Global Markets Daily

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Last Friday, USTs sold off (10Y: +2bps) and had the worst week YTD amid a narrative that the Fed could hold off rate cuts amid a bumpy path ahead for both USTs and the USD. The USD also ended broadly higher and looks to trade better bid at the start of the week in Asia today. Equities sold off (SP500: -0.65%) in a high volume triple witching session, while oil (WTI: -0.27%) and gold (-0.29%) retreated. We continue to see the USD gradually lower, and we think there is some evidence from the latest rebound in yields that this could happen. While yields have risen by almost as much as they had fallen, the USD, using the DXY as a proxy, has recovered by only slightly more than half of its losses for the month. The natural conclusion then is that while the path to a weaker USD could be bumpy alongside adjustments to rate cut expectations and US economic exceptionalism; we are still on the path to a gradually weaker USD. This has been implied by the price action been in line with our forecasts thus far.

Slew of China Data Due Today

China data today was somewhat positive amid expectations for the data to be mixed. Industrial Production YTD YoY came in at 7.0% (exp: 5.2%), while Fixed Assets Ex Rural YTD YoY was at 4.2% (exp: 3.2%). Retail Sales YTD YoY was almost in line at 5.5% (exp: 5.6%). Property investment continued to drag at -9.0% YoY YTD (exp: -8.0%). Data was broadly in line and the 5% target in 2024 looks harder to achieve than the same target in 2023, given favourable base effects from the pandemic in 2022. USDCNH edged a tad lower after the data, showing some positivity even as data was broadly in line with consensus. Separately, consensus is for 1Y/5Y LPRs to be unchanged in line with PBOC MLF guidance.

Data/Events We Watch

1.3374

We watch CH Feb Industrial Production YTD, FDI YTD (14 to 18 Mar), Feb Retail Sales, Feb Property Investment, Feb Surveyed Jobless Rate, Jan EC Trade Balance and Mar US FRBNY Services Business Activity.

FX: Overnight Closing Levels/ % Change									
Majors	Prev	% Chg	Asian FX	Prev	% Chg				
	Close			Close	<u>^</u>				
EUR/USD	1.0889	n 0.06	USD/SGD	1.3376	n 0.12				
GBP/USD	1.2736	-0.13	EUR/SGD	1.4564	n 0.17				
AUD/USD	0.656	-0.32	JPY/SGD	0.8973	-0.39				
NZD/USD	0.6085	🞍 -0.75	GBP/SGD	1.7033	-0.03				
USD/JPY	149.04	^ 0.48	AUD/SGD	0.8775	-0.19				
EUR/JPY	162.31	^ 0.55	NZD/SGD	0.8139	-0.63				
USD/CHF	0.8838	n 0.01	CHF/SGD	1.5138	n 0.13				
USD/CAD	1.3542	^ 0.07	CAD/SGD	0.9876	^ 0.04				
USD/MYR	4.7072	n 0.45	SGD/MYR	3.5199	n 0.06				
USD/THB	35.775	n 0.43	SGD/IDR	11662.55	-0.28				
USD/IDR	15595	n 0.08	SGD/PHP	41.5059	👆 -0.17				
USD/PHP	55.528	^ 0.22	SGD/CNY	5.3791	-0.10				
	Implied USD/SGD Estimates at, 9.00am								
Upper Band Lin	nit	Mid-Point	Lower B	and Limit					

1.3920

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G10: Events & Market Closure

Date	Ctry	Event
19 Mar	JP	Policy Decision
19 Mar	NZ	Policy Decision
20 Mar	JP	Market Closure
21 Mar	US	Policy Decision
21 Mar	UK	Policy Decision
21 Mar	SW	Policy Decision

AXJ: Events & Market Closure

Date Ctry		Event
20 Mar	ID	Policy Decision
20 Mar	СН	1Y/5Y LPR

1.3647

G10 Currencies

- DXY Index Sell on Rally. DXY opens the Asian session higher at 103.465 levels. US data was mixed with Mar Empire Manufacturing falling precipitously to -20.9 (exp: -7.0; prev: -2.4). At the same time, Feb Industrial Production surprised to the upside at +0.1% MoM (exp: 0.0%; prev: -0.5%). We maintain that USD should gradually weaken and think there is some evidence from the latest rebound in yields that this could happen. While yields have risen by almost as much as they had fallen, the USD, using the DXY as a proxy, has recovered by only slightly more than half of its losses for the month. The natural conclusion then is that while the path to a weaker USD could be bumpy alongside adjustments to rate cut expectations and US economic exceptionalism; we are still on the path to a gradually weaker USD. This has been implied by the price action been in line with our forecasts thus far. We are near key resistance at 103.50 (50dma) and thereafter 103.80. These remain possible levels to sell USD on rally. Fed fund futures now imply around 3 cuts for this year and there are speculations on whether the dot plot due for release at the next FOMC meeting could show two cuts instead of three (in Dec). We do not think that there is likely to be a shift unless there are signs of a re-acceleration in inflation. Recent upside surprises only validate Powell's guidance that a cut in Mar is not likely. US data for the week ahead includes Mar FRBNY Services Business Activity, MAR NAHB Housing Index (Mon), Feb Building Permits, Feb Housing Starts (Tue), Jan TIC Flows (Wed), FOMC Decision, 4Q Current Account, Mar Philly Fed Business Outlook, Mar P S&P Mfg/Svcs/Composite PMI, Feb Leading Index and Feb Existing Home Sales (Thu).
 - EURUSD Resilient. EURUSD remains resilient compared to other pairs and was last seen barely changed at 1.0886 levels this morning. We see two-way risks within a 1.0820 to 1.1000 range in the near-term. The ECB held steady on their policy rates as widely expected and trimmed their growth and inflation forecasts. ECB officials have alluded to cuts being considered soon, with Lagarde specifically mentioning Jun. However, they have also cautioned of the risks of cutting rates before the Fed. Recall that EURUSD rallied even as the ECB tilted a bit more dovish and our view remains that the EUR may not suffer as much as the ECB cuts rates as long as (i) the Fed cuts rates before or alongside the ECB, or (ii) Eurozone growth prospects pick up. We see two-way risks for this pair amid recalibration of central bank rate cut expectations. 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 1.0890 and 1.0950, while support is at 1.0820 and 1.0750. ECB's latest assessment of the Eurozone economic situation is in line with our view of a global soft-landing, which should guide a gradual weakening of the USD. If EZ growth does improve, ECB rate cuts may have a limited negative impact on the EUR. Week ahead we have Feb EC CPI, Jan Trade Balance (Mon), Mar ZEW, 4Q Labour Costs, Jan Construction Output (Wed) and Jan ECB Current Account (Thu).
- **GBPUSD** Lower in line with broader USD move. GBPUSD was lower at 1.2727 levels this morning amid broad USD strength. Rishi Sunak ruled out a May election and this suggests elections could happen at

