



Fixed Income & FX Research

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Macro: The Fed will defer its decision on Governor Lisa Cook's status as Trump prepares for a legal fight. The Malaysian parliament approved a law to close product rerouting duty evasion loopholes.

Forex: Gold and safe-haven FX gained on Fed concerns, while EUR trailed amid French political risks. MYR (-0.3%) underperformed alongside chip-exporter FX TWD and KRW.

Fixed Income: Despite Fed concerns, short-to-belly UST reversed early losses. Light profit-taking seen in MGS space amid rotation into high-grade corporate bonds.

Macro

Global: US durable goods orders fell 2.8% y/y in July (consensus: -3.8%; June: -9.4%), though core capital goods orders (excluding defence and aircraft orders) unexpectedly climbed by 1.1% y/y (consensus: +0.2%; June: -0.6%). The conference board of consumer confidence, meanwhile, fell to 97.4 in August (consensus: 96.5), though this mainly reflected an upward revision for July numbers to 98.7 (prior: 97.2). Meanwhile, Fed tensions continue to escalate, with Trump indicating a willingness for a legal fight to remove Fed Governor Lisa Cook. Meanwhile, the Fed said it will abide by any court decision on Cook, though it has deferred any decision on Cook's current working status. The Trump administration is also reviewing options to exert more influence over the Fed's 12 regional banks by scrutinising how they are chosen and vetted, indicating further concerns ahead on the Fed's independence. Meanwhile, Japan is expected to confirm in writing its USD550 billion deal with the US, including details of the package and the split in investment returns.

Malaysia: The Dewan Rakyat has approved amendments to the law to close duty evasion loopholes via product rerouting, though the MITI also clarified that the US has not yet fully explained the terms of enforcement regarding transshipment rules.

Forex

Global: Lack of overnight drivers meant the focus remained on the Fed, with Fed Governor Lisa Cook's firing leaving an anxious undercurrent in sentiment. DXY fell 0.2%, while safe-haven currencies CHF (+0.3%) and JPY (+0.3%) led gains, alongside the rebound in gold (+0.8%). EUR gains lagged safe-haven peers (+0.2%), amid continued worries on France's political turmoil, of which European ratings agency Scope said a collapse in the government is the most likely outcome with negative credit rating implications. AUD (+0.2%) was also placed mid-packed, after the RBA meeting minutes signalled that more rate cuts are possible over the coming year, subject to incoming economic data.

Malaysia: MYR fell 0.3%, underperforming Asian peers alongside chip exporting powerhouses – the TWD (-0.3%) and KRW (-0.2%). This comes after Trump vowed tariffs and chip export curbs on countries imposing digital taxes on its US firms.

Fixed Income

Global Bonds: Short-to-mid UST tenors reversed early losses to post minimal gains on the day. Early losses came from doubts over Fed independence after Trump issued the dismissal of Fed governor Cook. However, Treasuries steadied as investors were also cautious on equity markets and ahead of PCE data on Friday, though the tail-end of the curve still closed weaker on longer-term Fed concerns. Gilts weakened as BOE policymaker Mann argued against rate cuts amid inflation threats.

MYR Bonds: Profit-taking activity continued in the ringgit government space, pressured by recent rallies and some uptick in global yields amid Trump's fight against the Fed. Nevertheless, MGS and GII flows were light. As for PDS, flows remained heavier towards high-grade names, including banks and infra-related issuers. AAA rates BSN IMTN 11/31 rallied 9 bps to 3.51%.

Commodities

Brent (-2.3%) retreated from a near three-week high, though mostly reflecting broader risk aversion given the lack of overnight fundamental news drivers. **CPO** prices fell slightly, amid news that Indonesia has successfully lobbied for a US tariff exemption for its palm oil, cocoa, and rubber exports.

