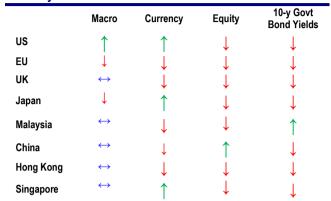


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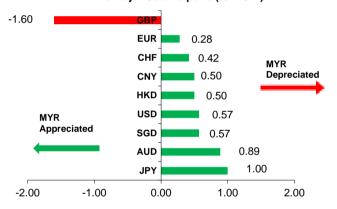
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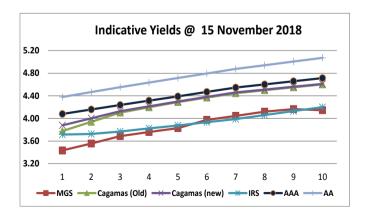


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MYR vs Major Counterparts (% WOW)



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Macroeconomics

6-month Macro Outlook

	Economy	Inflation	Interest Rate	Currency
US	\longleftrightarrow	\longleftrightarrow	\uparrow	\downarrow
EU	\downarrow	\longleftrightarrow	\longleftrightarrow	\uparrow
UK	\downarrow	\longleftrightarrow	\longleftrightarrow	\uparrow
Japan	\downarrow	\longleftrightarrow	\longleftrightarrow	\longleftrightarrow
Australia	\longleftrightarrow	\longleftrightarrow	\longleftrightarrow	\longleftrightarrow
China	\downarrow	\longleftrightarrow	\longleftrightarrow	\longleftrightarrow
Malaysia	\downarrow	\downarrow	\longleftrightarrow	\longleftrightarrow
Thailand	\longleftrightarrow	\longleftrightarrow	\uparrow	\downarrow
Indonesia	\downarrow	\longleftrightarrow	\uparrow	\downarrow
Singapore	\downarrow	\longleftrightarrow	\longleftrightarrow	\longleftrightarrow

The Week in Review

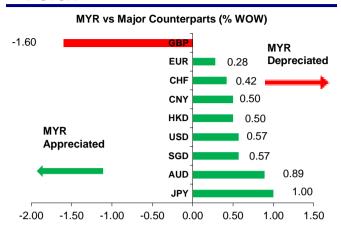
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- Among key economic data highlights were UK 3Q GDP growth which came in at 0.6% QOQ (the best in nearly two years. Eurozone preliminary 3Q GDP growth at 0.2% QOQ and Japan flash 3Q GDP growth at -0.3% QOQ. In the US, retail sales rebounded following two lacklustre months while CPI was boosted by higher energy prices. UK retail sales contracted, failed to sustain momentum seen in summer. While CPI growth was held steady. Both Eurozone and Japan saw contraction in industrial production China key economic indicators indicate slight improvement (higher industrial production and fixed investment growth but remained weaker than they used to be. Australia wage growth quickened due to the increase in minimum wage in July this year.

