

FX Weekly

Awaiting the Next Major Cue

The Week Ahead

- Dollar Bears To Take A Breather. Support at 103.00; Resistance at 104.70
- USD/SGD Consolidate . Support at 1.35; Resistance at 1.3730
- USD/MYR Consolidate, Support at 4.60; Resistance at 4.71
- AUD/SGD Mild Bullish. Support at 0.8720; Resistance at 0.8880
- SGD/MYR Two-Way Risks. Support at 3.4510; Resistance at 3.51

Retracements Play Out, Downtrend intact

The bullish retracement that we cautioned on the DXY index panned out, albeit also likely due to the Thanksgiving break in the US and Japan on Thu. Minutes of the Nov Fed meeting confirmed what markets have perceived the policy committee to be - a less hawkish one. As a result, since the Minutes was released, the DXY index has been on the modest bullish retracements. Price action has been rather consolidative within the 103.00-104.70 range. Core PCE deflator and ISM Mfg are key data that we watch next week but tonight's prelim. Mfg and services PMI for the US will be the first gauge of whether US exceptionalism could hold and keep the greenback supported on dips. Regardless of the interim consolidation, the downtrend for the DXY index is still intact and could continue to extend should the US data continue to indicate a soft-landing on the horizon. Other key data we would keep an eye on includes Eurozone Nov CPI estimate and China Nov PMIs.

BoT, BoK and RBNZ To Keep Policy Settings Unchanged

BoT, BoK and RBNZ are expected to hold. Our economist looks for BoT to hold the policy rate given the uncertainty on Thailand's growth trajectory, particularly after the downside surprise of its GDP that prompted a downgrade of the 2023 full-year forecast to 2.3% from 2.9%. BoK will hold policy rate unchanged at 3.5% but is highly likely to maintain a hawkish stance given the recent upside surprise to its inflation report. RBNZ too, will keep official cash rate unchanged at 5.50% (unlike its fellow antipodean) as data continues to indicate economic weakness while inflation slows. That said, with CPI still at 5.6%y/y for 3Q, any discussion on rate cut would be pre-mature. Most USDAsians have been bouncing off key technical supports this week. There is a chance that this sort of consolidative action could continue unless the DXY index breaks the key 103-support. Key support is seen around 1.3350 for USDSGD and we look for two-way trades within 1.3350-1.3470. USDMYR could probably remain within the 4.60-4.70 range. Interim support is seen at 4.6140.

Other Key Data/Events We Watch

Mon: CH industrial profits (Oct)

Wed: RBNZ policy decision, BOT Policy Decision

Thu: BoK decision, Fed's Beige Book, EC CPI Estimate (Nov), OPEC+

meeting

Fri: US ISM Mfg (Nov), EC, JP Mfg PMI (Nov F), MY Mfg PMI (Nov F)

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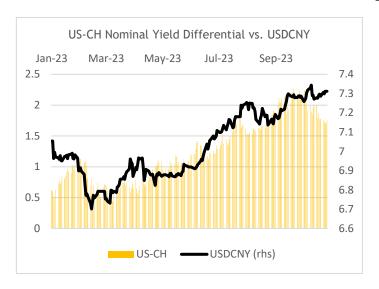


