

# Global Markets Research

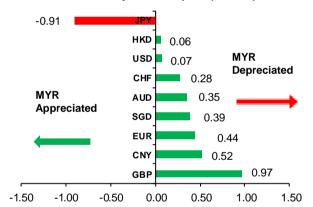
# Weekly Market Highlights

### **Weekly Performance**

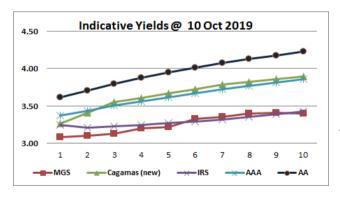
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Japan	$\downarrow$	$\downarrow$	<b>↑</b>	<b>↑</b>
Malaysia	<b>↑</b>	$\downarrow$	$\downarrow$	<b>↑</b>
China	$\longleftrightarrow$	<b>↑</b>	<b>↑</b>	$\leftrightarrow$
Hong Kong	$\longleftrightarrow$	$\downarrow$	$\downarrow$	$\leftrightarrow$
Singapore	$\leftrightarrow$	<b>↑</b>	<b>↑</b>	$\downarrow$

# **Weekly MYR Performance**

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



# **Indicative Yields**



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#### **Macroeconomics**

- US stocks took a choppy ride this week amidst an anxious mode, driven purely by mixed US-China trade headlines as a negotiation between US and Chinese officials resumed on Thursday. Hope of a partial trade deal severely diminished at the start of the week but things took a fresh turn on Wednesday following a series of positive news and Presidet Trump's tweet, leading investors to expect at least a partial trade deal. FOMC minutes offered no fresh hints while ECB minutes revealed a divided Governing Council over APP program. Boris Johnson and Irish PM Leo Varadkar issued a joint statement and boosted Brexit sentiment.
- Economic data were largely overshadowed by trade news. US inflation remained generally benign despite a steady uptick in core CPI, UK industrial production and house prices slipped, Eurozone investor sentiment went further down the negative road. Key data next week are US retail sales and industrial production, Eurozone industrial production, UK and Australia job report, Chinese GDP and all its monthly indicators and New Zealand CPI

#### **Forex**

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- MYR rangetraded for another week as expected before settling only marginally weaker by 0.07% WOW against the USD at 4.1895. Trade talk optimism at the beginning of the week proved shortlived, as President Trump's blacklist of eight China tech companies and subsequent visa ban on several Chinese nationals pushed tne tension between the two countries to another level, renewing flight to safety and dampening the appeal of MYR. With event risk of the national 2020 Budget out of the way, we expect next week's MYR movement to be primarily driven by trade headlines and Fed rate outlook. Technically, USDMYR looks relatively neutral, hence our view for continued rangetrading in the 417-4.20 levels.

### **Fixed Income**

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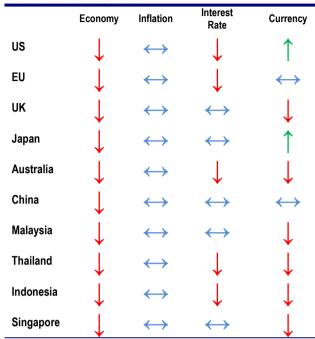
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# **Macroeconomics**

### 6-month Macro Outlook



### The Week in Review

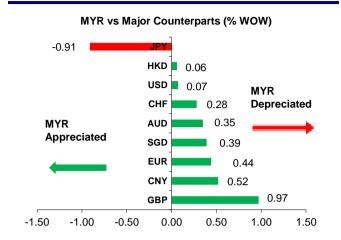
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- Economic data largely took a backseat to trade headlines this week. US inflation remained generally benign despite a steady uptick in core CPI, UK industrial production and house prices slipped, Eurozone investor sentiment went further down the negative road. Japan wage growth fell again while household spenfing steadied ahead of October sales tax hike. Its key gauge of business capex also appeared softer. On the local front, focus will be on today's 2020 Budget speech by the Finance Minister at 4pm.