The Week Ahead

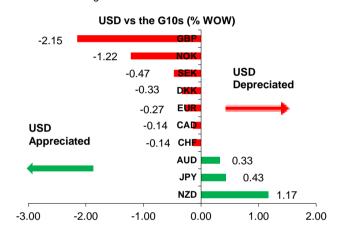
- Data releases are relatively fewer next week across all major economies under our coverage. The first batch of housing data are due in the US starting with the NAHB Housing Market Index followed by housing starts and building permits as well as existing home sales. While hope that falling lumber prices would finally lead builders to jumpstart long delayed constructions, we believe that the US market has come off its peak this year and is unlikely to return to the phenomenal growth seen in early and mid 2018. A combinations of limited supply and increasingly unaffordable houses and mortages continued to chip away demand. With inflation firming up and labour market strengthening, it is no question that the Fed will only tighten further, raising overall borrowing cost. The Mortgage Bankers Associations reported that average interest rate for a 30-year fixed rate loan rose to 5.17% last week, the highest since April 2010, and given that house prices are expected to grow steadily in the near term, the idea of owning a house will become increasingly unappealing. We foresee housing starts growth as well as that permits to go even softer heading into colder months. Other releases include the preliminary reading of durable goods orders and its closely watched sub-category, the core capital orders which is seen as a barometer of company capex. Core capital orders have been moving sideway in recent months suggesting that the Trump Administration's tax cut did not provide much boost to capex. Apart from them, key watches for the US include the preliminary reading of Markit Manufacturing and Services PMI as well as the final reading of University of Michigan Consumer Index.
- Across the Atlantic, the European Commission will release consumer confidence index and similarly, Markit is set to publish the flash Manufacturing and Services PMI. Data flow in the UK are muted, releases inlude Rightmove house prices index and CBI trend total orders. There are more to watch out for in Japan - October exports are expected to rebound whereas CPI likely to be weak indicating stillsubdued inflation. Besides, the flash Nikkei Manufacturing PMI, machine tools orders, nationwide department and convenience store sales are other key releases for Japan. Elsewhere, the final reading of Singapore's 3Q GDP growth as well as CPI are due on Thursday next week. We expect GDP growth to be revised lower from its intial estimate due to a decline in September industrial output. There are no key releases for China and Hong Kong. Data flow is muted down under, the RBA will publish its November meeting minutes earlier of the week followed by Westpac leading index. The Performance of Services Index is due in New Zealand. At home, key data releases are foreign reserves and October CPI and we are pencilling in a 0.5% YOY print.



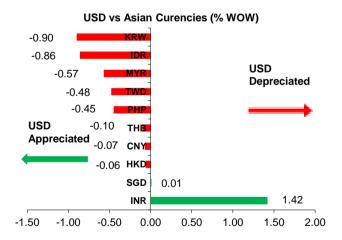
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- GBP: GBP plummeted 2.15% WOW to 1.2774 and plunged against all G10s after UK Brexit Secretary resigned, which sparked fears of a hard-Brexit come Mar 2019. We are bearish on GBP against USD at this juncture given overwhelming increase in Brexit pessimism. With the UK government unable to inject any confidence into the markets, expect GBP performance to remain be tied to Brexit headlines, which have in recent times swung to extreme ends of the sentiment spectrum. GBPUSD's strong plunge yesterday has invigorated the bears and we expect it to target 1.2696 1.2700 in the next leg lower. Below this, 1.2580 1.2600 beckons.
- JPY: JPY climbed 0.43% WOW to 113.64 against USD and advanced against 8 G10s, supported by gains in early week amid risk aversion in the markets. We expect a slightly bullish JPY next week, ikely supported by buying interest on the back of a soft USD. But note that if market sentiment extends its recovery, JPY's gains will likely be dampened. USDJPY has retreated, unable to hold gains above 114.00. Bearish bias prevails and we set sights on further losses. Downside break at 113.32 will establish a path towards 112.50 112.80 in the next leg lower.
- AUD: AUD climbed 0.33% WOW to 0.7277 against USD and beat 7 G10s after coming back from relatively strong decline, riding on improved risk appetite and firmer Australian data. AUD is likely to be bullish against USD next week, supported by extended rebound in market sentiment. Caution on a potentially dovish toned RBA minutes that would quickly reverse all gains. Technical viewpoint suggests further upsides are appropriate while above 0.7271. But while bullish bias prevails, AUDUSD will face risk of rejection approaching 0.7300 0.7315. Beating this exposes a move to 0.7350 0.7360.
- SGD: SGD was hardly changed against USD at 1.3750 after a volatile week, but managed to climb against 7 G10s. We turn slightly bullish on SGD against USD next week, supported by the greenback's softness and potential for SGD to rally if Singapore 3Q GDP outperforms. USDSGD risks further losses after losing 1.3770. USDSGD is headed for a test at 1.3740, below which a drop to 1.3711 is likely.



