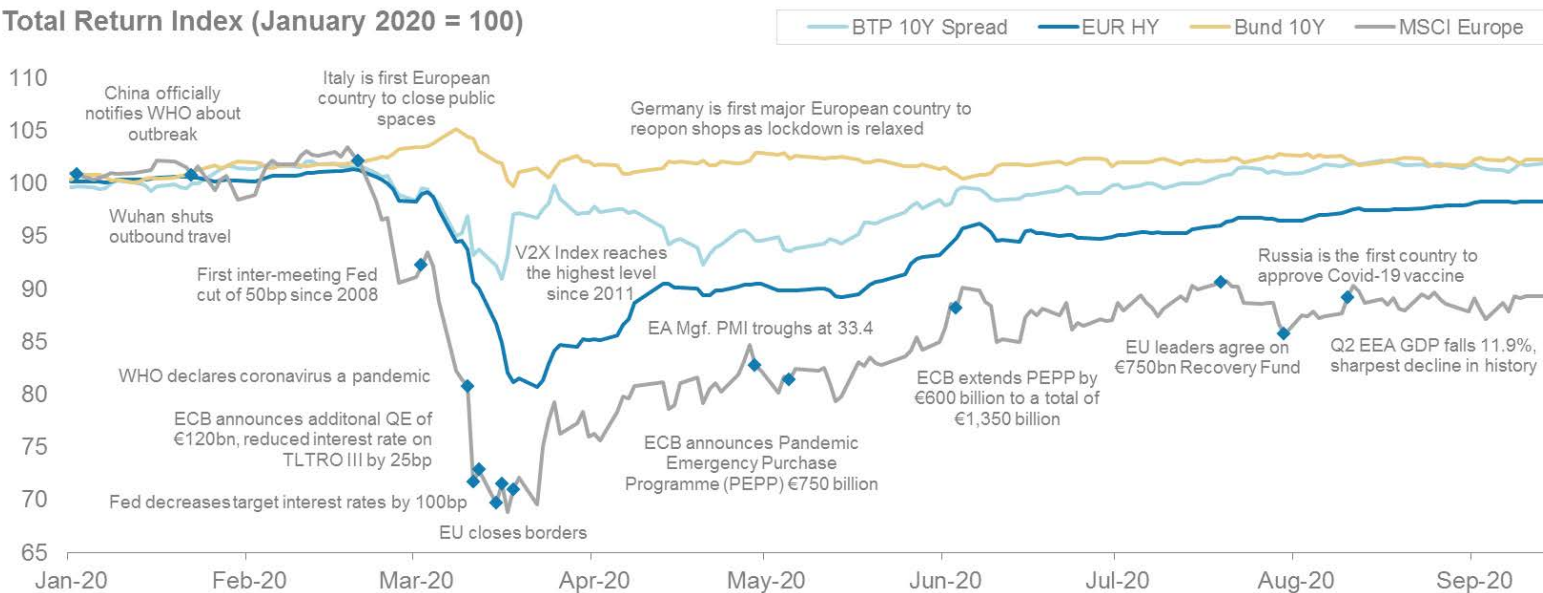
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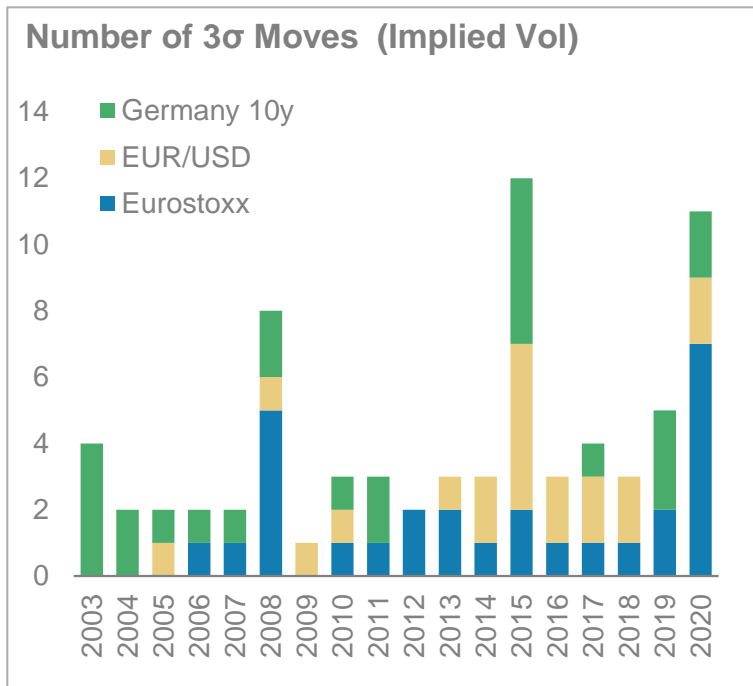
# 2020 In Review

**Total Return Index (January 2020 = 100)**



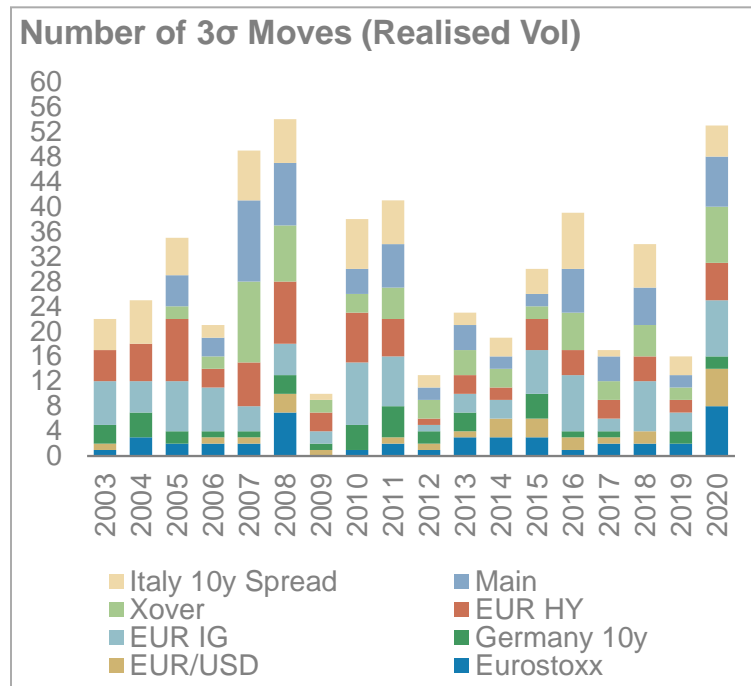
Source: Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley Research: Global In the Flow (1 May 2020)