### The Week Ahead

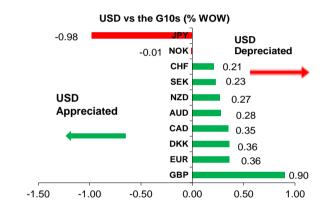
- The week ahead will see more top-tiered hard data coming from the US, with highlights being retail sales and industrial production. Retail sales numbers are essential to gauge the current state of US consumer spending which is expected to remain solid mainly due to a strong labour market. Industrial production meanwhile is likely weighed down by manufacturing output as indicated by the decade low ISM manufacturing index. Other data to watch out for is housing starts and building permits, the early batch of regional manufacturing surveys (New York Fed and Philly Fed Manufacturing Indexes) as well as NAHB Housing Market Index. The Federal Reserve is also expected to publish its penultimate Beige Book of the year. Meanwhile in Europe, the Eurostat is releasing industrial production data, external trade numbers as well as the final reading of HICP inflation for September. Forward looking indicators such as PMI and factory orders continued to paint a gloomy picture of the Eurozone manufacturing industry suggesting that a turnaround is not possible in the near-tomedium term. Aside from official data, we are also expecting the German ZEW survey of investor confidence which is likely to continue its current streak of negative readings. In the UK, while Brexit sentiment will continue to drive the market, key data worth paying attention to are the August job report as well as September CPI and retail sales and October CBI trends total orders index.
- In Asia we are expecting a China data dump from the all important 3Q GDP growth, monthly key indicators (retail sales, industrial production & fixed investment), trade report to CPI and PPI inflation. Japan data bag are lighter this week, comprising of CPI and industrial production. Down under, the RBA is releasing its October meeting minutes while the crucial job report is in the pipeline. New Zealand CPI is also due next week. Closer to home, the advance estimate of 3Q GDP growth is due first thing on Monday morning alongside the MAS bi-annual monetary policy decision. We expect the MAS to shift its current stance of allowing gradual appreciation of the SGDNEER to a "zero appreciation" stance in view of weakening fundamentals and prolonged trade uncertainties.



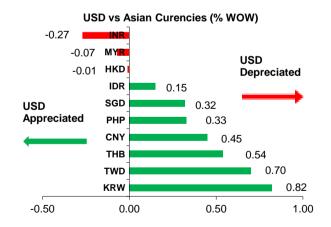
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# **Review and Outlook**

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- EUR: EUR traded largely sideways through the week but managed to bounce back above the 1.10 handle to close the week 0.36% firmer vs the greenback at 1.1005. Technically, the EUR is bullish after navigating above 1.1000 yesterday. The pair could potentially test 1.1040-1.1060 next if it is able to stay above 1.10. However, we suspect EUR gains could be muted recognizing potential disappointment in key European data next week, and chances of a rebound in the USD should trade talk conclude on a positive note.
- GBP: GBP outperformed all G10s and closed 0.90% WOW stronger against the USD as yesterday's sharp spike overturned early week losses. The sterling jumped a whopping 1.94% yesterday to 1.2443 on fresh Brexit hopes following the meeting between PM Boris Johnson and Irish PM that yielded positive results regarding a "pathway" to Brexit deal. The sterling may continue to hold on to current levels but we would like to caution that trading on Brexit headlines has been, and will continue to be fragile and volatile. Moreover, we expect technical correction to set in after yesterday's sharp rally, hence our bearish view on the GBP next week, as Brexit headlines could turn otherwise amid EU-UK meeting next week.
- JPY: JPY came under renewed pressure on the paring of refuge demand as risk sentiments improved towards the later part of the week following revived trade optimism. The JPY settled 0.98% weaker WOW against the greenback at 107.98, to become the worst performing G10 this week. JPY performance next week will largely hinge on trade talk outcome. A positive conclusion would spur risk sentiemnts hence keeping the JPY under pressure and vice versa. Technically, USDJPY is slightly bulish but we expect upside to be capped by 108.50.
- AUD: AUD advanced 0.28% WOW to 06761 against the USD ridiing on improved
  risk sentiments as markets turned optimistic again on expectation of a partial trade
  deal between the US and China. We do not expect AUD to do much next week with
  China's 3Q GDP and RBA minutes in the pipeline. We are generally neutral on
  Aussie next week but suspect the pair is more susceptible to any downside in China
  data and a dovish RBA minutes compared to any potential upside.
- SGD: SGD strengthened 0.32% WOW to 1.3757 against the USD helped by a selloff
  in the greenback yesterday on the return of trade optimism that spurred risk-on
  sentiments. We are bullish on USDSGD next week, in anticipation of a weak 3Q
  GDP preliminary print and policy easing by MAS, not to mention a technical
  correction after yesterday's down move. Tehnicals show downside is limited by
  1.3730.



