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Uptick in Monthly Muni Bond Volume

Following a 13% decrease in municipal bond volume in August, September becomes the first month in 2023 to have a positive increase in year-over-year supply. While the year-over-year increase in September is a slight 1.2%, this may be a sign that "Some issuers have started to accept the Fed's 'higher for longer stance' and started to work with what could be the new normal" stated Matthew Gastall, Head of WM Municipal Research at Morgan Stanley. As issuers are being seen as "accepting the new normal" this creates "interesting opportunities for investors to pick up higher yields and wider spreads" said Pat Luby, a CreditSights strategist. Although supply from 2023 continues to remain down as issuers still have ample funds available from the very generous federal stimulus programs, the forward calendar looks to have an inflow of new deals in the coming months which may lead to heightened investor interest in upcoming municipal offerings while providing a competitive environment that would be of benefit to issuers.

Long-Term Bond Sales (in Millions)

Month	2022	2023	Year-over-Year % Change
August:	$ 41,715.8	$ 36,514.1	**-12.47%**
September:	$ 27,250.6	$ 27,585.3	**1.23%**

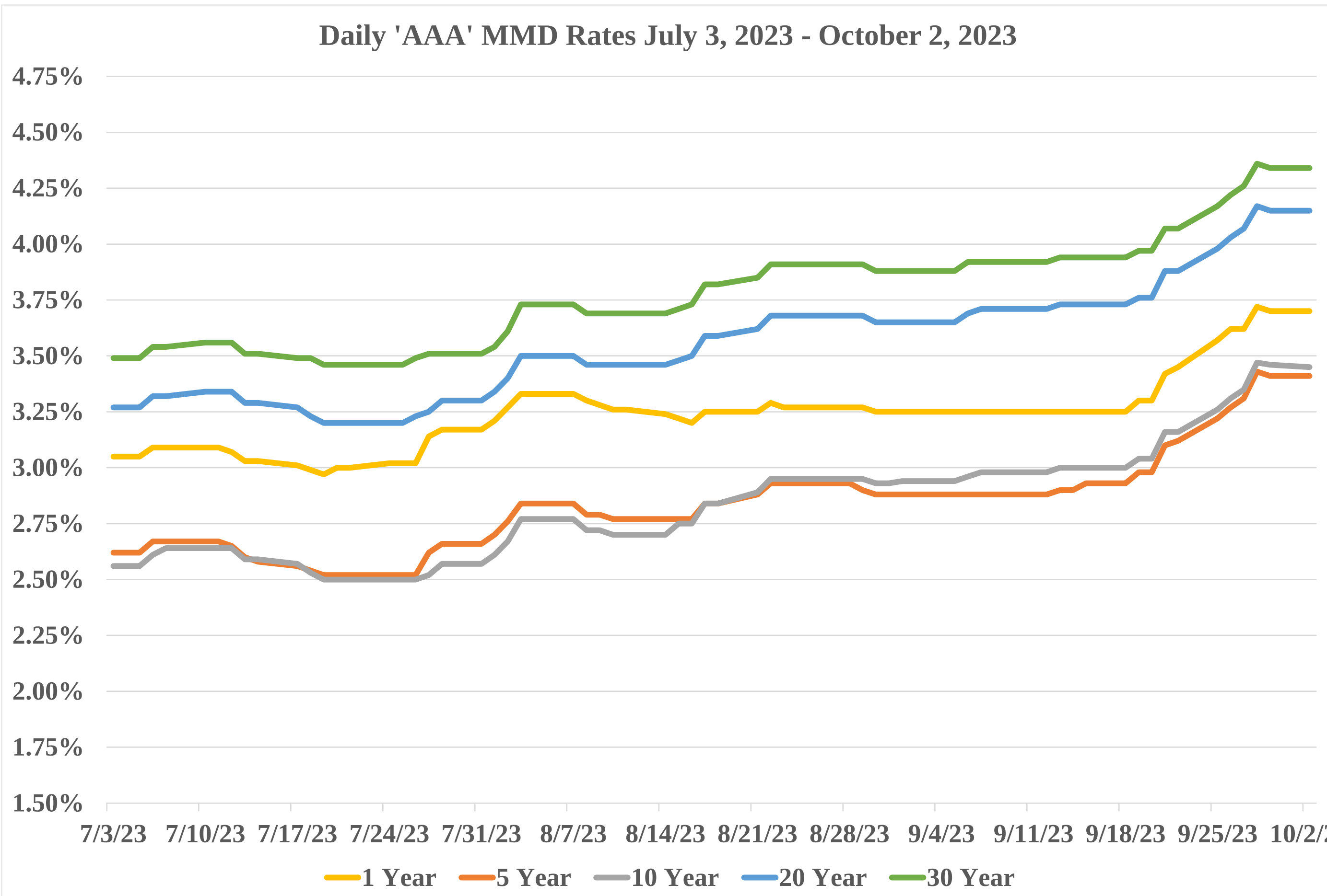
Source: Bond Buyer

Fed Leaves Rates Unchanged

As expected, the Fed left interest rates unchanged at its most recent meeting held on September 20th. Notwithstanding consecutive months of decline in inflation and a rate that currently stands at 3.7%, Fed Chairman Powell's comments following the meeting hinted toward one more rate hike before the end of 2023. The Fed has long let it be known that its "end-goals are an economy with stable 2% inflation, growth consistent with long-run potential, and a balanced labor market" stated Will Compernolle, Macro Strategist