

FX Weekly

Trading the Recession-Inflation Risks

The Week Ahead

- Dollar Index Fade. Support at 103.10; Resistance at 109.10
- USD/SGD Pullback. Support at 1.3850; Resistance at 1.4080
- USD/MYR Upside Risk. Support at 4.38; Resistance at 4.45
- AUD/SGD Bullish Divergence. Support at 0.95; Resistance at 1.00
- SGD/MYR Signs of Rebound, Support at 3.1500; Resistance at 3.19

Keeping Watch on Inflation Momentum; Bias to Sell USDJPY

Growth fears remain the key thematic driving FX moves. But we also question if growth fears are overpriced for now. Fed officials Waller and Bullard downplayed recession risks, citing robust labor market and soft landing as a base case scenario. At the same time we see some tentative signs of green shoots of growth in China. Moving on, focus could shift towards inflation momentum. In particular, US CPI (Wed) and PPI (Thu) are due for release next week. We keep a lookout for any moderation in inflation momentum. But before that, US payrolls takes centre stage tonight (830pm SG/MY time). Focus on average hourly earnings. Consensus looks for wage growth to hold steady at +0.3% m/m. Slower pace of wage growth would add to inflation peaking narrative, helping UST yields and USD lower. For NFP, consensus looks for +268k, the smallest job gains in more than a year. A smaller than expected print would add to recession fears but that may also suggest that the Fed may not be as aggressive in tightening. Near term risks for USDMYR remain skewed to the upside with 4.45 in mind. USDSGD resistance at 1.4080 is key to watch - make or break.

Likely a 50bps Hike for RBNZ, BoK; Possibly 75bps Hike For BoC

All 3 central banks convene respectively on coming Wed. We expect RBNZ to maintain its pace of raising rate by 50bps to bring OCR to 2.5% at the next MPC. Key focus of RBNZ is to ensure that current high CPI (1Q at 32y high of 6.9%) does not become embedded into longer-term inflation expectations. Markets' implied still see roughly another 4* 50bps hike for upcoming MPCs for remainder of the year in Jul, Aug, Oct and Nov. For BoK, a larger than typical magnitude of hike (50bps) is not ruled out especially with Jun headline CPI breaching 6%. Governor Rhee did not deny 50bps as an option and reinforced his stance in prioritising the combat against inflation. concerned how real wages will decline and financial instability can widen if inflation expectations broaden Senior Deputy Governor Lee also weighed in to say that early reining-in of inflation expectations is needed to promote economic stability and the BoK should focus on containing it. For BoC, we expect overnight rate to be raised by 75bps to 2.25%, stepping up the pace from its 50bps hike on 1Jun. Higher inflation (7.7% in May), industrial product price and the elevated level of industrial capacity utilization rate could mean further upside risks to inflation in an environment of strong demand. BoC risks falling behind the curve with a mere 50bps hike.

US, China Activity Data; US, German CPI; SG GDP Next Week

Key data we watch next week include ZEW survey on Tue. For Wed, US, German CPIs; EU IP; NZ food prices; UK GDP, IP, trade, construction output; China trade. For Thu, US PPI; AU labor market report; SG GDP; JP IP. For Fri, US IP, retail sales; NZ mfg PMI; China 2Q GDP, IP, FAI, retail sales. We also keep in view Blinken-Wang Yi meeting tomorrow and Biden's trip to Saudi Arabia next week.

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Currency	Direction	Support/Resistance	Key Data and Events
Dollar Index	\rightarrow	S: 103.10; R: 109.10	Mon: - Nil - Tue: NFIB Small business optimism (Jun); Wed: CPI, real average hourly earnings (Jun); Thu: PPI (Jun); Fri: Empire mfg, Uni of Mich sentiment (Jul); Retail sales, IP, import/export price index (Jun)
EURUSD		S: 0.9800; R: 1.0350	Mon: - Nil - Tue: ZEW Survey (Jul); Wed: Industrial production (May); German CPI (Jun); Thu: - Nil - Fri: Trade (May)
AUDUSD	\rightarrow	S: 0.6765; R: 0.6980	Mon: - Nil - Tue: Household spending, Business confidence (Jun); Consumer confidence (Jul); Wed: - Nil - Thu: Labor market report (Jun); Consumer inflation expectation (Jul) Fri: - Nil -
NZDUSD		S: 0.59400; R: 0.6370	Mon: Card spending (Jun); Tue: - Nil - Wed: Food prices, REINZ house sales (Jun); RBNZ MPC; Thu: - Nil - Fri: Mfg PMI (Jun)
GBPUSD	\rightarrow	S: 1.1875; R: 1.2360	Mon: - Nil - Tue: BRC Sales (Jun); Wed: GDP, IP, Construction output, trade (May); Thu: House price balance (Jun); Fri: - Nil -
USDJPY		S: 131.70; R: 137.00	Mon: Core machine orders (May); Machine tool orders (Jun); Tue: PPI (Jun); Wed: - Nil - Thu: IP, capacity utilization (May); Fri: - Nil -
USDCNH	→	S: 6.6800; R: 6.7400	Mon: - Nil - Tue: - Nil - Wed: Trade (Jun); Thu: - Nil - Fri: GDP (2Q); IP, FAI, Retail sales, jobless rate, new home prices (Jun)
USDSGD		S: 1.3820; R: 1.4080	Mon: - Nil - Tue: - Nil - Wed: - Nil - Thu: GDP (2Q); Fri: - Nil -
USDMYR	\rightarrow	S: 4.3800; R: 4.4500	Mon: - Nil - Tue: - Nil - Wed: - Nil - Thu: - Nil - Fri: - Nil -
USDPHP		S: 55.00; R: 56.50	Mon: - Nil - Tue: Trade (Jun); Wed: - Nil - Thu: - Nil - Fri: - Nil -
USDIDR	ļ	S: 14,850; R: 15,250	Mon: - Nil - Tue: - Nil - Wed: - Nil - Thu: - Nil - Fri: Trade (Jun)

