

## Global Markets Research

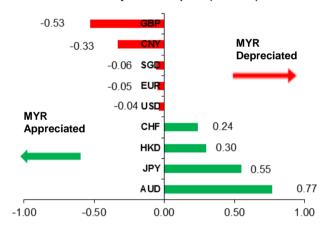
## **Weekly Market Highlights**

## **Weekly Performance**

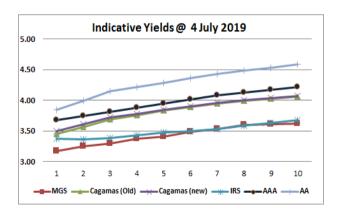
	Macro	Currency	Equity	10-y Govt Bond Yields
US	$\downarrow$	$\downarrow$	<b>↑</b>	$\downarrow$
EU	$\downarrow$	$\downarrow$	$\uparrow$	$\downarrow$
UK	$\downarrow$	<b>↑</b>	<b>↑</b>	$\downarrow$
Japan	$\downarrow$	<b>↑</b>	<b>↑</b>	$\downarrow$
Malaysia	$\leftrightarrow$	<b>↑</b>	$\uparrow$	$\downarrow$
China	$\downarrow$	$\downarrow$	<b>↑</b>	$\downarrow$
Hong Kong	$\longleftrightarrow$	<b>↑</b>	<b>↑</b>	$\downarrow$
Singapore	$\downarrow$	$\downarrow$	<b>↑</b>	$\downarrow$

## **Weekly MYR Performance**

#### MYR vs Major Counterparts (% WOW)



### **Indicative Yields**



#### **Macroeconomics**

- Despite largely negative economic dataflow, trade optimism and Fed rate cut expectations helped push US major stock benchmarks to record highs this week. This came even as the US ramped up rhetoric with the EU as it threaned fresh tariffs on \$4b worth of European goods and also slapped a more than 400% duties on Vietnamese steels said to originate from South Korea and Taiwan. Crude oil prices failed to rally despite earlier decision by OPEC to cut production by another nine months, with Brent crude hovering at \$62-66/ barrel through the week. Notably, the RBA delivered another cut in the cash rate by 25bps to a historic low of 1.0% and offered no fresh hints on its next move, suggesting that the central bank might take a break on easing its monetary policy at least for its next two meetings.
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#### Fixed Income

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## **Macroeconomics**

## 6-month Macro Outlook Interest Economy Inflation Currency Rate US EU UK Japan Australia China Malaysia **Thailand** Indonesia Singapore

#### The Week in Review

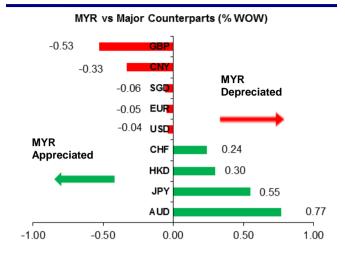
- Trade optimism and Fed rate cut expectations helped push US major stock benchmarks to record highs this week. Ahead of the Independence Day holiday on 4th July, the blue chip Dow Jone Industrial Average closed at an all time high for the first time in nine months while the broader S&P 500 index managed to hit set new record highs for two consecutive sessions. On the trade front, the US ramped up rhetoric with the EU as it threaned fresh tariffs on \$4b worth of European goods and also slapped a more than 400% duties on Vietnamese steels said to originate from South Korea and Taiwan. Crude oil prices failed to rally despite earlier decision by OPEC to cut production by another nine months, with Brent crude hovering at \$62-66/ barrel through the week. Notably, the RBA delivered another cut in the cash rate by 25bps to a historic low of 1.0% and offered no fresh hints on its next move, suggesting that the central bank might take a break on easing its monetary policy at least for its next two meetings this year while awaiting US-China trade resolution and monitoring the domestic labour market.
- On the data front, manufacturing PMI across major economies remained skewed to the downside, confirming the synchronized slowdown across the global manufacturing industries. The services PMI readings were mixed - Eurozone PMI turned higher, US PMI declined but remained comfortably above the 50.0 level whereas UK PMI went down to just a tad above 50.0, a sign of near stagnation. US trade deficit jumped to a five-month high as trade war escalated in May, factory orders fell for second month and the ADP private payroll came in lesser than expected at 102k. While manufacturing data contineud to reaffirm slowdown in the global economy, latest slew of retail sales appear to suggest the consumer sector is still the key pillar holding the fort. Back home, exports ticked higher in May for a 2nd straight month and offered the first glimpse of potential gain from the US-China trade standoff. Overall exports outlook however remained less sanguine, as net exports would most likely than not exert a drag on overall GDP growth in 2Q based on Apr-May data.

