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**Global Markets Research**
**Daily Market Highlights**

## 8 June: Seas of red in global financial markets

**Sell-off in global stocks, bonds and commodities last Friday; DXY up above 100s**  
**UST yields and DXY jumped following another stronger than expected NFP**  
**Downward revision to Eurozone's 1Q GDP; bond yields up on ECB rate hike bets**

- Global stocks, bitcoin, bonds, gold and oil, all tumbled last Friday. In Wall Street, stocks were weighed down by sell-off in chip stocks amid worries over AI spending, and a spike in treasury yields following a much stronger-than-expected US nonfarm payroll (NFP). Nasdaq plunged 4.2% d/d, while the S&P 500 and the Dow lost 2.6% d/d and 1.4% d/d respectively. The 2Y UST yields, which are sensitive to changes to Fed rates, jumped 10bps to 4.15%, while the 10Y rose 6bps to 4.53%. Gold fell 3.1% d/d to \$4.3k/oz and oil declined more than 2.0% d/d each to \$90.54/barrel for the WTI and \$93.09/barrel for Brent.
- The global tech sell-offs also dragged on bourses in Asia (Nikkei 225: -1.3% d/d, Hang Seng: -1.2% d/d, CSI 300: 1.8% d/d) as well as Europe (Stoxx Eur 600: -0.3% d/d), while expectations of a quarter point hike this week by the ECB saw yields to the 2Y and 10Y European sovereign bonds rising in tune to 1-7bps.
- Futures suggests equities are set for more losses today following the sell-off in Wall Street last Friday and jump in oil prices today amid continued ceasefire strains between the US-Iran and after Iran fired missiles at Israel early this morning.
- The DXY jumped 0.7% d/d to 100.07, above the 100-handle for the first time since April. The greenback strengthened against all G10 peers following the stronger than expected NFP report. NZD and AUD (0.7048) underperformed at -1.2% d/d each, while JPY (-0.2% d/d to 160.29) and GBP (-0.6% d/d to 1.3342) outperformed against most peers. EUR (-0.8% d/d to 1.1522) slipped after the latest data showed that the Eurozone economy unexpectedly shrank in 1Q. Regional FX closed mixed against the Dollar, but MYR (-0.5% d/d to 4.0300), SGD (-0.5% d/d to 1.2907) and CNH (-0.2% d/d to 6.7907) were notable laggards.

**Key Market Metrics**

	Level	d/d (%)
<b>Equities</b>		
Dow Jones	50,866.78	-1.35
S&P 500	7,383.74	-2.64
NASDAQ	25,709.43	-4.18
Stoxx Eur 600	622.66	-0.29
FTSE 100	10,368.05	0.07
Nikkei 225	66,588.12	-1.31
CSI 300	4,816.92	-1.79
Hang Seng	24,961.95	-1.15
Straits Times	5,049.96	-0.35
KLCI 30	1,693.43	0.60
<b>FX</b>		
Dollar Index	100.07	0.66
EUR/USD	1.1522	-0.77
GBP/USD	1.3342	-0.61
USD/JPY	160.29	0.17
AUD/USD	0.7048	-1.21
USD/CNH	6.7907	0.20
USD/MYR	4.0300	0.45
USD/SGD	1.2907	0.47
USD/KHR	4,025.25	-0.01
USD/THB	32.63	-0.11
<b>Commodities</b>		
WTI (\$/bbl)	90.54	-2.69
Brent (\$/bbl)	93.09	-2.04
Gold (\$/oz)	4,337.10	-3.10
Copper (\$/MT)	13,519.50	-2.96
Aluminum(\$/MT)	3,592.00	-2.02
CPO (RM/MT)	4,492.00	-0.86

Source: Bloomberg, HLBB Global Markets Research

### Strong but lack of breath for US job gains

- The May jobs report was strong, with non-farm payrolls (NFP) rising more than forecast by 172k vs the upwardly revised 179k in April. There were 93k upward revisions to the past two months' data, unemployment rate remained unchanged at 4.3% while average hourly earnings grew at a softer pace of 3.4% y/y vs 3.6% y/y previously.
- Government payrolls were up 52k (prior: +28k), while private sector added 120k vs 177k previously. Outside of government, the usual private education & healthcare services (+40k) and leisure & hospitality (+70k) contributed to the bulk of the job gains, the latter may have and will benefit from additional boost by the World Cup that starts June 11<sup>th</sup>.
- All in, ***another round of stronger than expected job numbers amid elevated inflationary pressure fuelled expectations of one Fed rate hike by the end of 2026***, while lack of breadth in job growth and slower wage growth suggests the household's personal finances are increasingly under pressure. We are maintaining our house view for continued Fed rate pause for now.
- In fact, separate data showed that consumer credit posted another strong increase at \$20.7bn in April (prior: \$22.2bn) amid strong gains for non-revolving credit (\$9.1bn vs \$11.9bn) which includes vehicle purchases and tuition fees, as well as revolving credit (\$11.6bn vs \$10.3bn) which includes credit card, the latter will see consumers seeing sizeable financial burden from the higher rates charged to the balances (Feb: 21.52%).

