

Quarterly Market Outlook 2Q2017







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Global Growth Outlook



Real GDP (% YOY)	Latest 2 Quarters		Actual Forecast		cast	Forecast (official)		
	3Q16	4Q16	2016	2017	2018	2017	2018	
World	-	-	3.1	3.2 (3.1)	3.4	3.4 (3.4)	3.6	
DM/ G10 US Eurozone UK Japan	2.5 1.7 1.7 2.0 1.1	1.9 1.9 1.7 2.0 1.6	1.7 1.6 1.6 1.8 1.0	1.9 (1.7) 2.2 (2.2) 1.4 (1.3) 1.7 (0.7) 1.1 (0.8)	2.0 2.3 1.4 1.3 1.0	- 2.1 (2.1) 1.8 (1.7) 2.0 (1.4) 1.5 (1.3)	2.1 (2.0) 1.7 (1.6) 1.6 (1.5) 1.1 (0.9)	
BRICs China India	5.1 6.7 7.4	5.7 6.8 7.0	5.2 6.7 7.9	5.4 (5.6) 6.5 (6.3) 6.8 (7.7)	5.5 6.2 7.4	- - 7.8	-	
Asia ex-Japan	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.8 <i>(5.8)</i>	5.7	-	-	
EMEA	0.8	1.0	1.3	2.2 (2.5)	2.6	-	-	
Latam	-1.8	-1.4	-1.5	1.5 (1.9)	2.6	-	-	

Source: Bloomberg, official sources Figures in () are previous forecasts

Central Bank Policy Rate Outlook

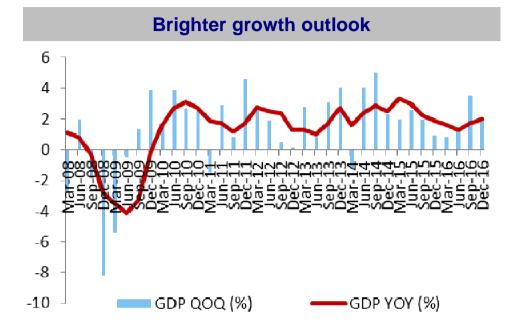


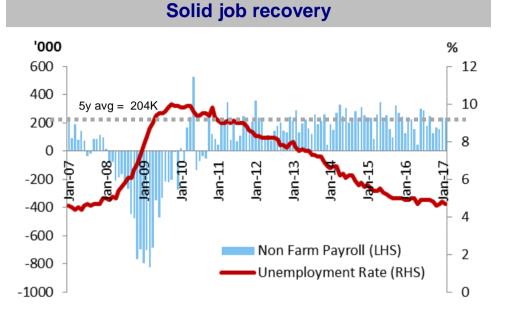
	Current	2Q17	3Q17	4Q17
USA	0.75-1.00	1.00-1.25	1.25-1.50	1.25-1.50
Europe	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
UK	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
Japan	-0.10	-0.10	-0.10	-0.10
Australia	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
New Zealand	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75
Malaysia	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
Thailand	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
Indonesia	4.75	4.75	4.75	4.75
Philippines	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00

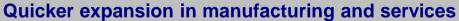
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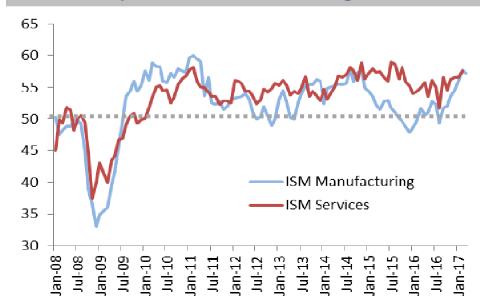
The US – Growth outlook remains favourable