#### The Week Ahead

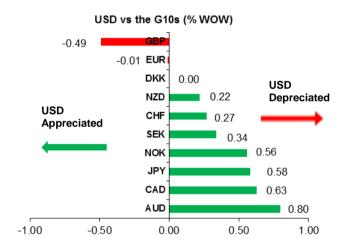
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- Data are equally light in the European docket but are just as important. The Sentix investors confidence index is likely to rebound slightly on the back of the newly reached US-China trade truce. Industrial production meanwhile is expected to extend its declining trend, taking cue from the sub-50 PMI reading. Data for the UK are limited to the monthly nominal GDP growth, industrial production, goods trade balance as well as the RICS house price index. We reckon that industrial output would still be weighed down by falling manufacturing output as the pre-Brexit stockpiling activities unwound.
- In Asia, watch out for China's June trade data as well as CPI and PPI. Japan releases include core machine orders (a popular gauge of Japanese firm capex), labour cash earnings, producer prices and the final reading of May industrial production. Down under, Australia data bag include the NAB Business Confidence index, Westpac consumer confidence and home loan approvals while key New Zealand's data is limied solely to BusinessNZ Manufacturing PMI. Closer to home, Singstat is slated to publish the retail sales while in Malaysia, BNM will announce its OPR decision followed by the Statistic Department's IPI figure. We expect the central bank to keep OPR unchanged at 3.00%.



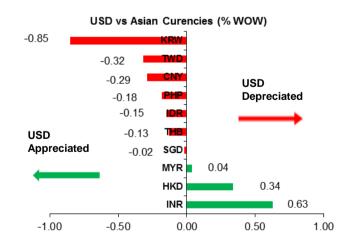
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- EUR: EUR ended flat WOW to 1.1285 as market trading was subdued due to 4th July US holiday and pre-release of NFP. As mentioned previously, EUR faced some resistance circa 1.1400 and 1.1422 and corrected back towards 1.1338 and traded lower on the profit taking move to where we are before settling into a lull due to US holiday. NFP should provide the needed catalyst for the next move as market positioning should be a lot clearer given the recent retracement.
- GBP: GBP lost 0.49% WOW to 1.2579 against the USD. GBP continues to pare back gains from last two week's rally. GBP received some reprieve as market goes into consolidation mode due to US holiday and ahead of NFP release. In the more medium term, the GBP is likely to continue to be under pressure as UK leadership drama continues amid Brexit woes.
- JPY: JPY gained 0.58% WOW to 107.82 as UST yields ended lower and on AUDJPY sales due to a RBA rate cut. The lower trend still remains intact on a dovish Fed and JPY is still in a position to test back flash crash lows.
- AUD: AUD ended 0.80% stronger WOW at 0.7022 as profit taking activities dominated trading post an expected RBA rate cut. AUD bears received some reprieve as markets settled into a lull just ahead of short term resistance circa 0.7050 and 100 DMA due to US holiday and pre release of NFP data. In the more medium term, we look towards NFP and Fed speak for further directional guidance as the RBA did not provide any forward guidance thus far post the rate
- SGD: SGD ended flattish WOW aginst the USD at 1.3561 as most Asian currencies across the board consolidate within recent ranges with a bearish USD bias post the G20 Trump-Xi meeting. As mentioned previously, pair looks set to target YTD lows circa 1.3450 if USD weakness theme sustains with short term resistances capping around 1.3600 and 1.3635.



