

## Global Markets Research

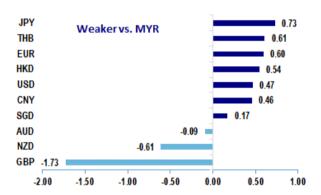
# Weekly Market Highlights

#### **Weekly Performance**

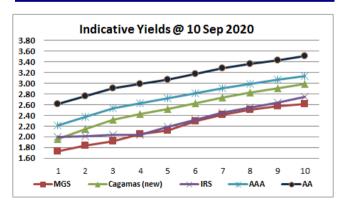
	Macro	Currency	Equity	10-y Govt Bond Yields
US	$\longleftrightarrow$	$\uparrow$	$\downarrow$	$\uparrow$
EU	$\longleftrightarrow$	$\downarrow$	<b>↑</b>	$\uparrow$
UK	$\leftrightarrow$	$\downarrow$	<b>↑</b>	$\uparrow$
Japan	$\longleftrightarrow$	<b>↑</b>	$\downarrow$	$\downarrow$
Malaysia	$\uparrow$	$\downarrow$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

## **Weekly MYR Performance**

MYR vs. Major Currencies (% WOW)



## **Indicative Yields**



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#### **Macroeconomics**

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- Data were limited this week- US initial jobless claims held steady at 884k last week; GDP was revised higher in Eurozone but lower in Japan; UK house prices continued to advance. China trade surplus narrowed. Australia consumer and business sentiments improved. The week ahead will see more actions on the central banking front as the FOMC. BOE and BOJ meetings are all scheduled in the middle of the week. Key data include New Zealand GDP, US retail sales and industrial production. Furozone industrial production, UK job report and CPI, Australia job report as well as Japan CPI.

#### **Forex**

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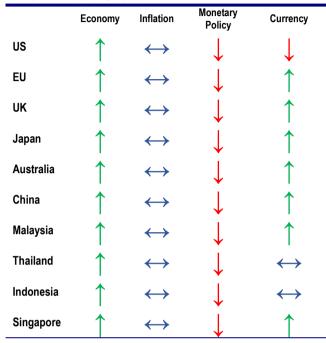
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## **Macroeconomics**

#### 6-month Macro Outlook



#### The Week in Review

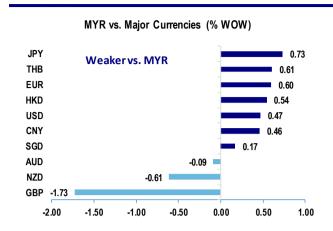
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- Data were fairly limited this week. In the US, initial jobless claims which came in at 884k last week, indicating that the recovery back to pre-pandemic level is still long way to go. PPI inflation eased to 0.3% MOM. Small business optimism index improved in August as firms plan to hire more workers and increase capex. Eurozone latest GDP growth was revised higher; the Sentix Investor Confidence Index rose to -8 in September, a sign of less pessimistic outlook among investors. UK house prices gained further according to RICS survey indicating robust recovery in the housing market. Japan data were mixed as GDP was revised lower, both household spending and wages continued to fall but core machine orders (capex gauge) rebounded. China trade surplus narrowed slightly in August, but surplus with the US widened. Consumer inflation and factory deflation eased. Australia business and consumer confidence both improved and home loan approvals surged. New Zealand retail card spending declined and its manufacturing PMI fell sharply but still above 50.

#### The Week Ahead

- Next week's calendar is filled with a barrage of economic data. Monday's data flow is light as usual and limited to New Zealand services PMI, Japan industrial production and Eurozone industrial production.
- . The RBA is publishing its latest meeting minute, but market attention is likely on China's monthly key indicators - industrial production, retail sales and fixed assets investment on Tuesday. This is then followed by the UK job report, Germany ZEW Survey, and US industrial production data at night.
- Wednesday kicks off with Japan's trade data, followed bu Australia Westpac Leading Index. UK CPI, Eurozone trade, US retail sales and NAHB Housing Market Index was also in the pipeline.
- Thursday looks to be a busy day full of central bank meeting as the Fed. BOE and BOJ all scheduled to announce their latest monetary policy decisions on the same day. The data scheduled for Thursday release are also top-tiered, they include New Zealand GDP, Singapore NODX, Australia job data, as well as US homebuilding data.
- · Last but not least, Japan CPI, UK retail sales, leading Index and University of Sentiment Index are slated to be released on Friday.

