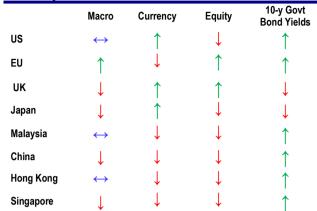


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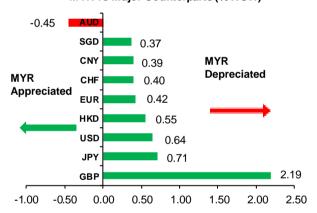
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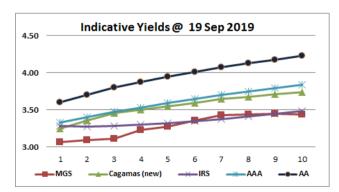


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Indicative Yields



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Macroeconomics

6-month Macro Outlook

	Economy	Inflation	Interest Rate	Currency
US	\downarrow	\longleftrightarrow	\downarrow	\downarrow
EU	\downarrow	\longleftrightarrow	\downarrow	↑
UK	\downarrow	\longleftrightarrow	\longleftrightarrow	↑
Japan	\downarrow	\longleftrightarrow	\longleftrightarrow	↑
Australia	\downarrow	\longleftrightarrow	\downarrow	\downarrow
China	\downarrow	\longleftrightarrow	\longleftrightarrow	\longleftrightarrow
Malaysia	\downarrow	\longleftrightarrow	\longleftrightarrow	\longleftrightarrow
Thailand	\downarrow	\longleftrightarrow	\downarrow	\longleftrightarrow
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The Week in Review

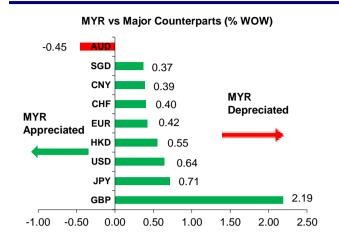
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- The Federal Reserve delivered what was widely perceived as a hawkish 25bps cut in the fed funds rate given little change in its economic assessment with median projection signalling no further cut this year. Fed Chair Jerome Powell reiterated solid growth outlook and the earlier case for a midcycle rate adjustment but pledged to undertake a sequence of rate cuts in the unlikely event of a downturn. The latest dot plot suggests a somewhat divided interest outlook among policy makers as 7 out of 17 members are looking at another cut this year. The BOE meanwhile left Bank Rate unchanged at 0.75% but stuck to its hawkish bias but flagged "entrench Brexit uncertainties". The BOJ kept its monetary policy unchanged as it still refrained from further monetary easing but signalled that it may examine its 2% inflation target given that core CPI inflation has been running below 1% for ten months, making the 2% target seems unattainable. The Swiss National Bank (SNB) left its sight deposit rate at -0.75% while closer to home, Bank Indonesia (BI) cut its 7-day reverse repo rate for the third consecutive time by 25bps to 5.25%.
- On the data front, China data dump was a major disappointment as growth in industrial production, fixed asset investment and retail sales all pulled back in August, consistent with a slowing but still expanding economy. US data appeared mixed with industrial ouput and homebuilding numbers springing back to positive territory whereas regional manufacturing gauges all came in lower. In the Eurozone, the HICP inflation was unchanged at 1.0% YOY, but investors appeared less downbeat after the ECB revives its asset purchase program and cut its key deposit rate. Meanwhile in the UK, CPI eased substantially to 1.7% YOY and retail sales were weighed down by a drop in online spending.
- In Asia, Japan exports fell for the ninth straight month and by a sharper margin of 8.2% YOY and Singapore non-oil domestic exports (NODX) also saw continuous declines by 8.9% YOY as trade war and slower growth dragged down international trade. Australia job report largely disappointed as the solid 35k gain in headline employment numbers was mainly driven by a surge in part-time jobs. Unemployment rate also ticked up to 5.3%, the highest in a year. New Zealand GDP growth came in at 0.5% QOQ and 2.1% YOY, its slowest in more than five years.

The Week Ahead

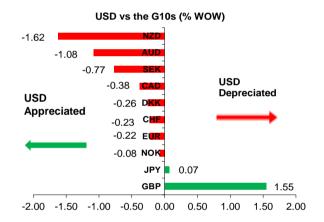
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- Data releases are generally scanty elsewhere. Data for the Eurozone are limited to the preliminary reading of Markit PMIs as well as the European Commission Economic Confidence Index. Similarly, the UK data bag comprises of key British manufacturing gauge- the CBI Trends Total Orders Index and the GfK Consumer Confidence Index. In the Asian docket, we are looking to Japan's preliminary Markit PMIs, leading index and machine tools orders, China industrial profits, Hong Kong trade data, Singapore CPI & industrial production. Down under, the RBNZ is set to announce its Official Cash Rate decision on Wednesday alongside trade data. We will also be paying attention to the ANZ Consumer Confidence Index. At home, the Statistic Department will be publishing August CPI where we are expecting steady inflationary pressure.