## **Technical Analysis:**

Currency	Comment maios	44 day BCI Company Ba		and a state of the		Moving Averages		Call
Currency	Current price	14-day RSI	Support -	Support - Resistance		100 Days	200 Days	Call
EURUSD	1.1281	49.6350	1.1183	1.1417	1.1270	1.1261	1.1332	Negative
GBPUSD	1.2579	38.5890	1.2524	1.2775	1.2656	1.2931	1.2904	Neutral
USDJPY	107.8400	42.3650	107.0800	108.9100	108.2500	110.1900	110.9100	Negative
USDCNY	6.8772	49.5080	6.8406	6.9391	6.8952	6.7926	6.8357	Positive
USDSGD	1.3558	39.3760	1.3475	1.3723	1.3637	1.3600	1.3644	Positive
AUDUSD	0.7025	59.9730	0.6846	0.7061	0.6953	0.7032	0.7097	Neutral
NZDUSD	0.6685	59.3160	0.6478	0.6757	0.6603	0.6692	0.6712	Negative
USDMYR	4.1348	39.6140	4.1211	4.1823	4.1627	4.1216	4.1371	Neutral
EURMYR	4.6642	40.6760	4.6582	4.7285	4.6889	4.6444	4.6996	Negative
GBPMYR	5.2011	30.2190	5.1949	5.3154	5.2698	5.3330	5.3469	Negative
JPYMYR	3.8344	50.7030	3.8182	3.8722	3.8425	3.7406	3.7277	Positive
CHFMYR	4.1965	50.1110	4.1611	4.2550	4.1996	4.1217	4.1470	Positive
SGDMYR	3.0496	48.2210	3.0427	3.0638	3.0497	3.0323	3.0321	Neutral
AUDMYR	2.9044	57.7180	2.8603	2.9135	2.8912	2.9012	2.9402	Neutral
NZDMYR	2.7638	56.9860	2.7108	2.7846	2.7449	2.7629	2.7747	Negative

#### **Trader's Comment:**

DXY was steady, trading at 96.7 following a holiday in US, slightly higher from a week ago. EUR is consolidating above the cloud after retraced from the recent high of 1.1412. GBP still top heavy with the Brexit uncertainty and weak data. RBA cuts cash rate target by 0.25% to 1.00% as expected and AUD holding very well above 0.70 on less dovish RBA. The US 10 years yield hit lowest level since 2016, fell below 2% mark to trade at 1.94% as concerns on slower global growth may lead to more monetary easing in near future. All eyes will be on tonight's non-farm payroll figures that will swing the odds of Fed rate decisions between cut and hold.

Locally, USDMYR traded around the range of 4.1230 - 4.1420 for the week. Strong performance in bonds boosted the Ringgit demand. Will go for a range trading of 4.12 - 4.15 in the coming week as the low volatility suggesting the pair to stay within the current range.



## **Technical Charts USDMYR**



## **GBPMYR**



## **AUDMYR**



### **EURMYR**



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## **JPYMYR**



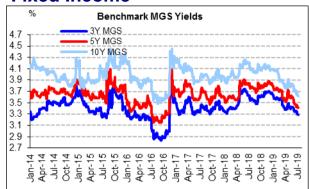
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## **SGDMYR**



