

Global Markets Daily

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The narrative for US exceptionalism was given another boost yesterday as Jan ISM services printed at 53.4 (exp: 52.0; prev: 50.5), showing that the US economy remains resilient. Other data showed some moderation as Jan Services PMI came in at 52.5 (exp: 52.9; prev: 52.9) and Jan Composite PMI was at 52.0 (exp: 52.3; prev: 2.3). Fed Kashkari said the possibility of a higher neutral rate gave the Fed more time to assess conditions before easing and Fed Goolsbee reiterated the need for more benign inflation data although a Mar cut was not ruled out. Against this backdrop, equities retreated while the 10Y yield rose (10Y: +15bps, 4.17%). Oil advanced (WTI: +0.79%) while gold retreated (-0.74%) and the USD was broadly firmer (DXY: +0.44%). We are cognizant of near term upside risks to USD strength, although it remains uncertain how long US exceptionalism can last. It seems unlikely that US exceptionalism will continue unabated and some may even suggest that this upward move could signal the USD peak for 2024. We maintain our conviction in our base case for 2024 that the USD would gradually weaken amid a global soft-landing. Growth and growth prospects for the rest of the world will need to improve for that to materialize. Central bank rate cuts as inflation risks dissipate should make that outcome more likely.

RBA Decision - Possible Downgrade to Inflation Outlook

We are looking at RBA to keep cash target rate unchanged at 4.35%. Softer-than-expected 4Q CPI has dispelled expectations for a rate hike in the near-term. Dec CPI came in at 3.4%/y but the last SoMP release in Nov had projection for CPI to be at 4% by Jun 2024. As such an adjustment to inflation forecasts for 2024 could be necessary. Expect RBA to retain a hawkish tone given that CPI prints are still above target (now the mid-point of 2-3%, which translates to 2.5%). With a downgrade for inflation outlook however, it will be hard for AUDUSD to remain elevated even if RBA Bullock strives to drive the point that policy settings could remain restrictive for a while.

Data We Watch

We watch RBA decision, Jan PH CPI, Dec EC Retail Sales and ECB 1Y/3Y inflation expectations today.

| FX: Overnight Closing Levels/ % Change | | | | | |
|--|------------|---------|----------|------------|---------|
| Majors | Prev Close | % Chg | Asian FX | Prev Close | % Chg |
| EUR/USD | 1.0743 | ↓ -0.42 | USD/SGD | 1.3471 | ↑ 0.31 |
| GBP/USD | 1.2536 | ↓ -0.75 | EUR/SGD | 1.4472 | ↓ -0.10 |
| AUD/USD | 0.6483 | ↓ -0.45 | JPY/SGD | 0.906 | ↑ 0.11 |
| NZD/USD | 0.6055 | ↓ -0.16 | GBP/SGD | 1.6888 | ↓ -0.45 |
| USD/JPY | 148.68 | ↑ 0.20 | AUD/SGD | 0.8734 | ↓ -0.09 |
| EUR/JPY | 159.73 | ↓ -0.21 | NZD/SGD | 0.8156 | ↑ 0.17 |
| USD/CHF | 0.8707 | ↑ 0.45 | CHF/SGD | 1.5472 | ↓ -0.08 |
| USD/CAD | 1.354 | ↑ 0.57 | CAD/SGD | 0.9949 | ↓ -0.22 |
| USD/MYR | 4.749 | ↑ 0.68 | SGD/MYR | 3.5283 | ↓ -0.11 |
| USD/THB | 35.798 | ↑ 1.55 | SGD/IDR | 11681.81 | ↓ -0.31 |
| USD/IDR | 15705 | ↑ 0.30 | SGD/PHP | 41.8683 | ↓ 0.00 |
| USD/PHP | 56.288 | ↑ 0.65 | SGD/CNY | 5.3444 | ↓ -0.20 |

Implied USD/SGD Estimates at, 9.00am

| Upper Band Limit | Mid-Point | Lower Band Limit |
|------------------|-----------|------------------|
| 1.3470 | 1.3745 | 1.4020 |

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G7: Events & Market Closure

| Date | Ctry | Event |
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| 6 Feb | AU | RBA Decision |
| 6 Feb | NZ | Market Closure |

AXJ: Events & Market Closure

| Date | Ctry | Event |
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| 7 Feb | TH | BOT Decision |
| 7 Feb | ID | Market Closure |
| 8 Feb | IN | RBI Decision |
| 8 Feb | TW | Market Closure |
| 9 Feb | KR, TW, VN | Market Closure |

