



## **RMBS Strategy**

## Trade War to Drive the Fed?

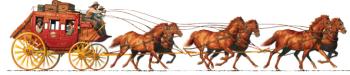
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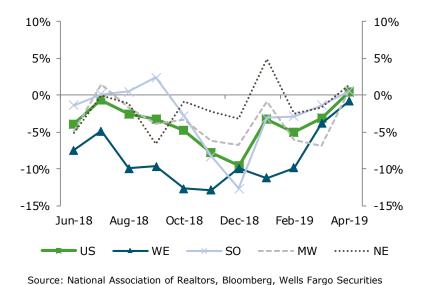
# **Key Themes**

- Housing is exhibiting very high rate sensitivity due to high DTI on recent loans. Recent rally
  is supportive of housing and should keep MBS supply robust.
- Net supply has been running lower than expected, but we expect it to pick up in the coming months.
- Banks are facing NIM compression, and we expect them to ramp up purchases once rates stabilize.
- Demand from overseas investors remains mixed.
- At current spread levels, carry remains the primary source of excess return for MBS.
- We prefer MBS over credit products as liquidity premium remains low despite higher risks.
- Escalation of trade war has broken us out of the range and brought prepayment risk to the forefront.
- Faster speeds on recently produced conventionals and 8-24 WALA GN remain a top concern for investors and are the key headwind for higher coupons.
- We support recent policy proposals by GNMA and they should help in containing aggressive behavior of some servicers.

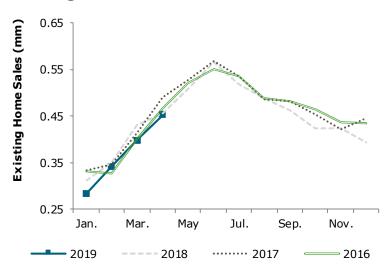
# Housing: Pending Sales Activity Starting to Rebound

- Pending home sales, which are measured as of contract signing and are typically more forward looking, are beginning to point to a potential rebound. Sales for the U.S. were up 0.4% YoY in April, a significant improvement from the -9.5% YoY print in December.
- Due to the lag time in closings, the effects of increased affordability have been slower to materialize in existing homes sales. With the latest release on May 21, as rates have reverted to early 2018 levels, sales approached early 2018 levels.

#### % Change in Pending Home Sales by Region



#### **Existing Home Sales (mm)**

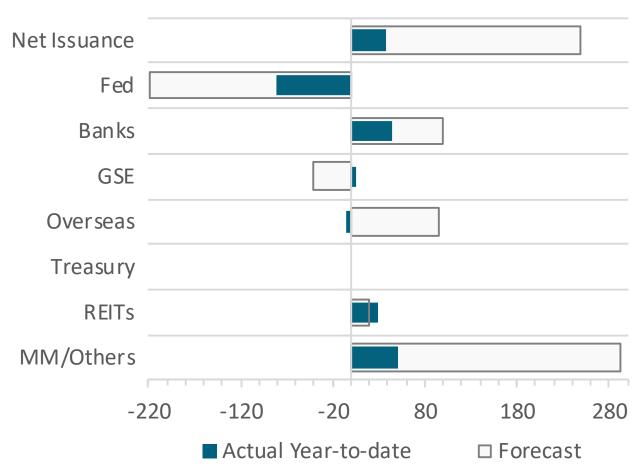


<sup>\*</sup> Adjusted for day count.

Source: National Association of Realtors, Bloomberg, Wells Fargo Securities

# Supply and Demand Summary

### 2019 Supply and Demand – Forecast vs. Actuals (\$ billion)

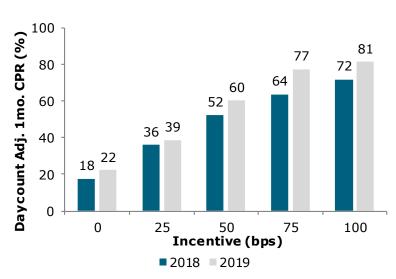


Sources: Federal Reserve, FDIC, US Treasury, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, CPR CDR Technologies, Yield Book, Wells Fargo Securities

# Prepayment Outlook – GNMA Call Risk on the Rise

- Peak speeds on VA loans remain very high and s-curve is fairly steep.
- For each 25 bps increase in refinancing incentive, VA peak speeds on average increase by roughly 15c-20c until we get deeper ITM.
- Recently, speeds have increased for 12-24 months seasoned loans as well.