FX Daily Rates

Vs. USD	Last Close	Per cent
DXY	98.23	(0.2)
EUR/USD	1.164	0.2
AUD/USD	0.650	0.2
GBP/USD	1.348	0.2
USD/JPY	147.40	(0.3)
USD/MYR	4.219	0.3
USD/IDR	16,295	0.3
USD/THB	32.49	0.1
USD/SGD	1.285	(0.0)
USD/CNY	7.153	(0.0)

Ringgit Outlook for The Week

	1	2
Resistance	4.268	4.310
Support	4.196	4.166

Major Sovereign Yields (%)

Sov. Yield	Last Close	bps
UST 2Y	3.68	(4)
UST 10Y	4.26	(1)
Germany 10Y	2.72	(3)
UK 10Y	4.74	5
Japan 10Y	1.63	1
Australia 10Y	4.31	3
China 10Y	1.77	0

MGS Bond Yields (%)

MGS	Last	bps
3-Year	2.97	0
5-Year	3.07	0
7-Year	3.27	1
10-Year	3.38	1
15-Year	3.58	0
20-Year	3.73	0
30-Year	3.88	0

MYR Swap Rates (%)

Swap / Rates	Last Close	bps
IRS 1-Year	3.10	2
IRS 3-Year	3.01	1
IRS 5-Year	3.09	1
IRS 7-Year	3.16	1
IRS 10-Year	3.29	1
3M KLIBOR	3.21	0

Key Commodities

Commodities	Last Close	Per cent
Brent (USD/bbl)	67.22	(2.3)
WTI (USD/bbl)	63.25	(2.4)
Gold (USD/oz)	3,394	0.8
CPO (RM/tonne)	4,397	(0.4)

Policy Rates

Central Banks	Current	Next
US Fed Funds	4.50	18-Sep
ECB Deposit Rate	2.00	11-Sep
BOE Base Rate	4.00	18-Sep
RBA Cash Rate	3.60	30-Sep
BOJ Cash Rate	0.50	19-Sep
RBNZ Cash Rate	3.00	08-Oct
PBOC 1Y LPR	3.00	-
BNM OPR	2.75	05-Sep

Sources: Bloomberg, Trading Economics, AmBank Economics
Note: Changes are based on day-on-day percentage, except for MGS Yield, Sovereign Yields, and IRS, where changes are in bps.

Currencies vs USD

	Latest	1-day	1 week	1-Month	1-Year	Percentage Change					Trend Line		
	26-Aug-25	25-Aug-25	19-Aug-25	27-Jul-25	26-Aug-24	1-day	1-week	1-month	1-year	YTD	1-week	1-month	1-year
DXY Dollar Index	98.23	98.43	98.27	97.65	100.85	(0.2)	(0.0)	0.6	(2.6)	(9.5)			
EUR/USD	1.164	1.162	1.165	1.174	1.116	0.2	(0.0)	(0.9)	4.3	12.4			
AUD/USD	0.650	0.648	0.645	0.657	0.677	0.2	0.6	(1.1)	(4.1)	5.0			
GBP/USD	1.348	1.346	1.349	1.344	1.319	0.2	(0.1)	0.3	2.2	7.7			
USD/JPY	147.4	147.8	147.67	147.69	144.53	(0.3)	(0.2)	(0.2)	2.0	(6.2)			
USD/MYR	4.219	4.207	4.224	4.223	4.349	0.3	(0.1)	(0.1)	(3.0)	(5.7)			
USD/IDR	16,295	16,253	16,245	16,315	15,430	0.3	0.3	(0.1)	5.6	1.2			
USD/THB	32.49	32.44	32.51	32.38	33.98	0.1	(0.1)	0.3	(4.4)	(4.7)			
USD/SGD	1.285	1.286	1.285	1.282	1.304	(0.0)	0.0	0.3	(1.4)	(5.9)			
USD/CNY	7.153	7.154	7.182	7.170	7.122	(0.01)	(0.4)	(0.2)	0.4	(2.0)			
USD/KRW	1,394	1,391	1,391	1,383	1,329	0.2	0.2	0.8	4.9	(5.3)			
USD/INR	87.68	87.58	86.96	86.52	83.90	0.1	0.8	1.3	4.5	2.4			
USD/PHP	57.07	56.95	57.11	57.13	56.34	0.2	(0.1)	(0.1)	1.3	(1.3)			
USD/TWD	30.55	30.44	30.12	29.44	31.81	0.3	1.4	3.8	(4.0)	(6.8)			
USD/HKD	7.793	7.812	7.799	7.850	7.796	(0.2)	(0.1)	(0.7)	(0.0)	0.3			
USD/VND	26,353	26,306	26,313	26,140	24,873	0.2	0.2	0.8	6.0	3.4			
NZD/USD	0.586	0.585	0.589	0.602	0.620	0.2	(0.5)	(2.6)	(5.5)	4.8			

