

Weekly Report

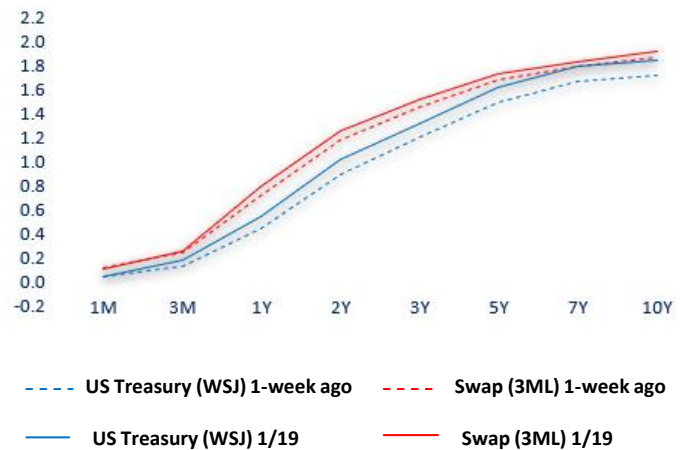


Highlight of the Week:

Goldman Sachs Data Acknowledges 'Real Wage Inflation'

- Compensation costs jumped 33% at Goldman to \$17.7 billion for 2021. A \$4.4 billion increase in just one year.
- The average per-employee compensation at Goldman has now reached \$404,000, versus \$329,000 in 2020. Although this number is largely distorted based on top-producers earning multi-million-dollar packages.

Rate Curves:



Sources: WSJ and BMO Capital Markets

Rapid Report:



Fed Contemplates Rate Hike to Tame Inflation

- With inflation at four-decade highs, talk of a dramatic half-point jump in the federal-funds rate as soon as March has increased.
- The Federal Open Market Committee will meet March 15-16, and there could be room for a potential second increase during their June 14-15 conference. The last half-point funds rate increase took place in May 2000, just ahead of the bursting of the dot-com bubble.

McKinsey's Top Executive Rolls Out Operational Changes

- Bob Sternfels, the consulting company's new leader, is hoping to avoid scandals and rethink how the firm evaluates performance.
- Since beginning his leadership role, Sternfels has embarked on a 'listening tour' meeting with more than 300 Chief Executives and talking with employees worldwide. His first aim is to speed up decision-making and de-emphasize employee tenure in their employee database.

United States Continues Setting Covid-19 Daily Hospitalizations Records

- U.S. Surgeon General warned that Omicron cases have not yet peaked nationwide.