the end of 2024, with Jan-25 the deadline. Sunak's Conservative Party currently trails the Labour Party by 20 percentage points in preliminary polls. We believe GBP outperformance YTD can continue to fade. BOE Governor Bailey said that the UK was still "near or at full employment" after unemployment rose and wage growth slowed. Inflation in the UK has been fuelled by firm wage growth and preliminary indications of some easing of wage pressures and softening of the job market should provide some relief for BOE policymakers. Bailey alluded to being less concerned about a wage-price spiral. BOE is likely to stand pat on their policy rate at the upcoming 21 Mar meeting. YTD, the GBP is the best performer in the G10 space and a possible retracement could be on the cards amid headwinds such as political uncertainty, fiscal concerns and adjustments to central bank rate cut expectations. Fiscal space could be reduced as BOE QE losses add up, which could leave UK taxpayers with a hefty bill with BOE's losses indemnified by a government guarantee. Since Oct 2022, about £38b has been transferred to the BOE. Political risks have emerged in the UK and could weigh on the GBP in the lead up to the elections. Medium term, the UK economy remains under pressure amid Brexit-related structural issues, which should weigh on the GBP. Moreover, the abolishment of non-domiciled tax status has the risk of encouraging capital flight from the UK. Ergo, while we think the USD should broadly weaken, the trajectory for GBP appreciation could be more gradual than other currencies. Supports are at 1.2700 and 1.2650. Resistance is at 1.2750 and 1.2800. Feb BOE/IPSOS Inflation for 12 months ahead came in lower at 3.0% (prev: 3.3%). Mar Rightmove House Prices were +1.5% MoM (prev: 0.9%) and +0.8% YoY (prev: 0.1%). Data for week ahead includes Feb PPI/CPI/RPI inflation, Jan House Price Index (Wed), Feb Public Finances, PNSB, Mar P Mfg/Svcs/Composite PMIs, BOE Policy Decision (Thu), Mar GfK Consumer Confidence, Feb Retail Sales and Mar CBI Trends (Fri).

USDJPY - Higher, awaiting BOJ decision, upside limited. Pair was last seen at around 149.09 as it moved up with the climb in UST yields. News reports in recent days together with market expectations are now making it likely that the BOJ would exit NIRP come Tuesday this week and we would not be surprised at this point if they decide to do so. However, we do not believe that the BOJ would hint at any further increase in rates beyond an NIRP exit at this particular meeting. Consequently, the USDJPY would be subjected to the whimsical of UST yields. The pair could stay elevated as UST yields stay high amid the firmness in US data and uncertainty in the timing of a Fed cut. Regardless, upside is limited given intervention risks above 150.00 and therefore, it may not move too much higher from that mark. BOJ aside, there is also the releases of Feb CPI is due out on Fri and the numbers can either serve to reinforce or go against whatever the BOJ says, which could risk leading to some movement in the USDJPY. Back on the chart, USDJPY could continue to trade around current levels building up to the BOJ meeting with the possibility that it may remain around the 146.00 - 150.00 post the meeting. Support is at 146.00 (near to the 200 - dma) and 145.00. Resistance is at 150.00 and 152.00. Key data releases this week include Jan F IP (Tues), Jan capacity utilization (Tues), BOJ policy decision (Tues), Feb trade data (Thurs), Mar P Jibun Bank PMI data (Thurs) and Feb CPI (Fri).

AUDUSD - Softening. AUDUSD was last seen lower at 0.6558, building up to the RBA meeting tomorrow. We still expect the central bank to retain a hawkish tilt but we do not rule out if they may choose to soften their stance especially if they remove the sentence - "a further increase in interest rates cannot be ruled out". This can risk guiding the AUDUSD lower if that is done. Over the weekend, China's top officials did pledge "appropriate" fiscal spending and more support to the EV industry but that did not look to have done much to support the AUD especially as there is still little signs from China's data on any substantial pick-up. Back on the AUDUSD chart, support is seen around 0.6540-0.6560 range. A failure to clear this area could see this pair continue on its gradual ascend towards the 0.67-figure next. Key data releases this week include RBA policy decision (Tues), Mar P Judo Bank PMIs (Thurs) and Feb jobs data (Thurs).

