

Global Markets Research

Weekly Market Highlights

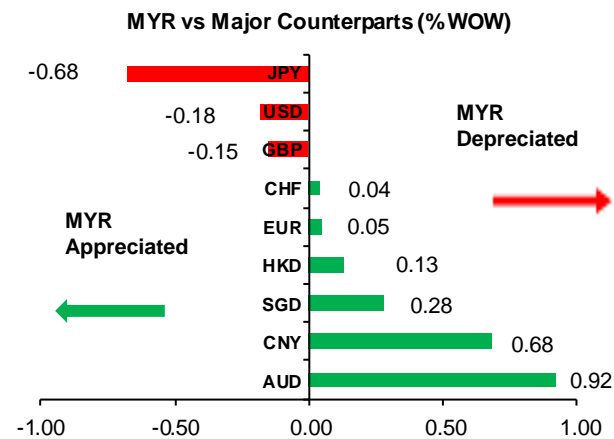
Weekly Performance

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Japan	↔	↓	↑	↑
Malaysia	↓	↑	↑	↑
China	↔	↑	↑	↓
Hong Kong	↔	↑	↑	↑
Singapore	↓	↑	↑	↓

Macroeconomics

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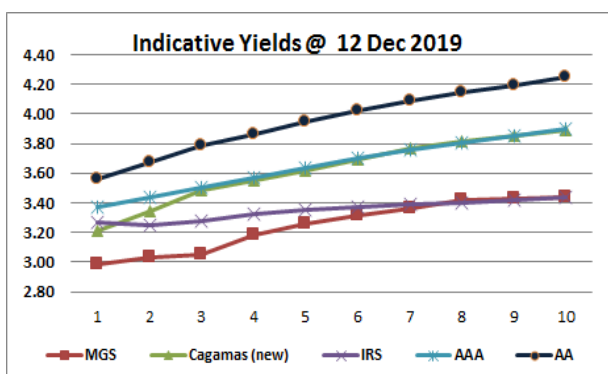
Weekly MYR Performance



Forex

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Indicative Yields



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Macroeconomics

6-month Macro Outlook

	Economy	Inflation	Interest Rate	Currency
US	↓	↔	↔	↑
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Japan	↓	↔	↓	↔
Australia	↓	↔	↓	↔
China	↓	↔	↔	↔
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The Week in Review

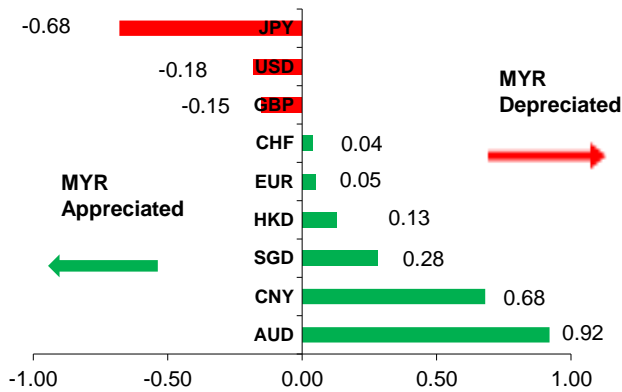
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- The Fed stood pat at 1.50-1.75% at the final meeting of the year as expected and continued to strike a neutral tone and signaled rates would stay unchanged at current level through 2020 on the back of still positive growth outlook. The updated dot plot revealed 13 policy makers were expecting rates to stay pat at current level through next year before a hike in 2021 while 4 policy makers were expecting a hike in 2020. We have changed our view for a rate pause next year, taking cue from tentative signs of stabilization in recent economic indicators especially those of the job market and consumer related indicators.
- Moving on to ECB, no surprises from new President Christine Lagarde. Singing the same tune as the Fed, the ECB also expressed a tinge of optimism over growth outlook, citing “less pronounced” downside risks and some stabilization in recent indicators even though ongoing trade weaknesses will continue to weigh on the manufacturing sector and investment growth.
- Back home, the latest data stream points to a soft start to 4Q. We maintain our view for a less sanguine growth outlook for the final quarter of the year. While there are tentative signs of stabilization in the global manufacturing front, external trade performance has remained weak to date with signs of a still soft exports outlook and subdued domestic demand even though we are hopeful that year end holiday spending could help cushion some of the slack. We are maintaining our view for easier growth momentum in 4Q, hence our full year GDP growth forecast of 4.5%.