G7 Currencies

- **DXY Index - *inverted H&S Plays Out, Neckline Broken, Target 107.*** ISM Services surprised to the upside with a print of 53.4 for Jan vs. 50.5. Prices paid was also a lot higher at 64.0 vs. previous 56.7 (revised lower). This came after a strong NFP and a somewhat hawkish-perceived Powell. The data continues to play up the US exceptionalism narrative as a result and the DXY index rose to hit a high of 104.60 before easing back a tad, respecting the resistance at 104.63 (61.8% Fibonacci retracement of the Oct-Dec plunge). UST yields were on the rise with 2y back at around 4.45% while 10y was last seen around 4.14%. Fed Fund Futures now imply a 57% probability of a rate hike in May, 17.4% in Mar. Back on the DXY daily chart, given the bullish extension and spot last seen around 104.50, the neckline of the inverted head and shoulders at around 103.70 (slanted neckline) is broken and beyond the interim resistance of around 104.60 before the next at 105.58 and then possibly the 107-figure. Interim resistance at 104.30 (100-dma) before the 104.60. Support at around 102.90. Data-wise, Wed has Trade balance (Dec). Thu has Initial jobless claims (3 Feb). Fri. has Wholesale inventories (Dec F), wholesale trade sales (Dec).
- **EURUSD - *Bearish undertones, risks still two-way.*** EURUSD trades lower at 1.0745 levels this morning as USD advanced on higher US yields and US exceptionalism. Pair should continue to trade with bearish undertones amid lacklustre Euro-area data and aggressive market expectations of ECB cuts. Risks should tilt a tad to the bearish side, although we watch cautiously to see if key resistances for the DXY can hold. While ECB cuts could be supportive of growth, cutting rates too early could harm the Eurozone more if inflation spirals out of control. Central bankers have continued to allude to this dynamic and ECB pushback against rate cuts should be EUR supportive. Medium-term, we remain cautiously optimistic on the EUR on possible bottoming of growth. In line with this, ECB Bank lending survey showed that EZ credit demand could be bottoming out after falling for more than a year in the face of rising interest rates. We see resistance for the pair at 1.0750 and 1.0780, while support is at 1.07 and 1.0650. Jan PMIs were stable with services at 48.4 (exp: 48.4; prev: 48.4) and composite at 47.9 (exp: 47.9; prev: 7.9). Feb Investor Confidence remained poor at -12.9 (exp: -15.0; prev: -15.9). Dec PPI declined -0.8% MoM (exp: -0.8%; prev: -0.3%) and -10.6% YoY (exp: -10.5%; prev: -8.8%). OECD report showed that inflation was moderating more quickly than expected, although central banks were reminded it was too soon to declare victory. Growth is expected to remain resilient globally, although OECD Euro area forecasts were downgraded slightly based on tight credit conditions. We think that this could eventually turn with a bottoming in both credit demand and economic growth. Remaining Eurozone data this week includes ECB 1Y/3Y CPI Expectations, Dec Retail Sales (6 Feb) and ECB Economic Bulletin (8 Feb).
- **GBPUSD - *Bearish undertones, risks still two-way.*** GBPUSD traded lower at 1.2544 levels this morning as USD advanced on higher US yields and US exceptionalism. Risks should tilt a tad to the bearish side, although we watch cautiously to see if key resistances for the DXY can hold. BOE decision yesterday was quite uneventful. BOE held earlier and pushed backed on rate cuts, which should help support GBP. There is an increasing sense that Fed, ECB and BOE are all warming up to the idea of eventually cutting rates. For the BOE, trouble could lie with Chancellor Hunt unveiling an inflationary budget involving tax cuts with elections just around the corner. Hunt is due to announce the budget on 6 Mar and we keenly watch developments on this front. Political risks have emerged in the UK

and could weigh on the GBP as preliminary polls show Labour displacing the incumbent Conservatives at the upcoming elections. Medium term, the UK economy comes under increasing pressure from elevated price pressures, high interest rates and other problematic structural issues that arose because of Brexit, which should weigh on the GBP. Ergo, while we think the USD should broadly weaken, the trajectory for GBP appreciation could be more gradual than other currencies. Support is at the current 1.25 figure followed by 1.2450 level. Resistance is seen at 1.2560 (200 dma), followed by the 1.26 figure. Jan UK Services PMI was 54.3 (exp: 53.8; prev: 53.8) and composite at 52.9 (exp: 52.5; prev: 52.5) showing some improvements to initial figures. Remaining UK data includes S&P Construction PMI (6 Feb), Jan RICS House Price Balance and S&P UK Jobs Report (8 Feb).

- **USDJPY - Steady, wary of upside risks.** Pair was last seen around 148.60, which is similar to yesterday's levels even as UST yields jumped overnight. Dec cash earnings out this morning disappointed at 1.0% YoY (est. 1.4% YoY, Nov. 0.7% YoY) although the pace of the increase still look sufficient to allow a BOJ NIRP exit and hence, this in turn may have provided some support for JPY. The scheduled full-time pay - same base data, which is less subjected to sampling error actually grew in line with expectations at 2.0% YoY (est. 2.0% YoY), which helps give more credence for a BOJ NIRP exit in the coming future. For now, we still though see upside risks for the USDJPY UST yields and the DXY rebound although we think it could be more limited. Resistance is at 150.00 and any pace of increase if it does decisively break that mark is like to be slow given concerns of BOJ intervention at around those levels. Support is at 145.31 (50-dma), 142.00 and 140.00. On other economic data, Dec household spending decline more than expected at -2.5% YoY (est. -2.0% YoY), which on the flipside shows fragility in the economy although it may not hinder a BOJ move to exit NIRP as the central bank remains focus on basing its decision on wage increases that it may hope to see feed to stronger demand pull inflation eventually. Other key data releases this week includes leading/coincident index (Wed), Dec BoP CA balance and trade balance (Thurs), Jan bank lending (Thurs), Jan Tokyo avg office vacancies (Thurs), Jan eco watchers survey (Thurs) and Jan money stock (Fri).
- **AUDUSD - Neckline of Arguable Head and Shoulders Formation Broken, Bearish.** AUDUSD found itself under the key 0.65-figure by Asia morning, weighed by weaker risk appetite as well as the concomitantly stronger USD amid strong US data. We are looking at RBA to keep cash target rate unchanged at 4.35%. Softer-than-expected 4Q CPI has dispelled expectations for a rate hike in the near-term. Dec CPI came in at 3.4%/y but the last SoMP release in Nov had projection for CPI to be at 4% by Jun 2024. As such an adjustment to inflation forecasts for 2024 could be necessary. Expect RBA to retain a hawkish tone given that CPI prints are still above target (now the mid-point of 2-3%, which translates to 2.5%). With a downgrade for inflation outlook however, it will be hard for AUDUSD to remain elevated even if RBA Bullock strives to drive the point that policy settings could remain restrictive for a while. Into the decision, we reckon that expectations for some dovish pivot is somewhat priced, especially after the CPI release in Jan. And as such, there could be a buy on fact effect. However, with China still looking weak and risks of RBA-Fed convergence on their policy easing timing could mean that risks are still to the downside for Feb beyond the near-term. For the AUDUSD daily chart, break of the 0.6520-support to open the way towards 0.6450 before 0.6360 and then at 0.6290. on Monetary policy will be issued along with the decision. This quarterly

release is now shifted to be released with the day of policy decision. It used to be released on the Friday within the week of the decision. For the rest of the week, we have retail sales ex inflation for 4Q due today as well, coming out stronger than expected at 0.3%q/q vs. prev. -0.1%.

