13 January 2025

Maybank

Global Markets Daily

It is Strong Dollar

Strong Jobs Reading Sends Greenback and Yields Higher

Jitteriness riveted through markets end last week after Dec NFP reading came out much higher than estimates at 256k (est. 165k, Nov. 212k). The data added to even more concerns that the Fed may now have to pause easing for quite a period of time amid an economy holding up too strongly. The OIS are implying that markets do not see another cut in rates possibly until Sep 2025 (previously, it had a cut by mid-2025). DXY and UST yields both climbed higher on the news with talk that above 5% yields could be a serious possibility this year. The DXY itself hit the 110.00 level, a crucial resistance but then pulled back from it and was last seen at 109.64. In the near term, there are little signs of any significant dollar - negative news and the index could remain supported. US CPI reading is due this week, where expectations are for the core number to still hold up whilst Trump's inauguration is about just a week away. Anxiety regarding the latter revolve around the first initial policies Trump would announce on tariffs, immigration and tax cuts. Additionally, fiscal pressures remain on the GBP whilst tariff and political concerns weigh on the EUR. However, we do note that long dollar positions are already quite substantial and this does make the greenback vulnerable to substantial downward moves if news does turn. We are closely watching the JPY where Deputy Governor Himino would be speaking tomorrow and we look out for any hints about the timing of potential hikes. Last week, there was talk that the BOJ may raise its inflation forecast at this month's meeting.

Pressure on Asian FX as China Reaffirms Yuan Support

Regional Asian FX came under significant pressure amid the developments supporting an elevated dollar and UST yields. China though continues to firmly support the yuan as the PBOC ramped up verbal warnings, saying that they will ensure that the currency is basically stable at reasonable levels. The PBOC also adjusted the macro-prudential parameter for companies and financial institutions cross-border funding to 1.75 from 1.5. This should allow firms to borrow more overseas. USDCNH is trading sideways this morning but we stay cautious of upside risks amid the uncertainty building up to Trump taking office and US data. For the same reasons, we are also similarly wary of USDAsian pairs.

Data/Events We Watch Today

CH Dec Credit data (tentative).

FX: Overnight Closing Levels % Change

Majors	Prev Close	% Chg	Asian FX	Prev Close	% Chg
EUR/USD	1.0244	-0.54	USD/SGD	1.3715	0.23
GBP/USD	1.2207	-0.82	EUR/SGD	1.405	-0.31
AUD/USD	0.6147	-0.79	JPY/SGD	0.8697	0.51
NZD/USD	0.5557	-0.77	GBP/SGD	1.6744	-0.58
USD/JPY	157.73	-0.26	AUD/SGD	0.8429	-0.57
EUR/JPY	161.59	-0.79	NZD/SGD	0.7621	-0.54
USD/CHF	0.9164	0.47	CHF/SGD	1.4966	-0.23
USD/CAD	1.4423	0.19	CAD/SGD	0.951	0.03
USD/MYR	4.4975	-0.12	SGD/MYR	3.2864	-0.06
USD/THB	34.58	-0.14	SGD/IDR	11830.12	-0.05
USD/IDR	16185	-0.09	SGD/PHP	42.6328	-0.07
USD/PHP	58.356	-0.24	SGD/CNY	5.3473	-0.22

Implied USD/SGD Estimates at, 9.00am

Upper Band Limit	Mid-Point	Lower Band Limit
1.3531	1.3807	1.4083

Analysts

Saktiandi Supaat
(65) 6320 1379
saktiandi@maybank.com

Alan Lau, CFA
(65) 6320 1378
alanlau@maybank.com

Fiona Lim
(65) 6320 1374
fionalim@maybank.com

Shaun Lim
(65) 6320 1371
shaunlim@maybank.com

G10: Events & Market Closure

Date	Ctry	Event
9 Jan	US	Market Closure

AXJ: Events & Market Closure

Date	Ctry	Event
No Major Event this Week		

SEE PAGE 14 FOR IMPORTANT DISCLOSURES AND ANALYST CERTIFICATIONS

G10 Currencies

- **DXY Index - *Big NFP Surprise*.** The DXY index rushed higher on stronger-than-expected NFP that came in at 256K for Dec. Unemployment rate unexpectedly fell to 4.1% from previous 4.2%. Breakdown suggest that hiring was seen in health care and social assistance, retail trade, and leisure and hospitality along with government payrolls while manufacturing employment fell again. Average hourly earnings slowed just a tad to +0.3%m/m vs. prev. +0.4%. Annually, wage growth also slipped to 3.9% from previous 4.0%. Labour force participation rate and average weekly hours worked were steady at 62.5% and 34.3 respectively. The strong data drove the DXY index even higher alongside the surge of the UST yields - 10y yield was last seen around 4.76% lifted by plenty of speculation about revisiting the 5%-handle. Fed fund futures now imply a cut only from Sep onwards. The hawkish re-pricing has continued. We had mentioned that the DXY index has looked overbought before and stochastics continue to looked stretched to the upside. Bearish divergence still remains and stochastics are showing signs of turning lower from overbought conditions. There is also a rising wedge forming for the DXY index which could suggest some retracement soon. That said, the apex is far at around 112. We will be cautious of chasing the USD higher from this level. Resistance is seen around 109.50 before the next at 110.10 and then at 111. Support is seen around 107.80. Week ahead NY Fed 1Y inflation expectations for Dec on Tue along with Dec PPI. Wed has Empire Mfg for Jan and Dec CPI. Into Thu, Fed releases beige book. Philly fed business outlook for Jan and Dec retail sales will also be due on Thu. Dec housing starts and industrial production are due.