NZDUSD - Underperforms but remains supported. NZDUSD was seen lower around 0.6081 levels. The NZD was dragged lower after FinMin Willis warned that the official growth forecast for the economy could be a weak one. Any downside surprises to data could validate his warnings and give NZD bears more room to extend. Support at 0.6080 before 0.6040. Resistance at 0.6210/30. Data for week ahead includes Feb Non Resident Bond Holdings (Mon), 1Q Westpac Confidence, 4Q Current Account Balance, 4Q Current Account to GDP Ratio (Wed), 4Q GDP (Thu) and Feb Exports/Imports/Trade Balance (Fri).

USDCAD - *Edges higher*. USDCAD edges higher to 1.3548 levels at last sight, in line with broader USD strength and weaker risk appetite. With this rebound, the rising trend channel is extended. We think pair will remain supported on dips. We continue to look for BoC to be one of the earliest to embark on an easing cycle. Back on the USDCAD daily chart, we see potential for USDCAD to form a rising trend channel. Support is seen at 1.3480. A break below the 1.3480-support would nullify the trend channel formation and bring focus towards the downside. Rebounds meet resistance at 1.3590. At home, there are increasing warnings on Canada's fiscal health with multiple projections of rising fiscal deficits, greater bond issuance. Data for week ahead includes Feb Industrial Product Price, Raw Materials Price Index, Existing Home Sales (Mon), Feb CPI Inflation (Tue), BOC Summary of Deliberations (Thu) and Jan Retail Sales (Fri).

USDCHF - Resilient, flat. USDCHF is barely changed at 0.8836 levels this morning and this pair remains resilient to broad USD strength. We think price action could remain around the 0.88 pivot, with twosided interventions possible. Supports for the pair are seen at 0.8750 (100dma) and 0.8700 figure. Resistances are at 0.8800 figure, 0.8825 (200dma) and 0.8890. SNB declared in Dec that interventions would now no longer just be one-sided i.e. SNB could look to build reserves after a period of supporting CHF strength. This is in line with inflation coming off and not having to be as vigilant against imported inflation as a result. Swiss reserves have seen an uptick since this announcement, although an argument could also be made that SNB may not look to actively weaken the CHF and the uptick could be due to other factors such as valuation effects. We think that mediumterm the CHF is likely to trade in line with other currencies and gradually appreciate against the USD although we remain cautious SNB could moderate pace of appreciation. Some are suggesting that SNB should not play the waiting game with other central banks and cut on their own next week given that the risk to inflation in Switzerland is no longer to the upside. SNB could be more cautious given the potential impact on the CHF and we think that a stand pat is more likely. Data due this week includes 15 Mar Sight Deposits (Mon), Feb Exports/Imports, SECO Mar Economic Forecasts (Tue), SNB Decision and Money Supply (Thu).

Asia ex Japan Currencies

SGDNEER trades around +1.92% from the implied mid-point of 1.3647 with the top estimated at 1.3374 and the floor at 1.3920.

- USDSGD Higher in line with broad USD move. USDSGD trades higher at 1.3383 levels this morning, in line with USD opening the week a tad more bid. We think relatively positive SG data in terms of growth and exports are likely to underpin SGD strength on both a bilateral and trade-weighted basis. 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 could be possible. If inflation prints or surprises consistently to the upside we would not rule out further tightening or at the very least MAS holding policy restrictive for longer than expected. MAS' Chief Economist Edward Robinson also said in a recent speech that his assessment is that the cyclical neutral path of the S\$NEER (what would in interest rate regimes be denoted as R*) would be some positive rate of appreciation. In the same speech, Robinson also suggests that an exchange rate regime is also different from an interest rate regime in that attainment of the inflation target in the latter is likely to induce a reduction in interest rates. For an exchange rate regime like Singapore's the cyclical neutral path being at some positive rate of appreciation would allow exchange rate to follow a trend-stationary path in line with changing relative resources costs and relative productivity differentials as it converges to a natural steady state level. In other words, MAS may not be able to ease as easily as an interest rate regime would be even if inflation targets have been met. SGDNEER is at 1.92% this morning on our model, to which we have made some slight adjustments over the weekend to keep it within a 2% band. Intervention risks are heightened if SGDNEER remains at elevated levels. 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 SGDNEER. We think that the observations for 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 (Apr 2024). Resistances are at 1.3400 and 1.3450. Supports are 1.3350 and 1.3300. Our economists maintain the GDP forecast at 2.2% in 2024 and 2.1% in 2025 and expect the longer-term schemes in the budget to improve productivity and raise social inclusivity, boosting longterm growth. SG Feb Foreign Reserves were broadly unchanged at US\$357.35b (prev: US\$357.79b). Also watching changes to MAS swap book or transfers to government (RMGS issuances, falls in government deposits) for a guess at intervention amounts. Increases to the size of the swap book or transfers to the government would lead to a drawdown in foreign reserves. Feb Electronics Exports rose 5.2% (prev: 0.6%), Feb NODX came in at -0.1% YoY (exp: 4.7%; prev: 16.7%) and -4.8% SA MoM (exp: -0.5%; prev: 2.2%). Export weakness could be due to the Lunar New Year Holidays in Feb. This was the reversal of favourable base effects to the Jan NODX that our economist had alluded to previously. SG data this week includes COE bidding (Wed).
- **SGDMYR** *Higher*. Cross is higher at around 3.5260 levels this morning as the SGD remains more resilient against USD strength. Inflation differentials are likely to continue to support the SGD although the latest SG inflation print surprised to the downside. Resistance at 3.55 and 3.57 levels. Support is at 3.52 and 3.50.

