

US Monetary Policy: Winding & Unwinding QE

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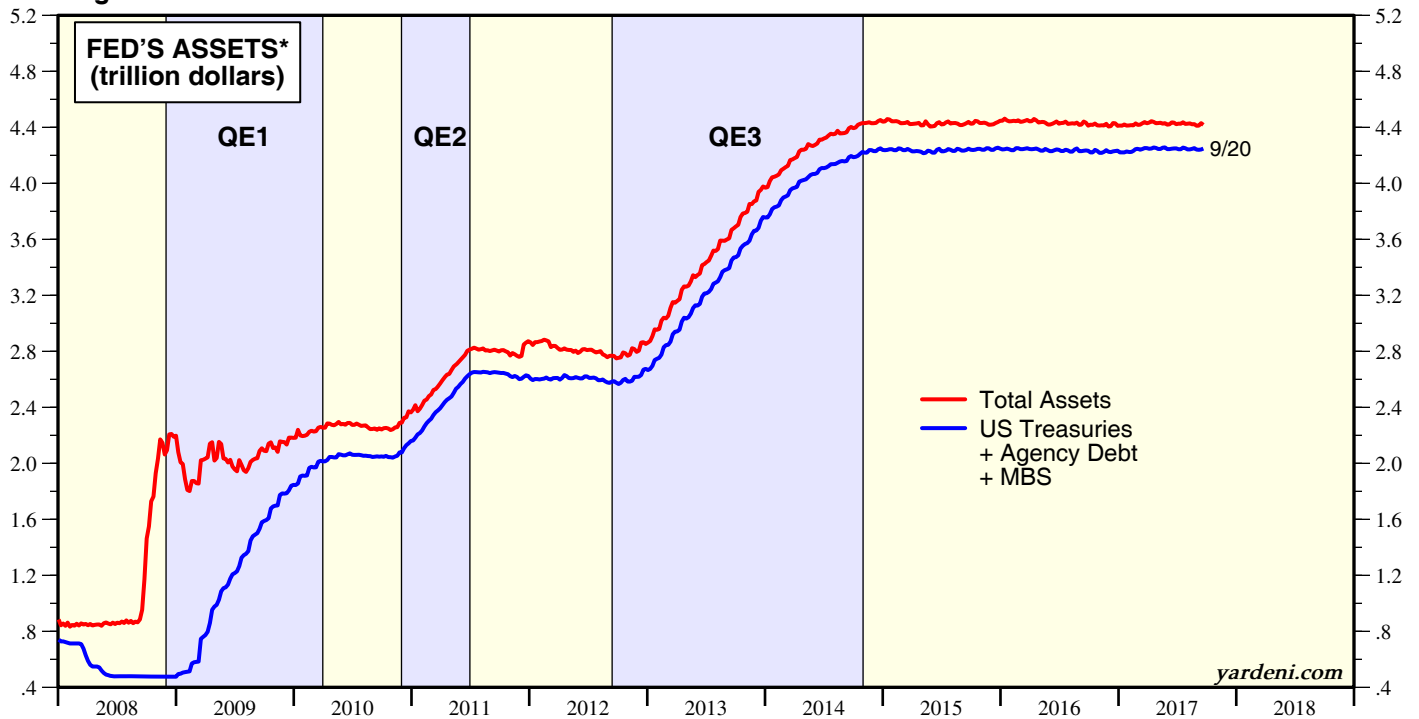
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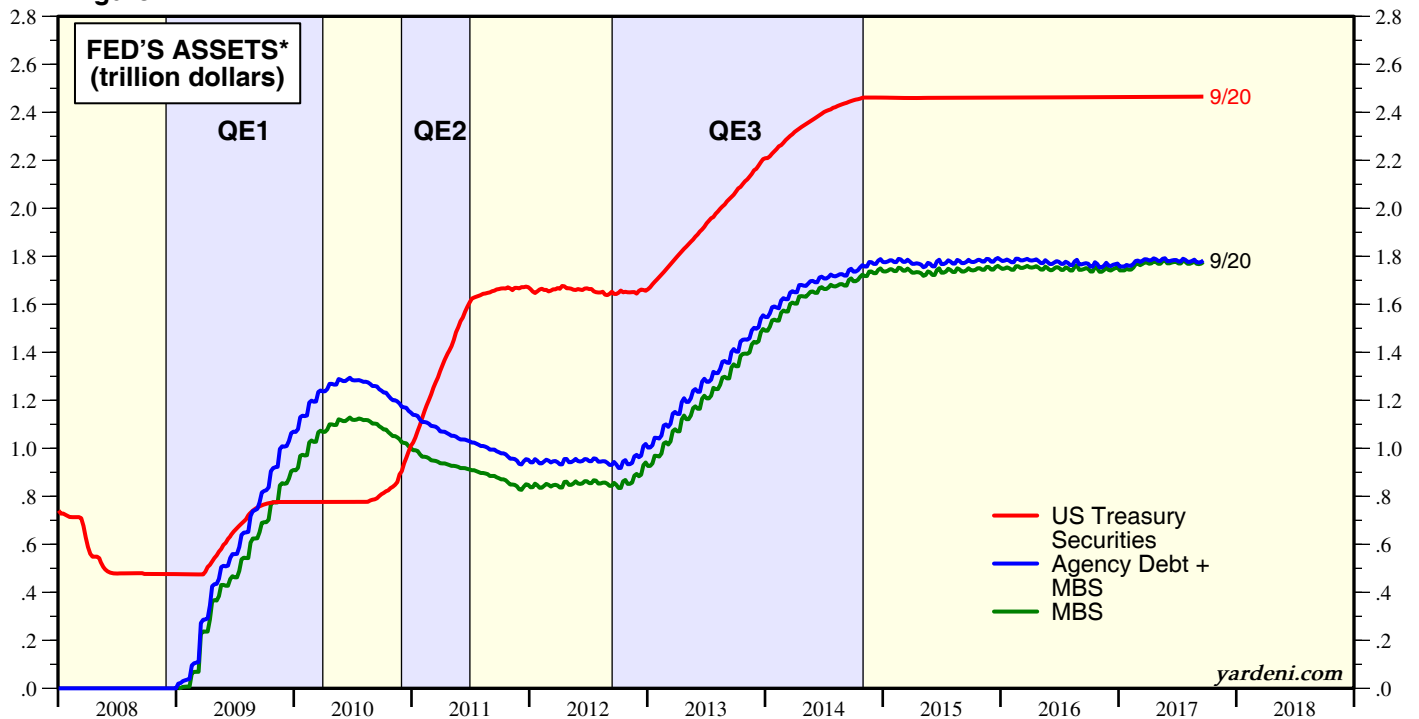
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Figure 1.