The Week Ahead

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- In Europe, the flash HICP inflation rate for the Eurozone, trade report as well as the flash consumer confidence index is due next week. It will be another busy week for the UK as the Bank of England meets for the last time in 2019 and the data docket comprises of such top-tiered data as CPI, job numbers, retail sales, CBI trends total orders index as well as the final 3Q GDP growth reading. The BOE is widely expected to leave bank rate unchanged.
- Meanwhile in Japan, the BOJ will also announce its monetary policy decision and data due include trade numbers and CPI. Elsewhere across Asia, China NBS is publishing its monthly key indicators namely retail sales, industrial production and fixed investment and the PBOC will also announce its latest change to the 1-year loan prime rate. Hong Kong CPI and Singapore NODX are also on the deck. Downunder, we will also be expecting the RBA’s latest meeting minutes whereas data include home loans and investment lending figures, Westpac leading index and the highly watched job report. Neighbouring New Zealand will see the release of 3Q GDP growth, services PMI, trade report as well as business and consumer confidence indexes. On the home front, November CPI is slated for Friday release.

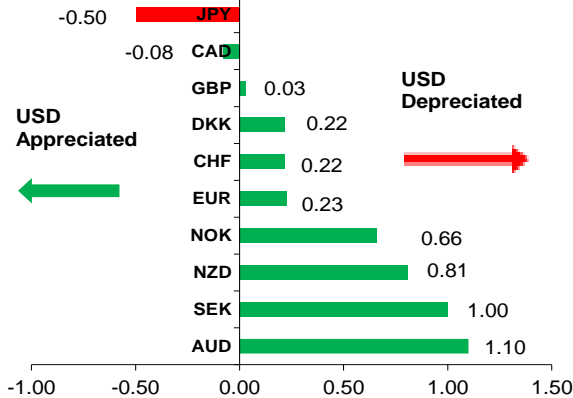
Forex

MYR vs Major Counterparts (% WOW)



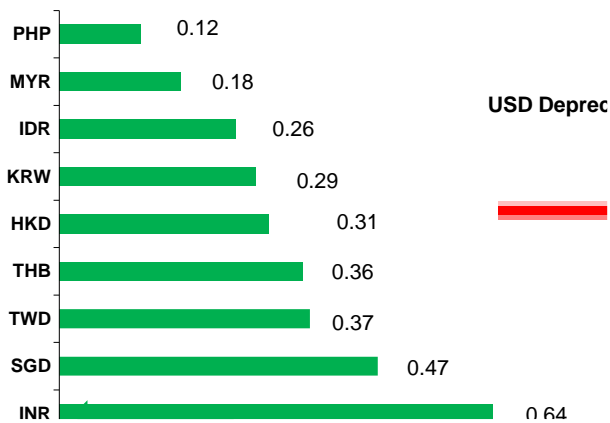
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USD vs the G10s (% WOW)



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USD vs Asian Currencies (% WOW)



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- EUR:** EUR has been trending up and was well supported above 1.1050 throughout the busy week against a weaker USD environment, closing 0.23% stronger WOW at 1.1130. The shared currency barely reacted to ECB’s accommodative monetary policy stance and Christine Lagarde’s first press conference but instead spiked in early morning in response to US-China trade news. We reckon that the bulls aren’t sustainable given the relatively poor Eurozone outlook and the ECB’s looser monetary policy. Weekly outlook is bearish in anticipation of weaker PMIs next week versus stronger US readings.
- GBP:** GBP continued its minor climb throughout the week and consistently breached 1.3200 key handle only to be sent down ahead of the election. WOW, GBP finished little changed against the USD at 1.1361. The major jump came this morning as early poll suggests a strong Tories’ victory as it broke above 1.3400 to the highest level since May-18. Nonetheless, short term post-election outlook is volatile with a very bearish bias as the ongoing rally amidst a strong overbought RSI condition is only paving way for a large reversal.
- JPY:** JPY was largely steady throughout an event-filled week but losses were triggered by news that US and China have reached a “trade deal in principle” alongside higher equities and treasuries yields. WOW, JPY lost 0.5% to 109.31. JPY is bearish today amidst a risk-on environment and is expected to consolidate around 109.20-109.80 next week just ahead of 110.00 strong resistance remains, awaiting firmer US-China trade outcome, barring from any surprise from development in this trade deal, Hong Kong domestic unrests and UK Brexit.
- AUD:** AUD has been firmer, trading comfortably above 0.6800 throughout the week as it continues to recover amidst a weaker greenback. AUD closed stronger by a whopping 1.1% against the USD at 0.6909 and looking ahead, bullish signal remains strong with the MACD line crossing above the signal line with even wider margin today with the return of risk sentiment after news of US-China trade deal broke. Upside is however capped with the pair likely trading around 0.6850 – 0.6940 in the short term as the 0.6940 resistance remains a strong foothold to breach.
- SGD:** SGD continued its nine-day gaining streak this week, closing 0.47% stronger against the USD at 1.3544. We reckon the rally is not sustainable with RSI pointing to an overbought condition but the MACD continues to reflect very bullish momentum. We think that upside in SGD is limited as the USDSGD is nearing a trough that would be followed by a rebound, supported by stronger US data..