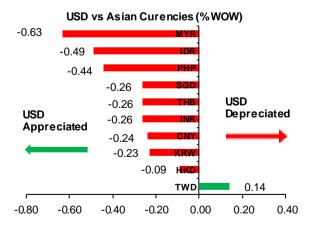
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- GBP: GBP outperformed all G10s and advanced a whopping 1.55% WOW to 1.2526 against the USD, lifted by improving Brexit sentiments as European Commission President Juncker's comment raised hope of a soft Brexit. BOE's abstain from turning dovish also somewhat helped support the sterling. We however reckon that Brexit sentiments could change rather abruptly depending on newsflows and discussion, hence our view of a still bearish GBP ahead. While the sterling could still hold above the 1.20 handle next week, we believe any negative turn of event could still push the pair below 1.20.
- JPY: JPY eked out a 0.07% WOW gain to close at 108.02 against the USD yesterday, supported by continuous demand for refuge and BOJ's refrain from any easing move. The JPY strengthened against all G10s save for the GBP. We continue to maintain a bullish bias on JPY in anticipation of an overall subdued market sentiments. Downside in USDJPY would likely be limited at the 106-107 levels while upside will likely capped by 108.50-109.00.
- AUD: AUD fell 1.08% WOW to 0.6792 vs the USD, making it the second worst
 performing G10s after the kiwi on the back of paring of risk appetite followed by
 weaker than expected job data that spurred expectation of a RBA rate cut. A
 break below the Ichimoku cloud and 0.68 support has increased downside bias of
 the pair. Any negative trade headlines, in the absence of major economic
 releases, will likely push the pair to test 0.67 next.
- SGD: SGD fell 0.26% WOW aginst the USD at 1.3787 as risk-off sentiments dampened the appeal of the currency amid geopolitical tension and policy easing by the Fed and ECB. With a seemingly hawkish cut from the Fed, and the return of trade headlines next week, we expect USDSGD to continue maintain a bullish bias targeting 1.38 levels again.



Technical Analysis:

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Currency	price	14-day KSI			30 Days 100 Days		200 Days	Call	
EURUSD	1.1044	47.2320	1.0957	1.1128	1.1070	1.1178	1.1257	Negative	
GBPUSD	1.2523	64.8080	1.2049	1.2566	1.2245	1.2491	1.2738	Positive	
USDJPY	108.0600	62.6400	105.3100	108.7400	106.7200	107.9500	109.2900	Positive	
USDCNY	7.0965	52.4440	7.0569	7.1922	7.0991	6.9489	6.8633	Neutral	
USDSGD	1.3789	48.1980	1.3702	1.3945	1.3838	1.3719	1.3644	Positive	
AUDUSD	0.6791	43.7950	0.6695	0.6915	0.6793	0.6895	0.7005	Negative	
NZDUSD	0.6293	32.5740	0.6268	0.6456	0.6381	0.6536	0.6658	Negative	
USDMYR	4.1918	54.6640	4.1582	4.2231	4.1892	4.1603	4.1381	Positive	
EURMYR	4.6299	50.3520	4.5776	4.6795	4.6384	4.6551	4.6557	Neutral	
GBPMYR	5.2496	67.3580	5.0744	5.2405	5.1295	5.2018	5.2673	Positive	
JPYMYR	3.8793	43.4330	3.8257	4.0064	3.9258	3.8586	3.7860	Negative	
CHFMYR	4.2219	46.7400	4.1735	4.3055	4.2540	4.2032	4.1576	Negative	
SGDMYR	3.0402	58.2880	3.0195	3.0438	3.0273	3.0357	3.0313	Neutral	
AUDMYR	2.8467	46.8230	2.8266	2.8764	2.8456	2.8712	2.8967	Negative	
NZDMYR	2.6381	32.6400	2.6354	2.6968	2.6732	2.7216	2.7530	Negative	

Trader's Comment:

DXY traded higher at 98.30 from a week ago after retracing from the peak of 98.60 level post rate-cut announcement. However, further rate reductions are unclear as Fed officials were divided on future outlook. Furthermore, ongoing trade tensions will continue to add uncertainty to the financial markets as central bankers struggle to respond to trade-related risks.