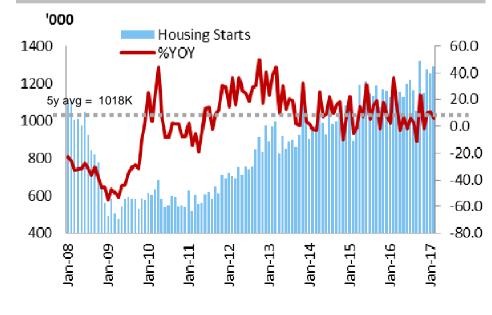






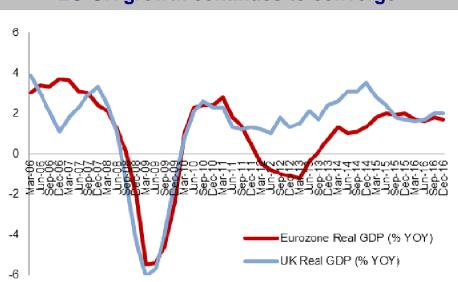


Housing market intact



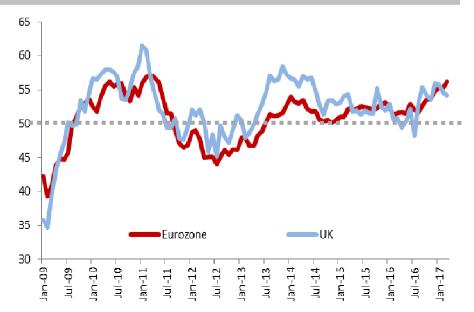
EU and UK – EU catching up; UK fragile





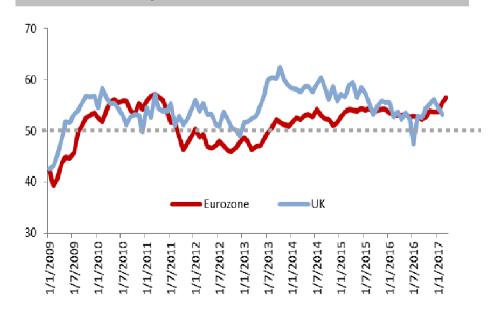
EU-UK growth continues to converge





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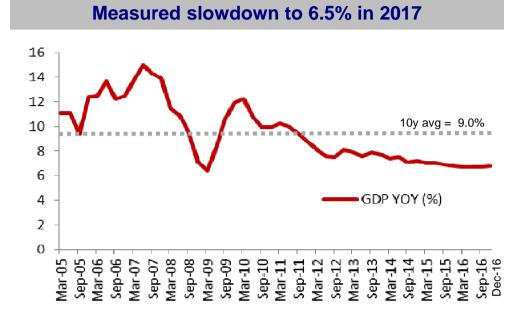
Services up in the EU but down in the UK



Continuous improvement in jobless rate

China – Well-paced moderation





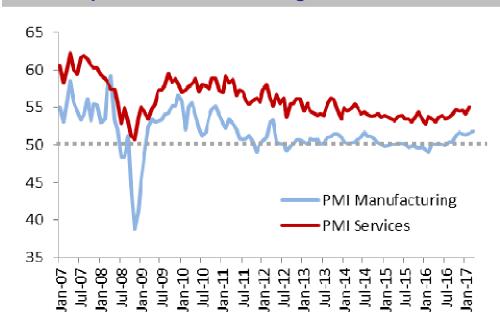
Stabilizing retail sales



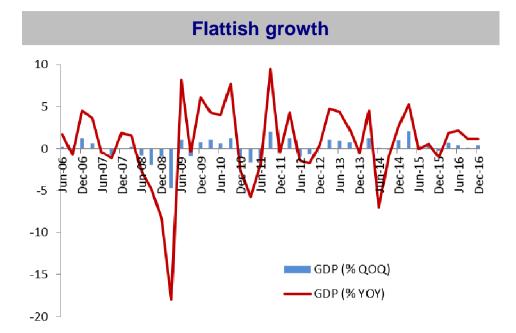
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Exports distorted by seasonal factors but off its trough

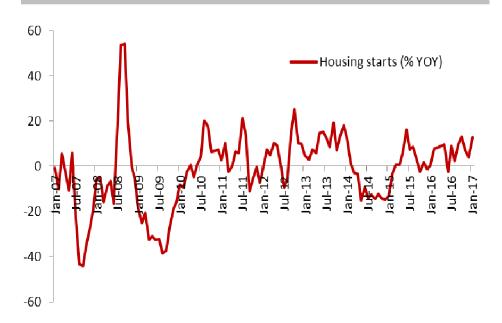
Upticks in manufacturing and services



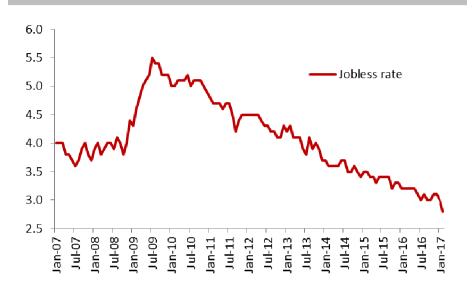
Japan – Emerging green shoots but far from solid