- **USDMYR** *Higher*. Pair was last seen at 4.7180 as it moved up in line with the higher DXY and UST yields. Pair continues to be affected by external events especially related to developments in the US and China. Back on the chart, we watch if the pair can decisively break above the resistance at 4.7000 with the next level after that at 4.7500. Support is at 4.6747 (200-dma) and 4.6500. Momentum indicators meanwhile are looking stretched on the downside and therefore a rebound in the pair is not surprising. Key data releases this week include Feb trade data (Mon) and 15 Mar foreign reserves (Fri).
- **USDCNH** *Steady.* USDCNH was last seen at around 7.2030 a tad lower after somewhat positive data but still around recent levels. Data was in some sense positive with fixed assets and IP well above estimates and pointing to elements of recovery in business confidence. Retails sales were also almost in line with expectations. Property investments were weaker than expected, highlighting that the property sector remains a persistent concern. The surveyed jobless rate was also slightly higher than expectations. USDCNH is likely to remain quite steady near term around the 7.18 7.23 levels as markets continue to assess the performance of China's economy and the timing of a Fed easing in addition to US China tensions. Resistance is at 7.2320. Other key data releases this week include Feb FDI (18 22 Mar), 5Y and 1Y LPR (Wed) and Feb Swift global payments (Thurs).
- 1M USDKRW NDF Higher. 1M USDKRW NDF is higher at 1330.30 levels amid broad USD strength. Growth, inflation and a healthy labour market are likely to support the BOK holding rates at current levels. The BOK hold even after a sharper than expected slowdown in Jan inflation shows that they are not in a hurry to cut rates. 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 see resistances at 1340 and 1360. Supports are at 1325 and 1300. Longer term we watch trade data for a possible bottoming of the chip/general trade cycle and AI exuberance, which could buoy the KRW. Risks for the KRW include issues with debt mainly related to the property sector, although at this stage signs do not point to wider contagion that could weigh on the KRW in line with BOK assessment. Upside risks also exist if KGBs are included in the FTSE Russell WGBI, although it seems like Sep-2024 is the earliest possible inclusion date. Jan Money Supply for M2 was at 0.8% SA MoM (exp: 0.2%; prev: 0.6%) and Money Supply L is at 0.0% SA MoM (exp: 0.5%; prev: 0.4%). Data for the week ahead includes 20 days Exports/Imports (Thu) and Feb PPI (Fri).
- 1M USDINR NDF Steady. 1M USDINR NDF remained relatively steady at 83.03, reflecting RBI's preference of leaning against the wind. Jan Industrial Production rose 3.8% YoY (exp: 4.1%; prev: 4.2%). Feb CPI inflation stood at 5.09% YoY (exp: 5.04%; prev: 5.10%). RBI earlier stood pat and maintained its hawkish stance, voting 5-1 in favour of accommodation withdrawal. It seems likely that the RBI will only ease after the Fed. For now, they look likely to remain on hawkish hold. 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. 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. Feb Imports/Exports/Trade Balance came in at 12.2% YoY/11.9% YoY/-US\$18710m (exp: NA/NA/-US\$18650m; prev: 3.0%/3.1%/-US\$17491m). Week ahead we have Mar P HSBC Mfg/Svcs/Composite (Thu).

- 1M USDIDR NDF Steady, likely to stay ranged. Pair was last seen at 15657 as it continued to trade at levels seen on Fri. We expect the pair to remain ranged traded at around 15500 - 15800 near term as market continues to assess US developments. Upside beyond the range is limited even despite the firmness in US data as the Fed is done with hikes. The timing Fed cuts would still be the major uncertainty and the possibility of there being fewer than three cuts of 25bps (as implied by dot plots) cannot be ruled out. Feb trade balance out on Friday was lower than expected at \$867m (est. \$2287m, Jan. \$2000m), which raises concerns about the currency's fundamentals if it keeps narrowing. Back on the chart, support at 15500 and 15400 (around the Dec low). Resistance is at 15800 and 16000. There is a BI policy decision result due Wed but we expect to stay on hold and they unlikely to express any changes in their tone with IDR stability still a major goal of theirs. The central bank is unlikely to make any move until a US rate cut becomes clearer. There are no key data releases this week.
- USDTHB Higher, wary of upside. USDTHB was last seen around 35.94 as it climbed in line with the rise in UST yields and the greenback. Gold prices had also declined. Idiosyncratic developments include that Thailand has agreed to set up a joint working group to negotiate investment by US companies in the semiconductor industry. A government spokesman Chai Wacharonke also mentioned that the US private sector views Thailand as one of the best alternative locations to diversify supply chain risks. Resistance is at 36.00 (around Feb high) and 36.70 (23.6% Fibonacci retracement of the Dec-Feb rally). Support is at 35.40 (around 200-dma) with the next after that at 34.90 (fibo retracement of 61.8% from Dec low to Feb high). Key data releases this week include Feb car sales (18 - 24 Mar), 15 Mar gross international reserves and forward contracts (Fri).
- **1M USDPHP NDF** *Higher, likely ranged*. The pair was last seen at around 55.63 as it rose up in line with the higher UST yields and DXY. Pair is likely to keep range trade around 55.00 -56.00 as market continues to assess the strength of US data and the pace of Fed rate cuts. However, it could move up to the higher end of that range near term amid some greenback rebound. Resistance is at 56.00 (around the convergence of the 50 and 200-dma) and 56.50. Support is at 55.00 and 54.50. Jan OFWR was just slightly below estimates at 2.7% YoY (est. 2.8% YoY, Dec. 3.8% YoY) and hence, it should not impact the currency expectations given it was not too much of a surprise. Key data releases this week include Feb BoP overall (Tues).