#### 8-10 WALA VA Speeds in 2018 & 2019 YTD



G2 30yr 4.5 Multi-Pool Ramp

60
50
40
20
10
1 3 5 7 9 11 13 15 17 19 21 23

Months Since Issuance

MoM CPR Diff. Apr Mar

Sources CPR & CDR Technologies, Wells Fargo Securities

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# Ginnie Mae Conference: Outlook for the Agency MBS Market

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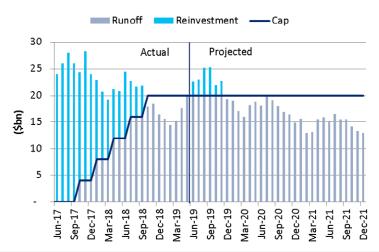
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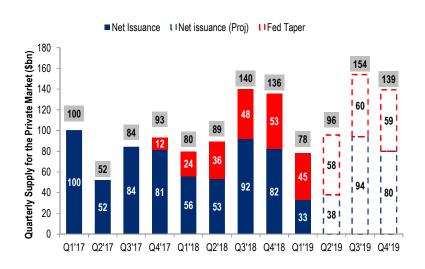
## \$467bn of Private Market Supply in 2019

- An increase in supply from the Fed should add to net supply for private investors.
- The total runoff on the Fed's portfolio should reach \$222bn this year.
- We expect paydowns to exceed the \$20bn reinvestment cap through November, peaking in August and September.
- Monthly reinvestments will range between \$2-5bn and total around \$20bn in 2019.
- This brings private market supply to \$467bn, peaking at \$154bn in Q3.

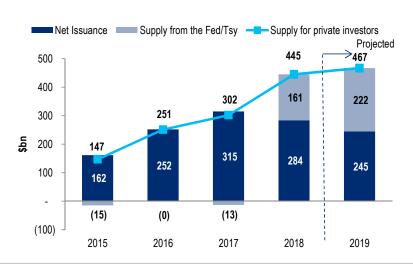
#### Fed May Need to Reinvest \$2-5bn in the Short-term



#### Private Market Supply will Surge in Q3



#### 2019 Private Market Supply to Surpass 2018





## Supply/Demand Expectations

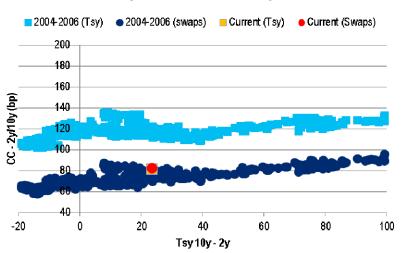
- Agency MBS outstanding increased by \$33bn in the first quarter while the Fed holdings declined by \$44bn.
- Mortgage REITs (~ \$32bn), money managers (~ \$22bn) and overseas investors (~\$15bn) absorbed a
  majority of the \$87bn of private market supply over the quarter.
- The GSEs also increased their holdings by a modest \$5bn.
- Banks only added \$4bn in Q1.

	Historical Change						Holdings	2019 Projected Change						
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Q1 2019	(Mar-2019)	Remaining	Full Year
Gross supply	1,696	1,349	1,142	1,661	1,546	925	1,250	1,472	1,305	1,171	232	6,606	1,018	1,250
Chg in Outstanding Balance	496	-122	6	65	147	84	162	252	315	284	33	0,000	212	245
GSEs	-56	-121	-91	-85	-83	-46	-42	-43	-5	-18	5	178	-5	0
FHLB	8	4	-1	0	-19	-2	-12	-8	-9	0	0	58	0	0
Federal Reserve	910	92	-154	93	556	241	15	0	19	-161	-44	1,593	-178	-222
Treasury	131	-47	-118	-26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Banks	109	105	161	94	-46	39	151	120	118	39	4	1,849	86	90
Foreign*	-20	-39	1	6	-53	44	30	107	70	100	15	1,005	80	95
REITs	16	38	105	109	-88	9	-50	-27	51	17	32	304	28	60
Others (M-mgrs, HFs,														
Insurance Companies,	-601	-154	103	-126	-120	-200	70	103	73	307	22	1,619	200	222
Dealers)														

