

Short Note US Fed

FOMC monetary policy decision

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US Fed: Asset purchases expected to last until 2022

The Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) of the US Federal Reserve has decided on a moderate easing of monetary policy. Monthly purchases of US government bonds will amount to at least USD 80bn and of mortgage bonds to at least USD 40bn in the future, until substantial further progress is made towards the central bank's two goals of maximum employment and price stability.

The central bank has thus concretized its outlook for securities purchases. The specification for the duration of the purchases is now significantly longer, while the monthly volumes will increase only slightly compared to the previous months. Previously, the guidance was of security purchases at least on the scale of the last few months during the coming months as well.

What substantial further progress means was not quantified. From Fed Chairman Powell's statements, however, it can be concluded that the central bank is preparing for a long phase of securities purchases. The new forecasts of the FOMC meeting participants continue to indicate that the biggest leap towards the monetary policy goals (decline in the unemployment rate and increase in inflation) is expected for 2021. At the same time, however, monetary policy targets are not expected to be reached until 2023 or thereafter. We thus estimate a beginning decline in securities purchases from mid-2022, although Powell noted that this would be announced with a long lead time.

The Fed chairman also noted that if the economy were worse than currently expected, the FOMC could respond with higher purchases and/or stronger purchases of medium and longer maturities. One question at the press conference related to the FOMC's response should pent-up demand lead to rising inflation rates as the pandemic subsides next year. Powell said that the FOMC would probably see this as temporary and thus would not change its very loose monetary policy.

The markets hardly reacted to the FOMC's decisions and the Fed chairman's statements. The dollar could not hold initial gains against the euro.

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