### Sharp downward revision to Eurozone's 1Q GDP due to swings for Ireland

- From the Eurozone, the final 1Q GDP was revised lower to -0.2% q/q from its initial estimate of +0.1% q/q, also a stepdown from +0.2% q/q in 4Q of 2025. The sharp downward revision was mainly due to Ireland, which saw growth slumping 12.1% q/q vs +2.0% q/q previously estimated. On the demand side, resilient employment growth (+0.1% q/q in 1Q vs 0.2% q/q in 4Q of 2025), supported household spending, while gross fixed capital formation and net exports exerted a drag.

### Narrower improvement for Japan's leading index

- Leading index improved to 115.9 in April from 115.4 previously, while assessment for current conditions was left unchanged at "signalling a possible turning point". Sub-indicators were mixed, improved for stock prices and producers' final demand but declined for small business forecast and housing starts.

## Singapore's retail sales beat forecasts as consumers stayed resilient

- Retail sales growth unexpectedly accelerated to 5.4% y/y in April from 4.6% y/y previously despite the ongoing geopolitical tensions in the Middle East and higher oil prices, a sign that consumer spending remains resilient and that MAS will likely tighten its policy stance again in July amid higher inflationary pressure. Most retail segments recorded growth, but notably for discretionary goods like motor vehicles & parts, recreational goods and wearing apparel & footwear.

### House View and Forecasts

FX	This Week	2Q-26	3Q-26	4Q-26	1Q-27
DXY	97-101	100.63	99.80	97.96	96.48
EUR/USD	1.14-1.18	1.14	1.15	1.17	1.19
GBP/USD	1.32-1.36	1.31	1.32	1.34	1.35
USD/CHF	0.76-0.81	0.79	0.78	0.76	0.75
USD/JPY	157-161	159	155	152	152
AUD/USD	0.69-0.74	0.68	0.69	0.70	0.71
NZD/USD	0.57-0.61	0.57	0.58	0.58	0.59
USD/CNY	6.75-6.80	6.93	6.88	6.84	6.77
USD/MYR	3.97-4.04	3.98	3.96	3.93	3.90
USD/SGD	1.26-1.30	1.29	1.28	1.27	1.25
USD/THB	32.20-33.20	31.60	31.80	31.80	31.40

FX	Last close	2Q-26	3Q-26	4Q-26	1Q-27
EUR/MYR	4.6903	4.55	4.55	4.60	4.66
GBP/MYR	5.4262	5.23	5.23	5.26	5.28
AUD/MYR	2.8767	2.72	2.72	2.75	2.77
CNY/MYR	0.5957	0.58	0.58	0.58	0.58
SGD/MYR	3.1407	3.09	3.10	3.11	3.12

Rates, %	Current	2Q26	3Q26	4Q26	1Q27
Fed	3.50-3.75	3.50-3.75	3.50-3.75	3.50-3.75	3.50-3.75
ECB	2.00	2.25	2.50	2.50	2.50
BOE	3.75	4.00	4.25	4.25	4.25
SNB	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BOJ	0.75	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
RBA	4.35	4.35	4.35	4.35	4.35
RBNZ	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25
BNM	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75

Source: HLBB Global Markets Research

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Date	Events	Prior
8-June	JN GDP Annualized SA QoQ (1Q F)	2.10%
	JN Bank Lending Incl Trusts YoY (May)	5.40%
	JN Eco Watchers Survey Outlook SA (May)	39.4
	EC Sentix Investor Confidence (Jun)	-16.4
9-June	AU Westpac Consumer Conf SA MoM (Jun)	3.50%
	AU NAB Business Confidence (May)	-24

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AU NAB Business Conditions (May)	3	
MA Foreign Reserves	\$129.5b	
US NFIB Small Business Optimism (May)	95.9	
US Trade Balance (Apr)	-\$60.3b	
US Existing Home Sales MoM (May)	0.20%	
CH Exports YoY (May)	14.10%	
9-15		
June	CH New Yuan Loans CNY YTD (May)	8590.0b

Source: Bloomberg

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