Sources: Bloomberg, Maybank FX Research & Strategy



Selected G7 FX Views

Currency

Stories of the Week

DXY Index Eye on Payrolls and CPI. DXY rose sharply and breached 20-year high this week, in part due to sharp decline in EUR, GBP and in part due to growth fears. Slightly softer US ISM services added to slowing growth momentum seen in PMIs of other regions including Europe and some parts of Asia including Singapore, Indonesia, Philippines, S. Korea and Taiwan, An environment of inflation worries, global growth concerns, and fears of tighter financial conditions should continue to keep a leash on risk appetite. But we also question if growth fears have been overpriced. Fed officials Waller and Bullard downplayed risks of recession, citing robust labor market and soft landing as a base case scenario. At the same time we see some tentative signs of green shoots of growth in China. Some unwinding of fears may provide intermittent relief to risk assets - as seen on Fri morning moves.

> Focus next on US payrolls tonight. Consensus looks for +268k increase in NFP, the smallest job growth in more than a year but focus is also on average wage earnings. Consensus looks for wage growth to hold steady at +0.3% m/m. Slower pace of wage growth would add to inflation peaking narrative, helping UST yields and USD lower. A case of smaller job gains and slower wage growth should point to lower USDJPY.

> We also keep in view potential announcement of partial removal of US tariffs on Chinese imports. While tariff removal may provide some support to risk proxies, the action is likely done in the interest of easing US inflation rather than perceived as a reconciliatory move to dial down geopolitical tensions. At the same time, Biden is also expected to announce new probe into industrial subsidies that may lead to more duties in strategic areas like technology. We also pay attention to Blinken-Wang Yi meeting on the sidelines of G20 tomorrow as that may potentially pave the way for Biden-Xi meeting.

DXY was last at 107.5 levels. Daily momentum is mild bullish while RSI is near overbought conditions. Interim upside risks but we are biased to lean against strength as inflation momentum is showing further signs of peaking and recession concerns may slow central banks' aggressiveness. Resistance at 109.1. Support at 105.2, 104.9 (21 DMA) and 103.60 (50 DMA).

Next week brings NFIB Small business optimism (Jun) on Tue; CPI, real average hourly earnings (Jun) on Wed; PPI (Jun) on Thu; Empire mfg, Uni of Mich sentiment (Jul); Retail sales, IP, import/export price index (Jun) on Fri.

EUR/USD

Bearish and Oversold. EUR fell further this week, in line with our caution that a break of 1.0350 support could point to parity. Euro-area services and composite PMIs came in lower than prior month while new and foreign orders fell. These reinforced the notion that activity momentum is further slowing in Euroarea. Weaker outlook saw a pare-back in market expectations for ECB tightening. Markets are now only looking for total of 83bps this year (vs. +120bps 3 weeks ago). To add, markets are doubting the effectiveness of ECB's anti-fragmentation tool. Furthermore ECB looking at ways to stop banks from making a windfall profit from ultra-cheap subsidised loans undermined Euro-area banks (negative on European equities).

Pair was last at 1.0110 levels. Bearish momentum on daily chart intact while RSI dips into oversold conditions. Support at 1.0070, parity and 0.98. Resistance at 1.0350, 1.0440 (21 DMA).

Next week brings ZEW Survey (Jul) on Tue; Industrial production (May); German CPI (Jun) on Wed; Trade (May) on Fri.

