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Come and get your love GoCs

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As October approaches, another QBS arrives, courtesy of the Bank of Canada. This short Market View explores recent auction dynamics and aims to set the scene for another quarter of GoC supply - come and get 'em! Gross issuance tempo remains unchanged from the first two quarters of the FY (C1), while net supply will pick up substantially as a smaller set of maturities comes into play (C2). Recent auctions have been stronger in the shorter end of the curve as 2s and 5s have enjoyed relatively tight tails and substantial coverage (C3). While 30s haven't been stand-out of late on issue day, they've performed quite well postauction for the last handful of quarters (C4). Plenty of supply has got foreign buyers saying "you're fine and you're mine and you look so divine" to GoCs. Those (assumed?) words of affirmation are particularly true down the curve, as 2s have been of most interest to overseas accounts.

Chart 1: Steady as she goes for Q3 gross GoC issuance...

GoC gross issuance – quarterly pattern since FY 2019-20 by tenor



Source: NBC, BoC | Note: Tick marks aligned to fiscal year; 2025-26 FY Q3 is assumed based on prevailing auction sizes; nominal bonds only (and excluding off-the-run issuance)

Chart 3: Recent auctions were competitive, namely in 2s & 5s Average auction tail (L) and coverage ratio (R), last 5 / 20 operations by tenor

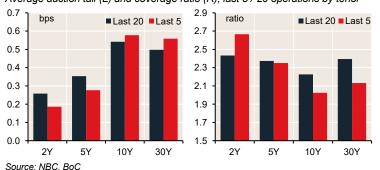


Chart 5: Overseas interest in GoCs across tenors... Share of GoC auction value allocated to foreign accounts, by tenor

■ Foreign Allotment Range 45 Average Foreign Allotment 40 35 30 25 20 15 10 5

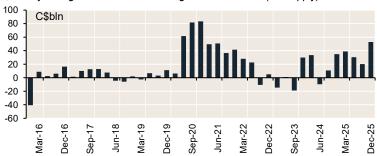
Source: NBC, BoC | Note: Foreign account allotment data available beginning 1-Apr-2025

Are these allotments breaking tradition in any way? Not necessarily – this data became available at the start of the fiscal year. A small sample size to date, but undoubtedly worth tracking. The two quarters' (32 operations) worth of allotment data we do have in hand is a good reminder that foreigners participate more at the shorter end of the curve (though long end involvement is not insignificant, C5). Non-residents continue to play a vital role in GoC absorption, as do hedge funds presumably, based on a structurally rising participation trend, accounting for a greater share of auction take-up over the past decade and a half (C6).

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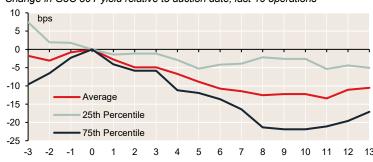
Chart 2: ... but plenty of supply in net terms this fall

Quarterly change in amount outstanding GoC bond stock (net supply)



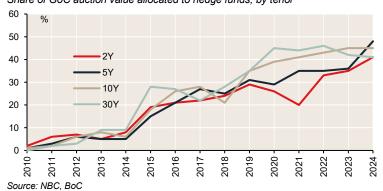
Source: NBC, Bloomberg | Note: Ticker CAN Govt, AMT as at quarter-end; 2025-26 FY Q3 is assumed based on prevailing auction sizes and anticipated ~C\$25.2bln of maturities

Chart 4: Though post-auction performance strong in longs Change in GoC 30Y yield relative to auction date, last 10 operations



Source: NBC, Bloomberg | Note: All days included in calculation

Chart 6: ... as hedge funds stepping up to absorb issuance Share of GoC auction value allocated to hedge funds, by tenor



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