* Average of daily figures for weeks ending Wednesday.
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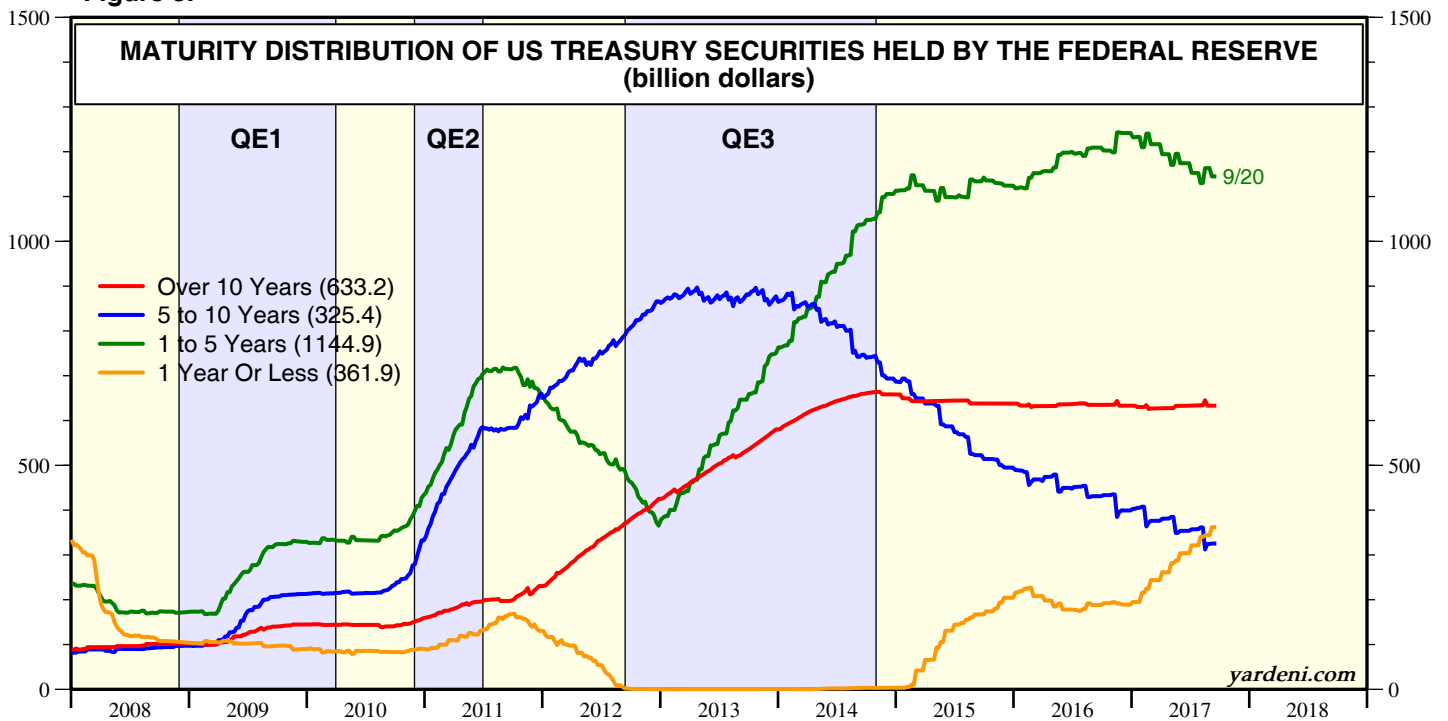
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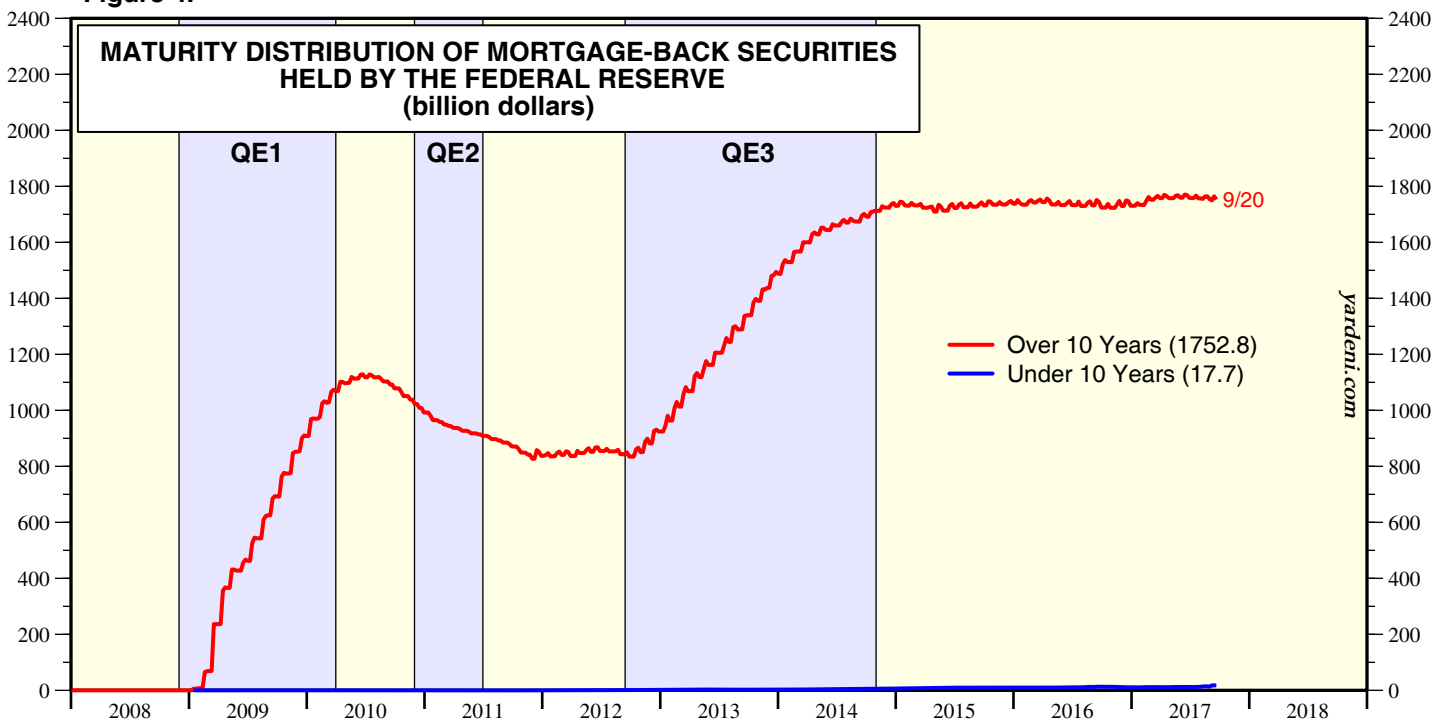
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Note: QE1 (11/25/08) = Fed starts buying \$1.24tn in mortgage securities. QE1 expanded (3/16/2009) = Fed starts buying \$300bn in Treasuries. QE2 (11/3/10) = Fed starts buying \$600bn in Treasuries. QE3 (9/13/12) = Fed starts buying \$40bn/month in mortgage securities (open ended). QE3 expanded (12/12/12) = Fed starts buying \$45bn/month in Treasuries.