# Daily Moves In Context



Source: Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley Research: Yesterday's Moves in Context (12 Jun 2020)

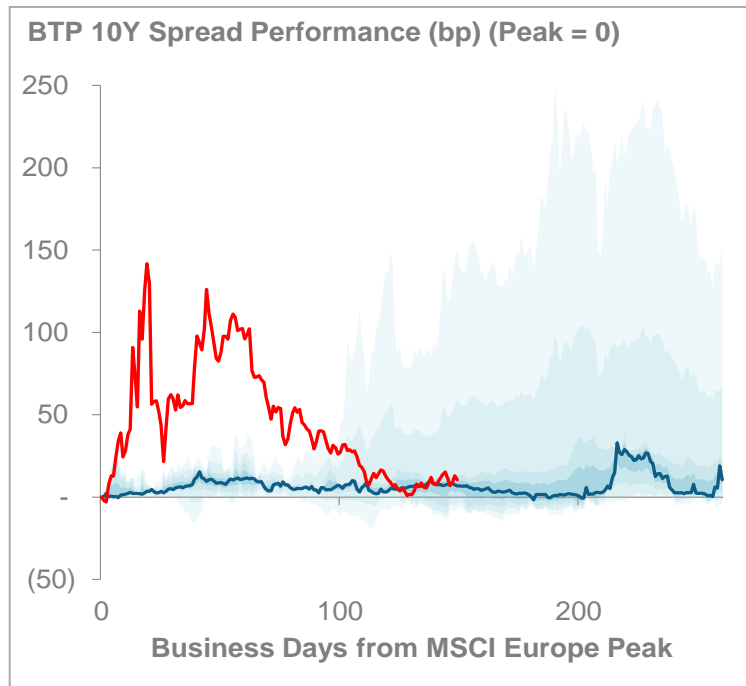
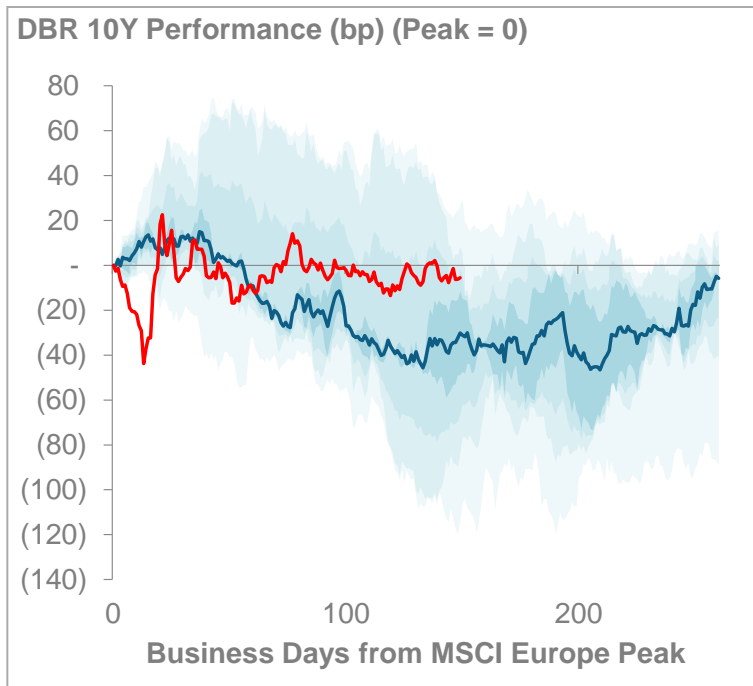
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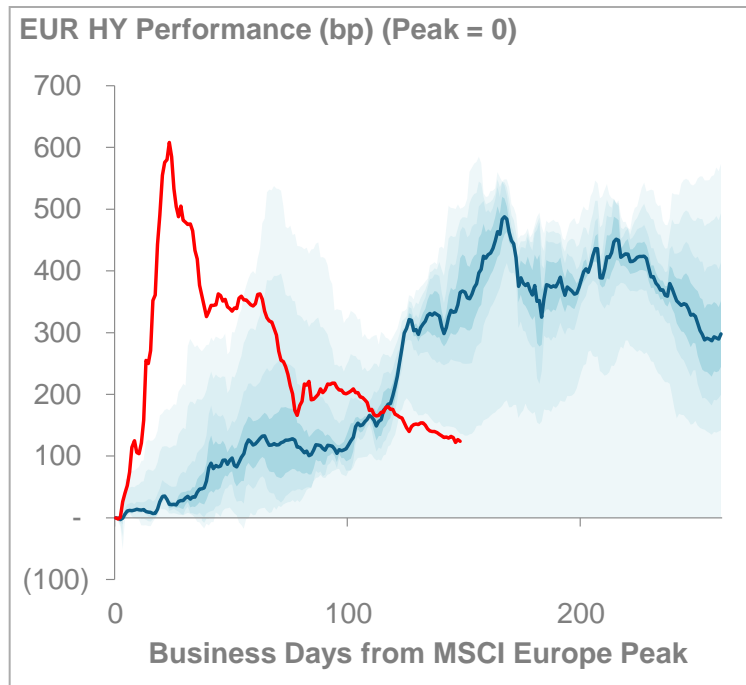
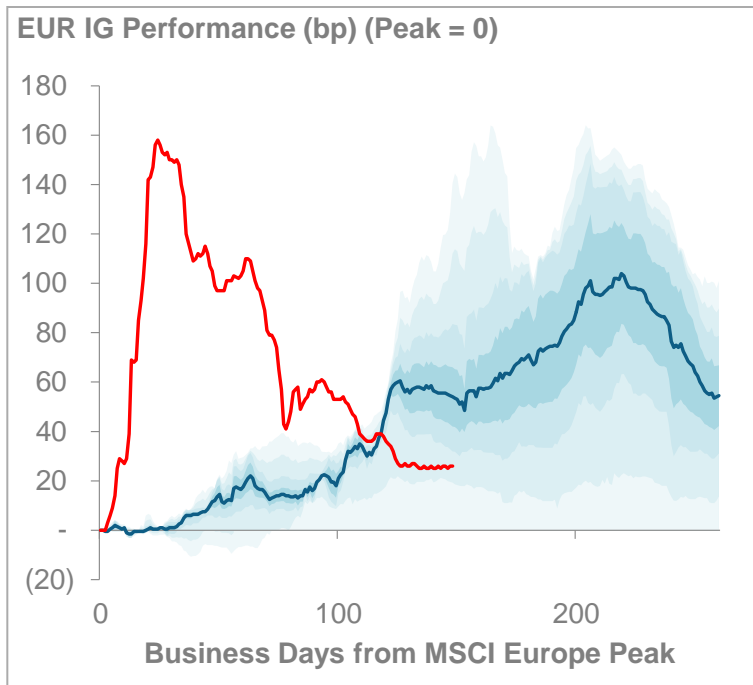
# Lesson 1: Central Banks Are Powerful, Quick Policy Action Aided Quick Market Normalisation