- **EURUSD - *Falling Wedge Still in Play*.** EURUSD was pressed lower by solid NFP print and was last seen around 1.0240. Next key support is still seen around 1.0200. EU-US 10y yield gap remained rather wide at around -216bps. The divergent monetary policy outlooks and the political uncertainties surrounding the French and the German continue to weigh on the EURUSD. However, back-to-back rate cuts for Jan, Mar and Apr are well priced based on OIS. On the EURUSD chart, the next support is seen at 1.0200. The falling wedge is still in play and stochastics continue to rise from oversold conditions. EURUSD could be close to a bullish retracement. The next resistance is seen at 1.0368 (21-dma). Week ahead has Nov industrial production on Wed, Nov trade bal on Thu and Dec CPI and Nov current account on Fri.

- **GBPUSD - *Heavy*.** GBPUSD remained rather heavy and was last seen around 1.2190. Cable is pressured by sheer USD strength. In addition, the Chancellor of the Exchequer Rachel Reeves had mentioned over the weekend that her fiscal rules (self-imposed) were non-negotiable. There has been some concerns that the rise in the gilt yields have taken up the fiscal headroom and may force the labour-led government to reduce spending ahead of a fiscal update from the OBR on 26 Mar. The prospect for further cut in fiscal spending weigh on risk appetite and the GBP. In addition, data has been underwhelming these include 3Q GDP, Mfg PMI and net consumer credit. Latest Construction PMI also slipped more than expected in Dec to 53.3 from previous 55.2. Growth concerns do not help in the least. Bias remains to the downside for GBPUSD and next support is seen around 1.2090 before the next at 1.2040. Current support being tested is seen around 1.2220. Rebounds to meet resistance at 1.2370. Week ahead has Dec CPI, PPI and RPI on Wed. Thu Has Nov industrial production, Mfg production and visible trade bal for Nov. Fri has Dec retail sales.

- **USDCHF - *Rising Wedge*, *Bearish risks*.** USDCHF hovered around 0.9160 and continue to show a bullish bias. This pair could still break out of the rising wedge (to the downside). At this point, there are still signs that the bullish forces are weakening on the MACD, there is a bearish divergence and stochastics seem to be plateauing in overbought conditions. We expect SNB to cut rates by 50bps in 2025 to bring the policy rate to 0%. Recall that SNB Chief had flagged about negative rates (Reuters) in a bid to weaken the CHF. CHF had weakened as markets priced in the scenario of SNB cutting rates to near zero by Sep 2025. With that, one can arguably said that policy divergence between the Fed and SNB is at its widest at this point. The room for CHF to fall because of policy divergence might be less as well. With the USD in a corrective mode (lower), USDCHF may move lower from here. The next support is at 0.8820. Resistance is the 0.9000. Of the traditional safe-havens, it does seem that gold and CHF retain most of the safe-haven properties, with the JPY being pressured by yield differentials. Safe-havens could be better supported on heightened volatility and uncertainty in the lead up to key events like the US elections. Further rate cuts from SNB could pressure USDCHF higher and if a situation arises where it becomes the global funding currency of choice (like the JPY), then we could see more upside for USDCHF. Week ahead has consumer confidence for Dec today along with total sight deposits as of 10 Jan. The data docket is pretty much empty for the rest of the week.

- **USDJPY – *Lower, Cautious***. The pair was last seen at around 157.47 as it edged lower with the JPY bucking the trend among the other majors. The JPY appreciated amid a Bloomberg report last week that the BOJ are likely to discuss raising their outlook for inflation ex food and energy at the Jan meeting. This may apparently be due to a recent surge in rice costs in addition to JPY weakness. Such developments look to possibly be also raising the possibility of a Jan hike by the BOJ. However, we do note that Ueda has said that they would like to get more clarity on the momentum of wage increases and US economic policies. Crucially, we are awaiting Deputy Govenor Ryozo Himino's speech tomorrow and if he would provide any cues on the timing of a rate hike. At this point, we are staying cautious on the JPY given the uncertainty associated with the timing of a BOJ hike in addition to Trump policies. US data also risks holding up too strongly for a period of time. However, if a BOJ hike this month does materialize, the JPY may outperform other under pressure G10 peers except for the USD, where elevated yields may keep it in check. Therefore, going long JPY against GBP, EUR, CAD, NZD can be a consideration. Back on the chart, resistance is at that 160.00 level with the next at 162.00 (around 2024 high). Support is at 156.00 and 150.00. Key data releases this week include Nov BoP CA balance (Tues), Nov trade balance (Tues), Dec bank lending (Wed), Dec eco watchers (Tues), Dec M2/M3 (Wed), Dec P machine tool orders (Wed), Dec PPI (Thurs) and 10 Jan buying bonds/stocks data (Fri).