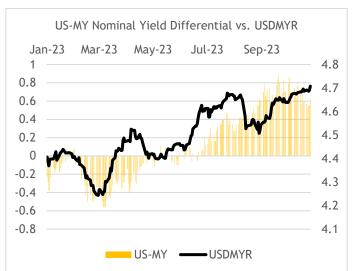
| Currency | Support/Resistance | Key Data and Events | | | |
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| Dollar Index | S: 103.00 ; R: 105.00 | Mon: New home sales (Oct), Dallas Fed Mfg Activity (Nov) Tue: FHFA house price index (sep), Fed Goolsbee delivers opening remarks, Richmond Fed Mfg index (Nov), Fed Waller speaks, Conf. Board Consumer confidence (Nov), Fed Dallas Services Activity (Nov) Wed: Trade (Oct), Retail inventories (Oct P), Personal consumption (3Q S) Thu: Fed Mester speaks, Fed Releases Beige Book, Initial jobless claims (Nov-25), PCE Core deflator (Oct), MNI Chicago PMI (Nov) Fri: Fed Goolsbee speaks, ISM Mfg (Nov), Fed Powell speaks in Fireside Chat | | | |
| EURUSD | S: 1.07; R: 1.10 | Mon: - Nil - Tue: ECB De Cos speaks Wed: OECD publishes economic outlook; Consumer, economic, industrial confidence (Nov) Thu: CPI Estimate (Nov) Fri: HCOB Eurozone Mfg PMI (Nov F) | | | |
| AUDUSD | S: 0.6400; R: 0.6600 | Mon: - Nil - Tue: Retail sales (Oct), RBA Bullock Panel in HK Wed: Construction work done(3Q), CPI (Oct) Thu: Private capital expenditure (3Q, Corelogic House price (Nov) Fri: Judo Bank MFg PMI (Nov F) | | | |
| NZDUSD | S: 0.5920; R: 0.6100 | Mon: - Nil - Tue: - Nil - Wed: RBNZ Decision, MPS Thu: Building permits (Oct), ANZ Activity Outlook, Business confidence (Nov), CoreLogic House prices Fri: ANZ Consumer Confidence (Nov) | | | |
| GBPUSD | S: 1.2260; R: 1.2590 | Mon: CBI Retailing reported sales (Nov) Tue: BoE Ramsden speaks, BoE Haskel speaks Wed: Net Mortgage approvals (Oct), BoE Bailey speaks Thu: Lloyd Business barometer (Nov) Fri: BoE Megan Greene speaks, Mfg PMI (Nov F) | | | |
| USDCAD | S: 1.3550; R: 1.3900 | Mon: - Nil - Tue: - Nil - Wed: Current Account Bal (3Q), Thu: CFIB business barometer (Nov), Sep GDP Fri: Labour report (Nov) | | | |
| USDJPY | S: 146; R: 152 | Mon: PPI services (Oct) Tue: - Nil - Wed: BoJ Adachi speech Thu: Retail sales (Oct). industrial production (Oct P), BoJ Nakamura speech in Hyogo, Housing starts (oct) Fri: Jibun Bank Japan Mfg PMI (Nov F) | | | |
| USDCNH | S: 7.1280; R: 7.20 | Mon: Industrial profits (Oct) Tue: - Nil - Wed: - Nil - Thu: NBS official Mfg PMI (Nov), Non-Mfg PMI (Nov) Fri: Caixin Mfg PMI (Nov) | | | |
| USDTWD | S: 31.20;R: 32.00 | Mon: Monitoring indicator (Oct) Tue: GDP (3Q P) Wed: - Nil - Thu: - Nil - Fri: S&P Mfg PMI (Nov) | | | |
| USDKRW | S: 1280;R: 1320 | Mon: Retail sales (Oct, due 27-30 Nov) Tue: Consumer confidence (Nov) Wed: Business Survey Non-Mfg (Dec) Thu: Industrial production (Oct), Cyclical leading index change(Oct), BoK decision Fri: Trade (Nov), S&P Mfg PMI (Nov) | | | |

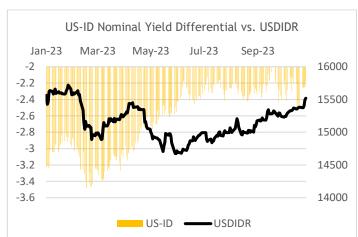


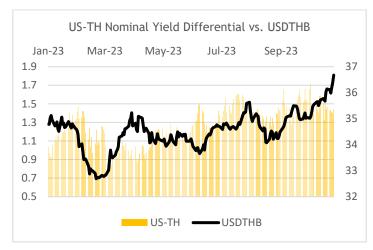
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| USDMYR | S: 4.60; R: 4.70 | Mon: - Nil - Tue: - Nil - Wed: - Nil - Thu: - Nil - Fri: S&P Mfg PMI (Nov) |
| USDSGD | S: 1.3350; R: 1.3470 | Mon: - Nil - Tue: - Nil - Wed: - Nil - Thu: Money Supply M1, M2 (oct) Fri: Purchasing Managers (Nov), Electronics Sector (Nov) |
| USDPHP | S: 55.20; R: 55.70 | Mon: - Nil - Tue: - Nil - Wed: Budget (Oct) Thu: Bank Lending (Oct) Fri: S&P Global Philippines Mfg PMI (Nov) |
| USDIDR | S: 15,350; R: 15,600 | Mon: - Nil - Tue: - Nil - Wed: - Nil - Thu: - Nil - Thu: - Nil - Fri: S&P Mfg PMI (Nov), CPI (Nov) |
| USDTHB | S: 35.00 ;R: 37.80 | Mon: Custom trade (Oct) Tue: - Nil - Wed: BoT Decision (Oct) Thu: Trade (Oct) Fri: Mfg PMI (Nov), Business sentiment index (Nov), Foreign reserves (Nov-24) |

