

# FX Weekly Watching the US CPI Next

# The Week Ahead

- Dollar Asymmetric Risks. Support at 102; Resistance at 105
- USD/SGD Overbought. Support at 1.34; Resistance at 1.37
- USD/MYR Bullish Bias. Support at 4.60; Resistance at 4.75
- AUD/SGD Range. Support at 0.88; Resistance at 0.92
- SGD/MYR Two-Way Risks. Support at 3.40; Resistance at 3.47

# Higher For Longer, Asymmetric Risks Likely

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# RBNZ, BOC and BoK To Stand Pat

We expect the RBNZ, BoC (on Wed) and BoK (on Thu) to stand pat. RBNZ and BoK are widely expected to keep policy settings unchanged with the former already providing a clear signal on ending its hiking cycle, especially given the technical recession. BoK on the other hand, could sound a tad more concerned on growth but may still need to sound vigilant on inflation as CPI core is still elevated (last at 4.3%y/y). BoC decision is a close one. The summary of deliberations published on 21 Jun revealed that the Governing Council was concerned that monetary policy is not restrictive enough and decided to raise the policy rate on 7 Jun. Since then, CPI slipped to 3.4%y/y from previous 4.4%. Non-seasonal adjusted CPI slowed momentum to 0.4%. Core was also softer than expected at 3.9%y/y vs. previous 4.3%. In our view, the latest inflation print has provided room for the BoC to pause this time and assess the effects of cumulative rate hikes thus far - BOC had acknowledged that lags in the transmission of monetary policy may be longer than normal due to pent-up demand for services. In addition, Jun CFIB's business barometer had fallen with firms looking for smaller expected changes for average price plans and average wage plans and more firms reporting somewhat weaker performance (21.3% vs. 17.7% prev). While BoC's Business Outlook Survey for 2Q indicated that the disinflation progress could remain slow, firms are reporting weaker sales growth projections. Wage growth slowed to 3.9%y/y in Jun. Once again, we take the side of the minority to look for BoC to stand pat at 4.75% and do not rule out another hawkish pause.

Other Key Data/Events We Watch Next Week

Tue: NFIB Small Business Optimism (Jun), EC ZEW Survey expectations

(Jul), AU Consumer Confidence (Jul)

Wed: RBNZ, BoC Policy Decision, US CPI (Jun), Beige Book

Thu: BoK Policy Decision, CH trade (Jun)

Fri: SG GDP (2Q A)

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Currency	Support/Resistance	Key Data and Events		
Dollar Index	S: 102; R: 105	Mon: Fed Barr speaks, wholesale inventories (May), Fed Daly to speaks, Fed Mester speaks, Fed Bostic speaks  Tue: NFIB small business optimism (Jun)  Wed: Fed Barkin speaks, US CPI (Jun), fed Bostic speaks, Beige Book  Thu: PPI (Jun), initial jobless claims (Jul-08)  Fri: Export, import price index (Jun), Univ. of Mich. Sentiment		
EURUSD	S: 1.07; R: 1.12	Mon: Sentix Investor Confidence (Jul), Tue: ECB Villeroy speaks, ZEW Survey expectations (Jul) Wed: ECB Vujcic, Lane speak, Thu: Industrial production (May), ECB Account of June rate decision (May) Fri: Trade (May)		
AUDUSD	S: 0.64; R: 0.67	Mon: -Nil- Tue: CBA Household spending (Jun), Westpac consumer confidence (Jul), NAB Business confidence/conditions (Jun) Wed: RBA Lowe speech Thu: Consumer inflation (Jul) Fri: -Nil-		
NZDUSD	S: 0.60; R: 0.63	Mon: REINZ House sales (Jun) Tue: -Nil - Wed: Net Migration (May), RBNZ Monetary Policy Review, Official Cash Rate (Jun) Thu: BusinessNZ Mfg PMI (Jun), Food prices (Kim) Fri: -Nil -		
GBPUSD	S: 1.25; R: 1.28	Mon: -Nil - Tue: BoE Governor Andrew Bailey speaks, Average Earnings ex Bonus (May). ILO unemployment (May) Wed: BoE financial stability report, BoE Breeden & Foulger brief Thu: Monthly GDP (May), industrial production (May), mfg production (May), construction output (May), trade (may) Fri: -Nil -		
USDCAD	S: 1.30; R: 1.35	Mon: Building permits (May) Tue: -Nil - Wed: BoC Policy Decision Thu: -Nil - Fri: Mfg Sales, existing home sales (Jun)		
USDJPY	S: 139; R: 145	Mon: BoP Current Account (May) Tue: Money Stock M2 (Jun), Machine Tool Orders (Jun P) Wed: PPI (Jun), core machine orders (May) Thu: -Nil - Fri: Capacity Utilization (May), Industrial production (May)		
USDCNH	S: 7.10; R: 7.30	Mon: Aggregate Financing (Jun, due 9-15 Jul), CPI, PPI (Jun) Tue: FDI (11-18 Jul) Wed: -Nil - Thu- Trade (Jun) Fri: -Nil - Sat: New home prices (Jun)		
USDTWD	S: 30.10 ;R: 31.50	Mon: -Nil - Tue: -Nil - Wed: -Nil - Thu: -Nil - Fri: -Nil -		
USDKRW	S: 1270 ;R: 1350	Mon: -Nil - Tue: -Nil - Wed: -Nil - Thu: Import price, export price index (Jun), BoK Policy Decision Fri: Money Supply		
USDSGD	S: 1.34; R: 1.37	Mon: -Nil - Tue: -Nil - Wed: -Nil - Thu: -Nil - Fri: GDP (2Q A)		