at FHN Financial in a recent *Morning Interest Rate Commentary*. He added that the 2023, year-end rate doesn't "necessarily represent the terminal rate, since additional hikes could happen early next year. At least one FOMC participant thinks there will be at least one additional hike next year." Market participants seem to expect slower and fewer rate cuts in 2024 after the Fed's latest move and subsequent comments from its governors.

Recent CMA Client Sale Results

Issuer	Issue Type	Par Amount	Sale Date	Term	Rate	Purchaser
Ramapo Town (AA-)	Bonds	$10,830,000	28-Sept.	15 yrs.	3.96%	JP Morgan Securities
West Hempstead UFSD (Aa3)	TAN	$4,900,000	28-Sept.	7 mos.	4.19%	BNY Mellon
North Tonawanda City (A3)	BAN	$3,394,276	26-Sept.	1 yr.	4.62%	Oppenheimer & Co.
Greenburgh Town (Aaa)	Bonds	$27,100,000	26-Sept.	14 yrs.	3.53%	Huntington Securities
Ardsley Village (Aa1)	BAN	$708,760	21-Sept.	1 yr.	4.38%	Roosevelt & Cross, Inc.
Sachem CSD (AA)	TAN	$65,000,000	14-Sept.	9 mos.	3.62%	TD Securities (USA) LLC
Longwood CSD (AA+)	TAN	$45,000,000	14-Sept.	9 mos.	3.75%	Jefferies LLC
Grand Island Town (Aa1)	BAN	$26,669,595	13-Sept.	1 yr.	3.68%	Jefferies LLC
Greenburgh-North Castle UFSD	RAN	$1,940,000	6-Sept.	1 yr.	3.50%	Western Alliance
Oceanside UFSD (Aa2)	TAN	$16,500,000	5-Sept.	9 mos.	3.70%	TD Securities (USA) LLC



	October 2, 2023					1 Month Ago - September 1, 2023					1 Year Ago - October 3, 2022				
Term	Aaa	Aa	Insured	A	Baa	Aaa	Aa	Insured	A	Baa	Aaa	Aa	Insured	A	Baa
1 yr.	3.70%	3.73%	3.82%	3.82%	4.19%	3.25%	3.28%	3.37%	3.37%	3.74%	3.03%	3.10%	3.20%	3.21%	3.54%
5	3.40	3.47	3.58	3.61	4.00	2.88	2.94	3.05	3.08	3.47	3.09	3.24	3.33	3.38	3.73
10	3.45	3.57	3.74	3.79	4.35	2.94	3.06	3.23	3.28	3.84	3.24	3.48	3.61	3.68	4.15
15	3.94	4.18	4.32	4.43	4.89	3.42	3.66	3.80	3.91	4.37	3.48	3.83	3.93	4.04	4.43
20	4.15	4.44	4.58	4.68	5.14	3.65	3.94	4.08	4.18	4.64	3.67	4.06	4.17	4.27	4.66