



U.S. Treasury yields are expected to rise.

SEI believes that current economic conditions will lead to higher U.S. Treasury yields over the coming year.

SEI initiated a position designed to benefit from higher intermediate-term U.S. Treasury yields. We believe that current economic conditions do not justify the low level of yields currently in the belly, or intermediate portion, of the yield curve. These conditions include sticky inflation (especially in the services and real estate components), a robust labor market, and accommodative financial conditions. We have chosen to implement this view via an interest rate swap that will benefit from a rise in rates. This complements our current “steepener” trades that will benefit from a steeper yield curve (increased difference between long-term and short-term yields).

Exhibit 1: 5y5y OIS Swap Rates



Source: Bloomberg, SEI, as of February 29, 2024.

Note: 5-year, 5-year forward overnight indexed (Federal funds rate) swap rate.

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