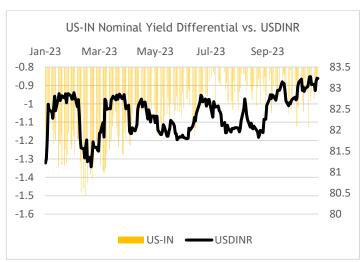
Chart Set A: Nominal Yield Differentials and USDAsia Pairings

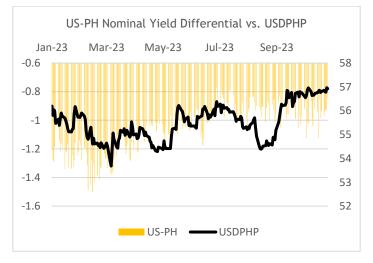








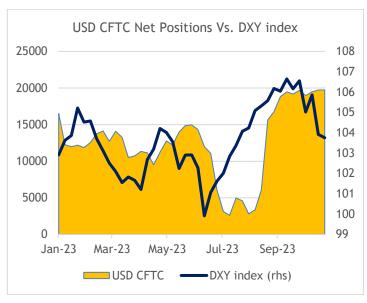


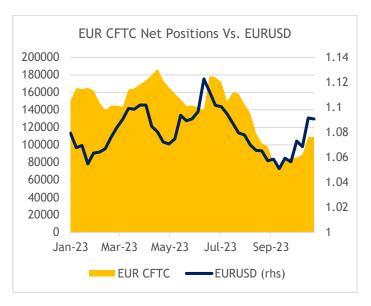


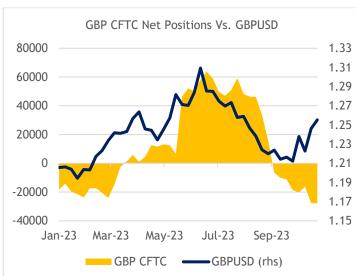
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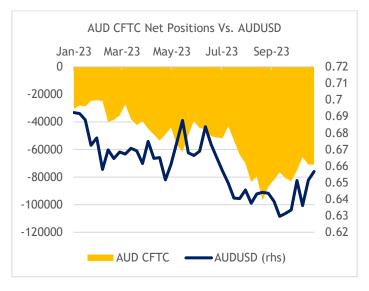
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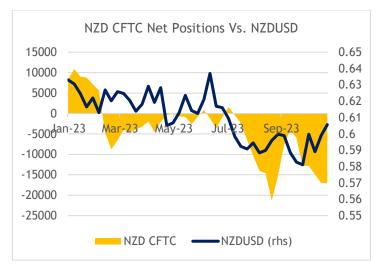
Chart Set B: CFTC Net Non-Commercial Futures Positions (in contracts) vs. FX

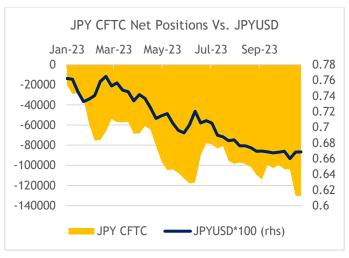












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| Date | Trade | Entry/[SL] | Objective(s) | P&L | Open/Closed | Remarks |
|-----------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|--------|--|---|
| 24 Feb 23 | Short AUDNZD | 1.0915 | 1.0850, 1.0780 | +1.24% | Closed | 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) |



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|-----------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|-------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 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 | |
| 11 Sep | Long AUDUSD | 0.6400 [0.6350] | 0.6522, 0.6576, 0.6625. | +0.6% | Closed on 22 Sep 2023 | Expires on 22 Sep. |
| | Cumulative P/L | | | +2.4% | | |



Selected G7 FX Views

Currency

Stories of the Week

Sell Zone at 104.40-104.70. DXY index hovered around 103.70, after touching a low of 103.18, somewhat settling into a consolidative phase for the next significant data cue. Eyes are on the Prelim. Mfg, Services PMI prints due tonight. While our caution of more two-way action seem to be playing out, we still see USD as potentially a sell-on-rally for the next few months. Evidence of surprising strength DXY Index in US activity would remind markets that the US is likely to retain its carry advantage vs. the rest of the world and that could provide tentative support for the greenback.

