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Tapering & Quantitative Easing





US Fed Reserve has recently indicated the need for Tapering owing to inflationary pressure.
What does it mean?

Before we answer this, it is better to understand what Fed has been upto till now.
It has adopted the strategy of Quantitative Easing_(QE).

Not surprisingly, Central Banks the world over adopt similar strategies to balance growth and inflation



QE simply means Fed has been buying T-Bills from the market.

More it buys, higher is the amount of cash available in the market and better liquidity for banks to give loans.

It also means, there are lesser no. of T bills available and hence their price rises. Do note that if T-Bills rates rise, their yield reduces, creating a lower benchmark even for Corporate Bonds. Higher liquidity and Cheaper debt leads to higher spending.

Hence too much of QE improves credit but creates inflationary pressures.

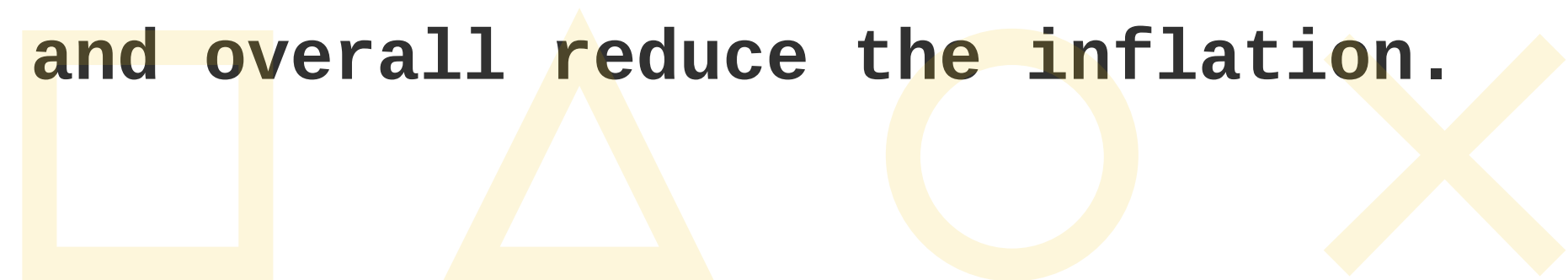
Now on to 'Tapering'

#Tapering

It's the reverse of QE where Fed slows down the purchases of T-Bills instead of aggressively buying them.

As you can understand, this leads to reducing the rate of liquidity release, thereby increasing T-Bills rates.

This brings the demand down, possibly encourages some saving and overall reduce the inflation.



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