FX Weekly King Dollar's Crown Shines Brighter

The Week Ahead

- **Dollar Buoyant.** Support at 109.70; Resistance at 114.10
- USD/SGD Bullish But Overbought. Support at 1.3910; Resistance at 1.43
- USD/MYR Bullish Trend. Support at 4.5350; Resistance at 4.6390
- AUD/SGD Supported on Dips. Support at 0.9300; Resistance at 0.9590
- SGD/MYR Supported on Dips. Support at 3.1860; Resistance at 3.25

UST Yields Continue on Upswing; EUR Back to 2002 Lows

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Base Case Looks for +25bps from BoT, +50bps from RBI

For BoT on Wed, our base case looks for a +25bps hike, but probability of a more aggressive +50bps hike has risen following the Fed's more hawkish stance (dot plot) and recent weakening in THB. Regardless, incremental widening in Fed-BoT divergence would likely continue to lend support to USDTHB pair near-term. Trade balance due Mon could swing sentiments a tad; i.e., if customs trade deficit for Aug does narrow (consensus of -US\$3.04bn) from -US\$3.66bn prior, THB drags could be more manageable. For RBI on Fri, it is expected to raise repo rate by +50bps as latest CPI at 7% is still above the 2-6% target and INR remains under pressure. That said, we cannot rule out the possibility of a smaller rate increase given signs of a slowdown in activity.

Key Data/Events Due Next Week

Key data we watch next week include US Chicago Fed Nat Activity index & Dallas Fed Mfg activity, OECD Interim Economic Outlook, GE IFO Business climate, JP PMIs, SG Industrial production, PH Budget balance on Mon. For Tues, we have US Durable goods, Cap goods, Consumer confidence, JP PPI Services, China Industrial profits. For Wed, US MBA Mortgage applications, Wholesale inventories, AU Retail sales are due. For Thurs, we have US Initial jobless claims, finalized 2Q GDP, EC Economic, Consumer confidence, GE CPI, AU Job vacancies NZ Business confidence, UK Mortgage approvals. For Fri, we have US Personal income, spending, MNI Chicago PMI, EC Unemployment, CPI, NZ Consumer confidence, Building permits, UK Current account, JP Jobless rate, Retail sales, Industrial production, China PMIs.



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Currency	Direction	Support/Resistance	Key Data and Events
Dollar Index		S: 109.70; R: 114.10	Mon: Chicago Fed Nat Activity Index (Aug), Dallas Fed Mfg. Activity (Sep) Tue: Durable goods orders (Aug P), Cap goods (Aug P), Conf. Board Consumer confidence (Sep), Richmond Fed Mfg (Sep), New home sales (Aug) Wed: MBA Mortgage applications (23 Sep), Wholesale inventories (Aug P) Thu: Initial jobless claims (24 Sep), Finalized 2Q GDP, Fri: Personal income, spending (Aug), MNI Chicago PMI (Sep)
EURUSD		S: 0.9600; R: 1.0000	Mon: OECD Interim Economic Outlook, GE IFO Business Climate (Sep) Tue: GE Retail sales (Aug, before 2 Oct) Wed: - Nil - Thu: EC Economic, Consumer confidence (Sep), GE CPI (Sep P) Fri: EC Unemployment rate (Aug), CPI Estimate (Sep), GE Unemployment (Sep)
AUDUSD		S: 0.6460; R: 0.6780	Mon: - Nil - Tue: - Nil - Wed: Retail sales (Aug) Thu: Job vacancies (Aug) Fri: Private sector credit (Aug)
NZDUSD		S: 0.5700; R: 0.6025	Mon: - Nil - Tue: - Nil - Wed: - Nil - Thu: ANZ Business confidence (Sep) Fri: ANZ Consumer confidence (Sep), Building permits (Aug)
GBPUSD		S: 1.1000; R: 1.1500	Mon: Rightmove House prices (Sep) Tue: - Nil - Wed: Nationwide House px (Sep, before 3 Oct) Thu: Mortgage approvals (Aug) Fri: Current account balance (2Q), 2Q (F) GDP
USDJPY		S: 140.00; R: 145.00	Mon: Jibun Bank PMI Services, Mfg (Sep P) Tue: PPI Services (Aug) Wed: - Nil - Thu: - Nil - Fri: Jobless rate (Aug), Retail sales (Aug), Industrial production (Aug P)
USDCNH		S: 7.0800; R: 7.2000	Mon: - Nil - Tue: Industrial profits (Aug) Wed: - Nil - Thu: - Nil - Fri: Mfg PMI, Non-mfg PMI (Sep), Caixin PMI Mfg (Sep)
USDSGD		S: 1.3910; R: 1.4300	Mon: Industrial production (Aug) Tue: - Nil - Wed: - Nil - Thu: - Nil - Fri: - Nil -
USDMYR		S: 4.5350; R: 4.6390	Mon: - Nil - Tue: - Nil - Wed: - Nil - Thu: - Nil - Fri: - Nil -
USDPHP		S: 57.00; R: 59.60	Mon: Budget balance PHP (Aug, before 30 Sep) Tue: - Nil - Wed: Bank lending (Aug, before 30 Sep) Thu: - Nil - Fri: - Nil -
USDIDR		S: 14,800; R: 15,200	Mon: - Nil - Tue: - Nil - Wed: - Nil - Thu: - Nil - Fri: - Nil -