## **Technical Analysis:**

Common and	Current	nt 44 day DCI		Support -		Moving Averages		
Currency	price	14-day RSI	Resistance		30 Days 100 Days 200 Days		Call	
EURUSD	1.1017	52.6560	1.0896	1.1068	1.0997	1.1142	1.1220	Negative
GBPUSD	1.2439	57.7590	1.2185	1.2561	1.2344	1.2410	1.2713	Neutral
USDJPY	107.9600	56.9700	106.7700	108.5300	107.4800	107.5900	109.0700	Positive
USDCNY	7.1003	48.0570	7.0701	7.1542	7.1254	6.9844	6.8753	Neutral
USDSGD	1.3742	40.0580	1.3725	1.3855	1.3799	1.3732	1.3653	Positive
AUDUSD	0.6777	51.0790	0.6680	0.6856	0.6787	0.6866	0.6980	Negative
NZDUSD	0.6328	50.2470	0.6243	0.6357	0.6328	0.6496	0.6624	Negative
USDMYR	4.1850	49.1260	4.1697	4.2027	4.1889	4.1678	4.1389	Neutral
EURMYR	4.6106	50.9970	4.5634	4.6367	4.6094	4.6461	4.6499	Negative
GBPMYR	5.2056	58.7400	5.1108	5.2404	5.1607	5.1839	5.2609	Neutral
JPYMYR	3.8766	43.3870	3.8517	3.9293	3.9044	3.8694	3.7920	Negative
CHFMYR	4.1978	42.7390	4.1841	4.2442	4.2201	4.2175	4.1587	Negative
SGDMYR	3.0455	63.3640	3.0246	3.0473	3.0342	3.0356	3.0318	Negative
AUDMYR	2.8360	50.5170	2.8031	2.8644	2.8398	2.8630	2.8921	Negative
NZDMYR	2.6481	48.7710	2.6091	2.6683	2.6500	2.7089	2.7458	Negative

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

The positive headlines of the trade talks boosted the risks with JPY crosses bought up. GBP also surged on the latest Brexit development and the Dollar Index lower. US Treasuries curve steepen amid optimism of the trade talks. 10-year UST yields now 15bps higher at 1.66% compared to 1.51% a week ago.

Market focus still on the progress of the trade talks at the moment. For the week ahead, the Singapore MAS meeting will kick start the week as market generally expect some forms of easing will be announced. EU leaders will be meeting with Boris Johnson to address the departure terms.

Locally, USDMYR again traded in a tight 4.1850-4.1980 range for the week. Govies curve steepen on profit taking for the longer tenures. KLCI almost unchanged from last week. Budget will be announced today but the direction of the Ringgit will still be determined by the external developments. Going for 4.1700-4.2100 trading range for the coming week.



## **Technical Charts**

# **USDMYR**



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# **GBPMYR**



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# **AUDMYR**



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# **EURMYR**



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# **JPYMYR**



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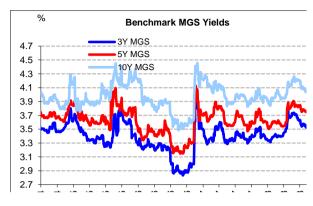
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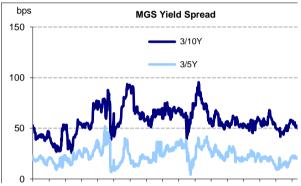


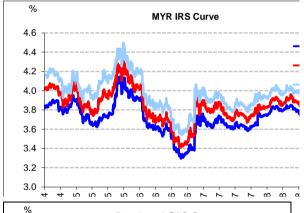
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### **Fixed Income**