- **NZDUSD - Bearish.** NZDUSD trades at 0.6060, dragged lower by the broad USD gains and about to break a very familiar head and shoulders pattern also spotted. Neckline is seen thereabouts around 0.6050. By now, we know that this H&S pattern is congruent with that of the AUDUSD as well as the DXY. This is a rather broad USD move, exacerbated by souring sentiment over China's economy. Still, there is comparative resilience observed in the NZD. RBNZ Chief Economist said that New Zealand needs more time to get inflation back into the 1-3% target band even as the economy is weaker. That somewhat hawkish comment likely to provide NZD some support. We continue to see two-way risks for this pair. On the NZDUSD daily chart, head and shoulders formation is also intact with neckline being threatened. Break of the 0.6050-support to open the way towards 0.6020 before 0.5930. Rebounds could meet resistance at 0.6180 before 0.6210. Data-wise, 4Q labour report is due Wed.
- **USDCAD - Bullish risks.** USDCAD rose in tandem with the broader USD move, underpinned by the rise in the strong NFP report for Jan as well as the stronger ISM services. Key resistance at 1.3550 (100-dma) to watch. Further bullish extension could break above the resistance at 1.35-figure before the next at 1.3550 before 1.3590. Support at 1.3450 before 1.3400. Back in Jan, BoC had provided a hint in its policy statement that further rate hikes are no longer being considered and policy settings could be maintained into the summer. In addition, the macroprudential measure (albeit just a tweak to extend ban on foreign buyers in real estate) could probably dampen sentiment in the real estate a tad more and provide room for BoC to cut rates should there be a need to support growth. On the other hand, there are some speculations that the reintroduction of the auctions of Canadian government cash balances could inject more liquidity into short-term funding markets could be taken as a hawkish signal. BOC is now perceived as more reluctant to end QT. Regardless, we bear in mind that Canada had only a +0.1k addition of employment in Dec and it was a net addition of part-time hires with full-time employment down a net -23.5K. Unemployment rate is now back at pre-Covid period levels at 5.8% and could continue to rise above 6.00%. This week on the data docket, Tue has building permits for Dec. Wed has trade for Dec. Fri has labour report for Jan.

Asia ex Japan Currencies

SGDNEER trades around +2.03% from the implied mid-point of 1.3745 with the top estimated at 1.3470 and the floor at 1.4020.

- **USDSGD - Two-way Risks, Tilting Tad Bullish.** USDSGD trades higher at 1.3465 levels this morning, as USD advanced on higher US yields and US exceptionalism. Risks for the pair tilt a tad to the bullish side, although we watch cautiously to see if key resistances for the DXY can hold. As widely expected MAS stood pat on policy settings and signalled that the current stance remained appropriate for the medium term. Notably changing language from “sufficiently tight” to “appropriate”, perhaps suggesting further tightening is possible. If inflation prints consistently surprise to upside we would not rule out further tightening or at the very least MAS holding policy restrictive for longer than expected. SGDNEER is at 2.03% this morning on our model, opening lower than from last week’s close. Trade-weighted outperformance has largely been due to the SGD rallying more (or selling off less), against the basket constituents, in bouts of USD weakness (or strength). This is in line with our expectations and observations for SGDNEER. We think that the SGDNEER outperformance could taper as Fed cuts come in, although it should still stay supported. In the medium-term, we remain positive on the SGD. Our expectation is for MAS to stand pat at the next decision (Jan 2024). Resistances are at 1.3470 (200 dma) and 1.35 (psychological). Supports are at 1.34 and 1.3350 (50 dma). SG Retail Sales fell -0.4% YoY (exp: -3.1%; prev: 2.4%) in Dec. SG data for week ahead includes Dec retail Sales (5 Feb), COE Bidding and Jan Foreign Reserves (7 Feb).
- **SGDMYR - Steady, upside risks.** Cross was last seen at 3.5371 levels this morning. We think upside risks remain as SGD could continue to outperform MYR amid the firmer than expected SG Dec CPI inflation prints and MAS possibly holding restrictive policy for longer than earlier expected. Inflation differentials are also likely to favour SGD, underscoring lingering upside risks. We earlier maintained that cross could move higher towards the 3.52 in near term, which has happened. Next resistance at 3.5500 followed by 3.5700. Support is at 3.52 (resistance turned support), 3.4991 (50-dma) and 3.4500 (around fibo retracement of 23.6% from Feb 2023 low to Dec 2023 high). Pair should stop trading for a few days heading into the Lunar New Year holidays so some caution may be warranted given the upside risks.
- **USDMYR - Higher, upside risks.** Pair was last seen at 4.7603 as it rose higher in line with the climb in the DXY and UST yield amid strong US ISM services data. External developments as it was overnight are likely to continue to stay as the main driver of the pair. Resistance is at 4.8000 (around the Oct 2023 high). Support is at 4.7000, 4.65000 (psychological level) and 4.6363 (200-dma). Key data releases this week include Dec mfg sales (Wed), Dec IP (Wed) and 31 Jan foreign reserves (Thurs).
- **USDCNH - Arguable H&S, Still Arguable.** USDCNH was last seen steady around 7.2140. USDCNH softened again this morning, after the strong CNY fix against the USD. There have been so many “plans” being floated but so little concrete details to provide a sustained revival of confidence. Since last Fri, we have heard CSRC pledging to stabilize the markets and then an economic official from the NDRC declared that there will be an “action plan” to attract foreign investment. Negative list on the sectors that foreign firms can invest in will be shortened alongside a limit on foreign investment in the manufacturing sector. Then, sources were cited saying that China has