Upticks in housing starts are holding up



Jobless rate continued to nudge lower



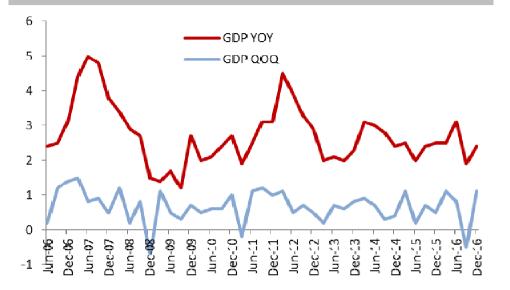
Industrial production picking up in line with improvement in global demand



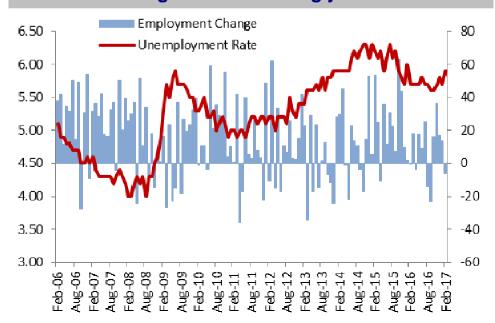
Australia – Softer outlook



Growth rebounded from a 7-year low

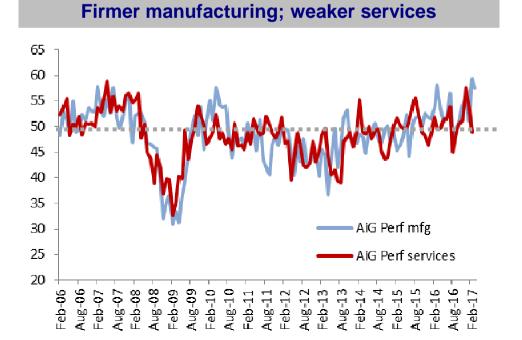


Added signs of a softening job market

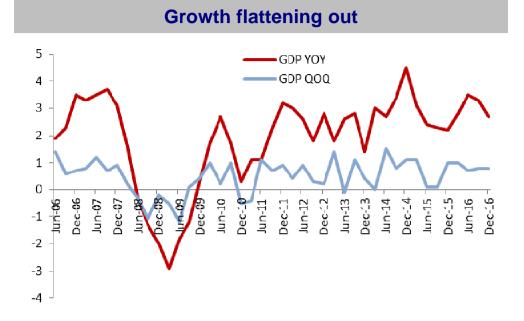


Non-mining still languishing at the lows

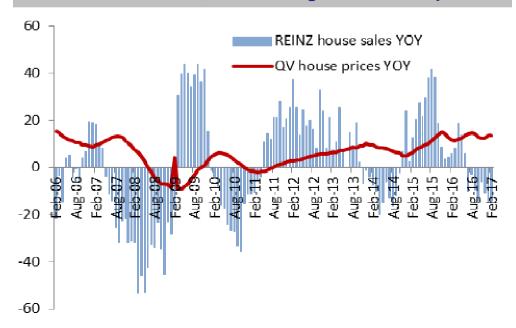




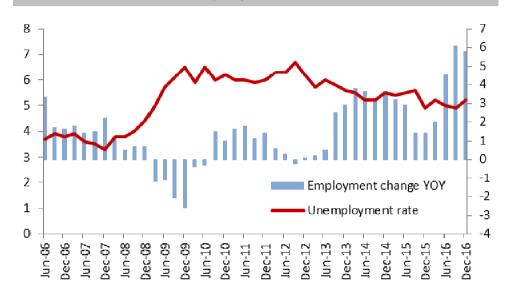
New Zealand – a mixed bag



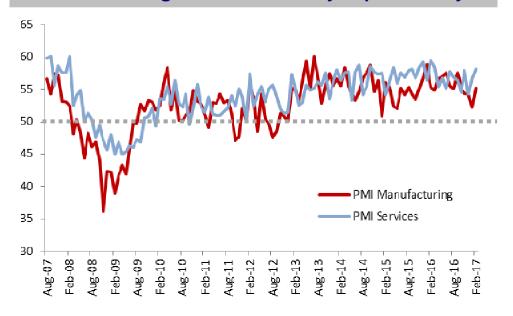
Lower home sales; sustained gain in house prices