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- Corporate bonds/sukuk (including Govt-guaranteed bonds) also saw weaker traction in the secondary market w-o-w with investor interest seen along the AAA-AA part of the curve followed by some interest in the GG-segment overall yields closed mostly mixed-to-higher. Total weekly market volume dropped further to RM1.82b versus prior week's RM2.46b. Topping the weekly volume were both Malaysian Debt Ventures i.e. MDV 1/22 (GG) and MMC Corp 3/28 (AA3) which closed 43bps and unchanged respectively compared to previous-done levels at 3.24% and 4.94% respectively. The third highest volume was generated by DANAINFRA 10/23 (GG) which also closed unchanged at 3.33%. The prominent new issuance for the week under review was SABAH Development Bank Bhd's RM300m of AA1-rated 6-10Y bonds at coupons between 4.45-4.85%.
- The SGS (govvies) curve bull-steepened w-o-w as overall benchmark yields closed between 3-9bps lower. The 2Y rallied 9bps lower at 1.54% levels whilst the 5Y and 10Y however moved again within a wider 3-7bps range; closing at 1.56% and 1.65% respectively. Meanwhile SGD stays strong despite expectations that MAS may ease rates via its currency policy mandate next Monday. Meanwhile, further clarity is required following conflicting reports over progress in US-China trade talks. Despite August retail sales contracting for the 7th consecutive month; increased interest from both mainland Chinese and Hong Kong nationals have caused the luxury end of residential market to rise. Separately Capital Land Ltd is seeking to raise \$500m through subordinated perpetual notes at the 3.65% area under its S\$5.0b MTN programmes established earlier in April.



Rating Action					
Issuer	PDS Description	Rating/Outlook	Action		
Axis REIT Sukuk Berhad	RM70 mil Class A1 Sukuk under Axis REIT Sukuk Berhad's (ARSB) Second Sukuk Issue	AAA/Stable	Reaffirmed		
UniTapah Sdn Bhd	Sukuk Murabahah of up to RM600 mil (2014/2035)	AA1/Stable	Reaffirmed		
	,	AA3/Stable	Reaffirmed		
Edra Energy Sdn Bhd	Sukuk Wakalah of up to RM5.085 bil in nominal value (2018/2038)				
Gas Malaysia Berhad	Islamic Commercial Papers (ICP) programme	MARC-1-IS	Affirmed		
	Islamic Medium-Term Notes (IMTN) programme with a combined limit of up to RM700.0 million	AAA-IS	Affirmed		
Edra Solar Sdn Bhd	RM245 mil ASEAN Sustainability SRI Sukuk (2019/2037) (the Sukuk) – the first such sukuk in Malaysia.	AA2/Stable	Assigned		
Bank of China (Malaysia) Berhad	Financial Institution rating	AA1/Stable/P1	Reaffirmed		