Technical Analysis:

Currency	Current price	14-day RSI	Support - Resistance		Moving Averages			Call
					30 Days	100 Days	200 Days	
EURUSD	1.1175	67.4080	1.0979	1.1157	1.1061	1.1065	1.1154	Positive
GBPUSD	1.3475	81.1360	1.2719	1.3336	1.2970	1.2566	1.2700	Positive
USDJPY	109.5600	61.5420	108.1800	109.6300	108.9200	107.8400	108.8000	Positive
USDCNY	6.9729	31.4740	6.9988	7.0656	7.0235	7.0650	6.9410	Negative
USDSGD	1.3516	23.9110	1.3538	1.3697	1.3612	1.3728	1.3669	Negative
AUDUSD	0.6922	66.2530	0.6735	0.6907	0.6833	0.6807	0.6911	Positive
NZDUSD	0.6617	75.9770	0.6338	0.6634	0.6448	0.6401	0.6537	Positive
USDMYR	4.1417	34.4310	4.1481	4.1870	4.1593	4.1728	4.1492	Neutral
EURMYR	4.6285	56.7470	4.5871	4.6369	4.6023	4.6221	4.6353	Positive
GBPMYR	5.5809	78.7520	5.3176	5.5374	5.3942	5.2428	5.2743	Positive
JPYMYR	3.7803	33.4260	3.7969	3.8566	3.8188	3.8732	3.8198	Negative
CHFMYR	4.2043	49.3650	4.1691	4.2398	4.1955	4.2232	4.1801	Positive
SGDMYR	3.0643	58.7620	3.0523	3.0670	3.0554	3.0423	3.0395	Positive
AUDMYR	2.8668	61.3520	2.8175	2.8647	2.8422	2.8433	2.8713	Positive
NZDMYR	2.7403	71.8930	2.6487	2.7533	2.6827	2.6736	2.7157	Positive

Trader's Comment:

DXY continued to tumble from 97.38 to 96.80, the lowest since July as Fed left interest rates unchanged. Market cheered and went on risk-on mood after Trump signed off the phase one deal, cancelling a new round of tariffs. Stocks and other risk assets as well as USDJPY surged; 10-year US treasury yields increased by 10bps to 1.91% at the time of writing.

ECB left interest rate unchanged and reiterated that the risks were tilted to the downside, expecting euro-area inflation of 1.1% next year. Pound, on the other hand, surged by close to 2.7% as exit polls showed a solid majority for Conservative party, paving the way to break the Brexit deadlock. Asian currencies also rallied lead by Won and Yuan on better risk sentiment.

Locally, Ringgit also hit one-month high post in line with other Asian currencies. 10-year govies yield edged up 5bps to 3.46%. Will go with the 4.1300-4.1700 range for the following week.

