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## Investor confidence

We are nearly at the end of the second quarter, and what a great quarter it has been for the prime space. In the period from the end of the first quarter to June 22, total industry assets in institutional prime funds grew 37.8%. That is an amazing number considering the outflows in this asset class in March. We see this as a vote of confidence from investors, who are voicing their appreciation for the combination of relative safety and a yield spread above many cash alternatives.

The liquidity market will remain crucial to the economic recovery. The horizon is fraught with uncertainties. Emerging signs have been good, with improvements in manufacturing, jobs and retail sales. But they come on the heels of dreadful numbers, and the pandemic is far from over—witness rising Covid-19 cases in the South and Southwest. We will continue to operate the Pool with an abundance of liquidity and conservative investment decisions to best face the future.

London interbank offered rates (LIBOR) slipped this week, with 1-month, 3-month and 6-month rates ending at 0.18%, 0.31% and 0.36, respectively.