Softer employment condition

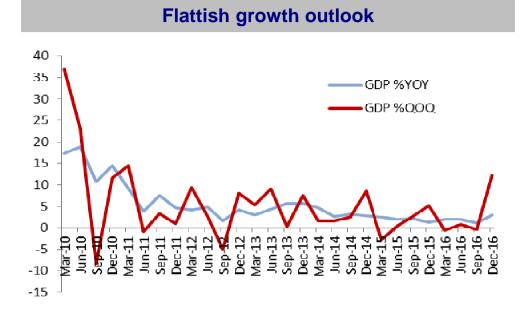


Manufacturing and services stay expansionary

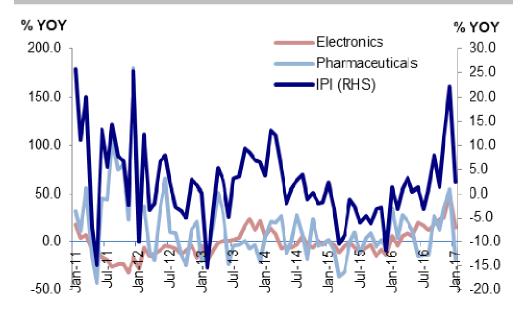




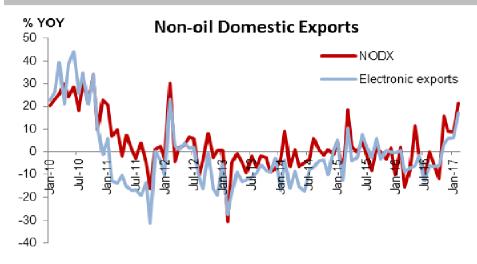
Singapore – very modest pick-up and fragile

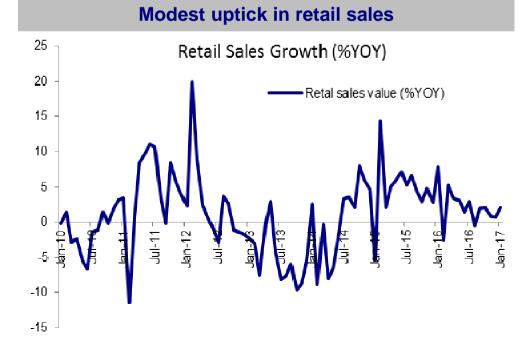


Broad-based pullback in industrial production



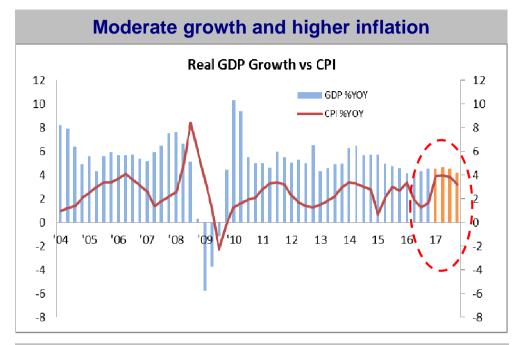
Improving exports in line with regional and global trend



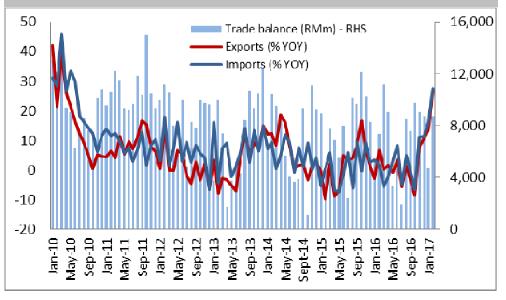


Malaysia – moderate growth and higher inflation outlook

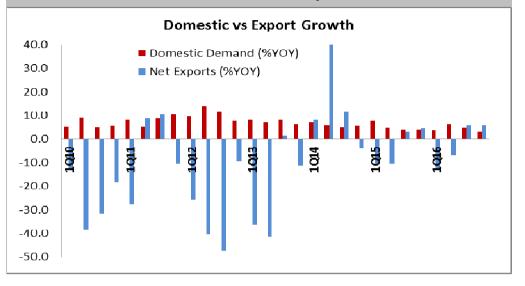




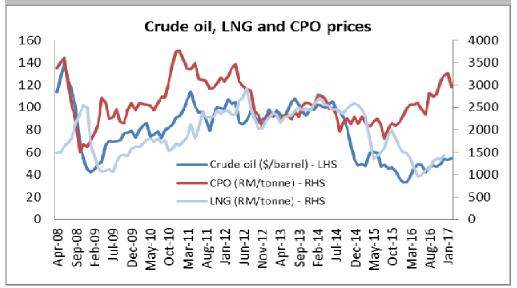
Pick-up in exports tracking improving global outlook