GBP/USD

2-Way Trades. GBP fell this week as markets move quickly to price in political risk premium. We warned in our last FX Monthly that political pressures are picking up and markets have not priced in the risk premium into GBP. Some of these political pressures are risk of EU-UK trade war due to parts of NI protocol being scraped, Scottish referendum and weaker leadership. In particular on weaker leadership.

So to take stock, PM BoJo has confirmed his resignation (this came much earlier than expected as he was still seen saying that he would not resign). To some extent, the political uncertainty was quickly put to a rest for now though we expect political noise to pick up again on who may be the real contenders or if there is deep division within Conservative party. The latter would be a bigger negative risk for GBP. To take stock, more than 50 Ministers, including heavyweights, Chancellor Sunak, Health Secretary Javid have resigned making it impossible for Bojo to run the government. The process of choosing the next



leader will take months and would require successive rounds of voting and finally narrowing the contender list to 2 candidates, whom would then be presented to the broader Conservative party to vote. For a start, there is already long list of candidates but the more prominent ones are Rishi Sunak (ex Chancellor) and Ben Wallace(Defense Minister). The rest include Liz Truss (Foreign Secretary who cut short her attendance at the G20 Summit in Bali), Penny Mordaunt (Minister of State for Trade Policy), Jeremy Hunt (former Health Minister), Nadhim Zahawi (new chancellor) amongst others. The new leader should be unveiled around Oct. Meantime, BoJo will stay as caretaker PM.

GBP was last at 1.1935 levels. Mild bearish momentum on daily chart intact while RSI is near oversold conditions. We still caution for 2-way risks. Support at 1.1910, 1.1875 and 1.1410 levels (2020 low). Resistance at 1.2160 (21 DMA), 1.2360 (50 DMA).

Next week bring BRC Sales (Jun) on Tue; GDP, IP, Construction output, trade (May) on Wed; House price balance (Jun) on Thu.

USDJPY

Retain Bias to Sell Rallies. USDJPY traded range-bound this week. News of former Abe being shot (and subsequently pronounced dead - our deep condolences) saw a wave of risk aversion, JPY demand but that eventually faded. Focus next on US payrolls tonight. Consensus looks for +268k increase in NFP, the smallest job growth in more than a year but focus is also on average wage earnings. Consensus looks for wage growth to hold steady at +0.3% m/m. Slower pace of wage growth would add to inflation peaking narrative, helping UST yields and USD lower. A case of smaller job gains and slower wage growth should point to lower USDJPY.

Pair was last at 135.85 levels. Bearish momentum on daily chart intact while RSI is flat. Retain bias to sell rallies. Support at 135.30 (21 DMA), 134.50 (23.6% fibo retracement of May low to Jun high). Break below these levels can see bearish pressure accelerate towards 132.95 (38.2% fibo), 131.70 levels (50% fibo, 50 DMA). Resistance at 136.20, 137 and 140 levels.

Next week brings Core machine orders (May); Machine tool orders (Jun) on Mon; PPI (Jun) on Tue; IP, capacity utilization (May) on Thu.

AUD/USD

Technical Rebound. AUD traded sideways near recent lows this week as growth fears remain in the background while RBA hiked cash rate by 50bps. Pair was last at 0.6810 levels. Bearish momentum on daily chart shows signs of fading while RSI is flat. Potentially a bullish divergence is also observed on daily MACD and a falling wedge is observes. Technical rebound not ruled out. Resistance at 0.6910 (21 DMA), 0.6980 (23.6% fibo retracement of 2022 high to low). Support at 0.68, 0.6760 levels. Bias to buy dips.

Next week brings Household spending, Business confidence (Jun); Consumer confidence (Jul) on Tue; Labor market report (Jun); Consumer inflation expectation (Jul) on Thu.

NZD/USD

RBNZ Likely to Hike 50 Bps. NZD continued to trade with a heavy bias this week as markets re-price for global growth concerns. Moving on the focus is on RBNZ on Wed. We expect RBNZ to maintain its pace of raising rate by 50bps to bring OCR to 2.5% at the next MPC. Key focus of RBNZ is to ensure that current high CPI (1Q at 32y high of 6.9%) does not become embedded into longer-term inflation expectations. Markets' implied still see roughly another 4* 50bps hike for upcoming MPCs for remainder of the year in Jul, Aug, Oct and Nov.

NZD was last at 0.6160 levels. Mild bearish momentum on daily chart still intact while RSI is near oversold conditions. Further downside not ruled out but bias to buy dips. Elsewhere we keep in view bullish divergence pattern on daily MACD and falling wedge pattern (bullish reversal). Support at 0.61, 0.5940 levels. Resistance at 0.6260 (21 DMA), 0.6370 (50 DMA).

Next week brings Card spending (Jun) on Mon; Food prices, REINZ house sales (Jun); RBNZ MPC on Wed; Mfg PMI (Jun) on Fri.



