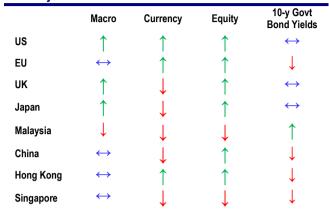


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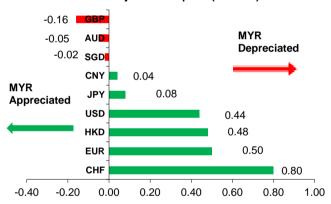
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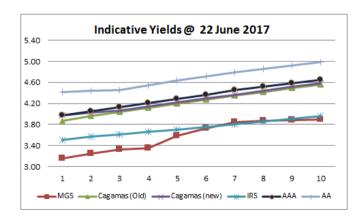


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6-month Macro Outlook

	Economy	Inflation	Interest Rate	Currency
US	\longleftrightarrow	\longleftrightarrow	\longleftrightarrow	\uparrow
EU	\uparrow	\longleftrightarrow	\longleftrightarrow	\downarrow
UK	\downarrow	\longleftrightarrow	\longleftrightarrow	\downarrow
Japan	\longleftrightarrow	\uparrow	\longleftrightarrow	\longleftrightarrow
Australia	\longleftrightarrow	↑	\longleftrightarrow	\downarrow
China	\downarrow	\uparrow	\longleftrightarrow	\downarrow
Malaysia	\downarrow	\downarrow	\longleftrightarrow	\longleftrightarrow
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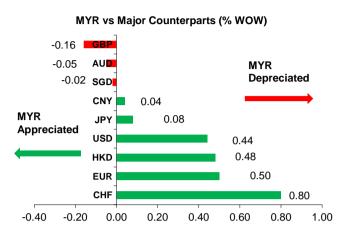
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 - Report from the Confederation of British Industry showed that factory order books surged to the highest in almost 30 years as exports demand improved. The CBI index climbed to 16 in June from 9 in May as the gauge for exports jumped to the highest in 22 years. On a separate report, Rightmove house prices increased at its slowest pace in four years amid slower wage gain and intensifying risks from Brexit negotiation.
- Japan's exports rose 14.90% YOY to 5.851 trillion in May after an increase of 7.50% YOY in April. On the other hand, imports grew 17.80% YOY in May (April: +15.20% YOY). Trade balance unexpectedly slipped to a deficit of 203.4 billion yen in May due to the 7.5% MOM decline in exports and 3.5% increase in imports.
- On the domestic front, CPI tapered off for the 2nd straight month to 3.90% YOY in May, as a result of slower increase in transport prices. Core CPI ticked higher for the first time in four months but remained modest nonetheless. CPI readings may continue to taper from current levels leading to a full year average of 3.40% for 2017 should global crude oil prices continue to range trade at USD 48-50/barrel for the remainder of the year. More modest price outlook, coupled with resilient growth shall pave the way for BNM to keep OPR unchanged this year. Malaysia's foreign reserves rose by \$ 0.70 billion to \$ 98.70 billion on June 15th. The position was sufficient to finance 8.2 months of retained imports and is 1.1x short term external debt.

The Week Ahead...