Malaysia Fixed Income

Rates Indicators

MGS	Previous Bus. Day	Yesterday's Close	Change (bps)
3YR ML 5/27	3.45	3.47	+2
5YR MI 4/28	3.57	3.59	+2
7YR MS 4/31	3.75	3.76	+1
10YR MT 11/33	3.85	3.87	+2
15YR MX 6/38	3.97	3.98	+1
20YR MY 10/42	4.07	4.06	-1
30YR MZ 3/53	4.17	4.17	Unchanged
IRS			
6-months	3.58	3.59	+1
9-months	3.58	3.58	-
1-year	3.59	3.60	+1
3-year	3.54	3.55	+1
5-year	3.62	3.63	+1
7-year	3.75	3.74	-1
10-year	3.88	3.89	+1

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- MYR government bonds traded defensively as bids shied away while flows were lacking amid some light selling at the belly of the curve. That said, MYR govvies held up well relative to the move in global govvies as dip buyers kept the onshore curve supported, especially at the long end. Benchmark yields ended the day 1-2bp higher from previous close.
- MYR IRS opened 2-3bp higher on the back of the climb in UST yields overnight. 5y IRS got dealt at 3.65%. But the rates uptick met strong receiving interests at the belly to long end segments. The curve closed marginally flatter as 1y-5y rates rose 1-2bp higher while longer tenors were little changed. 3M KLIBOR remained at 3.57%.
- Another active session to end the week for onshore corporate bonds. GGs traded mixed with Danainfra 11/25 spread widening 1bp while PTPTN 7/41 tightened 1bp. AAAs accounted for the bulk of traded volume and saw Cagamas 5/24 trading 5bp higher with MYR100m exchanged and Sarawak Energy 7/30 MYR120m exchanged at MTM level. AA1-rated YTL Corp 4/31 spread widened 4bp. On AA3/AA- credits, Edra Energy 7/24 spread widened 1bp while Ambank 11/33 spread tightened 2bp.

Singapore Fixed Income

Rates Indicators

SGS	Previous Bus. Day	Yesterday's Close	Change (bps)
2YR	3.30	3.34	+4
5YR	3.01	3.05	+4
10YR	3.05	3.10	+5
15YR	3.04	3.07	+3
20YR	3.03	3.06	+3
30YR	3.00	3.01	+1

Source: MAS (Bid Yields)

UST yields continued to climb upwards overnight and market pared bets for Fed rate cut after another higher than expected inflation print, though an underwhelming Fed US retail sales data points to cracks in the US economy. In tandem with the UST movement, SGS yields shifted higher across by 1-5bp in a bear-flattening move. SGD SORA OIS rates also climbed higher by 2-5bp.

Indonesia Fixed Income

Rates Indicators

	Change	Latest Day's Close	Previous Bus. Day	IDR Gov't Bonds
	(0.02)	6.45	6.47	1YR
Α	0.02	6.39	6.37	2YR
м	0.01	6.54	6.53	5YR
(6	0.01	6.65	6.64	10YR
M	0.01	6.84	6.83	15YR
	0.02	6.91	6.89	20YR
	0.02	6.96	6.94	30YR

* Source: Bloomberg, Maybank Indonesia

- Most Indonesian government bonds kept being undepressures on the last Friday (15 Mar-24). The market players were still on the "selling mode" after witnessing recent realities of solid labour expansion with strong wage growth and sticky inflation level on the United States. Those conditions are considered by investors to be main factors for the Fed to keep reluctant to cut its policy rate by immediately. We still saw persisting pressures on Indonesian financial markets from the market players, as shown by higher positions of VIX Index, the yields of U.S. government bonds, and the Dollar DXY Index. Recent rally on the global oil prices also gave additional pressures for the net oil importer countries, such as Indonesia. A drastic increase of oil prices will give additional pressures for the fiscal position (in the form of higher spending of energy subsidy) and inflation level. Currently, the Brent oil prices have broken above US\$85/barrel.
- On the domestic fundamental economic side, we didn't see a significant concern on Indonesian economy. The latest shrinking surplus on Indonesian trade balance is reflected an imbalance condition between weakening demand on Indonesian main exports destination countries, especially China with recent solid domestic demand for consumption of foods, oil and fulfilling raw material goods and capital goods for industrial progress.
- For this week, we expect a persistent selling pressures on Indonesian bond market amidst high uncertainty on the Fed's policy rate cut decision on next early Thursday. We believe Indonesian bonds to continue weakening if the Fed stays maintaining its policy rate, but giving lower projection on its policy rate cut for this year and further years. This week, Bank Indonesia will also make policy rate decision that we expect to keep unchanged at 6.00% this month. According to those conditions, the yield of Indonesian 10Y government bond to is possibly to break above 6.70% until the next week. Conversely, we expect Indonesian bonds to strengthen if the Fed stavs maintaining its policy rate, but with same level (higher) of projections of policy rate cut for this year and further years. According to those conditions, the yield of Indonesian 10Y government bond to is possibly to break above 6.55% until the next week.