GBP/USD spiked after European Commission President Juncker expressing confident of reaching a deal by 31 Oct. Sluggish inflation in the Japan sent USD/JPY trading higher as market expected further stimulus from BOJ to boost the economy. AUD/USD traded lower as weaker employment data raised RBA rate cut expectations.

Locally, USD/MYR traded at higher range of 4.1700 - 4.1980 for the week; upcoming announcement on review of Malaysian bonds in global benchmark indices will determine the direction of the Ringgit. We expect USDMYR to trade at the range of 4.1500 – 4.2000.



Technical Charts

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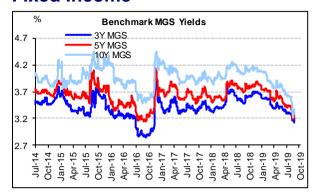
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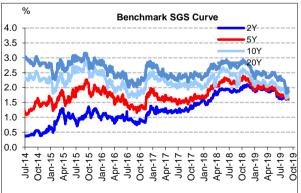


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- benchmark yields closed higher between 1-3bps. The 2Y edged 1bps higher at 1.63% levels whilst the 5Y and 10Y however moved again within a similar 4-5bps range; closing 2bps up respectively at 1.65% and 1.74% respectively. MAS has announced its auction of \$\$800m of long-tenured bonds maturing 2036 along with \$\$3.0b of notes maturing in October 2021. These exercises are expected to be held on 26th September. Meanwhile the SGD is expected to decline on the back of a tepid core CPI expected out next Monday, in the region of 0.8% YOY. Separately, Vertex Holdings Ltd, a unit of Singapore's Temasek Holdings Pte, a VC firm; has closed its 4th SouthEast Asia and India fund at a record US305m. STT GDC Pte Ltd is currently pricing its \$1.5b multicurrency unrated 5Y debt at the initial price guidance area of 3.75%.



Rating Action						
Issuer	PDS Description	Rating/Outlook	Action			
Genting RMTN Berhad	Proposed RM10 bil MTN Programme	AAA(s)/Stable	Assigned			
United Arab Emirates' (UAE)	Global and ASEAN-scale ratings	gAA2(pi) and seaAAA(pi)	Reaffirmed			
CIMB Thai Bank Public Company Limited	Financial institution Rating (FIR)	AA2/Stable/P1	Reaffirmed			
Company Emilion	RM2 billion Tier-2 Subordinated Debt Programme (2014/2044)	AA3/Stable	Reaffirmed			
Trinity Asia Ventures Berhad	RM52 mil Tranche 1 IMTN	AA3/Stable	Assigned			

Source: RAM; MARC



Date	Country	Event	Reporting	Survey	Prior	Revise
	•		Period			
25/09	Malaysia	CPI YoY	Aug	1.6%	1.4%	
01/10 04/10		Markit Malaysia PMI Mfg	Sep		47.4 1.7%	
23/09	US	Exports YoY Chicago Fed Nat Activity Index	Aug Aug	 0.05	-0.36	
23/09	03	· ·	•	50.3	-0.36 50.3	
		Markit US Manufacturing PMI Markit US Services PMI	Sep P Sep P	50.5 51.5	50.3 50.7	
24/09			•	2.2%	2.1%	
24/09		S&P CoreLogic CS 20-City YoY NSA	Jul			
		Richmond Fed Manufact. Index	Sep	2.0	1.0	
05/00		Conf. Board Consumer Confidence	Sep	134.0	135.1	
25/09		MBA Mortgage Applications	Sep-20		-0.1%	
00/00		New Home Sales MoM	Aug	2.8%	-12.8%	
26/09		GDP Annualized QoQ	2Q T	2.0%	2.0%	
		Wholesale Inventories MoM	Aug P	 470 FI	0.2%	
		Advance Goods Trade Balance	Aug	-\$73.5b	-\$72.3b	
		Initial Jobless Claims	Sep-21		208k	
		Pending Home Sales MoM	Aug	1.0%	-2.5%	
		Kansas City Fed Manf. Activity	Sep		-6.0	
27/09		Personal Income	Aug	0.4%	0.1%	
		Durable Goods Orders	Aug P	-1.2%	2.0%	
		Personal Spending	Aug	0.3%	0.6%	
		PCE Core Deflator YoY	Aug	1.8%	1.6%	
		U. of Mich. Sentiment	Sep F	92.1	92.0	
30/09		MNI Chicago PMI	Sep	49.4	50.4	
		Dallas Fed Manf. Activity	Sep	0.0	2.7	
01/10		Markit US Manufacturing PMI	Sep F			
		ISM Manufacturing	Sep	49.8	49.1	
		Construction Spending MoM	Aug		0.1%	
02/10		MBA Mortgage Applications	Sep-27			
		ADP Employment Change	Sep		195k	
03/10		Initial Jobless Claims	Sep-28			
		Markit US Services PMI	Sep F			
		Factory Orders	Aug	-0.1%	1.4%	
		ISM Non-Manufacturing Index	Sep	54.8	56.4	
04/10		Change in Nonfarm Payrolls	Sep	140k	130k	
		Unemployment Rate	Sep	3.6%	3.7%	
		Average Hourly Earnings YoY	Sep		3.2%	
		Trade Balance	Aug	-\$55.1b	-\$54.0b	
23/09	Eurozone	Markit Eurozone Manufacturing PMI	Sep P	47.5	47.0	
		Markit Eurozone Services PMI	Sep P	53.2	53.5	-
27/09		Economic Confidence	Sep	103.1	103.1	
		Consumer Confidence	Sep F			
30/09		Unemployment Rate	Aug		7.5%	
01/10		Markit Eurozone Manufacturing PMI	Sep F			
		CPI Core YoY	Sep A		0.9%	
		CPI Estimate YoY	Sep		1.0%	