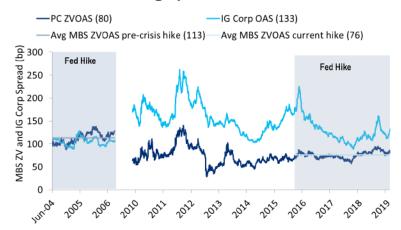
## Spreads still tight to pre-crisis levels

- Similar to the current environment, the Fed was hiking, the curve was flattening, volatility was low and growth was strong.
- We think a majority of the demand will come from money managers, which rely more on Treasury based spreads (as opposed to swaps).
- The share of levered investors in MBS is likely to stay lower in the short-term, which should lead to wider spreads.
- Elevated net issuance, balance sheet constraints, and single security will all put downward pressure on rolls.

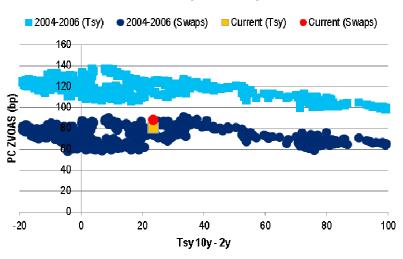
#### **Treasury based nominal spreads**



# PC zv-spreads still remain tighter than average pre-crisis levels



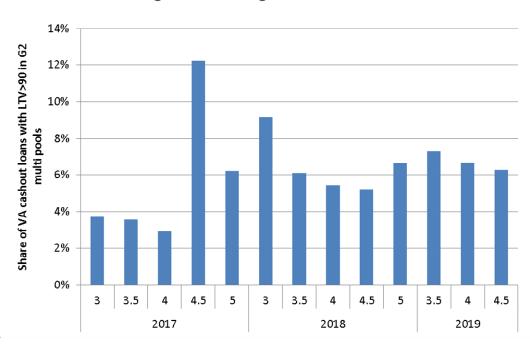
#### **Production coupon zv-spreads**





## Ginnie proposal to restrict VA cashouts

- Ginnie Mae put out a press release on May 3 proposing to exclude/restrict pooling eligibility of VA cashout refis with LTV > 90%.
- The exclusion, or restriction, of faster paying VA high-LTV cashout loans from multis should be the most beneficial for pricing of new prod multi pools once these changes go into effect, as well as the TBA when these new pools become deliverable.
- Near-term benefit to the TBA should be fairly limited as future speeds on existing VA loans will decline
  only to the extent that these changes make high LTV cashout refinancing less attractive by increasing
  the mortgage rate available due to pooling requirement into customs or separate MIPs.
- We continue to think the best way to tackle the issue of predatory lending is to require marginal cashout borrowers to meet the NTB test or undergo counseling.



# Housing Finance Market in Japan

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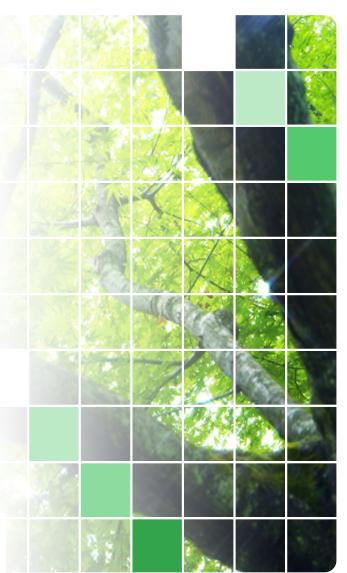
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## **US Agency MBS Investor profiles**

## FY2018 Foreign ownership of US Agency MBSs

Countries	Japan	Taiwan	China, mainland	Ireland	Luxem- bourg	Korea, South	Others	Total
Billions USD	254.0	249.8	176.3	37.8	34.0	33.1	168.0	953.0
Share	26.6%	26.2%	18.5%	4.0%	3.6%	3.5%	17.6%	100.0%

Source) Global Markets Analysis Report as of May 2019 issued by Ginnie Mae.