Technical Charts

USDMYR



Source: Bloomberg

EURMYR



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GBPMYR



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JPYMYR



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AUDMYR



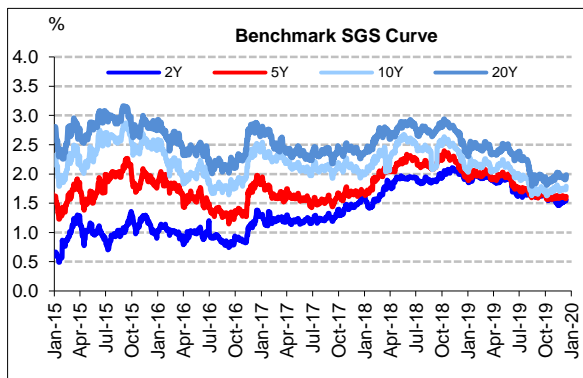
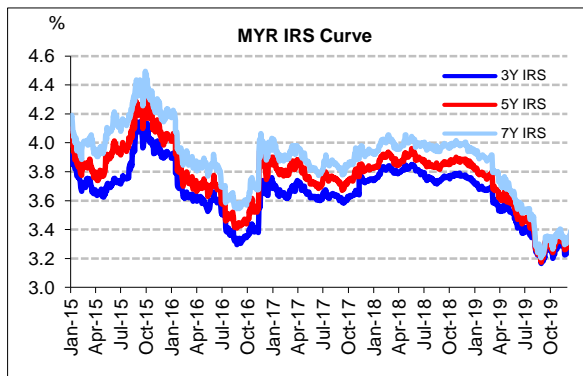
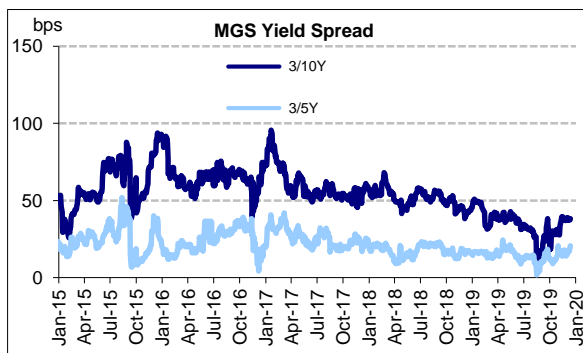
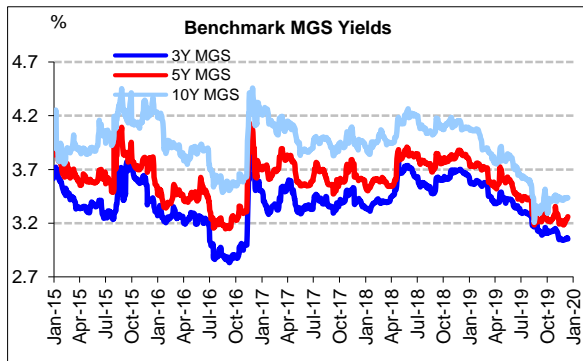
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- Corporate bonds/sukuk (including Govt-guaranteed bonds) for the week under review saw strong investor appetite contrary to earlier views of interest dissipating due to the year-end winding-down activities. The continued affinity for Govt-guaranteed bonds spilled over to the AAA-AA part of the curve as yields closed mixed. Total weekly market volume jumped 70% to RM4.40b versus prior week's RM2.55b. Topping the weekly volume were both DANA 5/32 (GG) which closed 2bps higher compared to previous-done levels at 3.86% and DANA 10/33 (GG) which rallied c4bps lower at 3.89%. The third highest volume was generated by DANUM 2/34 (AAA) which edged 2bps higher at 4.06%. The prominent new issuances were CAGAMAS AAA-rated 3Y bonds amounting to RM300m at a coupon of 3.38% and conglomerate DRB-HICOM's A1-rated 3-10Y bonds totalling RM1.5b with coupons ranging between 4.15-5.10%.
- The SGS (govvnies) saw overall benchmark yields closing between -2 to +2bps for the week under review. The 2Y edged up 1bps at 1.54% levels whilst the 5Y and 10Y however moved within a wider 12-18bps range whilst closing between 1-2bps lower compared to prior week; at 1.58% and at 1.73% respectively. The recent optimism on US and China signing phase one deal has caused the SGD to rise to a 5-month high. Nevertheless, MAS in its quarterly report has stated that the lacklustre external environment and elevated uncertainty are factors that may continue to soften GDP growth for an extended period.