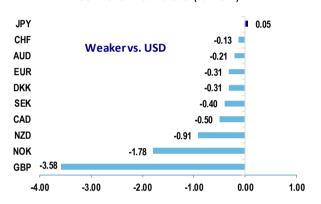


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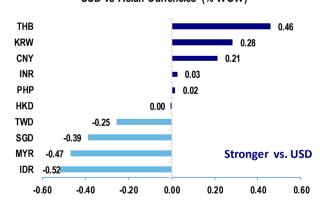
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#### USD vs. G10 Currencies (% WOW)



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#### USD vs Asian Currencies (% WOW)



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- EUR: EUR/USD eased to a low of 1.1753 on 9 September but surged to a high of 1.1917 on 10 September. Pair is now on a bid tone on Friday around 1.184 levels. This came after ECB policy decision (no change), and chief Christine Lagarde signalling comfort in inflation and FX trends for now. We are neutral-to-bearish on the EUR for the week ahead. Pick of next week's data is on industrial production that will be released on 14 September.
- GBP: GBP/USD underperformed and fell by almost 3.6% WOW. This was brought about by global market risk aversion but also domestic Brexit news. EU is considering taking legal action over the UK's plans to breach prior Brexit agreements, increasing risk of a hard Brexit on the UK. We are bearish on the GBP, and flag its vulnerabilities. Brexit and talks with the US may remain as dampener for the pound, particularly if there is sustained attrition. Being a smaller and open economy, the UK is vulnerable to global downside risks. Markets will likely focus attention on Bank of England policy decision on 17 September.
- JPY: USD/JPY staved range bound in an environment of dollar strength. This was mostly between 105.80-106.39 for the week. We are neutral-to-bullish on the JPY due to potential risk aversion. Bank of Japan announces monetary policy decision on 17 September, Markets will likely remain focused on Japan's ruling party LDP leadership race and secondarily on Bank of Japan.
- AUD: AUD/USD was mostly range bound for the week, despite some vulnerability on the downside (e.g. low of 0.7192 on 9 September). We are neutral-to-bearish on the AUD, potential risk aversion. Breaching current week's high of 0.7325 will signal at less bearishness. RBA minutes out on 15 September may not shape AUD if there are no surprises, but employment figures released on 17 September may trigger some weakness if there are some disappointments.
- SGD: USD/SGD has trended in a bid tone for the past week, despite a brief reprieve on Wednesday and Thursday. Pair is now looking downwards on Friday open, after the high of 1.3719 on 9 September. However, USD/SGD may need to clear 1.3640 to show strong momentum on the downside. Global stock market correction, and slightly recovering global fundamentals (China and the US for instance) may still favour some slight SGD weakness. We stay neutral to bearish on the SGD. For the week ahead, non-oil domestic exports are likely to remain in expansionary territory but may not shape SGD movements.