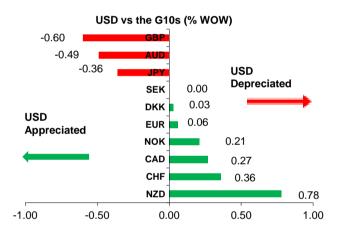
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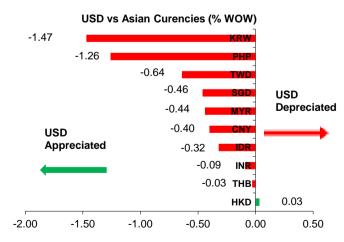
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- GBP: GBP fell 0.6% WOW to 1.2682 against USD and tumbled to the bottom of the G10 list amid lingering Brexit concerns. We note the hawkish comments from a BOE official and more so, a hawkish change in voting pattern on monetary policy by the MPC. Even so, we opine that these are likely long-term ramification and depend a lot on sustained improvement in the UK economy. Meanwhile, we expect GBPUSD to be weighed down by near-term Brexit concerns as negotiations continue. Bearish bias did not retreat even after GBPUSD climbed above 1.2690, thus we opine that the pair will soon dip lower and set sights on a drop to 1.2579.
- JPY: JPY weakened 0.36% WOW to 111.33 against USD and fell against 7 G10s, on the back of firmer commodity and European majors. We stay bearish on JPY in anticipation of a firmer USD next week. Macro flow from Japan currently suggests a mild bearish potential, which will likely continue to support BOJ's continuation of expansionary monetary policy. Technical outlook remains optimistic for USDJPY, especially after sharp losses were repelled by 110.95. We now set sights on a break at 111.60 next, after which USDJPY will carve out a move to 112.25.
- AUD: AUD fell 0.49% WOW to 0.7542 against USD and retreated against 8 G10s, weighed down by risk-off in equities and failed to be inspired by firmer commodity majors. Expect a bearish AUD next week in anticipation of a firmer USD, as well as potential risk aversion ahead of manufacturing data from China. Weakness in commodities, particularly gold and iron, will weigh on AUD. Bullish bias looks likely to be overturned soon, and a close below 0.7539 will be an indication that bearish bias prevails. We expect AUDUSD to test, and possibly even break below, 0.7490 going forward.
- SGD: SGD weakened 0.46% WOW to 1.3902 against USD and fell against 8 G10s, weighed down by risk-off in equities. We reckon that risk appetite is likely to remain soft next week ahead of various Fed speaks and US first-tier data, thus pressure SGD against USD. Technical outlook remains supportive of further climbs; closing above 1.3907 is a crucial indicator that USDSGD has additional legs higher, which we opine can test as high as 1.4000 1.4029 in the coming weeks.



Technical Analysis:

Currency	Current price	ent price 14-day RSI Support - Resistance		Moving Averages			0-11	
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EURUSD	1.1163	51.74	1.1115	1.1288	1.1186	1.0854	1.0822	Positive
GBPUSD	1.2699	42.14	1.2596	1.3000	1.2846	1.2635	1.2551	Negative
USDJPY	111.28	52.77	109.33	111.97	111.04	111.81	110.91	Negative
USDCNY	6.8419	54.78	6.7742	6.8574	6.8404	6.8733	6.8421	Positive
USDSGD	1.3888	52.33	1.3771	1.3913	1.3859	1.3995	1.4047	Positive
AUDUSD	0.7555	54.90	0.7397	0.7649	0.7499	0.7556	0.7529	Negative
NZDUSD	0.7273	67.12	0.7055	0.7322	0.7114	0.7055	0.7096	Negative
USDMYR	4.2892	48.97	4.2547	4.2938	4.2874	4.3801	4.3413	Positive
EURMYR	4.7885	53.10	4.7602	4.8131	4.7887	4.7469	4.7064	Positive
GBPMYR	5.4476	43.27	5.3952	5.5432	5.5097	5.5249	5.4604	Negative
JPYMYR	3.8551	47.47	3.8272	3.8949	3.8568	3.9139	3.9366	Positive
CHFMYR	4.4191	56.40	4.3755	4.4313	4.3987	4.4101	4.3639	Negative
SGDMYR	3.0884	44.27	3.0817	3.0951	3.0913	3.1274	3.0973	Negative
AUDMYR	3.2407	54.35	3.1544	3.2746	3.2129	3.3113	3.2722	Negative
NZDMYR	3.1197	71.12	3.0018	3.1371	3.0439	3.0946	3.0866	Negative

Trader's Comment:

Dwindling oil prices was the focus this week as it went another leg lower and traded to a low of 42.05. It has subsequently retraced and is at 42.90 at time of writing, but the general downtrend momentum still seems intact and we may continue to see a test of the 42.00 support next week. The move in oil prices led a risk-off move in equities globally, as well as in FX. DXY touched a high of 97.87 before retracing to 97.46 at time of writing, the upwards move likely accelerated by market being caught short USD from last week. Markets seem to have keen sellers at current levels, but if oil prices continue to slide we should see DXY higher still.