Softening domestic demand cushioned by sustained increase in net exports



Firmer commodity prices shall augur well with Malaysia's exports outlook



FX Outlook – 2Q17



Currency	Outlook	Comments
USDMYR	→	MYR supported by BNM FX measures and fund inflows
EURUSD	→	Political risks to weigh down EUR in early 2Q, but room to recover thereafter
GBPUSD	ч	Re-emergence of Brexit concerns to pressure GBP
USDJPY	7	 Policy divergence between the Fed and BOJ to weigh down JPY
AUDUSD	ы	 Downside risk from potential slowing demand from China amid credit tightening Prone to RBA talk-down given continued resilience
NZDUSD	ч	 Downside risk from potential slowing demand from China amid credit tightening Prone to RBNZ talk-down given continued resilience
USDSGD Source: Glob	7	 Renewed strength in USD to outperform a neutral SGD

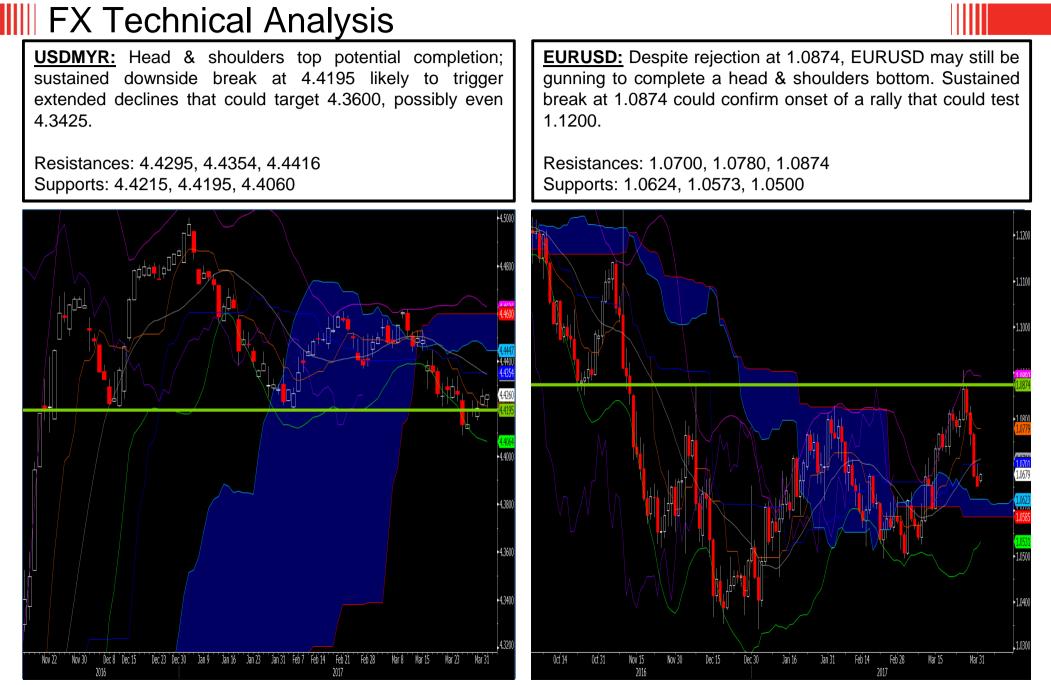
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FX Forecasts