tightened trading restrictions on domestic institutional investors as well as some offshore units even more. There were caps on some brokerages' cross-border total return swaps with clients (BBG). A few quantitative hedge funds were barred from placing sell orders with effect on Mon. We do not want to rule out the possibility that the Chinese government would roll out a more comprehensive and better structured measures to support the broader economy given the sense of urgency conveyed over the past few weeks. Before that happens however, the USDCNH pair remains in two-way trades within the 7.10-7.25. USDCNY central parity is still fixed at 7.1082, 943 pips lower than median estimate of 7.2025. Back on the daily USDCNH chart, we watch the neckline formed around 7.1140 of the H&S formation. Interim resistance at 7.2303. A completion of this formation (however hard to imagine on the fundamentals-front) could bring the pair back under the 6.90-figure towards 6.85. Right now, this pair seem to be consolidative within the 7.11-7.27 range. Rate cuts per se and other liquidity injection should be technically negative for the yuan and so we await a more comprehensive fiscal plan for the economy. For the rest of the week, foreign reserves for Jan is due on Wed. PPI, CPI for Jan are due on Thu. New yuan loans, money supply and aggregate financing could be due anytime from 9-15 Feb.

- **1M USDKRW NDF - Bullish risks.** 1M USDKRW NDF opened lower and was last seen at 1329.57 levels with the KRW defying the broader stronger USD trend. KRW outperformance was possibly due to AI exuberance (related tech counters like Nvidia rallied massively) and the expected increase in demand for chips. Risks for the pair tilt a tad bit more to the bullish side, although we watch cautiously to see if key resistances for the DXY can hold. BOK minutes showed that members saw project finance related risks in property markets having a limited impact on the wider financial system. Chances of a credit event were assessed to be low, although members recognized that monitoring could be bolstered given market concerns. BOK had earlier stood pat and removed language on further rate hikes if needed. Governor Rhee had however cautioned on the significant uncertainty surrounding the inflation outlook and pushed back against rate cuts. We think BOK is likely to take cue to cut from the Fed and other major central banks. Given the considerable uncertainty around the inflation outlook, they may start to cut in the later half of 2024. Past episodes have also shown that BOK has had a tendency to hold for an extended period before pivoting to a cut. We suggest selling USDKRW on rallies. Potential for upside in KRW should chip cycle turn into an upturn or if chip demand is buoyed by AI-driven demand. We see resistances at 1350 and 1400 (psychological). Supports are at 1300 and 1250 (psychological). Longer term we watch trade data for a possible bottoming of the chip/general trade cycle, which could buoy the KRW. Growth has also been improving and we look to see if the export recovery can develop into a broader trend that is positive for the region. Risks for the KRW include issues with debt, although at this stage signs do not point to wider contagion that could weigh on the KRW. Data for week ahead includes Dec BoP Goods/Current Account Balance (7 Feb).
- **1M USDINR NDF - Steady.** 1M USDINR NDF last traded at 83.12, continuing to stay stable as RBI persists with their leaning against the wind. Interim budget reinforced expectations of fiscal prudence while being more inclusive for growth. Fiscal deficit target was tightened to 5.1% of GDP for FY2025. RBI decision is due later this week and we expect a stand pat amid positive growth/inflation dynamics for India. Of late, INR has seen a bit of a boost from global fund buying and an improvement to the trade deficit. We note however RBI's preference to lean against the wind and steady the INR.

As such, RBI should continue to build up FX reserves amid tailwinds for the INR. An interesting observation is that INR has been relatively stable in many recent episodes of big currency moves such as the post-NFP USD rout the DXY declined 1.1% while USDINR NDF was just barely 0.2% lower. Similarly, post Oct US CPI print, DXY weakened by about 1.5% while USDINR NDF was about 0.3% weaker. Lastly post Dec FOMC, DXY was about 0.93% weaker while USDINR NDF only fell about 0.14%. As such, we think that USDINR is a rather tricky pair to express a USD view, such as our recommendation to sell USD on rally. This is likely due in part to RBI's penchant to lean against the wind to reduce volatility in the INR. Our medium term INR view remains largely positive as we see growth and inflation dynamics remaining supportive for the INR although once again RBI leaning against the wind could cap gains. India has been an economic bright spark relative to the rest of the region, and we look to see if this can continue. Jan HSBC PMIs remained strong with services at 61.8 (prev: 61.2) and composite at 61.2 (prev: 61.0). Week ahead includes RBI Policy Decision (8 Feb).

- **1M USDIDR NDF - Steady, wary of upside risks.** Pair was last seen lower at 15759 as it traded at similar levels to yesterday. The pair has been fairly stable recently compared to other regional peers such as USDMYR, USDPHP and USDTHB. Even so, we stay wary of upside risks as markets become more cautious on the pace of Fed easing whilst also idiosyncratic political uncertainty can weigh in too building up to the elections on the 14 Feb. There is a risk of a run-off for the presidential election, which would keep the race extended for months. Back on the chart, resistance is at 16000 and 16245. Support is at 15600 (around 100-dma) and 15572 (50-dma). Economic data release out yesterday showed that 4Q GDP came out stronger than expected at 5.04% YoY (est. 5.00% YoY), which also means the 2023 reading is above estimation at 5.05% YoY (est. 5.03% YoY). Whilst, the data on the outset looks robust, the growth appeared to be mainly driven by government spending whilst private domestic demand decelerated. For now, BI still should not feel the pressure to need to cut from an economic perspective just yet. Other key data releases this week includes Jan foreign reserves (Wed).
- **USDTHB - Higher, upside risks.** USDTHB was last seen lower at around 35.75 as it moved up yesterday although it was slightly lower this morning. Upside risks remain amid the potential for a climb in the DXY in the coming month. The THB has also been affected by continued pressure from the government on the BOT to ease. PM Srettha again yesterday called for coordinated fiscal and monetary policy moves to support the economy. His call comes after Jan headline CPI data out yesterday showed deflation at -1.11% YoY (est. -0.90% YoY), which reflects more concerns about the economy and the data also in itself puts pressure on the central bank to ease. However, we believe the BOT would keep rates on hold in Feb. The pair has broken above the 100-dma at 35.61 and the next level of resistance is at 36.04 (fibonacci retracement of 61.8% from Oct 2023 high to Dec 2023 low) and 36.50. Support is at 35.00 and 34.10. Key data releases this week include Jan CPI (Mon), Jan consumer confidence (Thurs) and 2 Feb foreign reserves (Fri).
- **1M USDPHP NDF - Steady, to trade at higher range.** The pair was last seen at around 56.33, which is around levels seen for much of yesterday. We expect the pair to trade at a higher range of 55.50 - 57.00, compared to what we had previously seen it at at 55.00 - 56.50. This is due to markets turning more cautious on the pace of the Fed rate cut. Resistance at 56.50 with the next level after that at 57.00. Support is at 55.76 (around-50 dma) and 54.50. Jan CPI data