## **Technical Analysis:**

C	Current	14-day	Support - Resistance		Moving Averages			0-11
Currency	price	RSI			30 Days	100 Days	200 Days	Call
EURUSD	1.1836	54.5100	1.1757	1.1934	1.1831	1.1390	1.1203	Positive
GBPUSD	1.2823	35.7270	1.2833	1.3483	1.3131	1.2694	1.2737	Negative
USDJPY	106.1700	50.3120	105.4700	106.6000	106.0800	106.8400	107.8400	Neutral
USDCNY	6.8368	31.6190	6.7978	6.9498	6.9010	7.0158	7.0095	Neutral
USDSGD	1.3671	47.1120	1.3591	1.3733	1.3683	1.3906	1.3889	Neutral
AUDUSD	0.7280	55.7550	0.7128	0.7388	0.7227	0.6933	0.6757	Positive
NZDUSD	0.6665	52.3830	0.6486	0.6802	0.6630	0.6445	0.6390	Positive
USDMYR	4.1567	35.1340	4.1378	4.1980	4.1811	4.2667	4.2278	Neutral
EURMYR	4.9197	48.0370	4.8914	4.9832	4.9449	4.8399	4.7308	Positive
GBPMYR	5.3300	31.2550	5.3811	5.5895	5.4909	5.4049	5.3893	Negative
JPYMYR	3.9153	41.7730	3.8925	3.9651	3.9462	3.9924	3.9198	Neutral
CHFMYR	4.5676	48.1900	4.5265	4.6400	4.5907	4.5316	4.4189	Positive
SGDMYR	3.0405	39.5860	3.0334	3.0673	3.0555	3.0634	3.0471	Neutral
AUDMYR	3.0261	52.6960	2.9846	3.0578	3.0194	2.9369	2.8542	Positive
NZDMYR	2.7706	48.6530	2.7134	2.8161	2.7726	2.7345	2.7007	Positive

#### Trader's Comment:

Trump vowed to decouple US economy from China, and threatened ban on cotton products from Xinjiang. AstraZeneca paused COVID-19 vaccine trials after a volunteer developed unexplained illness. Jakarta plans to reimpose partial lockdown as hospitals come under pressure. Amidst the risk-off backdrop, DXY gain steadily during the first half of the week but was wiped out within 1 session by EUR strength. It has recovered partially and currently hovers at 93.25.

Global equities declined while Nikkei rose. 10y-UST traded within range of 0.66%-0.72% and is currently at 0.6750%. Gold is slightly up week on week. Oil prices plunged by over 7% on Tuesday and has since recovered a little but still remain well below 40. Rising reinfections and Trump's threats sparked oil demand fears, and was further exacerbated by Saudi Aramco cutting oil prices aggressively.

BOC kept rates unchanged, but commented that CAD's level will be taken into account in policy setting, and also highlighted flexibility in adjusting pace of QE. ECB stated that exchange rate is not a target of monetary policy, suggesting that they will not act to curb the recent EUR strength. The controversial UK Internal Market Bill proposed by Johnson's government aims to protect job, trade, and power within the UK but breaks the terms of international treaties, raising concerns on UK's reputation as a trustworthy trading partner. GBP comes under pressure as markets price in a greater chance of a no-deal Brexit, making it the worst performer of the week. Up next week we have FOMC, BOJ and BOE.