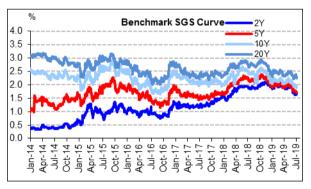


## **Fixed Income**









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- Corporate bonds/sukuk saw decent secondary market interest w-o-w with strong investor interest across the GG-segment followed by the AAA-part of the curve as yields continued to decline. Other significant corporate news following Gamuda's nod to allow the govt to buy-out highways totaling RM6.2b included the possibility of privatizing MAS by several individuals. Total market volume eased to RM3.24b versus prior week's RM5.06b. The top three (3) trades for the week under review involved Govt-guaranteed (GG) issues. National Higher Education funding counduit, PTPTN 2/34 topped the weekly volume rallying 8bps lower at 4.00% followed by PRASA 9/29 which declined by 4bps to 3.79% levels. The third highest volume was generated by LPPSA 4/34 bonds which closed 5bps lower at 3.99%. The prominent new issuances during the week involved CIMB Group Holdings's 4.88% A1-rated Perpetual Secutities 2116NC24 amounting to RM1.0b and also RM120m of PKNS 3Y papers rated AA3 with a coupon of 4.30%.
- The SGS (govvies) curve reversed prior week's pattern to flatten sharply instead as benchmark yields mostly 7-11bps lower save for the 2Y. The 2Y which mirrored UST movements bucked the trend by rising 2bps at 1.66% levels whilst the 5Y and 10Y however moved within a tighter range of 7-10bps; declined 7bps and 12bps to 1.70% and 1.89% respectively. The ongoing global trade war and signs of weaker economic growth has caused a contraction in exports and factory outpouts; possibly pointing to a downside risk to GDP. (Note: advance 2Q GDP is scheduled to be released on 12th July). Neverthless the nation's benchmark offshore borrowing costs has largely ignored the rising risks of currency policy easing to mimick US rates lower. Separately, Fitch has assigned CDL Hospitality REIT a BBB- rating with a Stable outlook, and saw overwhelming response to its S\$750m subordinated PerpsNC5 with a coupon of 5.375% rated BB+ by Fitch.



Rating Action						
Issuer	PDS Description	Rating/Outlook	Action			
Sasaran Etika Sdn Bhd	RM220 million Fixed-Rate Serial Bonds (2012/2027)	AA1/Stable	Reafirmed			
MEX II Sdn Bhd	RM1.3 billion Sukuk Murabahah Programme (Sukuk Murabahah)	AA-IS	Affirmed			
	RM150 million Junior Bonds issuance (JuniorBonds)	Α-	Affirmed			
Danajamin Nasional Berhad	Insurer Financial Strength	AAA/Stable/P1	Reaffirmed			
Encorp Systembilt Sdn Bhd	RM1.575 bil Sukuk Murabahah	AA1/Stable	Reaffirmed			
Westports Malaysia Sdn Bhd	RM2.0 billion Sukuk Musharakah Programme	AA+IS	Affirmed			
Bank Muamalat Malaysia Berhad	Financial Institution ratings RM1 billion Subordinated Sukuk Murabahah Programme (2016/2036)	A2/Stable/P1 A3/Stable	Reaffirmed Reaffirmed			