**Source:** Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley Research: The Bear Market Almanac 2020 (13 March 2020);

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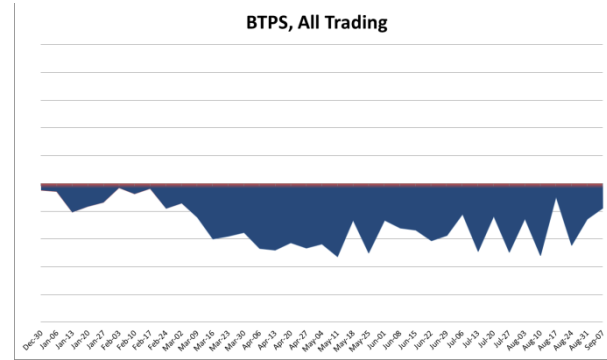
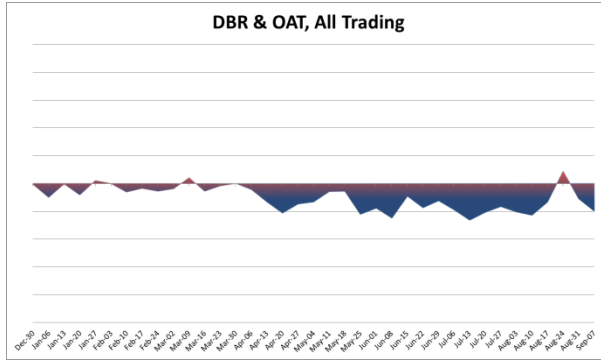


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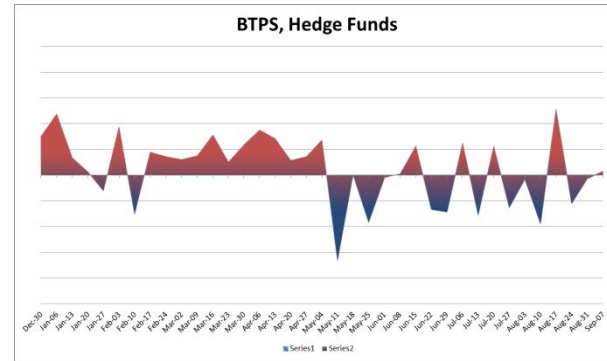
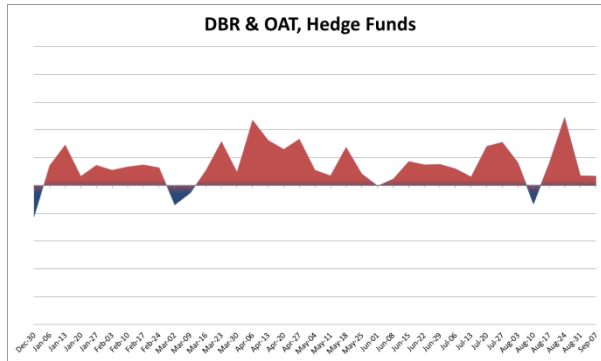
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# Central Bank Support Kept Flows More Balanced Than Expected

