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## ECB Money Market Contact Group

The growing impact of non-bank financial intermediaries (NBFIs) focusing on Money Market Funds (MMFs)

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## Money Market Funds in Europe

### Let's start with the size of the market



Figure 1: European domiciled MMF AUM (in billions)

Source: Banque de France (BdF) Webstat, iMoneyNet Fund Analyser, Bloomberg as at June 1st 2022

\*\* BdF data only available until end 31/12/2021 and only includes MMFs included in monetary aggregates. 'Total AUM' for 2022 calculated assuming France domiciled AUM unchanged from 31/12/2021.

### Some further breakdown on fund types and currency



PDCNAV – Public Debt Constant Net Asset Value; LVNAV – Low Volatility Net Asset Value; VNAV – Variable Net Asset Value

Source: Banque de France (BdF) Webstat, iMoneyNet Fund Analyser, Bloomberg as at December 31st 2021



### MMFs are not the only investors in European short-term debt markets

### The AMF estimated the short term market debt outstanding to be > €2.3 trillion in Q121

Fig 4: European short-term debt market over 2020

Figure 6: European short-term debt market over 2020, according to CSDB



Fig 5: Institutional sector of holders of ST debt

Figure 26 : Institutional sector of the holders of European short-term debt securities



Source: CSDB, SHSS, AMF from Darpeix, P.E. (March 2022) "The market for short-term debt securities in Europe: what we know and what we do not know" www.amf-france.org



## Focus on MMFs cash holdings in EUR funds

Fig 6: EUR LVNAV Fund investments

### MMFs hold between 15-40% in very short dated liquidity e.g. time deposits or reverse repo



### Fig 7: French domiciled MMF investments



Source: Figure 6: iMoneyNet Fund Analyser, Bloomberg as at May 31<sup>st</sup> 2022. Figure 7: Banque de France (BdF) Webstat as at December 31<sup>st</sup> 2021



### MMFs have increased liquidity and decreased duration



Fig 10: USD LVNAVs liquidity and duration trend





Fig 11: AUD LVNAVs liquidity and duration trend



Source: iMoneyNet Fund Analyser, Bloomberg as at May 31st 2022.

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### One driver is interest rate expectations..



Source: Bloomberg, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Calculated using OIS forwards. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current and future results. *Guide to the Markets – UK.* Data as of 3 June 2022.

- Regulatory requirements for minimum Daily Liquid and Weekly Liquid Assets
- Cyclicality of flows quarter ends & year ends
- Market risk off sentiment with conflict in Ukraine
- Uncertainty around inflation expectations and future path of rates
- Longer end swap volatility driving flows especially for LDI clients
- MMF yields tracking the market rates higher as base rates increase in USD, GBP, AUD etc.



### Impact of NBFI deposits on overnight rates



- The wedge between overnight unsecured deposit rates and policy rates has remained fairly stable
- Wedge largely reflects regulatory costs for banks to take these deposits onto balance sheet
- TLTRO repayments shouldn't impact ESTR as this is a reduction of excess liquidity, ESTR could still increase if excess liquidity flows back into deposits
- Pass-through of rate move may depend on % counterparties with access to ECB deposit facility (approx. 3%\*\*)
- Asymmetric reaction to policy move e.g. hike vs cut and depending on retail vs corporate
- Does partial pass-through impact central bank credibility?

Source: Bloomberg, Barclays Research (Giuseppe Maraffino, May 2022 "€STR and depo rate hikes: the unknown reaction" <u>https://live.barcap.com</u>). Note that the SONIA wedge to Bank Rate does go above zero to +0.1134% on March 19<sup>th</sup> 2020 but is not shown in figure 12. ECB rate changes are assumed from the start of the subsequent reserve period for ESTR wedge calculations.

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\*\* Reference ECB (Benoit Coeure, 2019, "A tale of two money markets: fragmentation or concentration" www.ecb.europa.eu )

# MMFs have generally reduced duration & increased spread duration via floating rate notes







Fig 16: AUD LVNAVs Duration & Spread Duration



Source: iMoneyNet Fund Analyser, Bloomberg as at May 31st 2022.



### This has put pressure on MM rates – USD FRA OIS and issuing levels



Fig 18: Issuer specific 1yr offer vs OIS in USD



Source: Figure 17 – Bloomberg as at June 9th 2022. Figure 18 – Bloomberg and Toronto Dominion Research as at June 9th 2022. Issuer rated A-1+/P-1



### Pressure also evident in other currencies

Fig 19: Issuer specific 1yr offer vs OIS in EUR



Figure 19 – Bloomberg and Toronto Dominion Research as at June 9th 2022. Issuer rated A-1+/P-1.



### Upcoming MMF regulatory change could also impact $\rightarrow$ estimated timeline



MMFR Review Timeline: Estimated Timelines in Green

Source: KREAB as at February 2022.



### MMF regulatory change - what proposed amendments have been put forward?

#### Fig 20: ESRB - recommendations Fig 21: ECB – proposed reforms minimum public debt (PD) holdings LVNAV: 30% → 45% WLA (incl 15% PD) LVNAV: 30% → 50% (incl 15% PD) Standard VNAV: 15% → 20% WLA (incl Liquidity Standard VNAV: 15% → 30% (10% PD) Liquidity 10% PD) liquidity buffers should be releasable ability to hold less liquidity in event of market-stress **Reduce threshold** remove gate/fee triggers effects Fluctuating NAV on LVNAV remove gate/fee triggers fluctuating NAV on LVNAV may be Reduce threshold effects unnecessary if asset liquidity enhanced LMTs available for use Other · enhanced monitoring and stress tests

### Fig 22: ESMA -proposals

## Fig 23: <u>SEC</u> – proposed & responses to public consultation being considered

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Higher Liquidity	• Amend DLA and WLA and pool of eligible assets incl PD	Liquidity	• Daily Liquidity: 10% → 25% • Weekly Liquidity 30% → 50%	
Reduce threshold effects	<ul> <li>remove gate/fee triggers</li> <li>Remove amortised cost on LVNAV</li> </ul>	Reduce threshold effects	• remove gate/fee triggers	
Other	<ul> <li>At least one LMT available for use</li> <li>enhanced monitoring and stress tests</li> <li>Ehanced disclosure requirements</li> </ul>	Other	<ul> <li>adjust fund NAV by a swing factor when net redemptions exceed certain %</li> <li>Additional reporting requirements</li> </ul>	

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