Ringgit Cross Rates

	Latest	1-day	1 week	1-Month	1-Year	Percentage Change					Trend Line		
	26-Aug-25	25-Aug-25	19-Aug-25	27-Jul-25	26-Aug-24	1-day	1-week	1-month	1-year	YTD	1-week	1-month	1-year
EUR/MYR	4.911	4.920	4.933	4.955	4.860	(0.2)	(0.4)	(0.9)	1.1	5.4			
GBP/MYR	5.686	5.677	5.710	5.685	5.735	0.2	(0.4)	0.0	(0.9)	1.3			
AUD/MYR	2.736	2.730	2.741	2.771	2.946	0.2	(0.2)	(1.3)	(7.1)	(1.6)			
JPY/MYR	2.862	2.847	2.860	2.859	3.009	0.5	0.0	0.1	(4.9)	0.6			
SGD/MYR	3.281	3.279	3.292	3.296	3.338	0.1	(0.3)	(0.5)	(1.7)	(0.1)			
10CNY/MYR	5.892	5.879	5.883	5.890	6.106	0.2	0.2	0.0	(3.5)	(3.8)			
100IDR/MYR	2.588	2.588	2.600	2.587	2.816	0.0	(0.5)	0.0	(8.1)	(6.6)			
THB/MYR	12.982	12.963	12.996	13.045	12.782	0.1	(0.1)	(0.5)	1.6	(0.3)			
10HKD/MYR	5.408	5.387	5.414	5.379	5.577	0.4	(0.1)	0.5	(3.0)	(6.1)			

Commodities

	Latest	1-day	1 week	1-Month	1-Year	Percentage Change					Trend Line		
	26-Aug-25	25-Aug-25	19-Aug-25	27-Jul-25	26-Aug-24	1-day	1-week	1-month	1-year	YTD	1-week	1-month	1-year
Brent (USD/barrel)	67.22	68.8	65.79	68.44	81.43	(2.3)	2.2	(1.8)	(17.5)	(9.9)			
WTI (USD/barrel)	63.25	64.8	62.35	65.16	77.42	(2.4)	1.4	(2.9)	(18.3)	(11.8)			
Gold (USD/oz)	3,394	3,366	3,316	3,337	2,518	0.8	2.3	1.7	34.8	29.3			
Malaysia CPO (RM/tonne)	4,397	4,413	4,449	4,221	4,021	(0.4)	(1.2)	4.2	9.4	(9.5)			

Malaysia Government Securities

	Latest	1-day	1 week	1-Month	1-Year	Basis Points Change					Trend Line		
	26-Aug-25	25-Aug-25	19-Aug-25	27-Jul-25	26-Aug-24	1-day	1-week	1-month	1-year	YTD	1-week	1-month	1-year
3-Year	2.97	2.97	2.98	3.05	3.33	0	(1)	(8)	(36)	(51)			
5-Year	3.07	3.07	3.07	3.15	3.48	0	0	(7)	(41)	(55)			
7-Year	3.27	3.26	3.27	3.34	3.68	1	(0)	(7)	(41)	(50)			
10-Year	3.38	3.37	3.38	3.39	3.77	1	0	(1)	(39)	(44)			
15-Year	3.58	3.58	3.58	3.65	3.90	0	0	(7)	(32)	(39)			
20-Year	3.73	3.73	3.74	3.75	4.05	0	(1)	(2)	(32)	(33)			
30-Year	3.88	3.88	3.89	3.91	4.18	0	(1)	(3)	(29)	(30)			