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Locally, USDMYR traded to a high of 4.2900 this week but has mostly remained in a tight 4.28-4.29 range ahead of our 4-day long weekend. Still seeing plenty of buying interest in line with the risk-off move globally. The 4.3000 strong psychological resistance is still holding but that will likely be put to test next week. Expecting 4.27-4.32 range to hold in the coming week.



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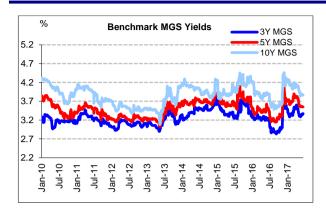
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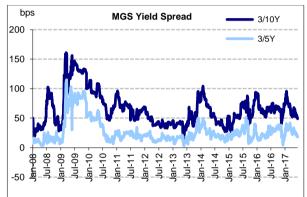


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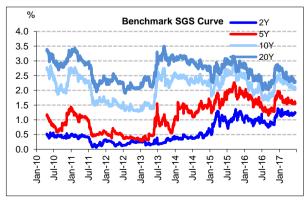


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- Benchmark SGS saw yields easing lower this week, with 10-year shaved circa 10 bps on WoW basis versus last week's closing levels. 10-year hovering below 2.00% mark, to settle at 1.98% level. We opine retreating oil prices seen influencing bond yields to ease lower on dampened inflation outlook. On the macro front, NODX released a reading of -1.2% YOY in May, versus previous level of -0.8%. (although reading was better than market consensus level of -5.6%).



Rating Actions					
Issuer	PDS Description	Rating/Outlook	Action		
Dar Al Arkan Real Estate Development Company	Long-term corporate credit rating to A3 from A1 and revised the outlook on the rating to stable from negative	A3 / stable	Downgraded from A1, outlook revised to stable from negative		
Sports Toto Malaysia Sdn Bhd	Proposed RM800.0 million 15-year Medium-Term Notes Programme (MTN-2)	AA- / Stable	Assigned		
MEX II Sdn Bhd	RM1.3 billion Sukuk Murabahah Programme (Sukuk Murabahah) and RM150 million Junior Bonds issuance (Junior Bonds)	AA- / Stable A-/ Stable	Affirmed		



			Reporting	_		
Date	Country	Event	Period	Survey	Prior	Revise
07/03	Malaysia	Nikkei Malaysia PMI	Jun		48.7	
07/07		Exports YoY	May		20.60%	
		Foreign Reserves	Jun-30			
06/26	US	Durable Goods Orders	May P	-0.70%	-0.80%	
06/27		S&P CoreLogic CS 20-City YoY NSA	Apr		5.89%	
		Richmond Fed Manufact. Index	Jun		1	
06/28		MBA Mortgage Applications	Jun-23		0.60%	
		Wholesale Inventories MoM	May P	0.20%	-0.50%	
		Pending Home Sales MoM	May	1.10%	-1.30%	
06/29		GDP Annualized QoQ	1Q T	1.20%	1.20%	
06/30		Personal Income	May	0.30%	0.40%	
		Personal Spending	May	0.10%	0.40%	
		Chicago Purchasing Manager	Jun	58.0	59.4	
		U. of Mich. Sentiment	Jun F	94.5	94.5	
07/03		Markit US Manufacturing PMI	Jun F			
		ISM Manufacturing	Jun	54.5	54.9	
07/05		Factory Orders	May		-0.20%	
07/06		FOMC Meeting Minutes	Jun-14			
		ADP Employment Change	Jun		253k	
		Initial Jobless Claims	Jul-01			
		Trade Balance	May		-\$47.6b	
		Markit US Services PMI	Jun F		φ-7.05 	
		Markit US Composite PMI	Jun F			
		ISM Non-Manf. Composite	Jun	56.5	56.9	
07/07		Change in Nonfarm Payrolls	Jun		138k	
		Unemployment Rate	Jun		4.30%	
06/26	UK	BBA Loans for House Purchase	May		4.30 % 40750	
6/28-07/03		Nationwide House Px NSA YoY	Jun		2.10%	
06/29		Net Consumer Credit	May		1.5b	
00,20		Mortgage Approvals	May		64.6k	
06/30		GfK Consumer Confidence	Jun		-5	
55,55		GDP QoQ	1Q F		-3 0.20%	-
		Index of Services 3M/3M		-	0.20%	-
07/03		Markit UK PMI Manufacturing SA	Apr Jun		56.7	-
07/04		Markit/CIPS UK Construction PMI		 		
07/05		Markit/CIPS UK Services PMI	Jun Jun	 	56 53.8	
07/07						
01701		Halifax House Price 3Mths/Year	Jun		3.30%	
		Industrial Production YoY	May		-0.80%	
		Visible Trade Balance GBP/Mn	May		-£10383 0.20%	
06/29	Euro zone	NIESR GDP Estimate Economic Confidence	Jun			
00/25	Lui o Lonic		Jun	109.4	109.2	-
		Business Climate Indicator	Jun . –	1.00	0.9	-
06/30		Consumer Confidence	Jun F		-1.3	-
07/03		CPI Estimate YoY	Jun . –	1.30%	1.40%	-
01/03		Markit Eurozone Manufacturing PMI	Jun F			
07/04		Unemployment Rate	May		9.30%	
07/04		PPI YoY	May . –		4.30%	
07/05		Markit Eurozone Services PMI	Jun F			
07/00		Retail Sales YoY	May		2.50%	
07/06		ECB account of the monetary policy meeting				
06/26	Japan	Leading Index CI	Apr F		104.5	
		Coincident Index	Apr F		117.7	