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YR Bonds Trades Details MGS & GII	Coupon	Maturity Date	Volume (RM 'm)	Last Done	Day High	Day Lov
MGS 3/2019 3.478% 14.06.2024	3.478%	14-Jun-24	475	3.279	3.3	3.237
MGS 1/2014 4.181% 15.07.2024	4.181%	15-Jul-24	2	3.056	3.056	3.056
MGS 1/2018 3.882% 14.03.2025	3.882%	14-Mar-25	65	3.291	3.324	3.26
MGS 1/2015 3.955% 15.09.2025	3.955%	15-Sep-25	8	3.343	3.365	3.299
MGS 3/2011 4.392% 15.04.2026	4.392%	15-Apr-26	51	3.359	3.394	3.359
MGS 1/2019 3.906% 15.07.2026	3.906%	15-Jul-26	416	3.399	3.422	3.397
MGS 3/2016 3.900% 30.11.2026	3.900%	30-Nov-26	52	3.402	3.44	3.402
MGS 2/2012 3.892% 15.03.2027	3.892%	15-Mar-27	1	3.479	3.479	3.479
MGS 3/2007 3.502% 31.05.2027	3.502%	31-May-27	39	3.458	3.501	3.458
AGS 4/2017 3.899% 16.11.2027	3.899%	16-Nov-27	11	3.521	3.521	3.487
AGS 2/2023 3.519% 20.04.2028	3.519%	20-Apr-28	15	3.576	3.598	3.576
AGS 5/2013 3.733% 15.06.2028	3.733%	15-Jun-28	5	3.59	3.596	3.589
NGS 3/2022 4.504% 30.04.2029	4.504%	30-Apr-29	1	3.64	3.64	3.628
NGS 2/2019 3.885% 15.08.2029	3.885%	15-Aug-29	21	3.648	3.648	3.628
NGS 3/2010 4.498% 15.04.2030	4.498%	15-Apr-30	92	3.755	3.76	3.742
AGS 2/2020 2.632% 15.04.2031	2.632%	15-Apr-31	74	3.775	3.775	3.76
AGS 4/2011 4.232% 30.06.2031	4.232%	30-Jun-31	11	3.793	3.793	3.772
AGS 1/2022 3.582% 15.07.2032	3.582%	15-Jul-32	51	3.853	3.868	3.845
AGS 3/2018 4.642% 07.11.2033	4.642%	7-Nov-33	403	3.868	3.885	3.853
AGS 4/2019 3.828% 05.07.2034	3.828%	5-Jul-34	2	3.872	3.91	3.872
NGS 4/2015 4.254% 31.05.2035	4.254%	31-May-35	2	3.916	3.94	3.916
NGS 3/2017 4.762% 07.04.2037	4.762%	7-Apr-37	2	3.972	4.003	3.972
NGS 4/2018 4.893% 08.06.2038	4.893%	8-Jun-38	2	4.005	4.005	3.994
AGS 5/2019 3.757% 22.05.2040	3.757%	22-May-40	14	4.015	4.247	4.013
AGS 2/2022 4.696% 15.10.2042	4.696%	15-Oct-42	122	4.066	4.1	4.063
NGS 7/2013 4.935% 30.09.2043	4.935%	30-Sep-43	5	4.108	4.108	4.106
AGS 5/2018 4.921% 06.07.2048	4.921%	6-Jul-48	1	4.164	4.164	4.164
MGS 1/2020 4.065% 15.06.2050	4.065%	15-Jun-50	48	4.173	4.226	4.043
AGS 1/2023 4.457% 31.03.2053	4.457%	31-Mar-53	38	4.217	4.217	4.065
GII MURABAHAH 8/2013 22.05.2024 GII MURABAHAH 2/2017 4.045%	4.444%	22-May-24	170	3.253	3.253	3.253
15.08.2024	4.045%	15-Aug-24	40	3.278	3.303	3.278
GII MURABAHAH 4/2019 3.655% 5.10.2024 GII MURABAHAH 1/2018 4.128%	3.655%	15-Oct-24	12	3.262	3.651	3.262
15.08.2025	4.128%	15-Aug-25	1	3.367	3.367	3.367
GII MURABAHAH 4/2015 3.990% 5.10.2025 GII MURABAHAH 3/2019 3.726%	3.990%	15-Oct-25	101	3.313	3.397	3.313
31.03.2026 GII MURABAHAH 3/2016 4.070%	3.726%	31-Mar-26	5	3.431	3.5	3.431
30.09.2026 GII MURABAHAH 1/2017 4.258%	4.070%	30-Sep-26	51	3.446	3.476	3.446
26.07.2027 GII MURABAHAH 1/2020 3.422%	4.258%	26-Jul-27	1	3.493	3.493	3.493
0.09.2027 ill MURABAHAH 1/2023 3.599%	3.422%	30-Sep-27	2	3.507	3.513	3.507
1.07.2028 5II MURABAHAH 2/2018 4.369%	3.599%	31-Jul-28	283	3.606	3.641	3.606
11.10.2028 GII MURABAHAH 1/2019 4.130%	4.369%	31-Oct-28	6	3.598	3.633	3.592
19.07.2029 GII MURABAHAH 3/2015 4.245% 10.09.2030	4.130% 4.245%	9-Jul-29 30-Sep-30	132 171	3.649 3.766	3.68 3.778	3.644 3.761
GII MURABAHAH 2/2020 3.465%						
15.10.2030 GII MURABAHAH 1/2022 4.193% 07.10.2032	3.465% 4.193%	15-Oct-30 7-Oct-32	10 31	3.781 3.837	3.811 3.854	3.77 3.837
GII MURABAHAH 6/2017 4.724% 15.06.2033	4.724%	15-Jun-33	50	3.863	3.867	3.863