out this morning was below expectations at 2.8% YoY (est. 3.1% YoY). However, the reading is unlikely to shift the central bank to a more dovish tilt just yet given that they may want to see how price trends evolve in the coming months especially given the El-Nino upward pressure on food prices. Rice prices did though rise by 22.6% last month which reflects the concerns related to the latter. Other key data releases this week include Dec unemployment (Wed), Jan foreign reserves (Wed), Dec money supply (Thurs) and Dec bank lending (Thurs).

- **USDVND - Double top plays Out.** USDVND has pulled back from key resistance at around 24613 and was last seen around 24380. At home, PM Pham Minh Chinh urged ministries and provincial governments to accelerate public investment at the start of the month. Disbursed public investment is reported to have risen 1.8%/y. USDVND may find some support around 24330 before the next at 24155. Week ahead has domestic vehicle sales (Feb) due between 6-13 Feb.

Malaysia Fixed Income

Rates Indicators

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| MGS | Previous Bus. Day | Yesterday's Close | Change (bps) |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 3YR ML 7/26 | 3.37 | 3.41 | +4 |
| 5YR MI 4/28 | 3.49 | 3.57 | +8 |
| 7YR MS 4/31 | 3.72 | 3.77 | +5 |
| 10YR MT 11/33 | 3.78 | 3.81 | +3 |
| 15YR MX 6/38 | 3.94 | 4.00 | +6 |
| 20YR MY 10/42 | 4.01 | 4.07 | +6 |
| 30YR MZ 3/53 | 4.18 | 4.21 | +3 |
| IRS | | | |
| 6-months | 3.56 | 3.54 | -2 |
| 9-months | 3.53 | 3.53 | - |
| 1-year | 3.50 | 3.52 | +2 |
| 3-year | 3.44 | 3.46 | +2 |
| 5-year | 3.52 | 3.58 | +6 |
| 7-year | 3.65 | 3.70 | +5 |
| 10-year | 3.79 | 3.84 | +5 |

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*Indicative levels

- Local government bond weakened, in tandem with global bonds, with benchmark yields up 2-8bp across the curves. Selling pressure was mostly at the belly segment of the MGS curve. The 7y MGS auction posted a decent BTC of 2.16x, partly due to cheaper levels, and successful yields averaged 3.779%. The new 7y MGS benchmark traded slightly firmer post auction, though remains within auction range.
- With the surge in UST yields last Friday, MYR IRS levels climbed higher by 1-6bp in a steepening stance, though the upward pressure was eventually dampened by resumption of a decline in 3M KLIBOR by 1bp to 3.56% and the relatively mild reaction of local govies to the UST selloff.
- Corporate bonds market was muted. In GG space, PASB 2030 traded 6bp lower in yield with MYR20m exchanged. AAA credits traded mixed, with TNB 2033 spread 6bp tighter while that of BPMB 2025 widened 3bp. Few other credits saw marked changes in spreads, though probably exacerbated by the small, odd-sized lots.

Singapore Fixed Income

Rates Indicators

| SGS | Previous Bus. Day | Yesterday's Close | Change (bps) |
|------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 2YR | 3.01 | 3.10 | +9 |
| 5YR | 2.79 | 2.89 | +10 |
| 10YR | 2.87 | 2.98 | +11 |
| 15YR | 2.90 | 3.00 | +10 |
| 20YR | 2.89 | 2.98 | +9 |
| 30YR | 2.78 | 2.85 | +7 |

Source: MAS (Bid Yields)

- UST yields rose 10-15bp higher last Friday after the stronger-than-expected gain in January NFP and upward revisions in prior month data which signaled that a Fed rate cut in March is unlikely. In line with UST yield movement, SGS yields also rose and ended 7-11bp higher across the curve, led by the belly segment.

Indonesia Fixed Income

Rates Indicators

| IDR Gov't Bonds | Previous Bus. Day | Latest Day's Close | Change |
|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------|
| 2YR | 6.23 | 6.32 | 0.09 |
| 3YR | 6.37 | 6.38 | 0.01 |
| 5YR | 6.43 | 6.54 | 0.11 |
| 10YR | 6.52 | 6.61 | 0.08 |
| 15YR | 6.69 | 6.78 | 0.09 |
| 20YR | 6.80 | 6.86 | 0.06 |
| 30YR | 6.88 | 6.92 | 0.04 |

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- Most Indonesian government bonds weakened yesterday as the market players took “sell on rally” strategy for responding the latest result of U.S. labour data that indicated a strong expansion on the early year of 2024. A relative low of the U.S. unemployment rate with stronger growth of wages have dropped investors’ expectation for imminent Fed’s policy rate cut. On the other side, we saw Indonesian fundamental still posing a solid condition with stable economic growth by 5.04% YoY in 4Q23, driven by solid performances of domestic side sectors, such as the transportation sector, the business sector, and the construction sector. Indonesian economy also kept growing well by 5.05% in 2023 amidst lessening influences from the fluctuation of the key commodity prices. We believe a solid fundamental background on the domestic activities with conducive on social political condition will be a robust foundation for Indonesian economy to grow by 5.10% in 2024. According to those conditions, we thought investors to grab momentum for applying “buy on weakness” on Indonesian bonds. Today, the government is also scheduled to hold the Sukuk auction with Rp12 trillion of indicative target. There are seven series of Sukuk that will be offered by the government on this auction. We expect today’s Sukuk auction to keep “full of noise’ given that most participants for this auction are local players that seeking safe assets with attractive investment return.