Locally, USDMYR traded within range of 4.1480-4.1760. Markets were quite evenly divided pre-MPC, but turns out BNM held OPR unchanged and the MPC statement was neutral with some optimism. Instant correction took place in the govies space. 6-12bp sell off across curve with both ends taking the bigger hit while the belly 10yrs took the least. The spot market on the other hand, was little changed pre and post MPC. Expect USDMYR to trade within 4.1350-4.1850 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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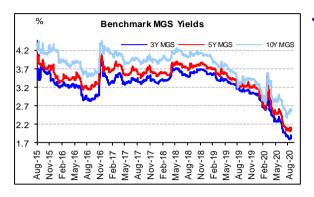
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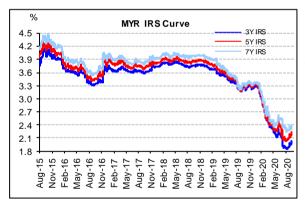
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- Transactions remained robust mainly across the GG-AA part of the curve for Corporate bonds/Sukuk (including Govt-guaranteed bonds) as overall yields closed mostly mixed. Total weekly market volume remained strong for the week @ RM3.1b; translating into average daily volume of RM612m versus prior week's holiday-shortened week of RM2.0b which resulted in an average daily of RM500m. Topping the weekly volume was DANAINFRA 5/22 (GG); which closed a whopping 98bps lower at 1.85%, followed by MMC Corp 3/28 (AA3) which rallied 8bps at 3.87%. Frequent trades were noted in DANAINFRA, PASB DRB-Hicom, KLK, PUTRAJAYA, energy-related bonds TADAU, SEB, LDF3 and utility giants i.e. TENAGA and TELEKOM bonds. The prominent new issuance for the week was YTL Corp Bhd's AA1-rated 3Y bonds with coupon of 3.10% totalling RM240m.
- SGS (govvies) ended between 1-4bps lower w-o-w on safe-asset demand with the 10Y tenure well-bid the most. Overall benchmark levels decoupled from USTmovements instead with the 2Y edging 2bps lower at 0.18% levels whilst the 10Y traded within a narrower 5bps range and rallied 4bps at 0.92%. Meanwhile the SGD has consolidated following earlier weakness for the week and is around the 0.8% above the mid-point of the SGD NEER band. Separately, Fitch has assigned UOB's USD600m Basel III-compliant Tier 2 subordinated notes due 31st March a final rating of A but with a negative rating watch. Also, Keppel REIT has managed to successfully price its S\$150m of perpetual NC5 bond at 3.15%. Meanwhile investors will evaluate the potential knock-on effects on other corporate entities as Singapore Airlines Ltd is reputed to chop ~4,300 jobs due to the impact by the COVID-19 virus outbreak.



Rating Action						
Issuer	PDS Description	Rating/Outlook	Action			
Teknologi Tenaga Perlis Consortium Sdn Bhd	RM835 mil Sukuk Murabahah (2013/2023)	AA1/Stable	Reaffirmed			
Jati Cakerawala Sdn Bhd.	RM540 mil Sukuk Murabahah (2013/2023)	A1/Stable	Reaffirmed			
TNB Western Energy Berhad	Sukuk of up to RM4.0 billion	AAA-IS/Stable	Affirmed			
Premier Auto Assets Berhad	RM20 million Senior Class B Notes under RM105 million Tranche 1 Medium Term Notes (Tranche 1 MTN)	From AA3 to AA1/Stable	Upgraded			
	RM35 million of Senior Class A Notes	AAA/Stable	Reaffirmed			
Genting Berhad (Genting or the Group) and Genting Malaysia Berhad (GenM)	Group ratings	From AAA/stable to AA!/Negative	Downgraded			
Zamarad Assets Berhad	Tranche 4 RM95 mil Class A Sukuk and RM25 mil Class B Sukuk	AAA/Stable and AA2/Stable	Assigned			