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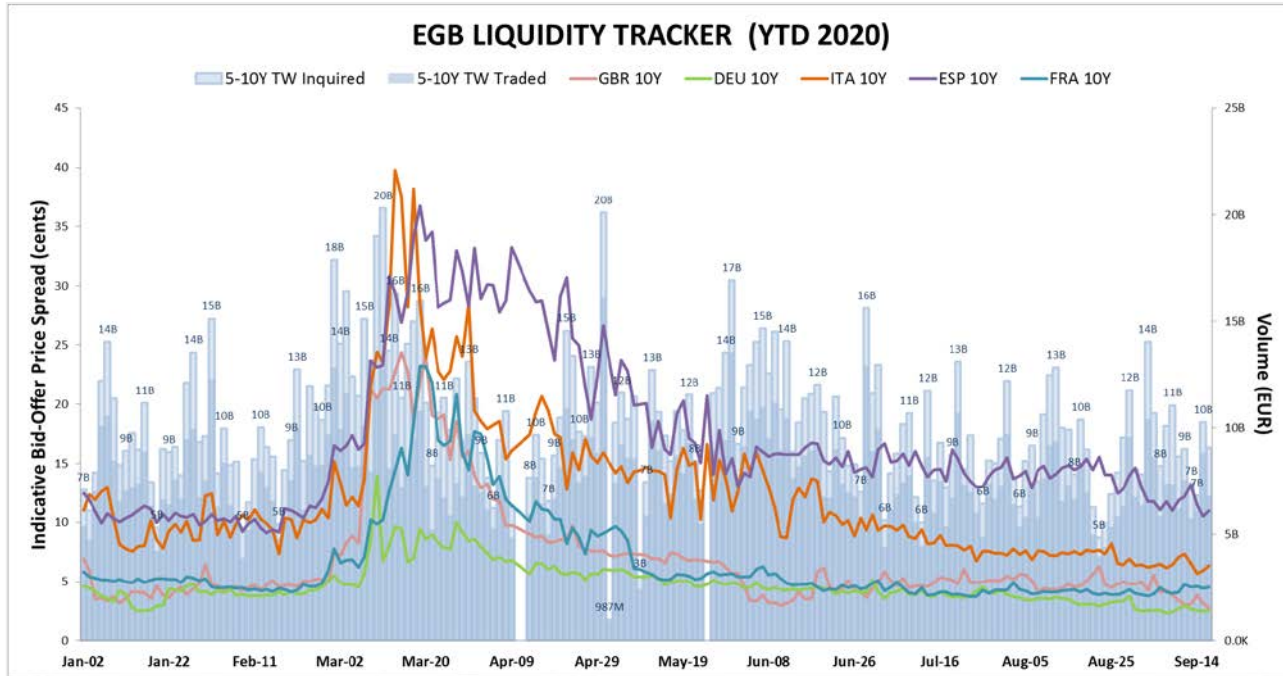


■ Selling Bias  
■ Buying Bias



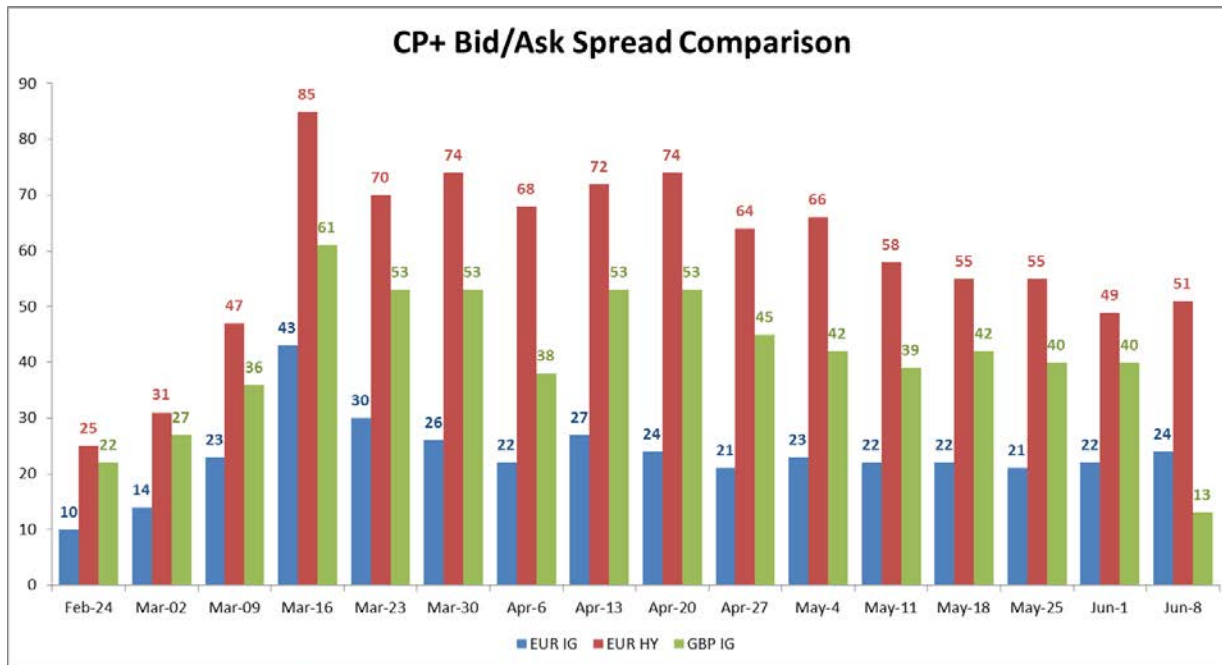
Source: Morgan Stanley Government Bond Trading Desk

# Price Normalisation Came With Liquidity Normalisation



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# Credit Markets Were Slower To Normalise