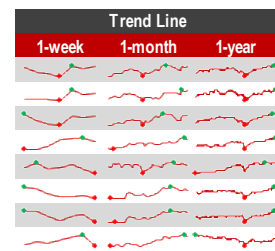
Malaysia Government Investment Issues

	Latest	1-day	1 week	1-Month	1-Year	Basis Points Change					Trend Line		
	26-Aug-25	25-Aug-25	19-Aug-25	27-Jul-25	26-Aug-24	1-day	1-week	1-month	1-year	YTD	1-week	1-month	1-year
3-Year	3.02	3.01	3.02	3.11	3.32	0	(0)	(9)	(30)	(41)			
5-Year	3.12	3.11	3.13	3.19	3.48	0	(1)	(8)	(36)	(51)			
7-Year	3.24	3.23	3.24	3.34	3.69	1	1	(10)	(45)	(50)			
10-Year	3.40	3.40	3.40	3.46	3.78	0	1	(6)	(38)	(43)			
15-Year	3.58	3.58	3.59	3.66	3.94	0	(1)	(7)	(36)	(40)			
20-Year	3.73	3.73	3.73	3.74	4.06	0	(0)	(1)	(34)	(36)			

Major Equity Indices

	Latest	1-day	1 week	1-Month	1-Year
	26-Aug-25	25-Aug-25	19-Aug-25	27-Jul-25	26-Aug-24
S&P500 Index	6,466	6,439	6,411	6,389	5,617
Dow Jones	45,418	45,282	44,922	44,902	41,241
Nasdaq	21,544	21,449	21,315	21,108	17,726
London FTSE	9,266	9,321	9,189	9,120	8,328
German DAX	24,153	24,273	24,423	24,218	18,617
Nikkei 225	42,394	42,808	43,546	41,456	38,110
Japan TOPIX	3,072	3,105	3,117	2,952	2,661
FBM KLCI	1,582	1,602	1,590	1,534	1,639

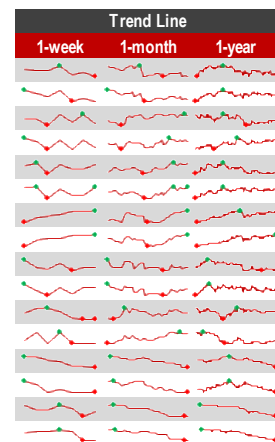
Percentage Change				
1-day	1-week	1-month	1-year	YTD
0.4	0.9	1.2	15.1	68.4
0.3	1.1	1.1	10.1	37.0
0.4	1.1	2.1	21.5	105.8
(0.6)	0.8	1.6	11.3	24.3
(0.5)	(1.1)	(0.3)	29.7	73.5
(1.0)	(2.6)	2.3	11.2	62.5
(1.1)	(1.4)	4.1	15.4	62.4
(1.3)	(0.5)	3.1	(3.5)	5.8



Major Sovereign Yields (%)

	Latest	1-day	1 week	1-Month	1-Year
	26-Aug-25	25-Aug-25	19-Aug-25	27-Jul-25	26-Aug-24
UST 2Y	3.68	3.72	3.75	3.92	3.94
UST 10Y	4.26	4.28	4.31	4.39	3.82
Germany 2Y	1.94	1.98	1.96	1.95	2.40
Germany 10Y	2.72	2.76	2.75	2.72	2.25
UK 2Y	3.97	3.94	3.98	3.88	3.68
UK 10Y	4.74	4.69	4.74	4.64	3.91
Japan 2Y	0.88	0.88	0.85	0.86	0.37
Japan 10Y	1.63	1.62	1.60	1.61	0.89
Australia 2Y	3.34	3.33	3.37	3.42	3.57
Australia 10Y	4.31	4.28	4.33	4.34	3.85
China 2Y	1.42	1.42	1.43	1.44	1.55
China 10Y	1.77	1.77	1.77	1.74	2.16
Indonesia 2Y	5.35	5.35	5.61	5.74	6.55
Indonesia 10Y	6.33	6.34	6.41	6.52	6.62
Thailand 2Y	1.13	1.12	1.13	1.29	2.21
Thailand 10Y	1.29	1.29	1.34	1.48	2.54

