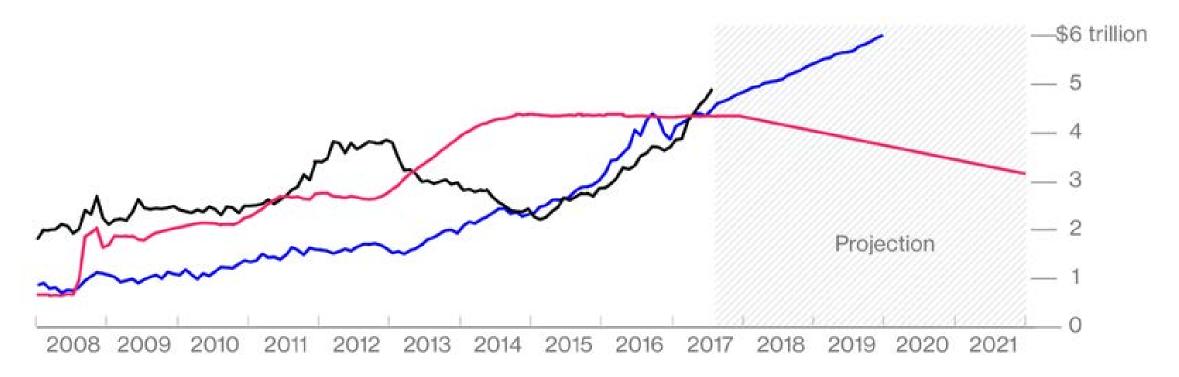




## **Central Banks Balance Sheets**

Japan moving into uncharted waters

■ Bank of Japan ■ European Central Bank ■ Federal Reserve



Note: BOJ projection assumes the yen-dollar exchange rate remains at the current level and the BOJ's asset holdings continue to increase at the current level.

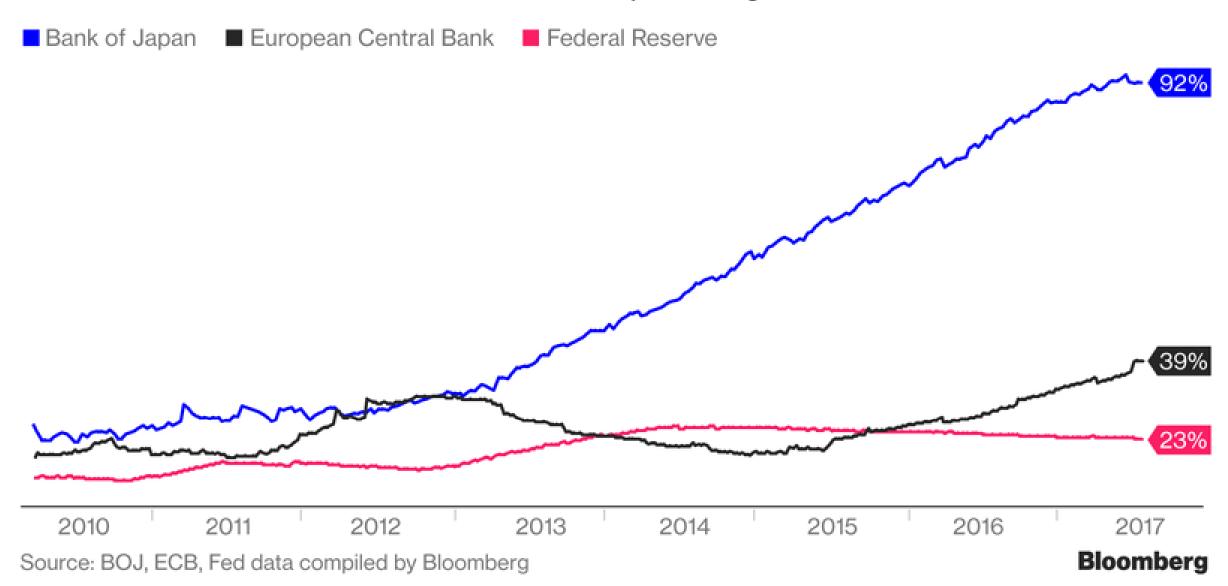
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Source: BOJ, ECB, Fed data compiled by Bloomberg