Currency Pair	Close on 31 Mar 17	End 2Q17 closing	End 3Q17 closing	End 4Q17 closing	End 1Q18 closing
EUR/USD	1.0652	1.05 – 1.07	1.06 – 1.08	1.07 – 1.09	1.08 – 1.10
GBP/USD	1.2550	1.23 – 1.25	1.22 – 1.24	1.21 – 1.23	1.20 – 1.22
USD/JPY	111.39	113 – 115	113 – 115	113 – 115	113 – 115
AUD/USD	0.7629	0.74 – 0.76	0.73 – 0.75	0.71 – 0.73	0.70 - 0.72
NZD/USD	0.7006	0.68 - 0.70	0.67 – 0.69	0.65 – 0.67	0.64 - 0.66
USD/SGD	1.3971	1.40 - 1.42	1.40 - 1.42	1.41 – 1.43	1.42 – 1.44
USD/MYR	4.4255	4.41 – 4.43	4.39 - 4.41	4.41 – 4.43	4.43 - 4.45
EUR/MYR	4.7227	4.68 – 4.70	4.70 - 4.72	4.76 – 4.78	4.83 – 4.85
GBP/MYR	5.5051	5.47 – 5.49	5.40 - 5.42	5.38 - 5.40	5.36 - 5.38
AUD/MYR	3.3826	3.31 – 3.33	3.25 – 3.27	3.17 – 3.19	3.14 – 3.16
SGD/MYR	3.1663	3.12 - 3.14	3.11 – 3.13	3.10 - 3.12	3.09 - 3.11

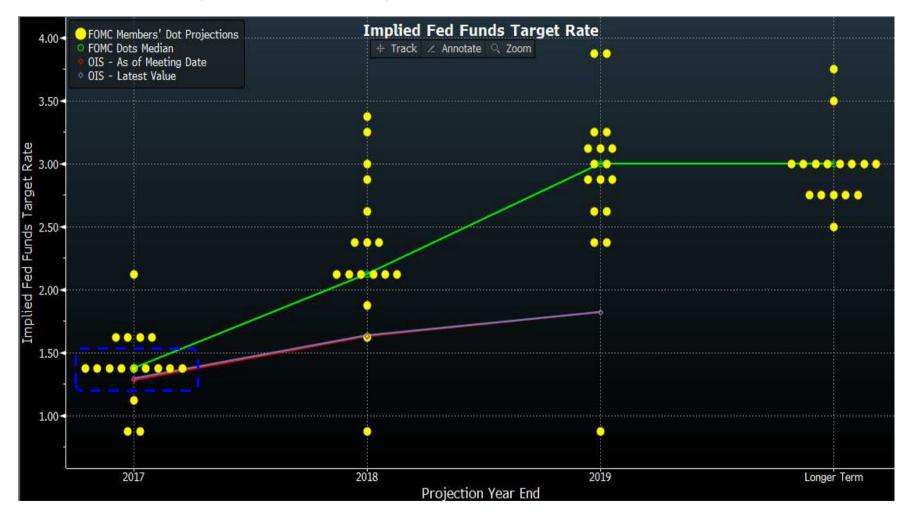
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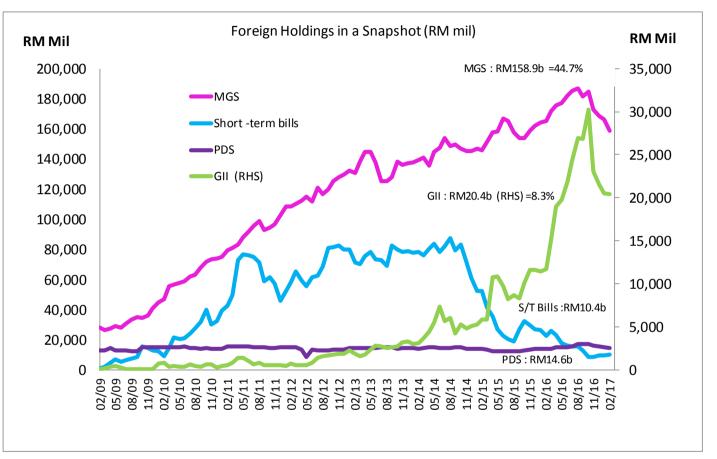
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Fed normalization cycle remains as a key theme in 2017



- Fed dot projections reaffirming views of prospective 3 interest rate hikes for the full year of 2017 (probability of 2 more hikes following recent March increase). Pace of interest rate hikes to remain gradual and continues to be data dependent.
- Fed's Rosengren and Williams expecting prospects of more than total 3 US interest rate hikes in 2017.