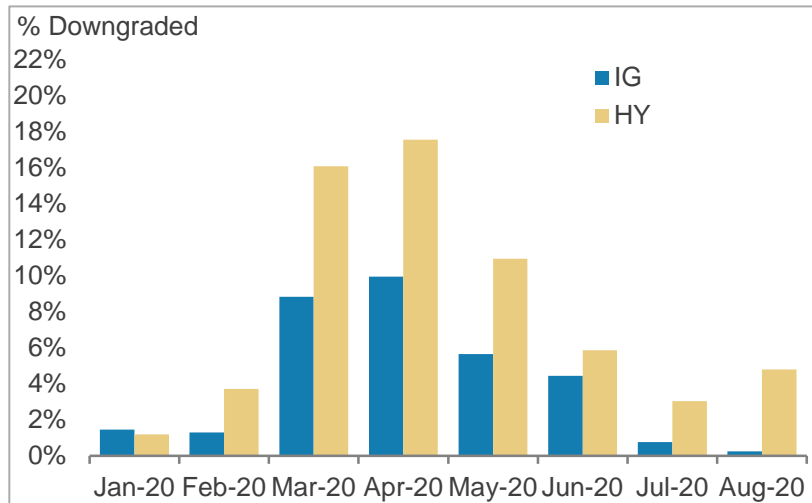


Source: ICMA Group



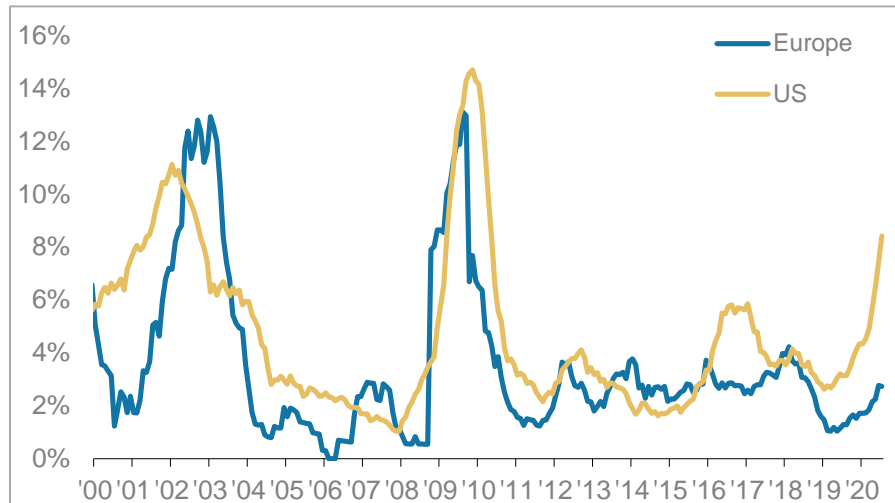
# Perhaps Understandably?

## EU Corporate Credit Downgrades



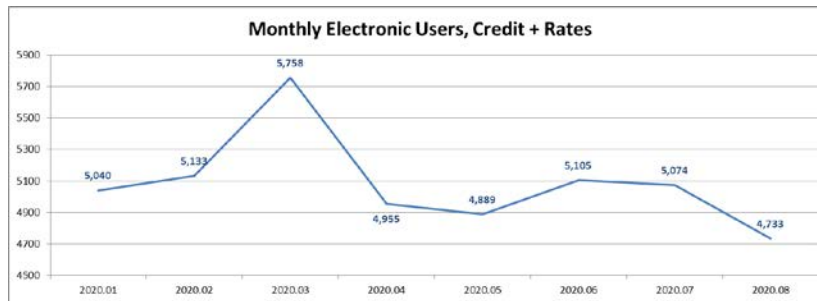
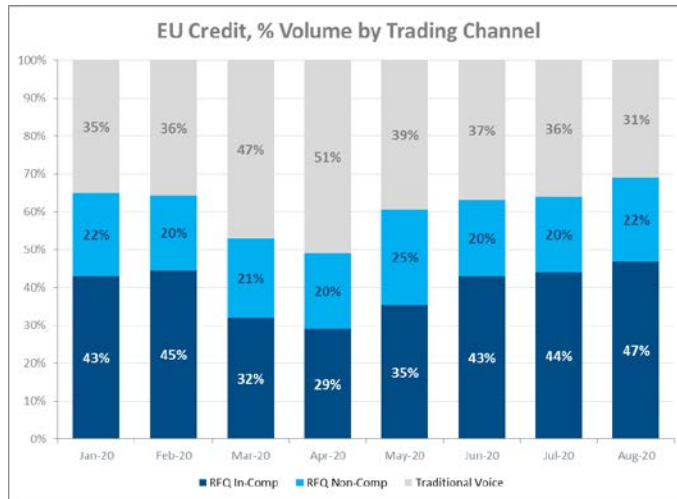
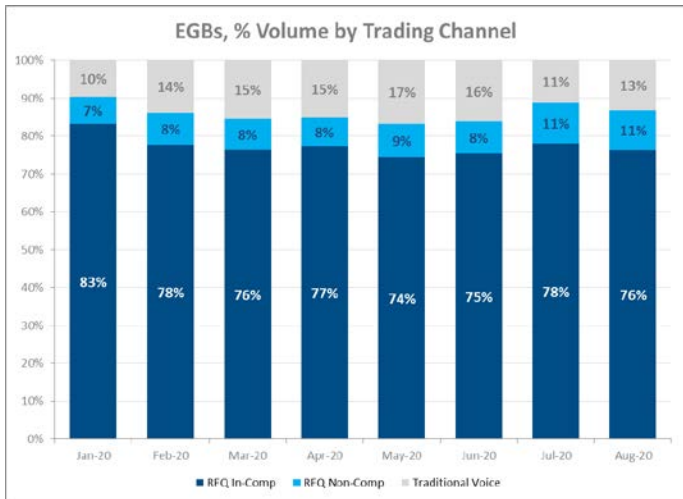
Source: Bondradar, Morgan Stanley Research-  
What We're Watching (14 Sep 2020)