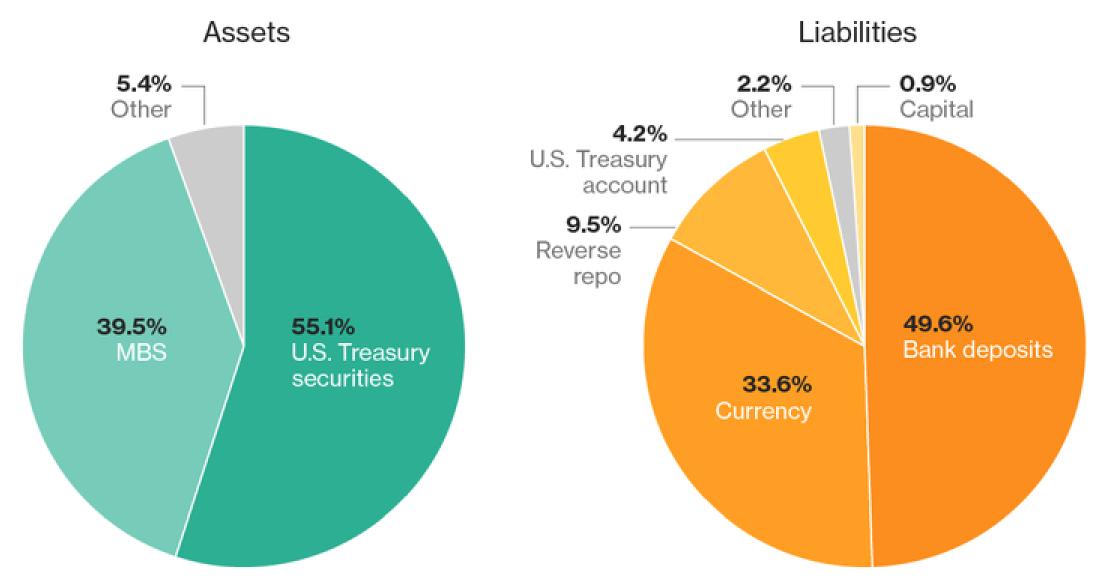
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## **BOJ Is Biggest Fish in QE Pond**

Total assets on central bank balance sheet as a percentage of GDP



## Federal Reserve Balance Sheet



Source: Federal Reserve

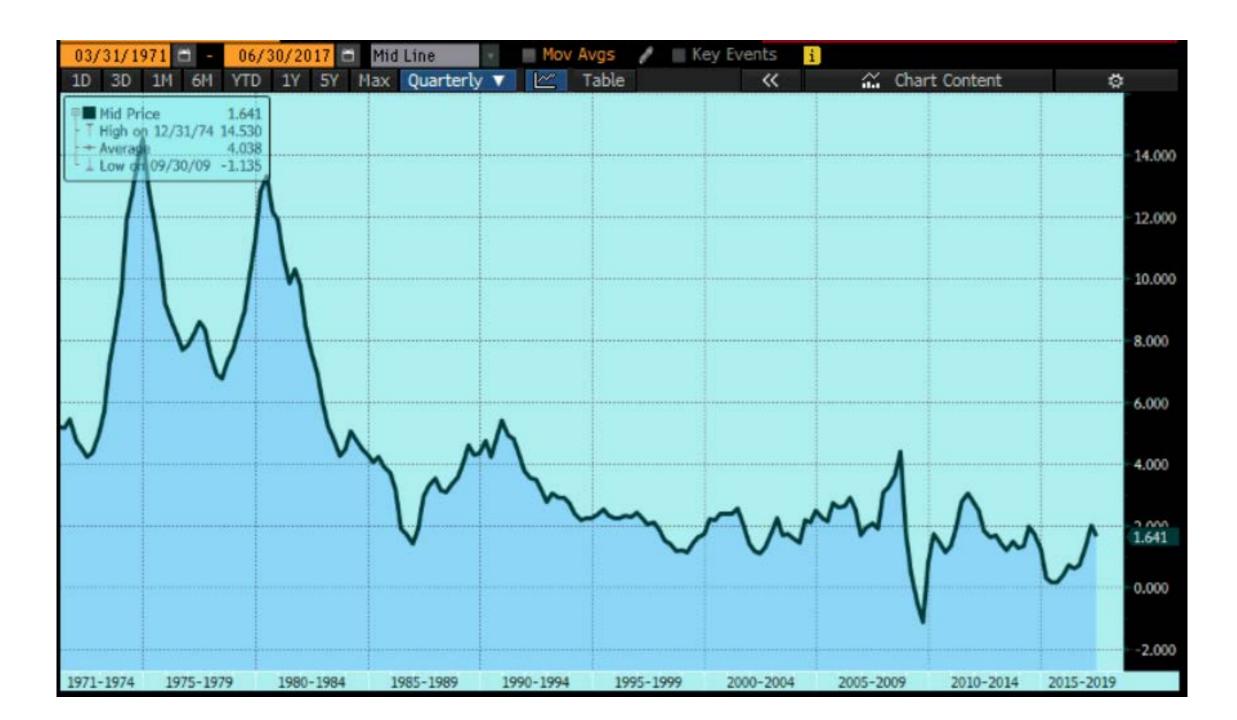
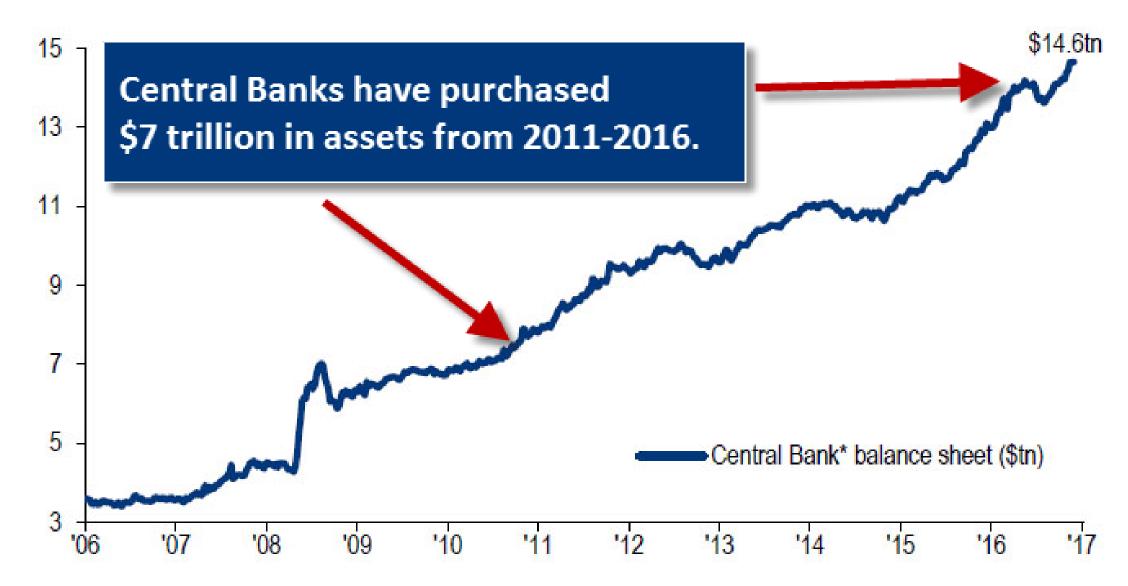




