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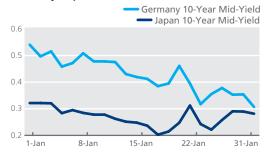
# Tradeweb Government Bond Update

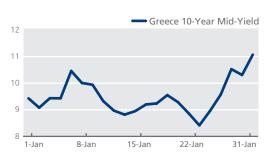
# **Key Points:**

- ECB announces QE expansion
- Greek anti-austerity party rises to power

Eurozone consumer prices suffered a 0.6% annual drop in January - the largest on record since July 2009 – according to Eurostat figures released on January 30. A week earlier, the European Central Bank (ECB) had announced the launch of an expanded stimulus program, which encompasses the central bank's existing purchase schemes for asset-backed securities and covered bonds. From March onwards, the ECB will buy €60 billion of public and private sector securities per month until at least September 2016, in a bid to revitalize the eurozone economy and combat deflation. Government debt rallied across several countries in the region. Ireland's 10-year bond mid-yield closed barely above 1% on the day of the announcement, while the mid-yield on Germany's 10-year Bund ended the month just 3 basis points higher than its Japanese counterpart.

#### Germany, Japan and Greece 10-Year Mid-Yields

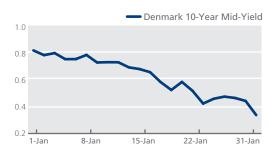




In Greece, however, government bond yields climbed higher in January. As pre-election polls predicted, anti-austerity party Syriza won the majority of the electorate vote and its leader, Alexis Tsipras, was sworn prime minister on January 26. Two days later, Standard & Poor's placed the country's "B" sovereign rating on "CreditWatch negative", indicating that a downgrade could take place by the next scheduled ratings publication date on March 13, 2015. The Greek 10-year government bond mid-yield increased by nearly 164 basis points over the month, closing at 11.07% on January 30 – its highest market close value since July 2013.

## Switzerland and Denmark 10-Year Mid-Yields





Elsewhere in Europe, the Swiss National Bank abolished its currency's cap of 1.2 against the euro, and pushed its key interest rate deeper into negative territory to -0.75%. Denmark's central bank also cut interest rates - three times in 10 days – while the country's Ministry of Finance suspended the issuance of government debt, in an effort to limit demand for the national currency and promote longer-dated debt. The Danish 10-year government bond mid-yield continued its downward trajectory in January, falling by roughly 49 basis points to 0.34% at month end.

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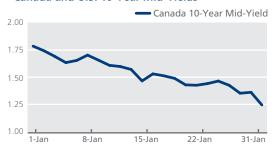
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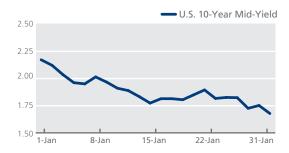
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### Canada and U.S. 10-Year Mid-Yields





Across the Atlantic, the Bank of Canada surprised the markets by cutting its target for the overnight lending rate from 1% to 0.75%, in light of the risk posed to the economy by sliding oil prices. The country's 10-year bond mid-yield ended January at 1.24%, 54.2 basis points lower than the previous month end. In the U.S., the 30-year Treasury mid-yield touched a record low of 2.26% on January 30, while its 10-year equivalent dropped to 1.68%, its lowest level since May 2013.

Eurozone government bond yields dropped to new record lows in January

Ten-Year Benchmark Government Bond Data

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	Closing yield (%)	Change on previous month (bps)	Yield low (current month)	Yield high (current month)	3yr yield high	3yr yield high date
Australia	2.41	-39.96	2.41	2.81	4.32	09-Jan-14
Austria	0.39	-31.10	0.39	0.70	3.05	31-Jan-12
Belgium	0.60	-22.25	0.51	0.83	3.64	24-Feb-12
Canada	1.24	-54.15	1.24	1.79	2.81	10-Sep-13
Denmark	0.34	-48.90	0.34	0.83	2.23	10-Sep-13
Finland	0.35	-30.55	0.35	0.65	2.46	16-Mar-12
France	0.54	-28.95	0.54	0.83	3.10	17-Feb-12
Germany	0.31	-23.35	0.31	0.54	2.06	16-Mar-12
Greece	11.07	163.85	8.42	11.07	37.46	07-Mar-12
Ireland	1.13	-10.85	1.06	1.37	7.30	21-May-12
Italy	1.60	-27.65	1.47	1.92	6.54	24-Jul-12
Japan	0.28	-4.00	0.20	0.32	1.05	15-Mar-12
Netherlands	0.37	-30.45	0.37	0.68	2.55	16-Mar-12
Portugal	2.39	-27.70	2.12	2.70	15.56	31-Jan-12
Spain	1.43	-16.25	1.35	1.73	7.56	24-Jul-12
Sweden	0.64	-28.90	0.64	0.93	2.73	05-Sep-13
United Kingdom	1.34	-41.70	1.34	1.75	3.07	27-Dec-13
United States	1.68	-49.50	1.68	2.17	3.01	01-Jan-14

Source: Tradeweb Markets LLC, February 1, 2015

All yields cited in this report are mid-yields.