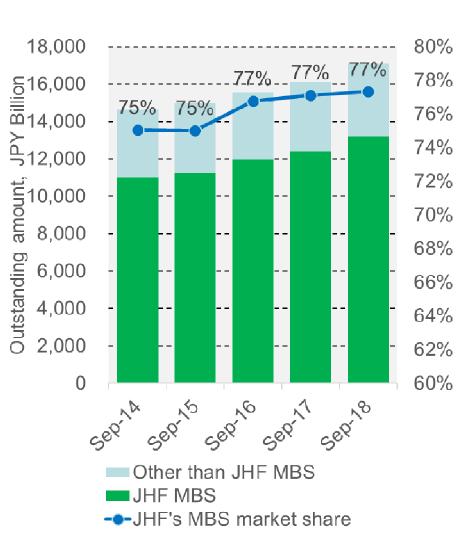
## Japanese mega bank's ownership

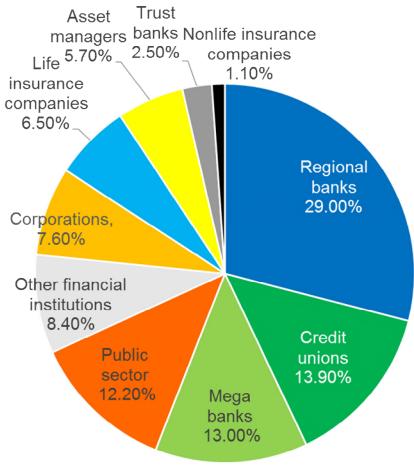
	Available-for- sales	Banks	Categorized as	Billion JPY	Billion USD
As of March 31, 2018		MUFG	Foreign MBS	1,214	11
		MIZUHO FG	Agency MBS	146	1
		SMFG	n/a	0	0
			Total	1,360	12
	Held-to-maturity	Banks	Categorized as	Billion JPY	Billion USD
As of March 31, 2018		MUFG	Foreign MBS	1,048	10
		MIZUHO FG	Agency MBS	513	5
		SMFG	Foreign MBS	488	4
			Total	2,049	19

Source) Website of MUFG, MIZUHO FG, and SMFG. JPY converted to USD by applying JPY110=USD1.



## Market Share and investors of JHF MBS in Japan

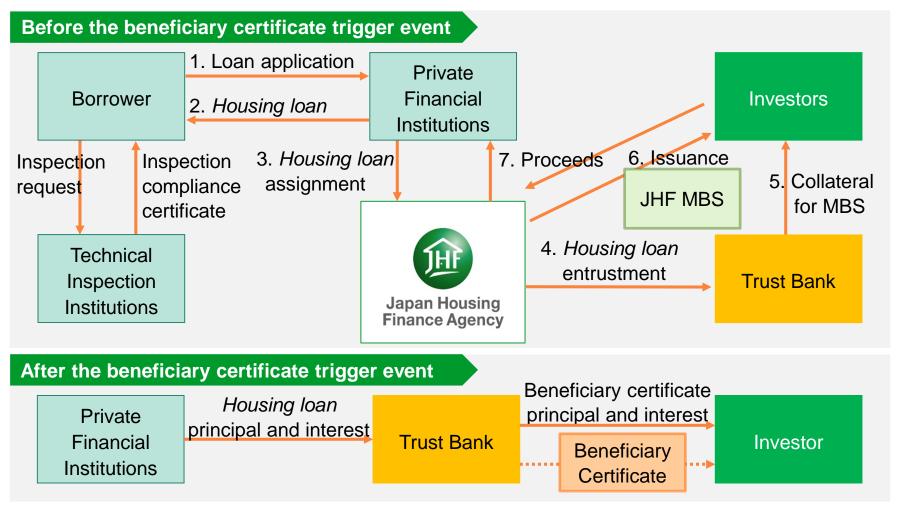




JHF MBS investor profiles as of FY2018



### Features of JHF MBS



Note) Failure of payment by JHF and other certain credit deterioration of JHF will constitute beneficiary certificate trigger event by which JHF MBS will be replaced with a beneficiary certificate and all payments to JHF will be bypassed.