MYR Bonds Trades Details

| MGS & GII | Coupon | Maturity Date | Volume (RM 'm) | Last Done | Day High | Day Low |
|--|--------|---------------|----------------|-----------|----------|---------|
| MGS 3/2019 3.478% 14.06.2024 | 3.478% | 14-Jun-24 | 5 | 3.172 | 3.172 | 3.172 |
| MGS 1/2014 4.181% 15.07.2024 | 4.181% | 15-Jul-24 | 67 | 3.105 | 3.186 | 3.105 |
| MGS 1/2018 3.882% 14.03.2025 | 3.882% | 14-Mar-25 | 31 | 3.301 | 3.301 | 3.265 |
| MGS 1/2015 3.955% 15.09.2025 | 3.955% | 15-Sep-25 | 9 | 3.281 | 3.281 | 3.224 |
| MGS 3/2011 4.392% 15.04.2026 | 4.392% | 15-Apr-26 | 38 | 3.385 | 3.455 | 3.31 |
| MGS 1/2019 3.906% 15.07.2026 | 3.906% | 15-Jul-26 | 13 | 3.409 | 3.409 | 3.354 |
| MGS 3/2016 3.900% 30.11.2026 | 3.900% | 30-Nov-26 | 1 | 3.38 | 3.38 | 3.379 |
| MGS 2/2012 3.892% 15.03.2027 | 3.892% | 15-Mar-27 | 7 | 3.47 | 3.47 | 3.47 |
| MGS 4/2017 3.899% 16.11.2027 | 3.899% | 16-Nov-27 | 113 | 3.513 | 3.518 | 3.483 |
| MGS 2/2023 3.519% 20.04.2028 | 3.519% | 20-Apr-28 | 40 | 3.572 | 3.572 | 3.557 |
| MGS 5/2013 3.733% 15.06.2028 | 3.733% | 15-Jun-28 | 87 | 3.597 | 3.682 | 3.552 |
| MGS 3/2022 4.504% 30.04.2029 | 4.504% | 30-Apr-29 | 31 | 3.614 | 3.614 | 3.583 |
| MGS 2/2019 3.885% 15.08.2029 | 3.885% | 15-Aug-29 | 17 | 3.627 | 3.627 | 3.587 |
| MGS 3/2010 4.498% 15.04.2030 | 4.498% | 15-Apr-30 | 59 | 3.722 | 3.743 | 3.695 |
| MGS 2/2020 2.632% 15.04.2031 | 2.632% | 15-Apr-31 | 976 | 3.777 | 3.79 | 3.697 |
| MGS 4/2011 4.232% 30.06.2031 | 4.232% | 30-Jun-31 | 11 | 3.763 | 3.763 | 3.724 |
| MGS 1/2022 3.582% 15.07.2032 | 3.582% | 15-Jul-32 | 81 | 3.823 | 3.877 | 3.823 |
| MGS 4/2013 3.844% 15.04.2033 | 3.844% | 15-Apr-33 | 6 | 3.854 | 3.857 | 3.82 |
| MGS 3/2018 4.642% 07.11.2033 | 4.642% | 7-Nov-33 | 203 | 3.818 | 3.83 | 3.776 |
| MGS 4/2019 3.828% 05.07.2034 | 3.828% | 5-Jul-34 | 36 | 3.837 | 3.837 | 3.813 |
| MGS 3/2017 4.762% 07.04.2037 | 4.762% | 7-Apr-37 | 26 | 3.975 | 3.986 | 3.975 |
| MGS 4/2018 4.893% 08.06.2038 | 4.893% | 8-Jun-38 | 86 | 3.984 | 4.001 | 3.98 |
| MGS 5/2019 3.757% 22.05.2040 | 3.757% | 22-May-40 | 64 | 4.044 | 4.07 | 4.043 |
| MGS 2/2022 4.696% 15.10.2042 | 4.696% | 15-Oct-42 | 33 | 4.073 | 4.073 | 4.021 |
| MGS 7/2013 4.935% 30.09.2043 | 4.935% | 30-Sep-43 | 6 | 4.078 | 4.078 | 4.078 |
| MGS 2/2016 4.736% 15.03.2046 | 4.736% | 15-Mar-46 | 14 | 4.158 | 4.158 | 4.105 |
| MGS 1/2020 4.065% 15.06.2050 | 4.065% | 15-Jun-50 | 4 | 4.159 | 4.253 | 4.069 |
| MGS 1/2023 4.457% 31.03.2053 | 4.457% | 31-Mar-53 | 103 | 4.202 | 4.223 | 4.202 |
| GII MURABAHAH 8/2013 22.05.2024 | 4.444% | 22-May-24 | 3 | 2.777 | 3.111 | 2.777 |
| GII MURABAHAH 4/2015 3.990% 15.10.2025 | 3.990% | 15-Oct-25 | 12 | 3.318 | 3.336 | 3.318 |
| GII MURABAHAH 3/2019 3.726% 31.03.2026 | 3.726% | 31-Mar-26 | 1 | 3.441 | 3.441 | 3.441 |
| GII MURABAHAH 3/2016 4.070% 30.09.2026 | 4.070% | 30-Sep-26 | 25 | 3.431 | 3.446 | 3.414 |
| GII MURABAHAH 1/2017 4.258% 26.07.2027 | 4.258% | 26-Jul-27 | 6 | 3.486 | 3.486 | 3.486 |
| GII MURABAHAH 1/2020 3.422% 30.09.2027 | 3.422% | 30-Sep-27 | 3 | 3.495 | 3.495 | 3.495 |
| GII MURABAHAH 1/2023 3.599% 31.07.2028 | 3.599% | 31-Jul-28 | 36 | 3.575 | 3.575 | 3.526 |
| GII MURABAHAH 2/2018 4.369% 31.10.2028 | 4.369% | 31-Oct-28 | 12 | 3.561 | 3.561 | 3.561 |
| GII MURABAHAH 9/2013 06.12.2028 | 4.943% | 6-Dec-28 | 10 | 3.604 | 3.604 | 3.604 |
| GII MURABAHAH 1/2019 4.130% 09.07.2029 | 4.130% | 9-Jul-29 | 82 | 3.628 | 3.628 | 3.584 |
| GII MURABAHAH 3/2015 4.245% 30.09.2030 | 4.245% | 30-Sep-30 | 40 | 3.747 | 3.747 | 3.747 |
| GII MURABAHAH 2/2020 3.465% 15.10.2030 | 3.465% | 15-Oct-30 | 42 | 3.768 | 3.768 | 3.768 |
| GII MURABAHAH 1/2022 4.193% 07.10.2032 | 4.193% | 7-Oct-32 | 51 | 3.85 | 3.85 | 3.797 |
| GII MURABAHAH 5/2013 4.582% 30.08.2033 | 4.582% | 30-Aug-33 | 180 | 3.851 | 3.851 | 3.845 |
| GII MURABAHAH 1/2021 3.447% 15.07.2036 | 3.447% | 15-Jul-36 | 40 | 3.928 | 3.976 | 3.928 |
| GII MURABAHAH 2/2023 4.291% 14.08.2043 | 4.291% | 14-Aug-43 | 115 | 4.129 | 4.144 | 3.978 |
| GII MURABAHAH 2/2022 5.357% 15.05.2052 | 5.357% | 15-May-52 | 49 | 4.311 | 4.322 | 4.172 |