GII MURABAHAH 5/2013 4.582%						
30.08.2033	4.582%	30-Aug-33	60	3.862	3.869	3.862
GII MURABAHAH 6/2019 4.119%						
30.11.2034	4.119%	30-Nov-34	42	3.877	3.888	3.877
GII MURABAHAH 1/2021 3.447%						
15.07.2036	3.447%	15-Jul-36	1	3.932	3.953	3.932
SUSTAINABILITY GII 3/2022 4.662%						
31.03.2038	4.662%	31-Mar-38	2	3.983	4.023	3.983
GII MURABAHAH 2/2019 4.467%						
15.09.2039	4.467%	15-Sep-39	30	3.975	3.975	3.965
GII MURABAHAH 2/2021 4.417%		•				
30.09.2041	4.417%	30-Sep-41	3	4.036	4.036	4.03
GII MURABAHAH 2/2023 4.291%		•				
14.08.2043	4.291%	14-Aug-43	92	4.11	4.118	3.964
GII MURABAHAH 5/2019 4.638%		C C				
15.11.2049	4.638%	15-Nov-49	1	4.121	4.121	4.121
GII MURABAHAH 2/2022 5.357%						
15.05.2052	5.357%	15-May-52	22	4.292	4.292	4.189
Total			3,349			

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DANAINFRA IMTN 4.320% 26.11.2025 - Tranche No 80	GG	4.320%	26-Nov-25	10	3.423	3.423	3.42
PTPTN IMTN 26.07.2041	GG	4.850%	26-Jul-41	20	4.067	4.067	4.067
DANAINFRA IMTN 5.360% 21.02.2048 - Tranche No 77	GG	5.360%	21-Feb-48	20	4.175	4.175	4.173
PRASARANA IMTN 3.800% 25.02.2050- Series 5	GG	3.800%	25-Feb-50	60	4.21	4.211	4.21
LPPSA IMTN 4.580% 01.09.2051 - Tranche No 61	GG	4.580%	1-Sep-51	60	4.24	4.241	4.24
CAGAMAS MTN 3.670% 30.5.2024	AAA	3.670%	30-May-24	200	3.505	3.53	3.505
SURIA KLCC IMTN 4.730% 31.12.2024 - Issue No. 1	AAA	4.730%	31-Dec-24	30	3.532	3.557	3.532
MAHB IMTN 3.980% 27.04.2027	AAA	3.980%	27-Apr-27	20	3.728	3.736	3.728
UNITAPAH 5.82% Series 23 11.06.2027	AAA	5.820%	11-Jun-27	10	3.825	3.831	3.825
PSEP IMTN 5.080% 11.11.2027 (Tr2 Sr1)	AAA	5.080%	11-Nov-27	20	3.696	3.704	3.696
UNITAPAH 5.87% Series 24 10.12.2027	AAA	5.870%	10-Dec-27	10	3.848	3.862	3.848
PLNG2 IMTN 2.860% 20.10.2028 - Tranche No 8	AAA IS	2.860%	20-Oct-28	10	3.853	3.853	3.851
SEB IMTN 4.190% 04.07.2030 (Tranche 20)	AAA	4.190%	4-Jul-30	120	3.879	3.882	3.879
RANTAU IMTN 0% 16.01.2032 - Tranche No 10	AAA (S)	5.000%	16-Jan-32	10	3.941	3.951	3.941
BPMB IMTN 4.98% 02.03.2032 - Issue No 12	AAA	4.980%	2-Mar-32	10	4.017	4.028	4.017
PASB IMTN 4.630% 03.02.2033 - Issue No. 44	AAA	4.630%	3-Feb-33	20	3.978	3.981	3.978
SEB IMTN 4.270% 04.07.2033 (Tranche 21)	AAA	4.270%	4-Jul-33	20	4.005	4.011	4.005
TNB NE 4.795% 29.11.2035	AAA IS	4.795%	29-Nov-35	5	4.22	4.22	4.22
Infracap Resources Sukuk 4.90% 15.04.2036 (T1 S11)	AAA (S)	4.900%	15-Apr-36	40	4.1	4.1	4.099
TNB NE 4.830% 29.05.2036	AAA IS	4.830%	29-May-36	5	4.24	4.24	4.24
AIR SELANGOR IMTN T5S2 SRI SUKUK KAS 19.04.2038	AAA	4.890%	19-Apr-38	30	4.079	4.081	4.079
TENAGA IMTN 27.08.2038	AAA	4.980%	27-Aug-38	2	4.059	4.061	4.059
AIR SELANGOR IMTN T6S3 SRI SUKUK KAS 11.10.2038	AAA	4.740%	11-Oct-38	14	4.089	4.091	4.089
TENAGA IMTN 3.550% 10.08.2040	AAA	3.550%	10-Aug-40	2	4.089	4.483	4.089
AIR SELANGOR IMTN T2 S4 SRI SUKUK KAS 29.10.2041	AAA	4.880%	29-Oct-41	2	4.28	4.467	4.28
SBPC 5.000% 03.07.2025 (SERIES 11)	AA1	5.000%	3-Jul-25	30	3.696	3.704	3.696
SABAHDEV MTN 2191D 15.8.2025 - Issue No. 205	AA1	4.550%	15-Aug-25	20	4.175	4.186	4.175
PUBLIC SUB-NOTES 3.72% 18.12.2029 Tranche 7	AA1	3.720%	18-Dec-29	30	3.71	3.714	3.71
YTL CORP MTN 2922D 10.4.2031	AA1	4.970%	10-Apr-31	10	4.069	4.069	4.069
MAYBANK IMTN 3.410% 05.08.2031	AA1	3.410%	5-Aug-31	20	3.816	3.825	3.816
GENTING RMTN MTN 5479D 08.11.2034 - Tranche 2	AA1 (S)	4.380%	8-Nov-34	1	4.991	5.246	4.991
AEON CO. IMTN 4.280% 03.07.2026	AA2	4.280%	3-Jul-26	40	3.818	3.827	3.818
DIALOG SENIOR SUKUK WAKALAH TRANCHE NO. 2	AA2	4.530%	28-Jan-32	10	4.158	4.171	4.158

