

**From:** "jeffrey E." <jeevacation@gmail.com>

**To:** Daniel Sabba <[REDACTED]>

**Cc:** Paul Morris <[REDACTED]>, Vahe Stepanian <[REDACTED]>, Ariane Dwyer <[REDACTED]>, Richard Kahn <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Re: DB James Malcolm: Are the BoJ shifting stance? Own some cheap optionality.....

**Date:** Fri, 01 May 2015 20:00:25 +0000

**Inline-Images:** 41465009.gif

---

silly recommendation.

On Fri, May 1, 2015 at 10:15 AM, Daniel Sabba <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Jeffrey – we wanted to share this note with you as it relates to what we perceive to be your macro views.

**James Malcolm is updating his view on the BoJ - he thinks there is now material event risk for the July meeting which warrants some 3-month vol premium on Yen assets and a close following of domestic data and news in the interim. Is the BoJ stance shifting from “no-ease-unless-things-worsen” .... to “ease-unless-things improve” mode ?**

I think it makes a lot of sense to own some low delta, low premium \$JPY upside at the moment

**We are axed to sell 50m\$ payout of a 5<sup>th</sup> August expiry 133.15 One Touch at just 8% (mid 5%)**

So invest 4m\$ upfront to make 50m\$ if the level trades at any point during the lifetime of the trade

Spot 119.95

Full piece attached below

---

**From James Malcolm :**

Minor tweaks or comments in recent BoJ reports suggest the central bank is becoming more nervous about missing its inflation target a little over two years after it was lifted and a radical new QE program to achieve it was implemented. They suggest that if the economy does not pick up substantial momentum over the next ten weeks additional easing may be warranted. The July 15 monetary policy meeting is key as it provides for an interim assessment of policy board member's price and growth forecasts, and comes just after the Bank's quarterly Tankan and public opinion survey. Beyond the hard data, these will show whether spending intentions and inflation expectations are lifting in response to higher profits and wages absent the consumption-tax drag.

EFTA00857784

What has changed? This week's semiannual Outlook for Economic Activity and Prices report ('The Bank's View') replaced its assessment that "there are downside risks" for prices with the starker phrase that "risks are skewed to the downside." A research study on the impact of QE thus far, published today, concluded that "in order to achieve the price stability target of 2% in a stable manner, a further increase in inflation expectations is necessary." It also said that while the overall results have been broadly in line with expectations "... [the] demand component data for real GDP -- particularly private consumption -- point to considerably weaker improvements than predicted," even if, on the other hand, actual increases in corporate profits and employee income have noticeably exceeded expectations. And an empirical regime-switching model that researchers at the Bank have developed shows that the likelihood of a switch in inflation to a 2% trend remains very low. In fact, it has turned down from about 20% to 10% more recently, while the probability of the trend being at 1% has risen to about 55% from less than 20% pre-2013 (chart below). That is good in so far as the probability of the trend being at zero has dropped from stably more than 80% to less than 30% today, yet that is clearly not something which Mr Kuroda will settle for.

For his part, the central bank chief is walking a tightrope. He has conceded his much vaunted original 2-year timeframe will be missed due to inflation, but clearly also feels like he cannot give the government any scope to relax on their medium-term fiscal consolidation plan, as this was an explicit precondition for the conduct and support of extraordinary monetary easing in the first place. It warrants some 3-month vol premium on yen assets and a particularly close following of domestic data and news in the interim. Both mark a sharp shift from what was always likely to be a very quiet 4 or 5 months following last December's election.

 cid:1\_\_=0FBBF4ABDFA987858f9e8a93df9386909@db.com

<http://www.boj.or.jp/en/mopo/outlook/gor1504a.pdf>

[http://www.boj.or.jp/en/research/wps\\_rev/rev\\_2015/data/rev15e03.pdf](http://www.boj.or.jp/en/research/wps_rev/rev_2015/data/rev15e03.pdf)

[https://www.boj.or.jp/en/research/wps\\_rev/wps\\_2015/data/wp15e03.pdf](https://www.boj.or.jp/en/research/wps_rev/wps_2015/data/wp15e03.pdf)

---

This communication may contain confidential and/or privileged information. If you are not the intended recipient (or have received this communication in error) please notify the sender immediately and destroy this communication. Any unauthorized copying, disclosure or distribution of the material in this communication is strictly forbidden.

Deutsche Bank does not render legal or tax advice, and the information contained in this communication should not be regarded as such.

--

please note

The information contained in this communication is confidential, may be attorney-client privileged, may constitute inside information, and is intended only for the use of the addressee. It is the property of

JEE

Unauthorized use, disclosure or copying of this communication or any part thereof is strictly prohibited and may be unlawful. If you have received this communication in error, please notify us immediately by return e-mail or by e-mail to [jeevacation@gmail.com](mailto:jeevacation@gmail.com), and destroy this communication and all copies thereof, including all attachments. copyright -all rights reserved