Total **2,873**

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| PDS | Rating | Coupon | Maturity Date | Volume (RM 'm) | Last Done | Day High | Day Low |
|--|---------|--------|---------------|----------------|-----------|----------|---------|
| BPMB GG IMTN 4.38% 12.09.2024 - ISSUE NO 4 | GG | 4.380% | 12-Sep-24 | 10 | 3.361 | 3.378 | 3.361 |
| PRASARANA IMTN 4.47% 26.02.2026 - Series 8 | GG | 4.470% | 26-Feb-26 | 20 | 3.459 | 3.469 | 3.459 |
| LPPSA IMTN 4.580% 16.04.2027 - Tranche No 9 | GG | 4.580% | 16-Apr-27 | 20 | 3.54 | 3.547 | 3.54 |
| PASB IMTN 3.990% 29.11.2030 - Issue No. 41 | GG | 3.990% | 29-Nov-30 | 20 | 3.799 | 3.799 | 3.799 |
| FELDA IMTN 4.500% 24.03.2036 | GG | 4.500% | 24-Mar-36 | 30 | 3.999 | 4.007 | 3.999 |
| PRASARANA SUKUK MURABAHAH 5.23% 13.09.2047 - S6 | GG | 5.230% | 13-Sep-47 | 10 | 4.2 | 4.211 | 4.2 |
| DANAINFRA IMTN 4.290% 26.11.2049 - Tranche No 96 | GG | 4.290% | 26-Nov-49 | 20 | 4.239 | 4.251 | 4.239 |
| BPMB IMTN 3.810% 01.12.2025 | AAA IS | 3.810% | 1-Dec-25 | 15 | 3.75 | 3.75 | 3.75 |
| PASB IMTN 4.300% 03.06.2026 - Issue No. 40 | AAA | 4.300% | 3-Jun-26 | 1 | 3.735 | 3.744 | 3.735 |
| PASB IMTN 4.070% 07.02.2031 - Issue No. 47 | AAA | 4.070% | 7-Feb-31 | 10 | 4.07 | 4.07 | 4.07 |
| TENAGA IMTN 29.08.2033 | AAA | 4.780% | 29-Aug-33 | 10 | 3.939 | 3.95 | 3.939 |
| SMJ IMTN 26.10.2033 (SERIES 1 TRANCHE 3) | AAA | 4.540% | 26-Oct-33 | 70 | 4.029 | 4.04 | 4.029 |
| SCC IMTN 25.01.2027 | AA1 | 3.910% | 25-Jan-27 | 5 | 4.026 | 4.033 | 4.026 |
| MAYBANK SUBORDINATED SUKUK 4.030% 31.01.2034 | AA1 | 4.030% | 31-Jan-34 | 1 | 3.945 | 3.945 | 3.945 |
| IMTIAZ II IMTN 4.380% 12.05.2027 | AA2 (S) | 4.380% | 12-May-27 | 10 | 3.931 | 3.937 | 3.931 |
| ACFGB IMTN Tranche 1 Class B3 4.94% EM:29.05.2028 | AA2 | 4.940% | 27-Nov-30 | 45 | 5.43 | 5.452 | 5.43 |
| RHBBANK MTN 3653D 28.9.2032 | AA2 | 4.400% | 28-Sep-32 | 1 | 4.154 | 4.159 | 4.154 |
| TBE IMTN 5.900% 16.03.2029 (Tranche 16) | AA3 | 5.900% | 16-Mar-29 | 100 | 5.111 | 5.12 | 5.111 |
| AMBANK MTN 3653D 12.10.2032 | AA3 | 5.200% | 12-Oct-32 | 1 | 4.595 | 4.601 | 4.595 |
| EDRA ENERGY IMTN 6.430% 05.07.2034 - Tranche No 26 | AA3 | 6.430% | 5-Jul-34 | 10 | 4.209 | 4.221 | 4.209 |
| RSV IMTN 6.600% 28.11.2042 (Tranche 1 Series 18) | AA3 | 6.600% | 28-Nov-42 | 10 | 6.01 | 6.012 | 6.01 |
| HLBB Perpetual Green Capital Securities 4.45% (T3) | A1 | 4.450% | 30-Nov-17 | 1 | 3.948 | 4.871 | 3.948 |
| AFFINBANK RM500M PERPETUAL AT1CS (T2) | A3 | 5.700% | 23-Jun-18 | 1 | 5.181 | 5.438 | 5.181 |
| MUAMALAT AT1 SUKUK WAKALAH 6.35% 29.09.2122 | BBB IS | 6.350% | 29-Sep-22 | 1 | 5.048 | 5.048 | 4.966 |
| CRE IMTN 6.500% 04.09.2120 | NR(LT) | 6.500% | 4-Sep-20 | 2 | 6.482 | 6.498 | 6.482 |
| Total | | | | 422 | | | |