Sources: Bloomberg, Maybank FX Research & Strategy

Selected G7 FX Views

Currency

Stories of the Week

DXY Index Buoyant. DXY continued to climb higher over the past week.

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MACD is forming bearish divergence with the recent price action while RSI is showing overbought conditions. Retracement risks possible, but any downswing could be modest. Support levels on the daily chart is seen at 109.70 (21-DMA) before the next at 108.00 (50-DMA). Resistance at 112.70, before 114.10.

EUR/USD Supported on Dips. Pair was pressured lower below the 0.98-handle as we write.

Relative EUR drags could be intact for now, alongside geopolitical tensions, i.e., ongoing Russian-held referendums in Russian-occupied regions, partial mass mobilization of Russian forces (300K) and incremental nuclear threats. With Putin's determination to see this through and Kyiv's pledge to take back all territories, it is more than likely for the war to drag into winter.

Hawkish ECB expectations, with markets leaning towards another +75bps hike from ECB on 27 Oct, could help to temper drags, but is unlikely to induce a broader EUR recovery.

Sep (P) PMIs out today also underperformed already-weak expectations. PMI Mfg came in at 48.5 versus expected 48.8, while PMI Services came in at 48.9 versus expected 49.1.

Support is seen around 0.9700 before 0.9600. Resistance is seen around 0.9960 before 1.00.

GBP/USD *Breached Key Support at 1.12.* GBP saw renewed downward pressures towards the end of the week, slumping to 37-year lows.

Mini-budget announced today involved scrapping of top 45% income tax rate (replaced with single higher rate of 40%), stamp duty cuts. Overall fiscal package is expected to cost GBP161bn over five years. While supportive of growth sentiments, the sell-off in Gilts given fiscal stresses likely added to GBP woes near-term.

On economic indicators, GfK Consumer confidence for Sep came in at -49, worse than expected -42. While Mfg PMI (Sep P) came in slightly better than expected at 48.5 (vs. expected 47.5), Services PMI slipped to contractionary territory (49.2 vs. expected 50.0).

To recap on monetary policy, BoE raised the bank rate by 50bps to 2.25% this week. The decision was supported by 5 members. 3 members voted for a 75bps move while one preferred 25bps. The decision to reduce its stock of government bonds by GBP80bn over the next 12 months had unanimous support. This comes in the backdrop of rising inflation with CPI at 9.9% (almost 5 times the 2% inflation target) and the central bank looks for more rate hikes even as the economy is now in recession. But on this front, the BoE might be out-hawked by the Fed, and support to GBP could be somewhat lacking as well.

Pair last seen near 1.11-handle. Falling trend channel is still intact but RSI has reached oversold conditions. Key support at 1.12 has been breached, next at 1.10, before 1.08. Resistance at 1.15 (21-DMA), 1.1810 (50-DMA).

USDJPY *FX Intervention in Play.* Pair saw amplified swings towards the later part of the week, as lack of any signs of a hawkish tilt from BoJ policy announcement (expectedly stand pat on YCC settings) first led markets to focus on increasing divergence with Fed and led USDJPY towards high of 145.90, before FX intervention efforts from Japanese authorities led pair sharply lower, touching 140.51 before bouncing higher.

Recall that we had warned of rising intervention risks given "rate call" exercises by authorities earlier. Market chatter seems to lean towards the view that the impact of intervention might be transitory, and downward pressures on USDJPY might not last unless underlying drivers (UST-JGB yields) shift. Still, Japan markets are out today (public holiday), and there is the risk of follow up rounds of intervention early next week. Higher volatility might also force FIs to cut yen trading risk-limits, which could dampen future ammunition traders have in pushing USDJPY higher.

Caution around such risks could slow upward pressures on USDJPY on net. Bullish momentum on daily chart has largely moderated while RSI is not showing a clear bias. Key resistance at 145, before 147.66. Support at 140 (38.2% fibo retracement from Aug low to Sep high), 138 (50.0% fibo), 136.20 (61.8% fibo).