Rating Action			
Issuer	PDS Description	Rating/Outlook	Action
DRB-HICOM Berhad	Proposed Sukuk Programme with a nominal value of up to RM3.5 billion.	A+ IS/Positive	Assigned
Projek Lintasan Sungai Besi-Ulu Klang Sdn Bhd's (PLSUKE)	Sukuk Wakalah Programme (Sukuk Wakalah) of up to RM2.0 billion.	A+ IS(s)	Affirmed
Sunway Berhad	RM2.0 billion Commercial Papers/Medium-Term Notes (CP/MTN) programmes	MARC-1/AA-	Affirmed
Hong Leong Bank Berhad	Financial institution ratings	AAA/Stable/P1	Reaffirmed
Hong Leong Islamic Bank Berhad (HLISB)	Financial institution ratings	AAA/Stable/P1	Reaffirmed
Hong Leong Investment Bank Berhad (HLIB)	Financial institution ratings	AAA/Stable/P1	Reaffirmed
Hong Leong Financial Group Berhad	RM25 billion Multi-Currency Senior Notes, Tier-2 Subordinated Notes, and Additional Tier-1 Capital Securities Programme (2017/2117)*		
	RM3 billion Commercial Papers Programme (2017/2025)*	P1	Reaffirmed
	RM1.8 billion Commercial Papers/Medium-Term Notes Programme (2011/2031)	AA1/Stable/P1	Reaffirmed
Hong Leong Bank Berhad	*Combined limit of RM25.0 billion		
	RM10 billion Multi-Currency Subordinated Notes Programme (2014/2044)	AA1/Stable	Reaffirmed
	RM10 billion Multi-Currency Additional Tier-1 Capital Securities Programme (2017/2117)	A1/Stable	Reaffirmed
Hong Leong Islamic Bank Berhad	RM2 billion Multi-Currency Tier-2 Subordinated Sukuk Murabahah and Additional Tier-1 Sukuk Wakalah (2017/2117)		
	Tier-2 Subordinated Sukuk Murabahah Additional Tier-1 Sukuk Wakalah	AA2/Stable A1/Stable	Reaffirmed Reaffirmed
UiTM Solar Power Sdn Bhd	Green Sustainable and Responsible Investment (SRI) Sukuk of up to RM240.0 million	AA-IS/Stable	Affirmed
Bank Kerjasama Rakyat Malaysia Berhad	Financial Institution rating	AA2/Stable/P1	Reaffirmed
MUFG Bank (Malaysia) Berhad	USD500 million Multi-Currency Sukuk Wakalah Bi Al-Istithmar Programme (the Programme)	AAA(BG)/Stable	Reaffirmed

Source: RAM; MARC

Economic Calendar						
Date	Country	Event	Reporting Period	Survey	Prior	Revised
20/12	Malaysia	CPI YoY	Nov	1.1%	1.1%	--
		Foreign Reserves	Dec-13	--	\$103.2b	--
16/12	US	Empire Manufacturing	Dec	5.0	2.9	--
		Markit US Manufacturing PMI	Dec P	52.6	52.6	--
		Markit US Services PMI	Dec P	52.0	51.6	--
		NAHB Housing Market Index	Dec	71	70	--
17/12		Housing Starts MoM	Nov	2.0%	3.8%	--
		Building Permits MoM	Nov	-3.8%	5.0%	--
		Industrial Production MoM	Nov	0.8%	-0.8%	--
18/12		MBA Mortgage Applications	Dec-13	--	3.8%	--
19/12		Philadelphia Fed Business Outlook	Dec	9.0	10.4	--
		Initial Jobless Claims	Dec-14	--	252k	--
		Leading Index	Nov	0.1%	-0.1%	--
		Existing Home Sales MoM	Nov	-0.2%	1.9%	--
20/12		GDP Annualized QoQ	3Q T	2.1%	2.1%	--
		Personal Income	Nov	0.3%	0.0%	--
		Personal Spending	Nov	0.4%	0.3%	--
		PCE Core Deflator YoY	Nov	1.5%	1.6%	--
		U. of Mich. Sentiment	Dec F	99.2	99.2	--
21/12		Kansas City Fed Manf. Activity	Dec	--	-3	--
23/12		Chicago Fed Nat Activity Index	Nov	--	-0.71	--
		New Home Sales MoM	Nov	-0.4%	-0.7%	--
24/12		Durable Goods Orders	Nov P	0.2%	0.5%	--
		Cap Goods Orders Nondef Ex Air	Nov P	--	1.1%	--
		Richmond Fed Manufact. Index	Dec	--	-1	--
26/12		MBA Mortgage Applications	Dec-20	--	--	--
		Initial Jobless Claims	Dec-21	--	--	--
16/12	Eurozone	Markit Eurozone Manufacturing PMI	Dec P	47.1	46.9	--
		Markit Eurozone Services PMI	Dec P	52.0	51.9	--
17/12		Trade Balance SA	Oct	--	18.3b	--
18/12		CPI YoY	Nov F	1.0%	0.7%	0.7%
		CPI Core YoY	Nov F	1.3%	1.3%	--
20/12		Consumer Confidence	Dec A	-7.6	-7.2	--
16/12	UK	Rightmove House Prices YoY	Dec	--	0.30%	--
		Markit UK PMI Manufacturing SA	Dec P	49.4	48.9	--
		Markit/CIPS UK Services PMI	Dec P	49.5	49.3	--
		CBI Trends Total Orders	Dec	-25	-26	--
17/12		Average Weekly Earnings 3M/YoY	Oct	3.3%	3.6%	--
		ILO Unemployment Rate 3Mths	Oct	3.9%	3.8%	--
		Employment Change 3M/3M	Oct	-5k	-58k	--
18/12		CPI YoY	Nov	1.5%	1.5%	--
19/12		Retail Sales Inc Auto Fuel MoM	Nov	0.5%	-0.1%	--
		Bank of England Bank Rate	Dec-19	0.75%	0.75%	--
20/12		GfK Consumer Confidence	Dec	-14	-14	--
		GDP QoQ	3Q F	0.3%	0.3%	--