Source: RAM; MARC



Economic Calendar						
Date	Country	Event	Reporting Period	Survey	Prior	Revise
09/07	Malaysia	BNM Overnight Policy Rate	09 Jul	3.0%	3.0%	
12/07		Industrial Production YOY	May		4.0%	
09/07	US	NFIB Small Business Optimism	Jun		105	
10/07		MBA Mortgage Applications	05 Jul		-0.1%	
		Wholesale Trade Sales MOM	May		-0.4%	
		Wholesale Inventories MOM	May F		0.4%	
11/07		FOMC Meeting Minutes	19 Jun			
		Initial Jobless Claims	06 Jul		221k	-
		CPI YOY	Jun		1.8%	
12/07		PPI Final Demand YOY	Jun	1.6%	1.8%	
15/07		Empire Manufacturing	Jul		-8.6	
16/07		Import Price Index MOM	Jun		-0.30%	
		Retail Sales Advance MOM	Jun	0.10%	0.50%	
		Industrial Production MOM	Jun	0.20%	0.40%	
		NAHB Housing Market Index	Jul		64	
17/07		MBA Mortgage Applications	12 Jul			
		Housing Starts MOM	Jun	-0.70%	-0.90%	
		Building Permits MOM	Jun	0.10%	0.30%	0.70%
18/07		U.S. Federal Reserve Releases Beige Book				
		Philadelphia Fed Business Outlook	Jul		0.3	
		Initial Jobless Claims	13 Jul			
		Leading Index	Jun		0.00%	
19/07		U. of Mich. Sentiment	Jul P		98.2	
08/07	Eurozone	Sentix Investor Confidence	Jul		-3.3	
12/07		Industrial Production SA MOM	May	0.0%	-0.5%	
16/07		Trade Balance SA	May		15.3b	
		ZEW Survey Expectations	Jul		-20.2	
17/07		Construction Output MOM	May		-0.80%	
		CPI Core YOY	Jun F		1.10%	
		CPI YOY	Jun F		1.20%	
10/07	UK	GDP (MOM)	May	0.2%	-0.4%	
		Industrial Production MOM	May	1.1%	-2.7%	
		Visible Trade Balance GBP/Mn	May	-£12550m	-£12113m	
11/07		RICS House Price Balance	Jun	-12.0%	-10.0%	
15/07		Rightmove House Prices YOY	Jul		0.00%	
16/07		Average Weekly Earnings 3M/YOY	May		3.10%	
		ILO Unemployment Rate 3Mths	May		3.80%	
		Employment Change 3M/3M	May		32k	
17/07		CPI YOY	Jun		2.00%	
		PPI Output NSA YOY	Jun		1.80%	
18/07		Retail Sales Inc Auto Fuel MOM	Jun		-0.50%	
08/07	Japan	Core Machine Orders MOM	May	-3.7%	5.2%	
		Eco Watchers Survey Current SA	Jun		44.1	
		Eco Watchers Survey Outlook SA	Jun		45.6	
09/07		Labor Cash Earnings YOY	May	-0.6%	-0.1%	-0.3%



10/07		PPI YOY	Jun	0.4%	0.7%	-
12/07		Industrial Production YOY	May F		-1.8%	
18/07		Trade Balance	Jun		-¥967.1b	-¥968.3b
		Exports YOY	Jun		-7.80%	
19/07		Natl CPI YOY	Jun		0.70%	
		Natl CPI Ex Fresh Food YOY	Jun		0.80%	
		All Industry Activity Index MOM	May		0.90%	
10/07	China	CPI YOY	Jun	2.7%	2.7%	
		PPI YOY	Jun	0.3%	0.6%	
12/07		Trade Balance	Jun	\$45.00b	\$41.65b	\$41.66b
		Exports YOY	Jun	-0.4%	1.1%	
		Imports YOY	Jun	-4.0%	-8.5%	
15/07		Fixed Assets Ex Rural YTD YOY	Jun	5.60%	5.60%	
		Industrial Production YOY	Jun	5.30%	5.00%	
		Retail Sales YOY	Jun	8.40%	8.60%	
		GDP YOY	2Q	6.20%	6.40%	
18/07	Hong Kong	Unemployment rate	Jun		2.8%	
12/07	Singapore	Retail Sales SA MOM	May		0.5%	
		Retail Sales Ex Auto YOY	May		-2.0%	
17/07		Non-oil Domestic Exports YOY	Jun		-15.90%	
09/07	Australia	NAB Business Conditions	Jun		1	
		NAB Business Confidence	Jun		7	
10/07		Westpac Consumer Conf SA MOM	Jul		-0.6%	
11/07		Home Loans MOM	May	0.3%	-1.1%	
16/07		RBA Minutes of July Policy Meeting				
17/07		Westpac Leading Index MOM	Jun		-0.08%	
18/07		Employment Change	Jun		42.3k	
		Unemployment Rate	Jun		5.20%	
		NAB Business Confidence	2Q		-1	
12/07	New Zealand	BusinessNZ Manufacturing PMI	Jun		50.2	-
15/07		Performance Services Index	Jun		53.6	
16/07		CPI YOY	2Q		1.50%	

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