AUD/USD Double-Bottom Breached. As we cautioned in the last weekly, double bottom at 0.6680 has been breached and AUDUSD continued to be pressured lower in the latter part of the week.

Pro-cyclical AUD continues to be weighed by global growth risks and more recently RBA's hints of a slowdown in the pace of tightening. Momentum and stochastics on daily chart are mildly bearish. Pair has slipped below 0.66-handle at last seen and the next support is seen around 0.6535 before 0.6460. Resistance at 0.6780 (21-dma), before 0.6880 (50-dma).

NZD/USD Bearish But Oversold. NZD was last seen testing the 0.58-handle.

Widening trade deficit for Aug (-NZD2.45bn versus -NZD1.41bn prior) likely amplified drags from buoyant dollar strength and broader global risk aversion.

On the daily chart, momentum is modestly bearish while RSI is in oversold conditions. Support at 0.5800 is being tested, next at 0.5700. Resistance at 0.5940, 0.6025.

Technical View: MYR Crosses

MYR Crosses	Direction	Support/Resistance	Stories of the Week
SGD/MYR		S: 3.1860; R: 3.2500	Supported on Dips. SGDMYR was last seen near 3.2150. Momentum indicators are still mildly bullish while stochastics show signs of turning lower. With both SGD and MYR subjected to broader swings in USD biases and risk sentiments, there could be more two-way action for this cross. Support at 3.1980 (50.0% fibo retracement from Jul low to Aug high), 3.1860 (61.8% fibo). Resistance at 3.2270 (23.6% fibo), 3.25 (recent high), 3.28 levels.
AUD/MYR		S: 2.9780; R: 3.0600	Modestly Bearish. AUDMYR was last seen at 3.0140 levels, heading lower on net for most of this week as AUD tanked. Momentum and RSI on daily chart are modestly bearish. Support at 2.9780 (Jul low). Resistance at 3.0230 (76.4% fibo retracement from Jul low to Aug high), 3.0600 (21-DMA).
EUR/MYR		S: 4.4380; R: 4.5260	Potential Double-Bottom in Play. EURMYR swung lower over the last week with losses largely propelled by EUR softening. Last seen at 4.4700 levels. Bullish momentum on daily chart has largely moderated while RSI on a gradual dip. Support at 4.4380 (potential double-bottom). Resistance at 4.5260 (50-DMA), 4.5710 (100-DMA).
GBP/MYR		S: 5.0370; R: 5.2060	Key Support at Covid Low. GBPMYR swung lower over the last week, as GBP slumped to 37-year lows towards the end of the week. Cross was last seen at 5.1150 levels. Bullish momentum on daily chart has largely moderated, while RSI is dipping lower. Support at 5.1050 (recent low), before 5.0370 (Covid lows). Resistance at 5.2060 (21-DMA), 5.2430.
JPY/MYR		S: 3.1800; R: 3.2610	Rising from Oversold Conditions. JPYMYR headed modestly higher over the past week as intervention efforts from Japanese authorities led JPY to pare recent losses. Cross was last seen at 3.2030 levels. Momentum on daily chart has turned bullish while RSI is rising higher from earlier oversold conditions. Support at 3.1800 (21-DMA), 3.1060 (recent low). Resistance at 3.2240 (38.2% fibo retracement from Aug high to Sep low), 3.2610 (50.0% fibo).

Technical Chart Picks:

USDSGD Daily Chart - Bullish But Overbought



Pair surged to levels around 1.4240, lifted by the charging USD bulls. Momentum indicators (MACD, stochastics) continue to be bullish and this pair could head towards the 1.43figure (76.4% Fibonacci retracement of the 2020-2021 decline).

Momentum on USDSGD daily chart is modestly bullish, while RSI is in overbought conditions.

Support is seen around 1.4080 before the next at 1.3910.

USDMYR Daily Chart - Strong Bullish Trend



Pair was last seen at 4.5770, lifted by the hawkish stance of the Fed as well as uncertainties tied to possible early elections.

Momentum on daily chart is modestly bullish, while RSI has entered overbought conditions. Upswings could slow but uptrend is strong.

Support at 4.5350 before 4.5140 (21-DMA), 4.4830 (50-DMA). Resistance at 4.5740 is being tested before the next at 4.60 and then at 4.6390.

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

SGDMYR Daily Chart: Supported on Dips



SGDMYR was last seen near 3.2150. Momentum indicators are still mildly bullish while stochastics show signs of turning from overbought conditions. With both SGD and MYR subjected to broader swings in USD biases and risk sentiments, there could be more twoway action for this cross.

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