## Comparison of JHF Monthly MBS and Ginnie Mae II

## **Comparison of two MBSs**

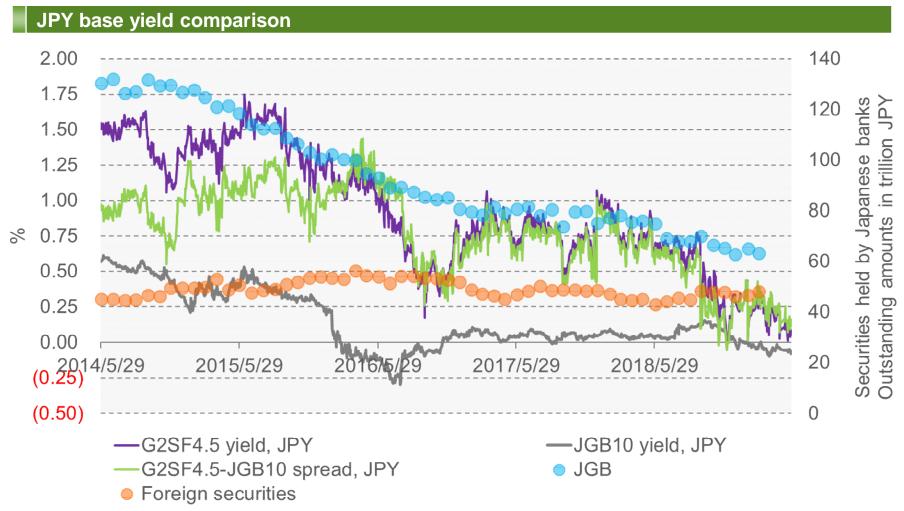
	JHF Monthly MBS	Ginnie Mae II		
Underlying loans	Fixed-rate housing loans.	FHA,VA, RHS, and PIH guaranteed single-family housing loans and manufactured home loans.		
MBS issuer	JHF	Private financial institutions		
MBS guarantor	n/a*	Ginnie Mae		
MBS principal payment	Monthly pass through	Monthly pass through		
Currency	JPY	USD		
MBS credit ratings	S&P/R&I AAA(sf)/AAA	n/a		
Credit enhancement feature	Yes	No		
Government guarantee	No	Explicit		
BIS risk weight in Japan	10%	0%		
BOJ collateral eligibility	Yes	No		
Investors in Japan	Institutional investors JPY12,742 billion**	Institutional investors Agency ABS holdings USD254 billion***		

<sup>\*</sup> Although not mentioned herein, JHF conducts Guarantees Program providing guarantee on private labeled MBSs.

<sup>\*\*</sup> JHF MBS outstanding amount, as of march 31, 2018, JHF.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Value of foreign holdings of U.S. securities, as of June 29, 2018. Agency are U.S. government agencies and federally sponsored enterprises as reported by Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

## Ginnie Mae II 4.5 and JGB 10 year



Note) JPY yield was assumed by G2SF4.5 yield minus USD/JPY 10 year currency swap cost. Source is Bloomberg.





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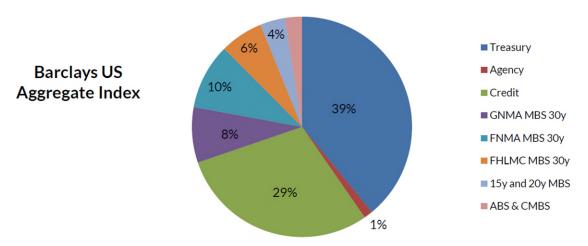
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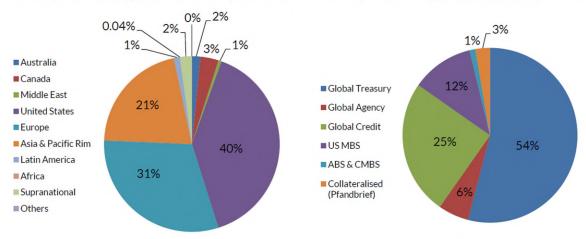
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#### Barclays Global Aggregate Index by Country

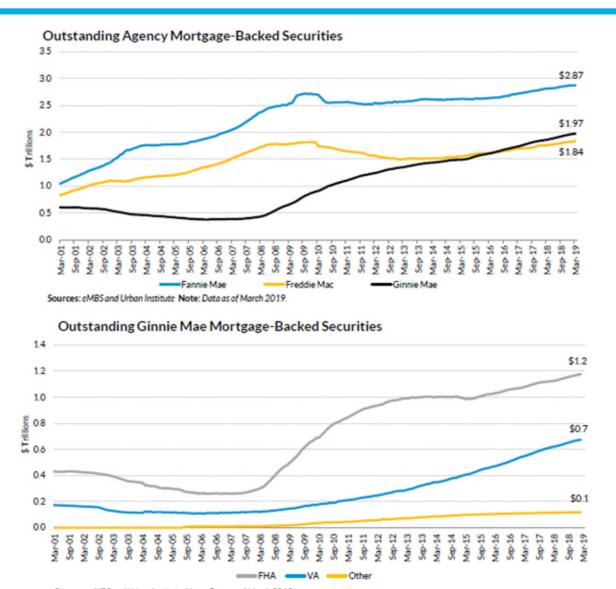
#### Barclays Global Aggregate Index by Sector