Technical Analysis:

C	Comment maios	44 day DCI	Support - Resistance		Moving Averages			0-11
Currency	Current price	14-day RSI			30 Days	30 Days 100 Days		Call
EURUSD	1.1337	43.40	1.1249	1.1488	1.1422	1.1562	1.1813	Negative
GBPUSD	1.2789	41.39	1.2680	1.3160	1.2992	1.3019	1.3373	Negative
USDJPY	113.39	53.69	111.92	114.33	112.89	112.04	110.13	Neutral
USDCNY	6.9402	53.01	6.9035	6.9812	6.9353	6.8307	6.5875	Positive
USDSGD	1.3759	47.36	1.3712	1.3865	1.3790	1.3715	1.3499	Positive
AUDUSD	0.7271	60.04	0.7011	0.7330	0.7150	0.7256	0.7451	Positive
NZDUSD	0.6827	69.21	0.6434	0.6886	0.6613	0.6657	0.6891	Positive
USDMYR	4.1910	63.24	4.1520	4.1997	4.1687	4.1120	4.0182	Positive
EURMYR	4.7512	48.29	4.7113	4.7907	4.7641	4.7553	4.7586	Negative
GBPMYR	5.3599	43.02	5.3239	5.4805	5.4194	5.3589	5.3883	Negative
JPYMYR	3.6961	52.79	3.6594	3.7310	3.6927	3.6737	3.6516	Positive
CHFMYR	4.1650	45.87	4.1453	4.1884	4.1747	4.1556	4.1120	Positive
SGDMYR	3.0461	67.22	3.0108	3.0550	3.0227	2.9996	2.9814	Positive
AUDMYR	3.0477	68.88	2.9190	3.0654	2.9785	2.9876	3.0042	Positive
NZDMYR	2.8610	78.79	2.6780	2.8760	2.7524	2.7425	2.7772	Positive

Trader's Comment:

The DXY posted a 16-month high on 12 Nov before pared gains after report saying that next round of US tariffs on China on hold. GBP plummets on Brexit fears and Italy's budget crisis continue to weigh on EUR.

In the coming week, the European political risks and Brexit headlines will continue to shake the market, which might create more room for the Dollar bull to run. At the same time, the development on the US, China trade dispute will be closely watched heading towards the G20 summit at the end of the month.

Despite the recovery in most EM currencies, USDMYR did not catch the wind and has instead been trading more in tandem with oil prices. The plunging oil prices kept a bid tone on USDMYR, trading from a low of 4.1810 to a new high of 4.1970 thus far. Bonds too continued to see selling interest and were generally 2-5 bps higher from last week, mainly in the 7s and 10s as the first post-budget supply hits the market. Expect the pair to continue grinding higher while gyrating within a 4.1650-4.2050 range.



Technical Charts

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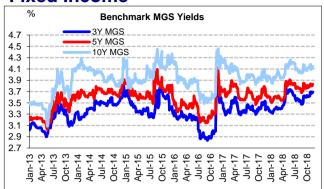
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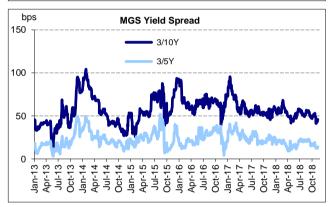


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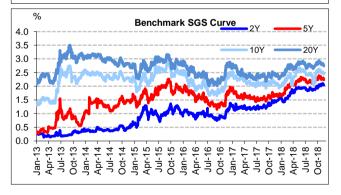