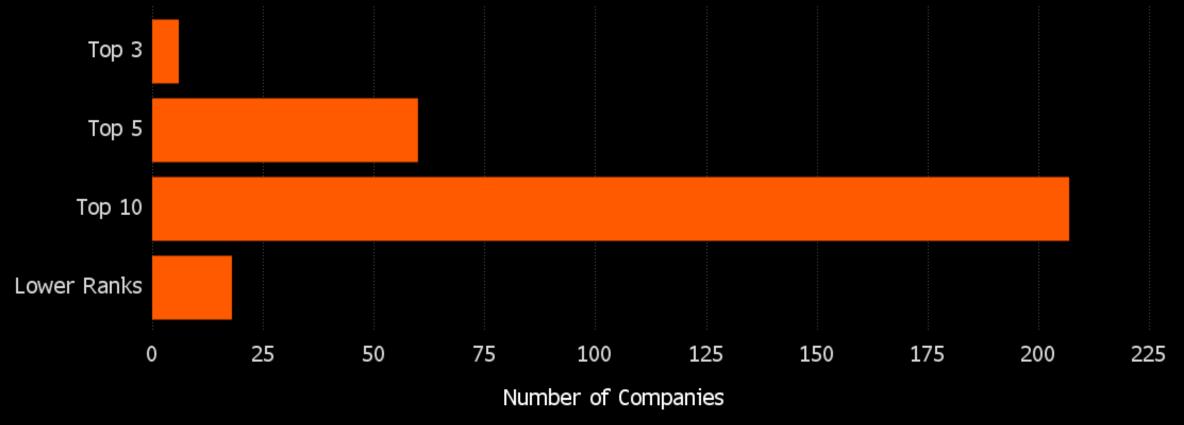
Chart 1: Central banks have bought \$1tn in assets YTD



Source: BofA Merrill Lynch Global Investment Strategy, Bloomberg; \* ECB + Fed + BoJ + BoE + SNB

## BOJ is a Top 10 Shareholder in About 90% of Nikkei 225

Estimate of central bank's shareholder rankings of firms in the index



Sources: Bank of Japan, Investment Trusts Association data, company data, Bloomberg