## Moody's Trailing 12 Month Default Rate



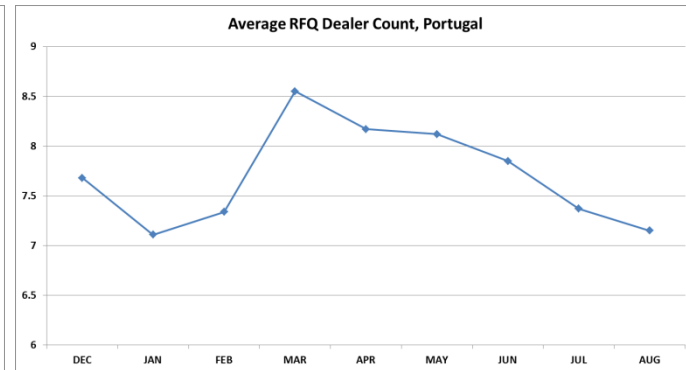
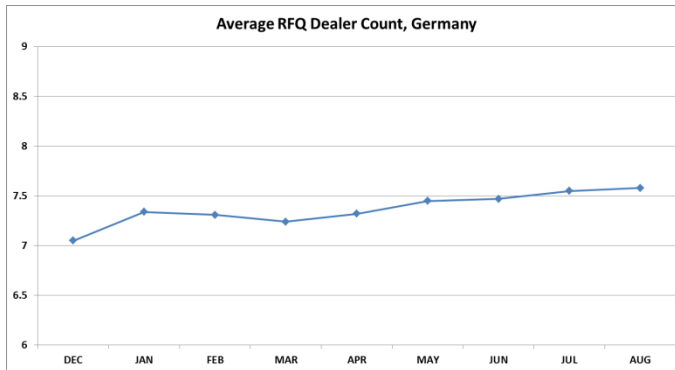
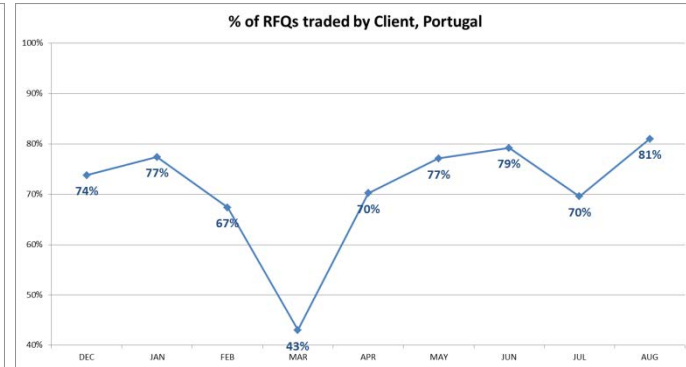
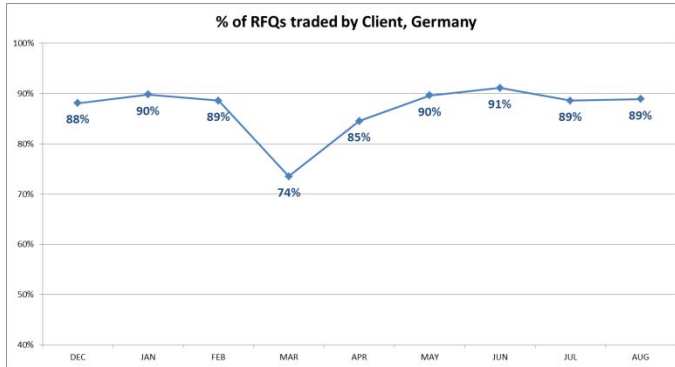
Source: Moody's

# Lesson 2: WFH Didn't Structurally Change Trading Channels



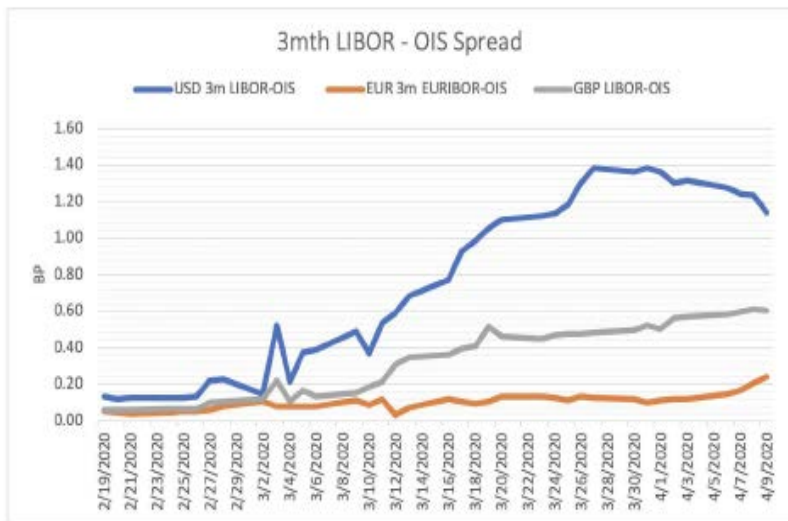
Sources All Graphs: TradeWeb, Bloomberg, MS EGB Trading Desk