28/12-03/01		Nationwide House Px NSA YoY	Dec	--	0.8%	--
16/12	Japan	Jibun Bank Japan PMI Mfg	Dec P	--	48.9	--
		Jibun Bank Japan PMI Services	Dec P	--	50.3	--
18/12		Exports YoY	Nov	-8.8%	-9.2%	--
19/12		Machine Tool Orders YoY	Nov F	--	-37.9%	--
		BOJ Policy Balance Rate	Dec-19	--	-0.1%	--
20/12		Natl CPI YoY	Nov	0.5%	0.2%	--
		Natl CPI Ex Fresh Food YoY	Nov	0.5%	0.4%	--
23/12		All Industry Activity Index MoM	Oct	--	1.5%	--
		Leading Index Cl	Oct F	--	91.8	--
27/12		Jobless Rate	Nov	--	2.4%	--
		Job-To-Applicant Ratio	Nov	--	1.57	--
		Retail Sales YoY	Nov	--	-7.1%	--
		Industrial Production YoY	Nov P	--	--	--
16/12	China	Fixed Assets Ex Rural YTD YoY	Nov	5.2%	5.2%	--
		Industrial Production YoY	Nov	5.0%	4.7%	--
		Retail Sales YoY	Nov	7.6%	7.2%	--
20/12		1-Year Loan Prime Rate	Dec	4.13%	4.15%	--
27/12		Industrial Profits YoY	Nov	--	-9.9%	--
20/12	Hong Kong	CPI Composite YoY	Nov	3.2%	3.1%	--
17/12	Singapore	Non-oil Domestic Exports YoY	Nov	-5.5%	-12.3%	--
23/12		CPI YoY	Nov	--	0.4%	--
26/12		Industrial Production YoY	Nov	--	4.0%	--
17/12	Australia	RBA Minutes of Dec. Policy Meeting				
		Home Loans MoM	Oct	--	3.6%	--
		Investment Lending	Oct	--	-4.0%	--
18/12		Westpac Leading Index MoM	Nov	--	-0.07%	--
19/12		Employment Change	Nov	15.0k	-19.0k	--
		Unemployment Rate	Nov	5.3%	5.3%	--
16/12	New Zealand	Performance Services Index	Nov	--	55.4	--
17/12		ANZ Business Confidence	Dec	--	-26.4	--
19/12		GDP SA QoQ	3Q	0.5%	0.5%	--
		Exports NZD	Nov	5.10b	5.03b	--
20/12		ANZ Consumer Confidence Index	Dec	--	120.7	--
25-31/2019	Vietnam	CPI YoY	Dec	--	3.52%	--
		GDP YoY	4Q	--	7.31%	--
		Exports YoY	Dec	--	3.8%	--
		Trade Balance	Dec	--	\$100m	--
		Industrial Production YoY	Dec	--	5.4%	--
		Retail Sales YTD YoY	Dec	--	11.8%	--

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