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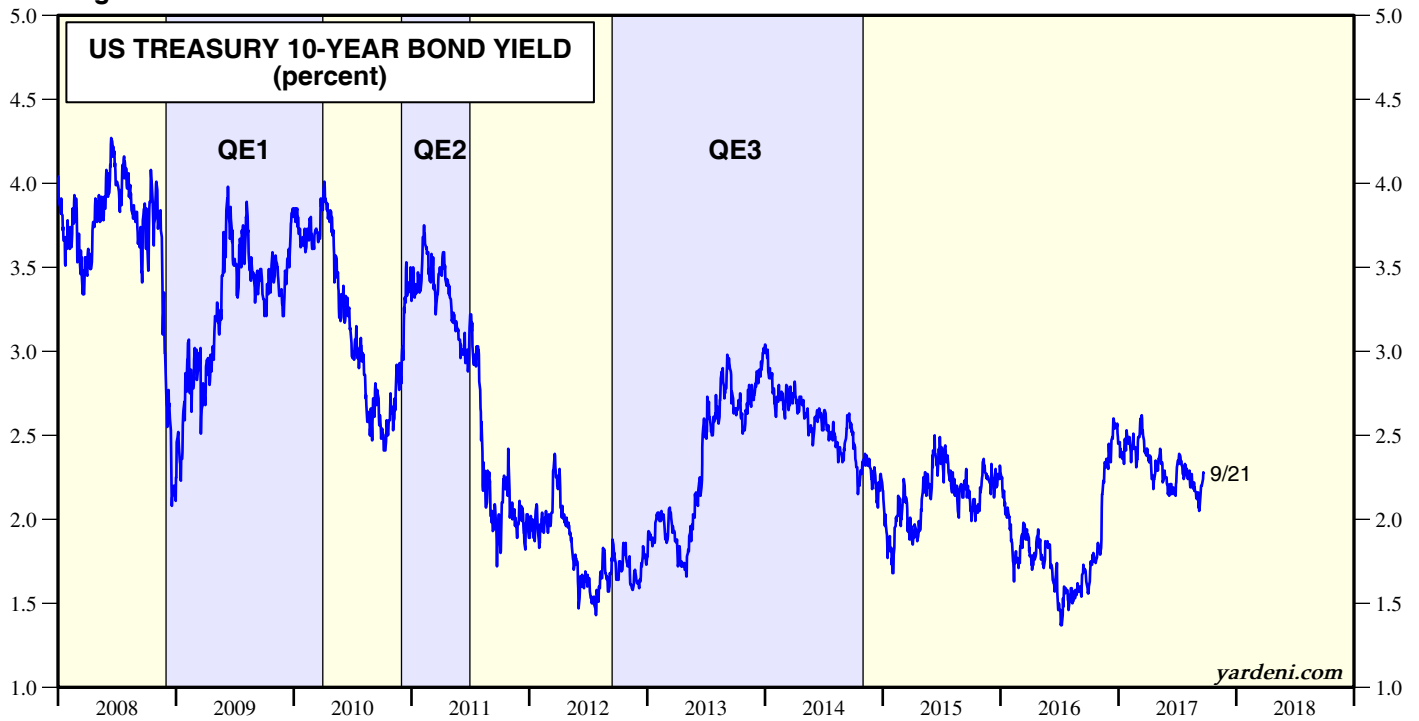
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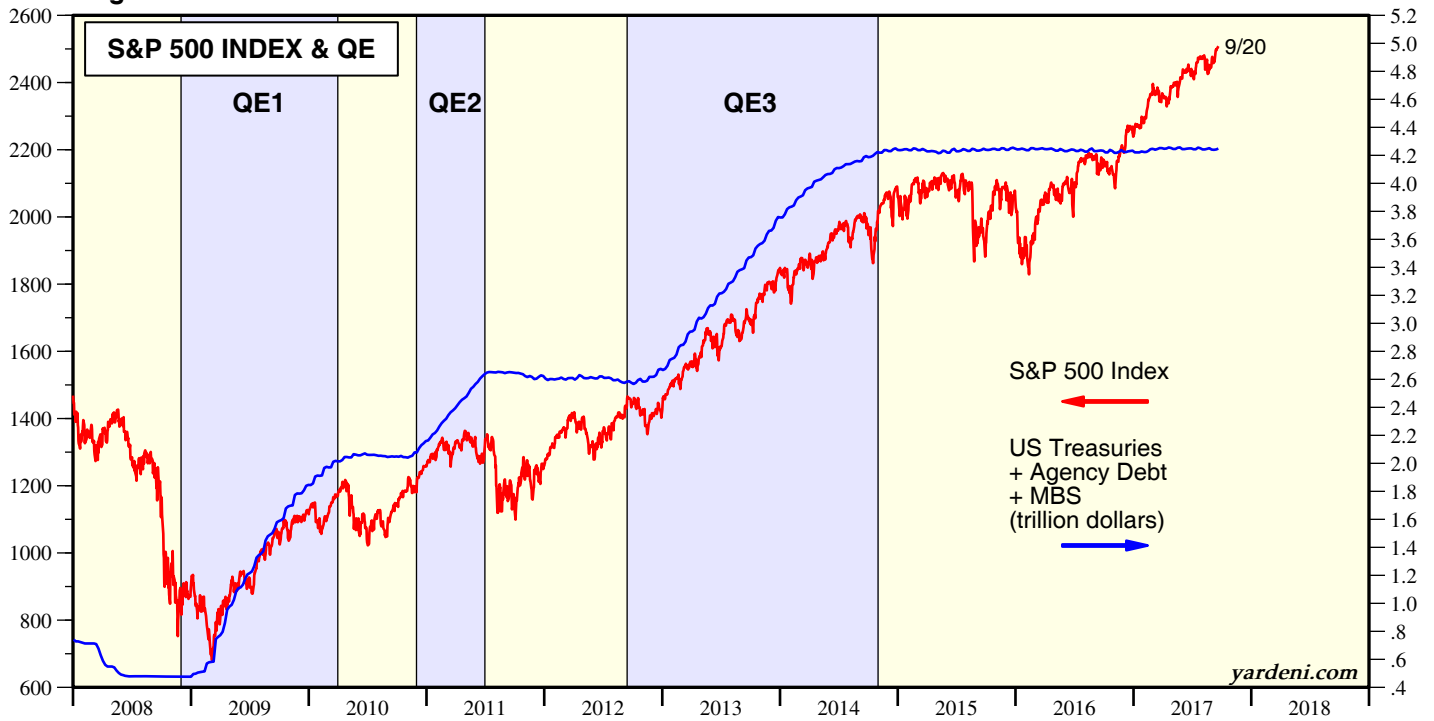
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* Ten-year Treasury yield less federal funds rate.
Note: QE1 (announced 11/25/08) = Fed buys \$1.24tn in mortgage securities. QE2 (announced 11/3/10) = Fed buys \$600bn in Treasuries. QE3 (announced 9/13/12) = Fed buys \$40bn/month in mortgage securities (to infinity and beyond). QE3 extended (announced 12/12/12) = Fed buys \$45bn/month in Treasuries.
Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Conference Board.

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Figure 7.



Note: QE1 (11/25/08) = Fed starts buying \$1.24tn in mortgage securities. QE1 expanded (3/16/2009) = Fed starts buying \$300bn in Treasuries. QE2 (11/3/10) = Fed starts buying \$600bn in Treasuries. QE3 (9/13/12) = Fed starts buying \$40bn/month in mortgage securities (open ended). QE3 expanded (12/12/12) = Fed starts buying \$45bn/month in Treasuries.
 Source: Federal Reserve Board and Standard & Poor's.

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