# Some Additional Price Discovery Took Place

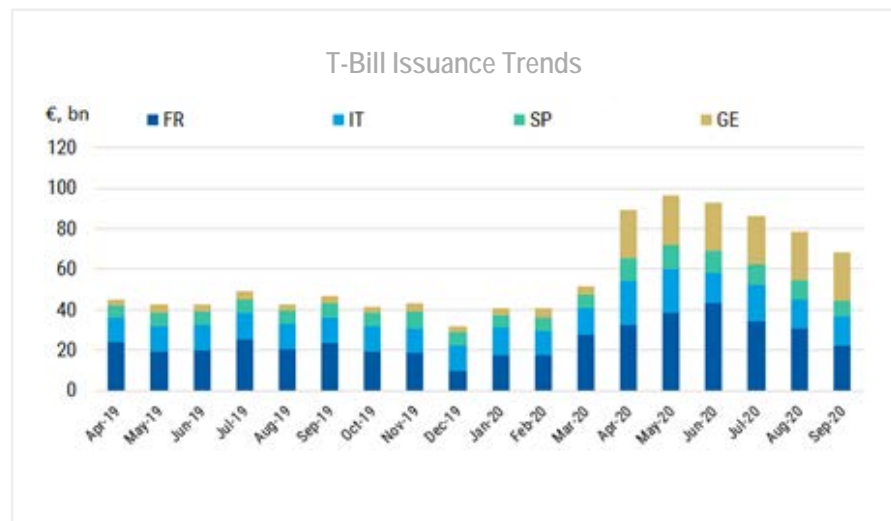


Source All Graphs: Morgan Stanley European Government Bond Trading Desk

## Lesson 3: This Was Not A Balance Sheet Crisis

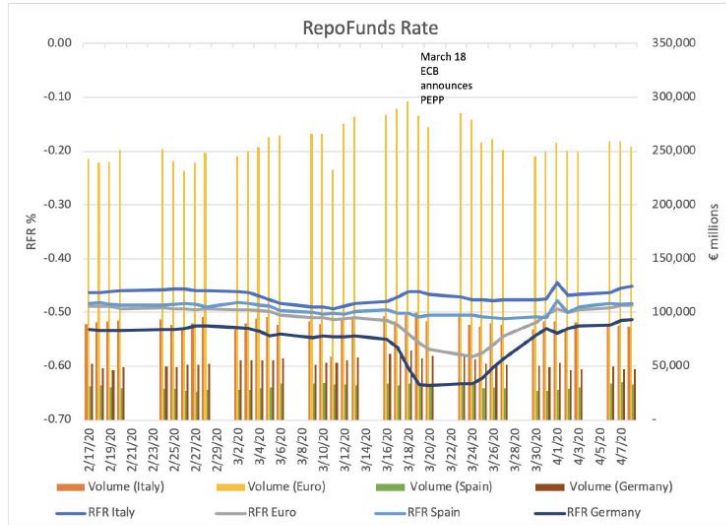


Source: ICMA analysis using Bloomberg data

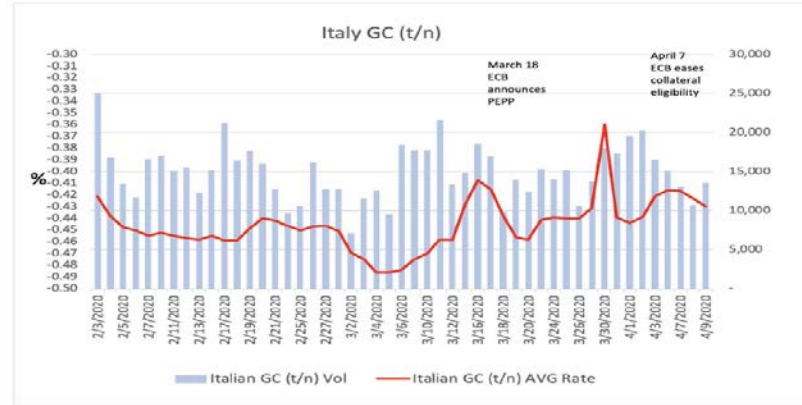


Source: National DMOs (France, Italy, Spain, Germany)

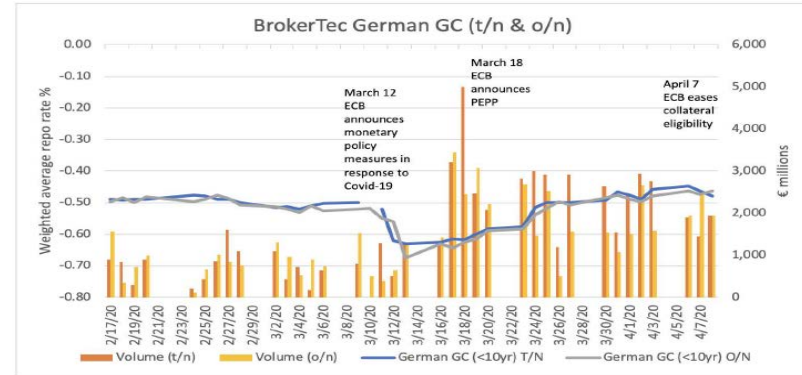
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Source: ICMA analysis using CME Group and MTS Markets data



Source: MTS Markets



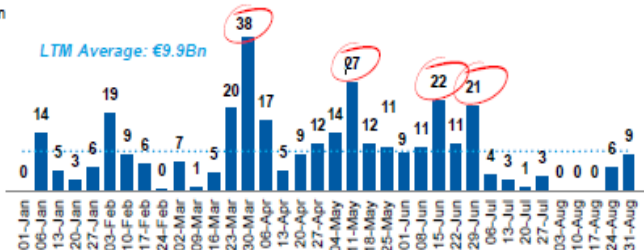
Source: ICMA analysis using data provided by BrokerTec Europe (CME Group)

# Lesson 4: New Issue Markets Brought Back Liquidity ...

## 1 Reopening of the Euro IG Corporate Market

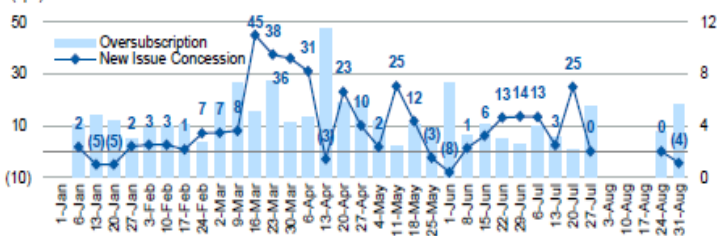
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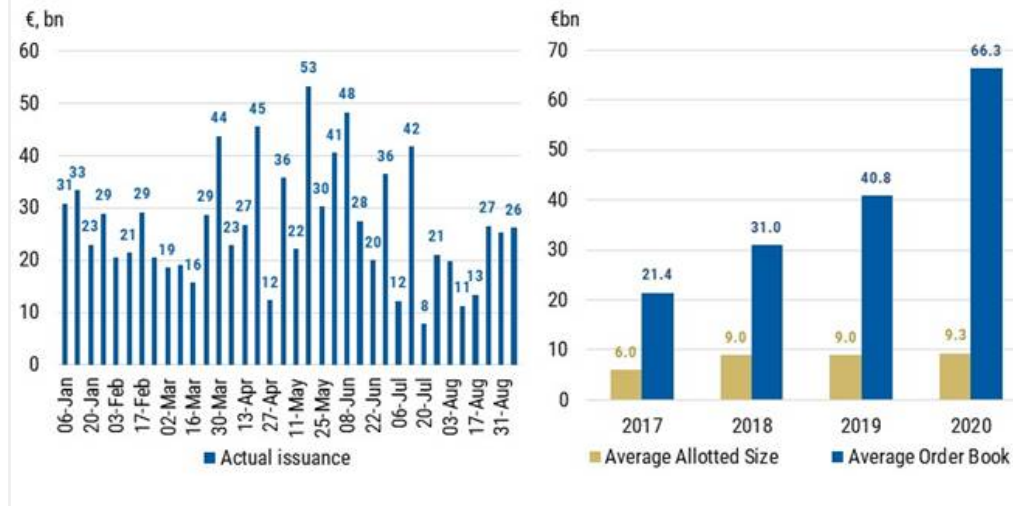
## 2 Strong Technicals post summer break