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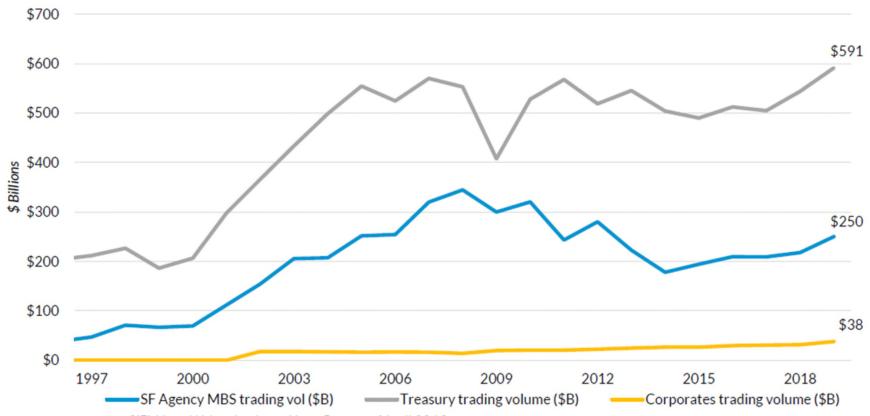






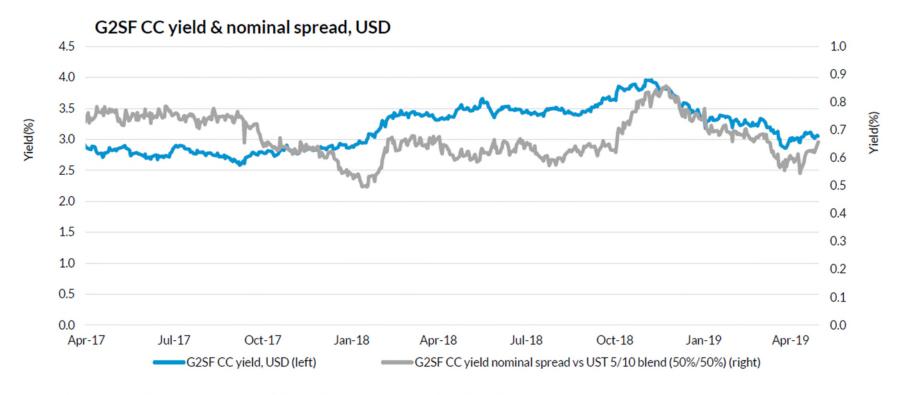


## Average Daily Fixed Income Trading Volume by Sector



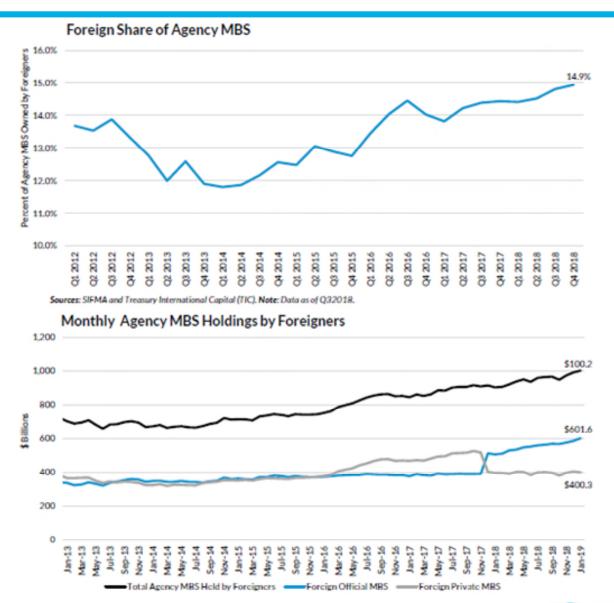
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