Technical View: MYR Crosses

MYR Crosses	Direction	Support/Resistance	Stories of the Week
SGD/MYR	\rightarrow	S: 3.1500; R: 3.1900	Signs of Rebound. SGDMYR traded sideways this week. Last at 3.1590 levels. Bearish momentum on daily chart intact but shows tentative signs of fading while RSI is turning higher from near oversold condition. We reiterate our caution for risk of snapback. Support at 3.1510 (38.2% fibo retracement of 2022 low to high, 3.1375 (100 DMA). Resistance at 3.17 (21, 50 DMAs), 3.1780 (21 DMA) and 3.19 levels.
AUD/MYR	\rightarrow	S: 2.9970; R: 3.0730	Technical Rebound Underway. AUDMYR rebounded this week after hitting low of 2.9930 levels. Cross was last at 3.0290 levels. Bearish momentum on daily chart is fading while RSI rose from near-oversold conditions. Technical rebound play underway. Resistance at 3.04 (61.8% fibo), 3.0730 (50% fibo) and 3.1080 (38.2% fibo retracement of 2022 low to high). Support at 2.9970 (76.4% fibo), 2.97 and 2.9285 levels.
EUR/MYR	\rightarrow	S: 4.4800; R: 4.6000	Not Ruling out a Snapback. EURMYR extended decline this week. Cross was last at 4.5230 levels. Bearish momentum on daily chart intact while RSI is showing tentative signs of turn-around from oversold conditions. Bias still to the downside though we caution that risk of snapback is rising. Support at 4.52, 4.47/4.48 levels. Resistance at 4.55, 4.57 and 4.60 levels.
GBP/MYR	→	S: 5.2450; R: 5.4400	Cautious of Rebound. GBPMYR traded lower this week, in line with our call for downside risks. Cross was last seen at 5.30 levels. Bearish momentum on daily chart intact while RSI is showing tentative signs of fading. Bearish bias intact but cautious of technical rebound. Support here at 5.30, 5.2450 (76.4% fibo). Resistance at 5.3735 levels (61.8% fibo retracement of 2020 low to 2021 high, 5.44 (50 DMA) and 5.4775 (50% fibo).
JPY/MYR	→	S: 3.2100; R: 3.3250	Bias to Play Long. JPYMYR traded sideways this week. Cross was last at 3.2577 levels. Daily momentum is mild bullish while RSI is flat. Sideways trade like but bias for mild rebound play. Resistance at 3.28, 3.3250 (23.6% fibo retracement of 2022 high to low). Support at 3.2115 levels (double bottom).

Technical Chart Picks:

USDSGD Daily Chart - Interim Pullback; Not Ruling Out Another Push Higher



USDSGD traded a high of 1.4073 this week before backing away off. Last seen at 1.4010 levels.

Bullish momentum on weekly, daily charts intact though daily RSI is coming off. Interim pullback lower likely.

Support at 1.3940, 1.3910 (21 DMA) and 1.3850 (50 DMA). Move below 50DMA will negate bullish view.

Resistance at 1.4080 (61.8% fibo retracement 2020 high to 2021 low), 1.4295 (76.4% fibo)

USDMYR Daily Chart - Near Term Upside Risks



USDMYR continued to drift higher this week. Pair was last at 4.4270 levels.

Daily momentum turned mild bullish while RSI is rising. Risks remain skewed to the upside.

Resistance at 4.4280, 4.4490 (2020 high).

Support at 4.4080 (21 DMA), 4.3890 (50 DMA) and 4.3460 (76.4% fibo retracement of 2020 high to 2021 low).

Note: blue line - 21SMA; red line - 50 SMA; green line - 100 SMA; yellow line - 200 SMA

AUDSGD Daily Chart: Bullish Divergence



AUDSGD consolidated this week. Cross was last at 0.9575 levels.

Bearish momentum on daily chart shows signs of fading while RSI rose. Potential bullish divergence seen on daily MACD. Rebound risks likely intact.

Resistance at 0.9630 (21 DMA), 0.9710 (23.6% fibo retracement of 2021 high to 2022 double bottom), 0.9870 (38.2% fibo) and parity.

Support at 0.95, 0.9455 (double bottom).

SGDMYR Daily Chart: Signs of Reboun



SGDMYR traded sideways this week. Last at 3.1590 levels.

Bearish momentum on daily chart intact but shows tentative signs of fading while RSI is turning higher from near oversold condition. We reiterate our caution for risk of snapback.

Support at 3.1510 (38.2% fibo retracement of 2022 low to high, 3.1375 (100 DMA).

Resistance at 3.17 (21, 50 DMAs), 3.1780 (21 DMA) and 3.19 levels.

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