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- The SGS (govvies) yield curve saw steepening-bias instead for the week under review as overall benchmarks saw fortunes reversed compared to Malaysia with overall yields rallying between 5-9bps lower. The 2Y fell 5bps to 2.05% whilst the 5Y and 10Y moved within a similar range of ~7-8bps; also closing lower on yields at 2.23% and 2.44% respectively. The 2019 SGS issuance plan indicates that net supply may increase 2.5% from \$\$6.4b this year (Gross supply expected to rise from \$\$19.9b this year to \$\$22.4b in 2019). Meanwhile it is believed that Singapore's trade growth may have peaked and is expected to taper off in early 2019 as front-loading of exports eases before some \$200b of Chinese inports experience a 25% slap in tariffs (from 10%) come January next year. Elsewhere in the Corporate side; swiss bank UBS has managed to successfuly price its \$\$700m of perpetual securities NC5 AT1 at 5.875% at an impressive BTC ratio of 2.29x



	Rating Action		
Issuer	PDS Description	Rating/Outlook	Action
Berjaya Land Berhad	Outstanding RM500.0 million Medium-Term Notes (MTN) Programme guaranteed by Danajamin Nasional Berhad (Danajamin)	AAA _(fg) (Stable)	Affirmed
	Danajaniin,		Affirmed
	RM150.0 million MTN Programme guaranteed by OCBC Bank (Malaysia) Berhad (OCBC Malaysia)	AAA _(bg) . (Stable)	
Bank Muamalat Malaysia Berhad	Financial institution ratings	A/MARC-1 (Stable)	Affirmed
Domad	Islamic Senior Notes programme (Senior Sukuk) of up to RM2.0 billion	A _{IS} (Stable)	Affirmed
Lebuhraya DUKE Fasa 3 Sdn Bhd (DUKE 3)	RM3.64 billion Sukuk Wakalah	AA-ıs (Negative)	Affirmed
Southern Power Generation Sdn Bhd	Sukuk Wakalah of up to RM4.0 billion	AA-ıs (Stable)	Affirmed
Kuwait Finance House (Malaysia) Berhad	Long-term and short-term financial institution ratings	AA+/MARC-1 (Stable)	Affirmed
Al Dzahab Assets Berhad	Class A Sukuk	AAA/Stable	Reaffirmed
	Class B Sukuk for all tranches of the Sukuk Murabahah	AAA/Stable	Upgraded

Source: RAM Ratings, MARC



		ECONOMIC CALENDAR REL	EASE DATE			
Date	Country	Events	Reporting Period	Survey	Prior	Revised
22/11	Malaysia	Foreign Reserves	Nov-15		\$101.7b	
23/11		CPI YoY	Oct	0.6%	0.3%	
19/11	US	NAHB Housing Market Index	Nov	67.0	68.0	
20/11		Housing Starts MoM	Oct	2.0%	-5.3%	
		Building Permits MoM	Oct	-0.8%	-0.6%	1.7%
21/11		MBA Mortgage Applications	Nov-16			
		Durable Goods Orders	Oct P	-2.1%	0.7%	
		Cap Goods Orders Nondef Ex Air	Oct P	0.0%	-0.1%	
		Initial Jobless Claims	Nov-17			
		Leading Index	Oct	0.1%	0.5%	
		Existing Home Sales MoM	Oct	1.0%	-3.4%	
		U. of Mich. Sentiment	Nov F	98.3	98.6	
23/11		Markit US Manufacturing PMI	Nov P	55.9	55.7	
		Markit US Services PMI	Nov P	55.0	54.8	
26/11		Chicago Fed Nat Activity Index	Oct		0.17	
		Dallas Fed Manf. Activity	Nov		29.4	
27/11		FHFA House Price Index MoM	Sep		0.3%	0.3%
		S&P CoreLogic CS 20-City YoY NSA	Sep		5.49%	
		Conf. Board Consumer Confidence	Nov	136.4	137.9	
28/11		MBA Mortgage Applications	Nov-23			
		Advance Goods Trade Balance	Oct	-\$75.4b	-\$76.0b	-\$76.3b
		Wholesale Inventories MoM	Oct P		0.4%	
		GDP Annualized QoQ	3Q S	3.7%	3.5%	
		New Home Sales MoM	Oct	5.8%	-5.5%	
		Richmond Fed Manufact. Index	Nov		15	
29/11		Personal Income	Oct	0.4%	0.2%	
		Personal Spending	Oct	0.5%	0.4%	
		Core PCE YoY	Oct		2.0%	
		Initial Jobless Claims	Nov-24			
		Pending Home Sales MoM	Oct		0.5%	
30/11		FOMC Meeting Minutes	Nov-08			
		Chicago Purchasing Manager	Nov	60.0	58.4	
22/11	Eurozone	Consumer Confidence	Nov A	-3.0	-2.7	
23/11		Markit Eurozone Manufacturing PMI	Nov P	51.7	52.0	
		Markit Eurozone Services PMI	Nov P	53.5	53.7	
29/11		Economic Confidence	Nov		109.8	
30/11		Unemployment Rate	Oct		8.1%	
		CPI Core YoY	Nov A			
		CPI Estimate YoY	Nov		2.2%	
19/11	UK	Rightmove House Prices YoY	Nov		0.9%	
		CBI Trends Total Orders	Nov		-6.0	
3/11-03/12		Nationwide House Px NSA YoY	Nov		1.6%	