EUR/USD

Support Levels Eyed. EURUSD touched a high of 1.0965 before easing back. This pair tried to retest the week high after the Eurozone prelim. Mfg and services PMI indicated some improvement for Nov. However, that did not materialize. Pair was last seen around 1.0905. Looking ahead, we have Nov CPI estimate due next Thu which would be closely watched. Risks are to the downside for the headline given softer food price and tame energy prices. Services inflation should also not see much re-acceleration as indicated by the still contractionary services PMI. Consensus looks for slight tick lower to 2.8%y/y from previous 2.9%. Core inflation could be the key metric to watch, last at 4.2% and expected to cool to 3.9%. ECB officials had tried to maintain a rather hawkish stance on inflation. Lagarde, especially, warned that the fight against inflation is not over. Some softening in the inflation metrics could potentially provide some comfort for policymakers. EURUSD may see some downside risks in the near-term because of that.

Back on the EURUSD daily chart, pair has met resistance at 1.0960 (61.8% Fibonacci retracement of the Jul-Sep). Stochastics and MACD show signs of turning lower. We look for retracements to meet support at the 1.0760-1.0800 area though.

GBP/USD

Rising Wedge. GBPUSD hovered around 1.2570, breaching above the 100-dma. Momentum indicators are still pretty bullish. We continue to expect this area of resistance (1.2510-1.2590) to remain intact. The upper bound of this range is marked by the 50% Fibonacci retracement of the Jul-Oct decline and we suspect more two-way trades within the 1.2250-1.2600 range for the GBPUSD. Rising wedge is intact and that could mean this pair is more vulnerable to a pullback towards support around 1.2450 (200-dma) and could even portend a move towards 1.2350 (21-dma).

USDJPY

Two-way Risks. Bearish momentum seems to be fading for the USDJPY and was last seen around 149.50, sticky around the 50-dma (149.50). We see two-way risks for this pair. Key support is seen at 140.70 (100-dma). A break there could open the way for further bearish extension. Resistance at 150.20 before the next at 151.90.

AUD/USD

Rising Wedge. Pair was largely trading sideways for much of this week but that has also formed a rising wedge which could portend a bearish move next. Key resistance at 0.6585 (200-dma) caps price action thus far, even as RBA officials have been sounding more hawkish of late. Minutes of the RBA meeting earlier this month suggest that the inflation forecasts are assuming one or two more hikes and not just one. That seem to suggest that there could be one more. In addition, RBA Bullock was also sounding particularly concerned about inflation in her recent speech, pointing out that the wage growth is not consistent with the productivity growth and that cannot be sustained.

We look for pullbacks to meet support around 0.6480 before the next at 0.6410. Resistance at 0.6585.

NZD/USD

Rising Wedge. NZDUSD has been keeping an upside bias for much of Nov thus far and price action has also formed a rising wedge with apex around 200-dma at 0.6092. As such, we look for the NZDUSD to pullback towards the support around 0.5990 before the next at 0.5930. Recent formation of coalition government might have added boost to the NZDUSD. What we watch next week is RBNZ's decision. We expect RBNZ to join fellow Asian and DM peers, to keep official cash rate unchanged at 5.50% as data continues to indicate economic weakness while inflation slows. That said, with CPI still at 5.6%y/y for 3Q, any discussion on rate cut would be pre-mature.

Technical Chart Picks:

USDSGD Daily Chart - Falling Wedge



USDSGD hovered around the 1.3400-figure, breaking out of the falling wedge that we flagged last week. This pair has been consolidating around the 1.34-figure.

Resistance is still seen at 1.3470 (200-dma). Support at 1.3400 before the next at 1.3350.

USDMYR Daily Chart - Consolidative Action with Bearish bias



Source: Bloomberg, Maybank FX Research & Strategy Note: orange line - 21SMA; blue line - 50 SMA; red line - 100 SMA; green line - 200 SMA USDMYR hovered around 4.6850. Pair seems to be hovering within the 4.6140-4.7160 range.

Bearish momentum is fading. We see two-way risks and consolidative action is likely to continue. The bearish cross-overs of the 21-dma over the 100-dma suggest that bias could remain bearish.

Support at 4.6502 before the next at 4.6140. Resistance at 4.7160.

SGDMYR Daily Chart: Upside Risks



SGDMYR was last seen around 3.4940, still on the rise. Stochastics are near oversold condition and bearish MACD is waning. Bias remains to the upside.

Resistance remains at 3.5010 before the next at 3.5140. Support at 3.4815.

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

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