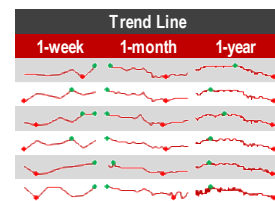
Basis Points Change				
1-day	1-week	1-month	1-year	YTD
(4)	(7)	(24)	(26)	(56)
(1)	(4)	(13)	45	(31)
(4)	(2)	(1)	(46)	(14)
(3)	(3)	0	48	36
2	(1)	8	29	(43)
5	0	11	83	17
0	3	2	51	27
1	3	2	74	53
1	(3)	(8)	(23)	(52)
3	(1)	(3)	46	(5)
(0)	(1)	(3)	(13)	32
0	(0)	3	(40)	9
0	(26)	(39)	(119)	(169)
(0)	(8)	(19)	(29)	(67)
1	(0)	(16)	(107)	(87)
0	(5)	(18)	(125)	(96)



Key swap rates

	Latest	1-day	1 week	1-Month	1-Year
	26-Aug-25	25-Aug-25	19-Aug-25	27-Jul-25	26-Aug-24
IRS 1-Year	3.10	3.08	3.08	3.13	3.39
IRS 3-Year	3.01	3.00	3.01	3.05	3.32
IRS 5-Year	3.09	3.08	3.08	3.13	3.39
IRS 7-Year	3.16	3.14	3.16	3.21	3.49
IRS 10-Year	3.29	3.28	3.28	3.34	3.59
IRS 20-Year	3.53	3.51	3.60	3.64	3.94

Basis Points Change				
1-day	1-week	1-month	1-year	YTD
2	2	(3)	(29)	(48)
1	0	(4)	(31)	(49)
1	1	(4)	(30)	(46)
1	0	(5)	(33)	(48)
1	1	(5)	(31)	(44)
2	(7)	(12)	(42)	(43)



Key KLIBOR rates

	Latest	1-day	1 week	1-Month	1-Year
	26-Aug-25	25-Aug-25	19-Aug-25	27-Jul-25	26-Aug-24
1-Month Klibor	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.01	3.28
3-Month Klibor	3.21	3.21	3.21	3.23	3.53
6-Month Klibor	3.26	3.26	3.26	3.30	3.61

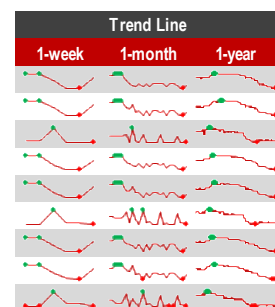
Basis Points Change				
1-day	1-week	1-month	1-year	YTD
0	0	(1)	(28)	(29)
0	0	(2)	(32)	(52)
0	0	(4)	(35)	(51)



Indicative PDS yields

	Latest	1-day	1 week	1-Month	1-Year
	26-Aug-25	25-Aug-25	19-Aug-25	27-Jul-25	26-Aug-24
3-Year AAA	3.53	3.52	3.53	3.55	3.76
3-Year AA	3.69	3.68	3.70	3.72	3.89
3-Year A	4.51	4.51	4.52	4.55	4.85
5-Year AAA	3.61	3.60	3.62	3.63	3.83
5-Year AA	3.78	3.77	3.78	3.80	3.98
5-Year A	4.65	4.65	4.65	4.68	5.10
10-Year AAA	3.77	3.75	3.77	3.78	3.99
10-Year AA	3.93	3.91	3.93	3.94	4.17
10-Year A	5.00	5.02	5.00	5.04	5.62

Basis Points Change				
1-day	1-week	1-month	1-year	YTD
1	(0)	(2)	(24)	(30)
1	(0)	(2)	(20)	(32)
(0)	(0)	(3)	(33)	(35)
1	(1)	(2)	(22)	(32)
1	(0)	(2)	(20)	(32)
(1)	(0)	(3)	(46)	(44)
1	(0)	(1)	(23)	(30)
1	(0)	(2)	(24)	(31)
(1)	0	(4)	(62)	(56)



Sources: Bloomberg, AmBank Economics

Note: All values are end-period

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