EDRA ENERGY IMTN 5.760% 05.07.2024 - Tranche No 6	AA3	5.760%	5-Jul-24	10	3.76	3.777	3.76
UEMS IMTN 5.450% 18.06.2027	AA- IS	5.450%	18-Jun-27	1	4.4	4.696	4.4
JPB IMTN 5.100% 04.10.2027 (Tranche 1)	AA- IS	5.100%	4-0ct-27	2	4.026	4.032	4.026
IJM IMTN 5.050% 18.08.2028	AA3	5.050%	18-Aug-28	10	3.937	3.942	3.937
AEON CREDIT SENIOR SUKUK (S4T1) 4.450% 01.12.2028	AA3	4.450%	1-Dec-28	40	4.008	4.013	4.008
AMBANK MTN 3653D 12.10.2032	AA3	5.200%	12-Oct-32	1	4.349	4.349	4.349
AMBANK MTN 3653D 03.11.2033 - TIER 2	AA3	4.550%	3-Nov-33	20	4.118	4.132	4.118
EDRA ENERGY IMTN 6.510% 05.07.2035 - Tranche No 28	AA3	6.510%	5-Jul-35	10	4.269	4.271	4.269
TCMH IMTN 5.580% 16.03.2027 (T1A(ii))	A+ IS	5.580%	16-Mar-27	1	5.378	5.397	5.378
ISLAM IMTN 3.600% 21.10.2030	A1	3.600%	21-Oct-30	80	4.077	4.084	4.077
ALLIANCEB MTN 5477D 26.10.2035	A2	4.050%	26-Oct-35	5	4.601	4.791	4.601
MBSBBANK IMTN 5.250% 19.12.2031	A3	5.250%	19-Dec-31	10	4.345	4.364	4.345
MUAMALAT AT1 SUKUK WAKALAH 6.35% 29.09.2122	BBB IS	6.350%	29-Sep-22	2	5.209	5.221	5.209
NTTDI CAP IMTN 6.500% 11.06.2026	NR(LT)	6.500%	11-Jun-26	1	6.226	6.25	6.226
Total				1,102			

Sources: BPAM

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	EUR/USD	USD/JPY	AUD/USD	GBP/USD	USD/CNH	NZD/USD	EUR/JPY	AUD/JP
R2	1.0914	149.88	0.6597	1.2774	7.2110	0.6152	163.2567	98.3723
R1	1.0902	149.46	0.6579	1.2755	7.2084	0.6118	162.7833	98.0717
Current	1.0889	149.19	0.6565	1.2734	7.2054	0.6090	162.4600	97.9430
S1	1.0875	148.33	0.6547	1.2721	7.2016	0.6066	161.4533	97.3707
S2	1.0860	147.62	0.6533	1.2706	7.1974	0.6048	160.5967	96.9703
	USD/SGD	USD/MYR	USD/IDR	USD/PHP	USD/THB	EUR/SGD	CNY/MYR	SGD/MY
R2	1.3396	4.7165	15658	55.6767	35.9870	1.4597	0.6550	3.5250
R1	1.3386	4.7119	15626	55.6023	35.8810	1.4580	0.6546	3.5224
Current	1.3381	4.7205	15604	55.6620	35.9210	1.4570	0.6559	3.5280
S1	1.3363	4.6992	15579	55.4413	35.7160	1.4543	0.6535	3.5160
S2	1.3350	4.6911	15564	55.3547	35.6570	1.4523	0.6527	3.5122

Foreign Exchange: Daily Levels

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

Equity Indices and Key Commodities

	Value	
Dow	38,714.77	
Nasdaq	15,973.17	
Nikkei 225	38,707.64	
FTSE	7,727.42	
Australia ASX 200	7,670.28	
Singapore Straits Times	3,172.96	
Kuala Lumpur Composite	1,552.83	
Jakarta Composite	7,328.05	
P hilippines C o mpo site	6,822.32	
Taiwan TAIEX	19,682.50	
Korea KOSPI	2,666.84	
Shanghai Comp Index	3,054.64	
Hong Kong Hang Seng	16,720.89	
India Sensex	72,643.43	
Nymex Crude Oil WTI	81.04	
Comex Gold	2,161.50	
Reuters CRB Index	284.62	
MBB KL	9.71	

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	% Change	
	-0.49	
	0.96	
	-0.26	
	-0.20	
	-0.56	
	-0.42	
	0.59	
	-1.42	
	-2.09	
	-1.28	
	-1.91	
	0.54	
	-1.42	
	-0.62	
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	0.59	
	0.62	

Policy Rates				
Rates	Current (%)	Upcoming CB Meeting	MBB Expectation	
MAS SGD 3-Month SIBOR	4.0564	Jan-24	Neutral	
BNM O/N Policy Rate	3.00	9/5/2024	Neutral	
BI 7-Day Reverse Repo Rate	6.00	20/3/2024	Neutral	
BOT 1-Day Repo	2.50	10/4/2024	Neutral	
BSP O/N Reverse Repo	6.50	4/4/2024	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	5/4/2024	Neutral	
BOK Base Rate	3.50	12/4/2024	Neutral	
Fed Funds Target Rate	5.50	21/3/2024	Neutral	
ECB Deposit Facility Rate	4.00	11/4/2024	Neutral	
BOE Official Bank Rate	5.25	21/3/2024	Neutral	
RBA Cash Rate Target	4.35	19/3/2024	Neutral	
RBNZ Official Cash Rate	5.50	10/4/2024	Neutral	
BOJ Rate	-0.10	19/3/2024	Tightening	
BoC O/N Rate	5.00	10/4/2024	Neutral	

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