Sources: BPAM

Foreign Exchange: Daily Levels

| | EUR/USD | USD/JPY | AUD/USD | GBP/USD | USD/CNH | NZD/USD | EUR/JPY | AUD/JPY |
|----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|---------|
| R2 | 1.0816 | 149.23 | 0.6547 | 1.2686 | 7.2337 | 0.6102 | 160.6767 | 97.0050 |
| R1 | 1.0780 | 148.96 | 0.6515 | 1.2611 | 7.2269 | 0.6079 | 160.2033 | 96.7000 |
| Current | 1.0743 | 148.61 | 0.6481 | 1.2537 | 7.2188 | 0.6054 | 159.6600 | 96.3060 |
| S1 | 1.0715 | 148.34 | 0.6460 | 1.2490 | 7.2109 | 0.6035 | 159.3233 | 96.1520 |
| S2 | 1.0686 | 147.99 | 0.6437 | 1.2444 | 7.2017 | 0.6014 | 158.9167 | 95.9090 |

| | USD/SGD | USD/MYR | USD/IDR | USD/PHP | USD/THB | EUR/SGD | CNY/MYR | SGD/MYR |
|----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| R2 | 1.3524 | 4.7773 | 15743 | 56.4713 | 36.0880 | 1.4519 | 0.6620 | 3.5602 |
| R1 | 1.3497 | 4.7632 | 15724 | 56.3797 | 35.9430 | 1.4496 | 0.6609 | 3.5443 |
| Current | 1.3469 | 4.7655 | 15711 | 56.3000 | 35.8130 | 1.4470 | 0.6602 | 3.5384 |
| S1 | 1.3433 | 4.7362 | 15688 | 56.1167 | 35.5800 | 1.4453 | 0.6591 | 3.5112 |
| S2 | 1.3396 | 4.7233 | 15671 | 55.9453 | 35.3620 | 1.4433 | 0.6585 | 3.4940 |

*Values calculated based on pivots, a formula that projects support/resistance for the day.

Equity Indices and Key Commodities

| | Value | % Change |
|-------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Dow | 38,380.12 | -0.71 |
| Nasdaq | 15,597.68 | -0.20 |
| Nikkei 225 | 36,354.16 | 0.54 |
| FTSE | 7,612.86 | -0.04 |
| Australia ASX 200 | 7,625.86 | -0.96 |
| Singapore Straits Times | 3,134.29 | -1.43 |
| Kuala Lumpur Composite | 1,511.34 | -0.35 |
| Jakarta Composite | 7,198.62 | -0.55 |
| Philippines Composite | 6,728.22 | 0.31 |
| Taiwan TAIEX | 18,059.93 | 0.51 |
| Korea KOSPI | 2,591.31 | -0.92 |
| Shanghai Comp Index | 2,702.19 | -1.02 |
| Hong Kong Hang Seng | 15,510.01 | -0.15 |
| India Sensex | 71,731.42 | -0.49 |
| Nymex Crude Oil WTI | 72.78 | 0.69 |
| Comex Gold | 2,042.90 | -0.53 |
| Reuters CRB Index | 268.19 | 0.17 |
| MBB KL | 9.32 | -0.21 |

Policy Rates

| Rates | Current (%) | Upcoming CB Meeting | MBB Expectation |
|----------------------------|-------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| MAS SGD 3-Month SIBOR | 4.0563 | Jan-24 | Neutral |
| BNM O/N Policy Rate | 3.00 | 7/3/2024 | Neutral |
| BI 7-Day Reverse Repo Rate | 6.00 | 21/2/2024 | Neutral |
| BOT 1-Day Repo | 2.50 | 7/2/2024 | Neutral |
| BSP O/N Reverse Repo | 6.50 | 15/2/2024 | Neutral |
| CBC Discount Rate | 1.88 | 21/3/2024 | Neutral |
| HKMA Base Rate | 5.75 | - | Neutral |
| PBOC 1Y Loan Prime Rate | 3.45 | - | Easing |
| RBI Repo Rate | 6.50 | 8/2/2024 | Neutral |
| BOK Base Rate | 3.50 | 22/2/2024 | Neutral |
| Fed Funds Target Rate | 5.50 | 21/3/2024 | Neutral |
| ECB Deposit Facility Rate | 4.00 | 7/3/2024 | Neutral |
| BOE Official Bank Rate | 5.25 | 21/3/2024 | Neutral |
| RBA Cash Rate Target | 4.35 | 6/2/2024 | Neutral |
| RBNZ Official Cash Rate | 5.50 | 28/2/2024 | Neutral |
| BOJ Rate | -0.10 | 19/3/2024 | Tightening |
| BoC O/N Rate | 5.00 | 6/3/2024 | Neutral |

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