02/10		Markit Eurozana Sanijaas PMI	Son E			
03/10		Markit Eurozone Services PMI PPI YoY	Sep F Aug		 0.2%	
		Retail Sales MoM	-		-0.6%	
23/09	UK	CBI Trends Total Orders	Aug Sep	-15	-0.0 <i>7</i> 6	
27/09	OK .	GfK Consumer Confidence	Sep	-14	-14	
28/09		Nationwide House Px NSA YoY	Sep	-14	0.6%	
30/09		GDP QoQ	2Q F		-0.2%	
00,00		Mortgage Approvals	Aug		67.3k	
01/10		Markit UK PMI Manufacturing SA	Sep		47.4	
03/10		Markit/CIPS UK Services PMI	Sep		50.6	
23/09	Japan	Jibun Bank Japan PMI Mfg	Sep P		49.3	
		Jibun Bank Japan PMI Services	Sep P		53.3	
24/09		Leading Index CI	Jul F		93.6	
26/09		Machine Tool Orders YoY	Aug F		-37.1%	
30/09		Retail Sales YoY	Aug		-2.0%	
		Industrial Production YoY	Aug P		0.7%	
01/10		Jobless Rate	Aug		2.2%	
		Tankan Large Mfg Index	3Q	2.0	7.0	
		Tankan Large Non-Mfg Index	3Q	20.0	23.0	
		Tankan Large All Industry Capex	3Q	7.0%	7.4%	
		Jibun Bank Japan PMI Mfg	Sep F			
03/10		Jibun Bank Japan PMI Services	Sep F			
27/09	China	Industrial Profits YoY	Aug		2.6%	
30/09		Manufacturing PMI	Sep		49.5	
		Non-manufacturing PMI	Sep		53.8	
		Caixin China PMI Mfg	Sep		50.4	
26/09	Hong Kong	Exports YoY	Aug	-7.1%	-5.7%	
02/10		Retail Sales Value YoY	Aug		-11.4%	
04/10		Markit Hong Kong PMI	Sep		40.8	
23/09	Singapore	CPI YoY	Aug	0.5%	0.4%	
26/09		Industrial Production YoY	Aug	-1.2%	-0.4%	
03/10		Markit Singapore PMI	Sep		48.7	
		Purchasing Managers Index	Sep		49.9	
01/10	Australia	AiG Perf of Mfg Index	Sep		53.1	
		RBA Cash Rate Target	Oct-01	1.0%	1.0%	
03/10		AiG Perf of Services Index	Sep		51.4	
		Trade Balance	Aug		A\$7268m	
04/10		Retail Sales MoM	Aug		-0.1%	
25/09	New Zealand	Trade Balance NZD	Aug	-1,350m	-685m	
		RBNZ Official Cash Rate	Sep-25	1.0%	1.0%	
27/09		ANZ Consumer Confidence Index	Sep		118.2	
25-30/09	Vietnam	GDP YoY	3Q		6.71%	
		Industrial Production YoY	Sep		10.5%	
		Retail Sales YTD YoY	Sep		11.5%	
		CPI YoY	Sep		2.26%	
		Exports YoY	Sep		4.5%	
		Markit Vietnam PMI Mfg	Sep		51.4	

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