# Asian Regional Forum On Investment Management Of Foreign Exchange Reserves

portfolio management in monetary policy normalization cycle

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### foreign reserves management mandate

Central Bank of Armenia	
Law on Central Bank of Armenia ✓ Liquidity ✓ Safety	Challenges of 2022 Aggressive tightening of monetary policy ✓ US Federal Reserve System ✓ Most of central banks
Mandate	Opportunities of 2022
✓ Active vs benchmarks	Tactics & Instruments
<ul> <li>Liquid and high rated bonds</li> </ul>	✓ Short benchmarks
✓ Interest rate and currency derivatives	✓ US When Issued bills
✓ Money market instruments	✓ US Treasury floating rate notes



## benchmarks

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Monetary Policy Normalization / Interest Rate Cycles

June 1999 - May 2000 Federal Funds rate from 4.75% to 6.5%

June 2004 - June 2006 Federal Funds rate from 1% - 5.25%

December 2015 - December 2018 Federal Funds lower and upper bounds from 0 - 0.25% to 2.25 - 2.5%

March 2022 - Sep 2022 Federal Funds lower and upper bounds from 0 - 0.25% to 3.00 - 3.25%

#### ICE BofA Indices Total Return, %

0-1 Year US Treasury	0-2 Year U.S. Treasuries	0-5 Year US Treasury
5.24	4.65	4.46
5.75	4.83	4.24
3.41	3.08	3.09
-0.08	-1.46	-4.08

Source; Bloomberg







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US Treasury Floating Rate Notes - weekly average volumes, billion

	Total	Dealer to Customer	Interdealer
2022 *	7.1	6.0	1.1
2021	8.2	6.9	1.3

Source; TRACE, US Treasury



US Treasury Floating Rate Notes - bid / offer spread

Benchmark / recent issues From 1 to 2 basis points for 25 to 100 million trade tickets

Seasoned issues From 2 to 3 basis points for 25 to 100 million trade tickets

\* Jan - Sept 2022



#### Total Return, Carry, Capital Gain - bp, Jan 3 - Sept 22, 2022



Source; Bloomberg, \*CB Armenia estimation



# when issued bills

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US Treasury Bills

	Announcement	Issue	Maturity	Size	
6M - T Bill	Aug 8, 2022	Aug 11, 2022	Feb 9, 2023	47.03 billion	
12M - T Bill	Aug 9, 2022	Aug 11, 2022	Aug 10, 2023	38.08 billion	



US Treasury Bills - bid / offer spread

### Benchmark / recent issues Up to 1 basis point for 50 to 250 million trade tickets

Seasoned issues

From 1 to 2 basis points for 50 to 250 million trade tickets

### when issued bills



US Treasury Bill - 12 Months



US Treasury Bill - 6 Months

	When Issued Bill - D Rate	Seasoned Bill - D Rate	Spread - BP		When Issued Bill - D Rate	Seasoned Bill - D Rate	Spread - BP
9 Aug 2022 *	3.045	3.00	4.5	8 Aug 2022 *	2.92	2.88	4
9 Sept 2022	3.36	3.36	0	9 Sept 2022	3.20	3.185	1.5

\* Announcement date



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