Source: RAM; MARC



Economic Calendar						
Date	Country	Event	Reporting Period	Survey	Prior	Revis
22/10	Malaysia	Foreign Reserves	Oct-15		\$103.0b	
23/10		CPI YOY	Sep		1.5%	
15/10	US	Empire Manufacturing	Oct	0.0	2.0	
16/10		MBA Mortgage Applications	Oct-11		5.2%	
		Retail Sales Advance MOM	Sep	0.3%	0.4%	
		Retail Sales Control Group	Sep	0.4%	0.3%	
17/10		NAHB Housing Market Index U.S. Federal Reserve Releases Beige Book	Oct	68.0	68.0	
		Building Permits MOM	Sep	-6.0%	7.7%	8.2%
		Housing Starts MOM	Sep	-3.2%	12.3%	
		Philadelphia Fed Business Outlook	Oct	7.1	12.0	
		Initial Jobless Claims	Oct-12			
		Industrial Production MOM	Sep	-0.1%	0.6%	
18/10		Leading Index	Sep	0.1%	0.0%	
22/10		Richmond Fed Manufact. Index	Oct		-9.0	
		Existing Home Sales MOM	Sep	-0.7%	1.3%	
23/10		MBA Mortgage Applications	Oct-18			
		FHFA House Price Index MOM	Aug		0.4%	
24/10		Durable Goods Orders	Sep P		0.2%	
		Cap Goods Orders Nondef Ex Air	Sep P		-0.4%	
		Initial Jobless Claims	Oct-19			
		Markit US Manufacturing PMI	Oct P		51.1	
		Markit US Services PMI	Oct P		50.9	
		New Home Sales MOM	Sep		7.1%	
		Kansas City Fed Manf. Activity	Oct		-2	
25/10		U. of Mich. Sentiment	Oct F			
14/10	Eurozone	Industrial Production SA MOM	Aug	0.3%	-0.4%	
15/10		ZEW Survey Expectations	Oct		-22.4	
16/10		Trade Balance SA	Aug		19.0b	
		CPI Core YOY	Sep F	1.0%	1.0%	
		CPI YOY	Sep F	0.9%	1.0%	1.0%
23/10		Consumer Confidence	Oct A		-6.5	
24/10		Markit Eurozone Manufacturing PMI	Oct P		45.7	
		Markit Eurozone Services PMI	Oct P		51.6	
		ECB Main Refinancing Rate	Oct-24		0.00%	
15/10	UK	Average Weekly Earnings 3M/YOY	Aug		4.0%	
		ILO Unemployment Rate 3Mths	Aug	3.8%	3.8%	
		Employment Change 3M/3M	Aug		31k	
16/10		СРІ ҮОҮ	Sep	1.9%	1.7%	
17/10		Retail Sales Inc Auto Fuel MoM	Sep		-0.2%	
19/10		CBI Trends Total Orders	Oct		-28	
21/10		Rightmove House Prices YOY	Oct		0.20%	
15/10	Japan	Industrial Production YOY	Aug F		-4.7%	
18/10		Natl CPI YOY	Sep	0.2%	0.3%	



		Natl CPI Ex Fresh Food YOY	Sep	0.3%	0.5%	
21/10		Trade Balance	Sep	-¥136.3b	-¥143.5b	
		Exports YOY	Sep	-8.20%		
		All Industry Activity Index MOM	Aug	0.20%		
24/10		Jibun Bank Japan PMI Mfg	Oct P	48.9		
		Jibun Bank Japan PMI Services	Oct P	52.8		
		Leading Index CI	Aug F	91.7		
25/10		Machine Tool Orders YOY	Sep F	-35.5%		
14/10	China	Exports YOY	Sep	-2.8%	-1.0%	
		Imports YOY	Sep	-6.0%	-5.6%	
15/10		CPI YOY	Sep	2.9%	2.8%	
		PPI YOY	Sep	-1.2%	-0.8%	
18/10		Fixed Assets Ex Rural YTD YOY	Sep	5.5%	5.5%	
		Industrial Production YOY	Sep	5.0%	4.4%	
		Retail Sales YOY	Sep	7.8%	7.5%	
		GDP YOY	3Q	6.3%	6.2%	
27/10		Industrial Profits YOY	Sep		-2.0%	
14/10	Singapore	GDP YOY	3Q A	0.2%	0.1%	
17/10		Non-oil Domestic Exports YOY	Sep	-7.7%	-8.9%	
23/10		CPI YOY	Sep		0.5%	
		CPI Core YOY	Sep		0.8%	
25/10		Industrial Production YOY	Sep		-8.0%	
15/10	Australia	RBA Oct. Rate Meeting Minutes				
16/10		Westpac Leading Index MOM	Sep		-0.28%	
17/10		Employment Change	Sep	15.0k	34.7k	
		Unemployment Rate	Sep	5.3%	5.3%	
14/10	New Zealand	Performance Services Index	Sep		54.6	
16/10		CPI YOY	3Q	1.4%	1.7%	
23/10		Trade Balance NZD	Sep		-1,565m	
		Exports NZD	Sep		4.13b	
25-31/10	Vietnam	Industrial Production YoY	Oct		10.2%	
		CPI YOY	Oct		1.98%	
		Exports YOY	Oct		9.0%	
		Retail Sales YTD YOY	Oct		11.6%	
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