USDMYR	S: 4.60; R: 4.75	Mon: -Nil - Tue: -Nil - Wed: Manufacturing sales, industrial production (May) Thu: -Nil - Fri: -Nil -		
USDPHP	S: 53.10; R: 56.90	Mon: Foreign Reserves Tue: Trade (May)  Wed: -Nil - Thu: -Nil - Fri: Overseas cash remittances (May)		
USDIDR	Mon: consumer confidence (Jun) Tue: -Nil - Wed: -Nil - Thu: -Nil - Fri: -Nil - Sat: Local auto sales (Jun, due 15-21 Jul)			
USDTHB	S: 34.80 ;R: 36.20	Mon: -Nil - Tue: -Nil - Wed: -Nil - Wed: -Nil - Thu: Consumer confidence (Jun) Fri: Foreign Reserves (7 Jul)		



# Selected G7 FX Views

# Currency

# Stories of the Week

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> DXY index continues to be capped by the 103.60-resistance. The clearance of this resistance would bring the index towards the next at around 104.60 (200-dma). In line with our view that risks could be asymmetric, a breach of the 104.60 is less likely. Support is seen around 103 before 102.00. We see action to remain largely within this 102-104.60 range.

# EUR/USD

Further Retracement Not Ruled Out. EURUSD slipped to a low of 1.0834 this week before some retracement to levels around 1.0900. Stronger German factory orders for May had lifted the EURUSD towards the end of the week. EURUSD decline was cushioned by the 1.0830-support (100-dma) and momentum indicators are this point is slight bearish bias still but less compelling compared to what we have seen two weeks ago. Risks are skewed slightly to the downside based on the falling stochastics but next support is seen at 1.0720. Ahead of key data releases, rebounds cannot be ruled out with resistance at 1.0970 before 1.1010.

# GBP/USD

Buoyant. We had been tactically bearish on the GBPUSD and yet markets have demonstrated that the allure of the GBP carry is big enough to ignore the growth risks ahead for now. GBPUSD remains no a rising trend channel, guided higher by 21-dma (1.2704) and next resistance at 1.2850. The uptrend is strong.

# USDJPY

Rising Wedge Broken Out. USDJPY pulled back towards the 21-dma, marked at 142.60. Pair is last seen around 143.30. Even as the pair broke out of the rising wedge, we are less sure of whether this pair can break the 21-dm or simply consolidate within 142.60-145 in the near-term. Mr Yen had warned of a move towards 160 where MOF might intervene. However, the move of the USDJPY highly depends on risk sentiment as well as UST yields. Eyes on US CPI for further cues. Break of the 142.60 would open the way towards 139.80 (50-dma). If not, upside beckons towards 150 (where the apex of another larger rising wedge lies).

# AUD/USD

Jitters To Keep AUD on the Backfoot. AUD had been weakened by a number of factors - a lack of stimulus in China that muddled the outlook for its recovery, RBA's pause on 4 Jul as well as fears that growth in the rest of the world may be at risk as central banks push on with further monetary tightening. Without a change in any of these factors, AUDUSD could remain under pressure. Near-term, this pair may remain within 0.6560-0.6700. Area of resistance at 0.6670-0.6720 range needs to be cleared for bullish extension.