Source: RAM; MARC



# **Economic Calendar**

Date	Time	Country	Event	Period	Prior
14/09	06:30	NZ	Performance Services Index	Aug	54.3
	12:30	JP	Industrial Production YoY	Jul F	
	17:00	EU	Industrial Production SA MoM	Jul	9.10%
15/09	09:30	AU	RBA Minutes of Sep. Policy Meeting		
	10:00	CN	Industrial Production YoY	Aug	4.80%
	10:00	CN	Retail Sales YoY	Aug	-1.10%
	10:00	CN	Fixed Assets Ex Rural YTD YoY	Aug	-1.60%
	14:00	UK	Jobless Claims Change	Aug	94.4k
	14:00	UK	Average Weekly Earnings 3M/YoY	Jul	-1.20%
	14:00	UK	ILO Unemployment Rate 3Mths	Jul	3.90%
	16:30	UK	Employment Change 3M/3M	Jul	-220k
	17:00	EU	ZEW Survey Expectations	Sep	64
	20:30	US	Empire Manufacturing	Sep	3.7
	20:30	US	Import Price Index YoY	Aug	-3.30%
	21:15	US	Industrial Production MoM	Aug	3.00%
16/09	07:50	JP	Trade Balance	Aug	¥11.6b
	07:50	JP	Exports YoY	Aug	-19.20%
	08:30	AU	Westpac Leading Index MoM	Aug	0.05%
	14:00	UK	CPI YoY	Aug	1.00%
	17:00	EU	Trade Balance SA	Jul	17.1b
	19:00	US	MBA Mortgage Applications	Sep-11	
	20:30	US	Retail Sales Advance MoM	Aug	1.20%
	22:00	US	NAHB Housing Market Index	Sep	78
17/09	02:00	US	FOMC Rate Decision (Upper Bound)	Sept	0.25%
	06:45	NZ	GDP SA QoQ	2Q	-1.60%
	08:30	SG	Non-oil Domestic Exports YoY	Aug	6.00%
	09:30	AU	Employment Change	Aug	114.7k
	09:30	AU	Unemployment Rate	Aug	7.50%
	17:00	EU	CPI YoY	Aug F	0.40%
	19:00	UK	Bank of England Bank Rate	Sept	0.10%
	20:30	US	Building Permits MoM	Aug	17.90%
	20:30	US	Housing Starts MoM	Aug	22.60%
	20:30	US	Philadelphia Fed Business Outlook	Sep	17.2
	20:30	US	Initial Jobless Claims	12-Sept	884k
	00:00	JP	BOJ Policy Balance Rate	Sept	-0.10%
18/09	07:30	JP	Natl CPI Ex Fresh Food YoY	Aug	0.00%
10/03	14:00	UK	Retail Sales Inc Auto Fuel MoM	Aug	3.60%
	22:00	US	Leading Index	Aug	1.40%
	22:00	US	U. of Mich. Sentiment	Sep P	
21/09	07:01	UK	Rightmove House Prices YoY	Sep	4.60%
21/03	09:30	CN	1-Year Loan Prime Rate	21 Sep	3.85%
	11:00	NZ	Credit Card Spending MoM	Aug	1.80%
	16:30	HK	CPI Composite YoY	Aug	-2.30%
	20:30	US	Chicago Fed Nat Activity Index	Aug	1.18
22/09	22:00	EU	Consumer Confidence	Sep A	-14.7
22/09		US		•	
	22:00		Existing Home Sales MoM Richmond Fed Manufact, Index	Aug	24.70%
22/00	22:00	US JP		Sep Sep B	18
23/09	08:30		Jibun Bank Japan PMI Saniasa	Sep P	47.2
	08:30	JP	Jibun Bank Japan PMI Services	Sep P	45
	10:00	NZ	RBNZ Official Cash Rate	23 Sep	0.25%
	12:00	MA	CPI YoY	Aug	-1.30%
	12:30	JP	All Industry Activity Index MoM	Jul	6.10%
	13:00	SG	CPI YoY	Aug	-0.40%
	15:00	MA	Foreign Reserves	15 Sep	\$104.4
	16:00	EU	Markit Eurozone Manufacturing PMI	Sep P	51.7
	16:00	EU	Markit Eurozone Services PMI	Sep P	50.5
	16:30	UK	Markit UK PMI Manufacturing SA	Sep P	55.2
	16:30	UK	Markit/CIPS UK Services PMI	Sep P	58.8
	19:00	US	MBA Mortgage Applications	18 Sep	
	21:00	US	FHFA House Price Index MoM	Jul	0.90%
	21:45	US	Markit US Manufacturing PMI	Sep P	53.1
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	21:45	US	Markit US Services PMI	Sep P	55
24/09	21:45 06:45	US NZ	Exports NZD	Aug	4.91b
24/09				•	



	20:30	US	Initial Jobless Claims	19 Sep	
	22:00	US	New Home Sales	Aug	901k
	22:00	US	New Home Sales MoM	Aug	13.90%
	23:00	US	Kansas City Fed Manf. Activity	Sep	14
25/09	13:00	SG	Industrial Production YoY	Aug	-8.40%
	20:30	US	Durable Goods Orders	Aug P	11.40%
	20:30	US	Cap Goods Orders Nondef Ex Air	Aug P	1.90%

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