06/28		Small Business Confidence	Jun	49.0	48.9	
06/29		Retail Sales MoM	May	-0.80%	1.40%	
06/30		Jobless Rate	May	2.80%	2.80%	
		Overall Household Spending YoY	May	-0.60%	-1.40%	
		Natl CPI YoY	May	0.50%	0.40%	
		Industrial Production MoM	May P	-3.10%	4.00%	
		Housing Starts YoY	May	-1.10%	1.90%	
		Construction Orders YoY	May		-0.20%	
07/03		Tankan Large Mfg Index	2Q	15	12	
		Tankan Large Mfg Outlook	2Q	14	11	
		Tankan Large Non-Mfg Index	2Q	23	20	
		Tankan Large Non-Mfg Outlook	2Q	20	16	
07/05		Nikkei Japan PMI Mfg	Jun F			
		Consumer Confidence Index	Jun		43.6	
		Nikkei Japan PMI Services	Jun		53	
07/07		Leading Index CI	May P			
		Coincident Index	May P			
07/03	Singapore	Purchasing Managers Index	Jun		50.8	
07/05		Nikkei Singapore PMI	Jun		51.4	
06/27	China	Industrial Profits YoY	May		14.00%	
06/30		Manufacturing PMI	Jun	51.0	51.2	
		Non-manufacturing PMI	Jun		54.5	
07/03		Caixin China PMI Mfg	Jun	49.6	49.6	
07/05		Caixin China PMI Services	Jun		52.8	
06/26	Hong Kong	Exports YoY	May		7.10%	
06/29		Retail Sales Value YoY	May		0.10%	
07/05		Nikkei Hong Kong PMI	Jun		50.5	
06/29	Australia	HIA New Home Sales MoM	May		0.80%	
07/03		AiG Perf of Mfg Index	Jun		54.8	
		Building Approvals MoM	May		4.40%	
07/04		Retail Sales MoM	May		1.00%	
		RBA Cash Rate Target	Jul-04	1.50%	1.50%	
07/05		AiG Perf of Services Index	Jun		51.5	
07/06		Trade Balance	May		A\$555m	
07/07		AiG Perf of Construction Index	Jun		56.7	
06/27	New Zealand	Exports NZD	May	4.96b	4.75b	
06/29		ANZ Activity Outlook	Jun		38.3	
		ANZ Business Confidence	Jun		14.9	
06/30		Building Permits MoM	May		-7.60%	
06/25-30	Vietnam	Industrial Production YoY	Jun		7.20%	
		GDP YTD YoY	2Q		5.10%	
		Exports YTD YoY	Jun		17.40%	
		Retail Sales YTD YoY	Jun		10.20%	
07/03		Nikkei Vietnam PMI Mfg	Jun		51.6	

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