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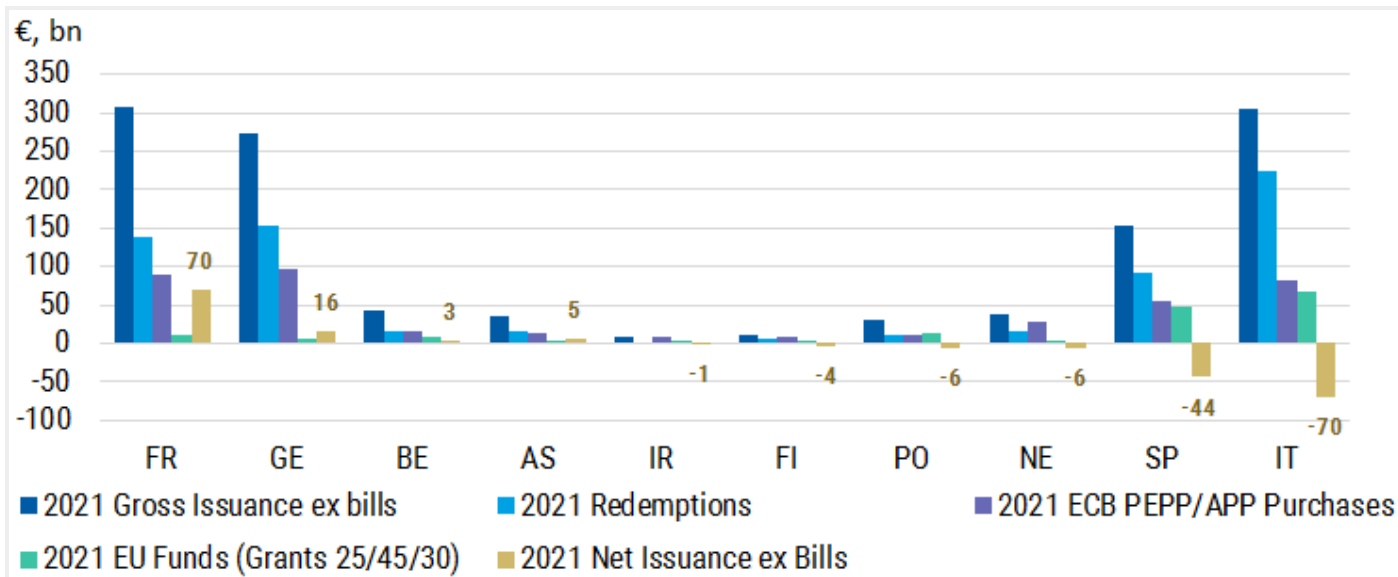
Source: MS Corporate Trading Desk

## EGB Issuance and Auction Trends , 11 largest EGB issuers



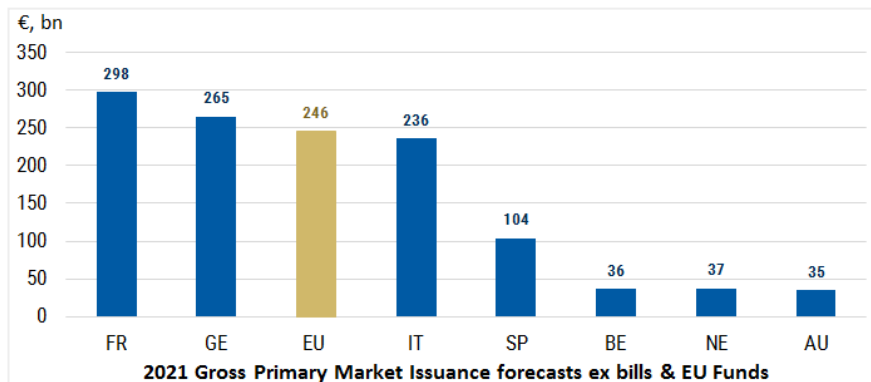
Source: National DMOs, Bloomberg

## But Undergoing Significant Structural Change

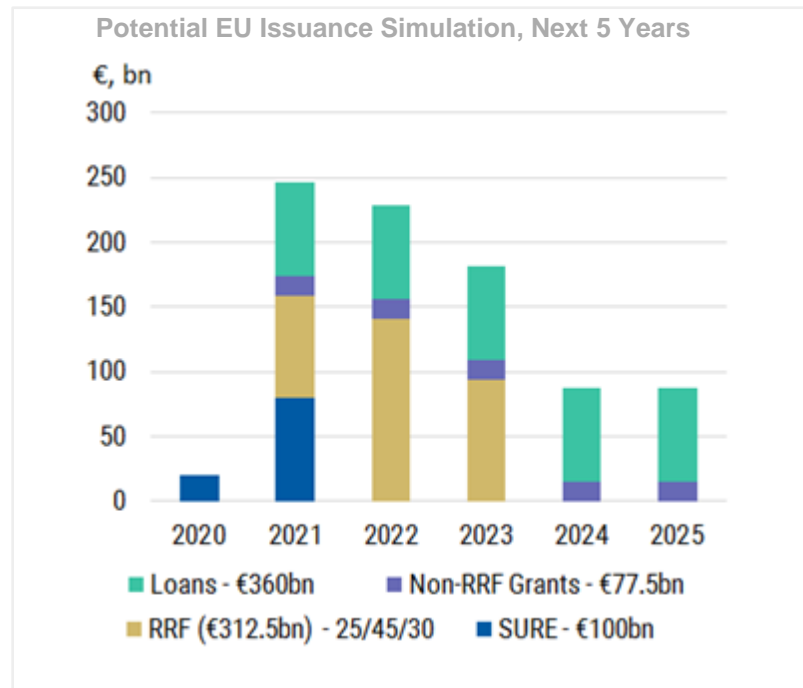


Source: EU, ECB, Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley Research : A Walk Down Easing Street (24 Jul 20)

# With Potentially The Biggest Disruption Yet To Come



Source: Morgan Stanley Research : A Walk Down Easing Street (24 Jul 20) forecasts, EU, ECB, Bloomberg



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