Source : BNM, Bloomberg, HLB Global Markets Research

Foreign ownership of MYR bonds continue to ease lower for the month of Feb 2017 with Fed hike expectations amplifying louder. For the month of February 2017, non-resident holdings of MGS was reduced by RM7.4b, bringing latest level to RM158.9b (circa 44.7% of amount outstanding vs January 2017's 46%). Non-resident holdings of GII at RM20.4b for February 2017 (circa 8.3% versus previous level of 8.5%). In combined amounts, non-resident holdings of MYR bonds eased to RM204b versus previous RM211.7b (including short-term bills and corporate bonds/sukuk, lowered from 17.8% to 17.2%). Nevertheless, we opine backstops from healthy onshore real money demand to provide continued support for the MYR bond scene, as higher yields may again attract investment interest on value-hunting.

MGS/GII issuance pipeline in 2017

No	Stock	Tenure-yrs	Tender Month	by quarter	Tender Date	Expected size	lssuance (RM mil)	Private Placement	Amt Issued	BTC (times)	Low	Average	High	Cut-off
			Monu		Date	(RM mil)		Flacement	YTD	(unies)				
1	3-yr Reopening of MGII 04/20 3.226%	3	Jan	Q1	5/1/2017	3,000	3,500		3,500	1.789	3.657	3.690	3.700	75%
2	15-yr Reopening of MGS 06/31 4.232%	15	Jan	Q1	12/1/2017	3,500	4,000		7,500	2.503	4.773	4.786	4.796	25%
3	10.5-yr New Issue of MGII (Mat on 07/27)	10	Jan	Q1	25/1/2017	4,000	4,000		11,500	3.413	4.245	4.258	4.265	11%
4	7.5-yr New Issue of MGII (Mat on 08/24)	7	Feb	Q1	14/2/2017	4,000	4,000		15,500	3.123	4.030	4.045	4.050	100%
5	30-yr Reopening of MGS 03/46 4.736%	30	Feb	Q1	27/2/2017	2,500	2,000	1,000	18,500	2.562	4.660	4.676	4.686	5%
6	5-yr New Issue of MGS (Mat on 03/22)	5	Mar	Q1	9/3/2017	4,000	4,000		22,500	1.538	3.859	3.882	3.903	3%
7	15-yr Reopening of MGII 08/33 4.582%	15	Mar	Q1	23/3/2017	3,000	3,000	1,000	26,500	1.897	4.660	4.696	4.730	27%
8	7.5-yr New Issue of MGS (Mat on 09/24)	7	Mar	Q1	30/3/2017	4,000	3,000	1,000	30,500	2.064	4.030	4.059	4.072	64%
9	20-yr New Issue of MGS (Mat on 04/37)	20	Apr	Q2		3,000								
10	5-yr New Issue of MGII (Mat on 04/22)	5	Apr	Q2		4,000								
11	15-yr Reopening of MGS 04/33 3.844%	15	Apr	Q2		3,000								
12	30-yr New Issue of MGII (Mat on 05/47)	30	May	Q2		3,000								
13	10.5-yr New Issue of MGS (Mat on 11/27)	10	May	Q2		4,000								
14	7-yr Reopening of MGII (Mat on 08/24)	7	May	Q2		3,500								
15	20-yr Reopening of MGS (Mat on 04/37)	20	Jun	Q2		2,500								
16	10-yr Reopening of MGII (Mat on 07/27)	10	Jun	Q2		3,500								
17	7-yr Reopening of MGS (Mat on 09/24)	7	Jul	Q3		3,500								
18	30-yr Reopening of MGII (Mat on 05/47)	30	Jul	Q3		2,500								
19	10-yr Reopening of MGS (Mat on 11/27)	10	Jul	Q3		3,500								
20	20-yr New Issue of MGII (Mat on 08/37)	20	Aug	Q3		3,000								
21	3.5-yr New Issue of MGS (Mat on 02/21)	3	Aug	Q3		4,000								
22	7-yr Reopening of MGII (Mat on 08/24)	7	Aug	Q3		3,500								
23	5-yr Reopening of MGS (Mat on 03/22)	5	Sep	Q3		3,500								
24	15-yr Reopening of MGII 08/33 4.582%	15	Sep	Q3		3,000								
25	7-yr Reopening of MGS (Mat on 09/24)	7	Oct	Q4		3,500								
26	20-yr Reopening of MGII (Mat on 08/37)	20	Oct	Q4		2,500								
27	30-yr Reopening of MGS 03/46 4.736%	30	Oct	Q4		2,000								
28	10-yr Reopening of MGII (Mat on 07/27)	10	Nov	Q4		3,500								
29	15-yr Reopening of MGS 04/33 3.844%	15	Nov	Q4		3,000								
30	5-yr Reopening of MGII (Mat on 04/22)	5	Nov	Q4		3,500								
31	10-yr Reopening of MGS (Mat on 11/27)	10	Dec	Q4		3,000								
32	15.5-yr New Issue of MGII (Mat on 06/33)		Dec	Q4		3,000 105,000								
	Estimated gross MGS/GII supply in 2017													