29/11		Mortgage Approvals	Oct		65.3k	
30/11		GfK Consumer Confidence	Nov		-10.0	
		Lloyds Business Barometer	Nov		19.0	
19/11	Japan	Trade Balance	Oct	-¥68.8b	¥139.6b	¥131.3b
	·	Exports YoY	Oct	9.0%	-1.2%	-1.3%
		Nationwide Dept Sales YoY	Oct		-3.0%	
20/11		Convenience Store Sales YoY	Oct		3.5%	
21/11		All Industry Activity Index MoM	Sep	-1.0%	0.5%	
		Supermarket Sales YoY	Oct		1.9%	
22/11		Natl CPI YoY	Oct	1.4%	1.2%	
		Natl CPI Ex Fresh Food YoY	Oct	1.0%	1.0%	
		Machine Tool Orders YoY	Oct F			
23/11		Nikkei Japan PMI Mfg	Nov P		52.9	
26/11		Leading Index CI	Sep F		103.9	
		Coincident Index	Sep F		114.6	
29/11		Retail Trade YoY	Oct		2.1%	
		Dept. Store, Supermarket Sales	Oct		0.4%	
30/11		Job-To-Applicant Ratio	Oct		1.64	
		Jobless Rate	Oct		2.3%	
		Industrial Production YoY	Oct P		-2.5%	
		Housing Starts YoY	Oct		-1.5%	
		Construction Orders YoY	Oct		1.0%	
20/11	Hong Kong	CPI Composite YoY	Oct		2.7%	
26/11		Exports YoY	Oct		4.5%	
		Trade Balance HKD	Oct		-47.7b	
30/11		Retail Sales Value YoY	Oct		2.4%	
27/11	China	Industrial Profits YoY	Oct		4.1%	
30/11		Non-manufacturing PMI	Nov		53.9	
		Manufacturing PMI	Nov		50.2	
22/11	Singapore	GDP YoY	3Q F	2.4%	3.9%	
23/11		CPI YoY	Oct	0.8%	0.7%	
26/11		Industrial Production YoY	Oct		-0.2%	
20/11	Australia	RBA Nov. Meeting Minutes				
21/11		Westpac Leading Index MoM	Oct		-0.06%	
19/11	New Zealand	Performance Services Index	Oct		53.9	
27/11		Trade Balance NZD	Oct		-1,560m	
29/11		ANZ Business Confidence	Nov		-37.1	
30/11		ANZ Consumer Confidence Index	Nov		115.4	
		Building Permits MoM	Oct		-1.5%	
25-30/11	Vietnam	Exports YTD YoY	Nov		14.2%	
		Imports YTD YoY	Nov		11.8%	
		Trade Balance	Nov		\$100m	
		CPI YoY	Nov		3.89%	
		Industrial Production YoY	Nov		7.7%	
Course Di-	hora	Retail Sales YTD YoY	Nov		11.4%	
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