# NZD/USD

Two-Way Risks. NZDUSD waffled around 0.6170 by the end of the week. However, this pair tests the key area of resistance-turn support at around (0.6170-0.6190). Momentum indicators are neutral. This could mean a false break but it also largely depends on the moves tonight. We continue to see potential for NZDUSD to extend higher towards 0.6230 and 0.6300. A move below the moving averages could tilt power back to NZD bears.

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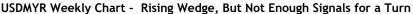
# **Technical Chart Picks:**

USDSGD Daily Chart - Overbought But Watch the 1.34-figure.



USDSGD was last seen around 1.3515 as we write. This pair remains capped by the 1.3576-resistance as well as the 200-dma (1.3530). We see room for USDSGD to move lower towards 1.3470 and then at 1.3440 (50-dma). Stochastics are turning from overbought conditions. Bullish MACD is also waning.

We eye the 1.34-figure carefully though. A failure to break below this level could form an ascending triangle and lead to a bullish break-out of the 1.3580-resistance. Breaking the 1.34-figure could mean a full retracement of the May-rally towards the 1.3240-support.





Rising Wedge typically precedes a turn. 4.75 is the apex of the rising wedge but this wedge could be broken out anytime before that.

We think a move towards the 4.7506 could form a more powerful reversal pattern - double top. Weekly and daily charts do not show convincing signals of fatigue yet. But risks of chasing this pair higher seem to become greater at this point. Support at around 4.6270 before the 4.5760. Resistance at 4.70.

Source: Bloomberg, Maybank FX Research & Strategy Note: orange line - 21SMA; blue line - 50 SMA; red line - 100 SMA; green line - 200 SMA

# SGDMYR Daily Chart: Two-Way Risks



SGDMYR was last seen around 3.4520. At this point, bearish momentum is waning but stochastics are still falling from overbought conditions. There could be some consolidation within 3.4090-3.4720 at this point.

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



Date	Trade	Entry/[SL]	Objective(s)	P&L	Open/Closed	Remarks
24 Feb 23	Short AUDNZD	1.0915	1.0850, 1.0780	+1.24%	Closed	Hawkish RBNZ Stance should benefit the NZD vs. the AUD that could see RBA turning a tad dovish on recent moderation in CPI.
10 Mar 23	Sell USDJPY	137.50 [140.50]	132.40; 128.00			Markets look for +50bps hike from Fed. An NFP print in line with consensus could bring about USD weakness against the JPY. In addition, potential for credit /financial risks emerging could potentially drive safe haven JPY demand in addition to potentially lower UST yields.
						17 Mar Remarks: Trade idea did not come to fruition due to a high entry price. That said, we retain bearish view for USDJPY to head towards 128.
24 Mar 23	Short GBPUSD	1.2240 [1.2380]	1.1890	-3.5%	Closed	Banking Crisis could linger. European banks are under pressure. Barring a potential contagion from the banking crisis, GBP could also weaken as BoE faces a dilemma between growth risks (weaker Mar mfg PMI) vs. elevated inflation. Risk reward of 1:2.5.
6 Apr 23	Buy the USDCAD	1.3479 [1.3380]	1.3550, 1.3630, 1.3700	-0.7%	Closed	Risk reward ratio is 1:2.2
14 Apr 23	Short EURAUD	1.6440 [1.6700]	1.5920, 1.5760	-2.6%	Closed	Risk reward ratio is 1:2.6
12 May 23	Short NZDCAD	0.8480 [0.8572]	0.8397, 0.8290, 0.8160	+0.7%	Closed at 0.8420	Risk reward ratio is 1:3.5
18 May 23	Short CNHAUD	0.2150 [0.2172]	0.2122, 0.2104, 0.2093	-1.0%	Closed at 0.2172 (stoploss stipulated)	While the trade was likely stopped on 26 May when it hit a high of 0.2176 that day, the CNHAUD was down > 6% thereafter. (23 Jun)
18 May 23	Short CNHKRW	190.10 [192.01]	188.10, 185.23			CNHKRW was down >6% since 18 May before recent retracement. (23 Jun)
Date	Trade	Entry/[SL]	Objective(s)	P&L	Open/Closed	Remarks



30 May 23	Long AUDUSD	0.6550 [0.6380]	0.6670, 0.6870, 0.6925	3.1%	Closed on 13 Jun 2023	
30 May 23	Short USDCAD	1.3570 [1.3720]	1.3520, 1.3410, 1.3275	1.5%	Closed on 13 Jun 2023	
Cumulative P/L			+1.8%			



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