Source : BNM, Bloomberg, HLB Global Markets Research

Despite trading sentiments turning a tad more cautious amid looming Fed hike views, recent BTC trends from concluded MGS/GII auction have gradually moved back to healthier BTC covers. Latest 7-year MGS 9/24 managed to secure a healthy 2.06x BTC thanks to continue onshore real money support.



Country	6M	Views	Comments/ Outlook				
US	Maturity Preference		<u>Sovereigns</u>				
	Policy Rate Yield Curve		UST yields on the short-end have shifted higher faster than the long-end				
			amid looming Fed hike normalization cycle, with market players shori bets of a total 3 interest rate hikes in 2017. Pace of normalizati				
	Fed normalization path continues to resonate louder. Market players pricing in prospects of total 3 interest rate hikes in 2017. (In line with house view)	UST yields have adjusted higher amid looming Fed hikes. Expect UST yields to trend higher on the back of improving US macro data and prospects of further interest rate hikes. Pace of fiscal stimulus for infrastructure spending in the US will need to get buy in for implementation, hence expectations for long-end yields to trend higher may be delayed.	expected to remain gradual and data dependent with stronger macro prints as added catalysts for upward interest rate adjustment. Fed's Dudley opine tapering FOMC's balance sheet may be a better course than an earlier abrupt end. Expect UST yields to trend higher going into 2H2017 on the back of further impending rate hikes. Corporate Funding costs for corporate bond issuers in the USD space are expected to be relatively higher as the Fed embarks on interest rate normalization cycle albeit on a gradual pace. Issuers may continue to front-load issuance plans as funding cost will be progressively higher amid further Fed hikes. Notable issuance completed include \$500m 3-year floating rate note (FRN) by State Bank of India as well as Indonesia EXIM \$500m 7-year tranche. Kookmin Bank is also potentially tapping the USD space with a covered bond issuance.				



pickup, potentially meeting our PDS gross supply of RM75b-RM80b.

Country	6M	Views	Comments/ Outlook			
Malaysia	Maturity	y Preference	Sovereigns			
	Durat	ion neutral	YTD MGS/GII issuance worth RM30.5b circa 29% completed of our full ye			
	Policy Rate	Yield Curve	gross MGS/GII supply of RM105b in 2017. (Collective YTD private placements worth RM3b. Despite moderately lower demand of 1.54x for			
	OPR to remain accommodative. Moderate improvement in domestic growth prospects and upward creeping inflation reinforces our view that OPR will likely stay unchanged at 3.00% in 2017	Short-end yields appears to be trending higher amid recent paring of foreign ownership of MYR government bonds, with holdings concentration skewed towards short-end. However, on a quarter on quarter comparative, yields on the mid to long- end continue to be supported by domestic onshore real money.	previous 5-year MGS3/22 tender, average YTD BTC still remains health, > 2x. Short-end yields appears to be trending higher amid recent paring of foreign ownership of MYR government bonds, with holding concentration skewed towards short-end. However, on quarter on quarter comparative, mid to longer-dated government bond yields still supported, anchored by domestic onshore real money. We opine continuing onshore real money support is expected to be forthcoming. Corporate In the corporate bonds space YTD completed primary issuances stands at circa RM22b, with momentum picking up in February and March. Primary supply boosted by government guaranteed papers comprised of RM2.68b by Danalnfra, RM2.2b by PTPTN as well as RM3b by Govco Holdings during the period in review. Maintaining our full year gross corporate bonds/sukuk supply target of RM75b-RM80b. GENM Capital also priced its RM2.6b print, comprising of 5-year, 10-year and 15-year tranche at 4.78%, 4.98% and 5.20% respectively. Expect primary issuance momentum to			

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