- **AUDUSD – *Interim bottom***. AUDUSD broke below the key support at 0.6170 (2022 low) and waffled around 0.6160 as we write this morning. PBoC has tried to stabilize yuan and that seems to be giving some support for the AUD as well. Break out of the 0.6170-0.6410 range could open the way towards 0.5990. While we see conditions for a rebound in the near-term, we remain bearish on the currency as we look for trade frictions between the US and China to impact Australia's resource exports and RBA could risk cutting more than expected. Since the last trade war in 2018, non-commercial positions of the AUD have hardly been in net long. Further signs of de-coupling between Australia's traditional ally and biggest trading partner would continue to hurt AUD sentiment this year. We continue to see RBA easing in Feb but most of markets have come joined our view with cash rate futures now implying 70% probability and this view is supported by the latest CPI release. Eyes have been on China's trade data this morning along with the M-I inflation gauge for Dec which showed month-on-month acceleration to +0.6%m/m (from prev. +0.2%). Year-on-year, inflation ease to 2.6% from 2.9% based on the gauge. Job advertisements also rose +0.3% in Dec vs. prev. -1.8%. For the rest of the week, consumer confidence for Jan on Tue. Consumer inflation expectation for Jan is due on Thu along with Dec labor report.

- **NZDUSD - *Heavy*.** NZDUSD broke below the support at 0.5590 and was last seen around 0.5570. Support is seen at 0.5588 before the next at 0.5510. Momentum is no longer bearish. We see two-way trades. Resistance is last seen around 0.5660 before 0.5680. Markets have priced in 130bps cut for NZD. We continue to look for NZD to outperform AUD as dovish trajectory of the RBNZ for 2025 is sufficiently priced while markets are only starting to price in more rate cuts by RBA. Week ahead has building permits (+5.3%m/m in nov vs. prev. -5.2%), filled jobs (+0.3% m/m). Dec food prices are due on Thu before BusinessNZ Mfg PMI is due on Fri.

- **USDCAD - *Upmove within Range***. USDCAD edged higher and was last seen around 1.4420. Labour data turned out to be strong at +90.9K net employment added for Dec, 57.5K of which are full –time. Unemployment rate slipped to 6.7%. However, the CAD strength was not matched with the USD strength which got boosted from its own solid NFP as well. Back on the USDCAD chart, pair has arrived near the resistance around 1.4450. The 1.43-1.4450 range is eyed and the upper bound is now susceptible to be tested. Data-wise, manufacturing sales for Nov is due on Wed, along with existing home sales for Dec. Dec housing starts are due on Thu.

- **Gold (XAU/USD) - *Rising a Tad on Specter of Conflicts***. Gold hovered around $2688/oz, breaking out of the 2600-2720 range. The bullion had been inching higher and we allude its rise to the specter of conflicts conjured by Trump's ambition to make Canada, Greenland, the Panama Canal as part of the US. In addition, there has been report that PBoC has also been buying gold on dips. Even the rise of the UST yields cannot slow the rise of the precious metal. Next resistance at 2711 before the next at 2750. Support around 2645.

Asia ex Japan Currencies

SGDNEER trades around +0.61% from the implied mid-point of 1.3807 with the top estimated at 1.3531 and the floor at 1.4083.

- **USDSGD - *Sideways*.** USDSGD was last seen higher at 1.3717 levels. We expect that SGD could be sheltered given the correlation of SG/US rates. Moreover, Singapore is unlikely to be singled out by the US for additional tariffs given that it has a bilateral trade deficit with the US. Regional safe-haven properties are also likely to be supportive for the SGD. Recall that MAS stood pat in Oct. Our economists' base case is for a Jan-25 easing, although easing could be delayed if inflation is sticky and/or growth remains robust. Robust 3Q GDP print could delay easing by MAS. The trade-weighted SGDNEER is at +0.98% above the mid-point this morning. MAS policy continues to be supportive of SGD strength and we look for the resilience to continue. MAS appears to be in no hurry to ease, especially not when growth and inflation outcomes are essentially in line with their expectations. MAS Chief Economist seems to have hinted at MAS not being able to ease as easily as an interest rate regime in his speech on monetary policy. We think that the SGDNEER outperformance could taper as Fed cuts come in, although we do not expect SGDNEER to tank. In the medium-term, we remain positive on the SGD given robust macro fundamentals and a monetary policy that has an appreciating currency as a default stance. Resistance at 1.3490 and 1.3530. Supports are 1.3400 and 1.3340. Nov FX Reserves came in lower at US$377.23b (prev: US$383.72b). Waiting for MAS' balance sheet update (likely mid-month) to see if there is a corresponding drop in government deposits that could indicate transfer of reserves to GIC for longer term management. Unlikely that drop in reserves was MAS selling USD to slow pace of SGDNEER moderation given that SGDNEER still remains at a relatively strong level in the band. We watch out for any MAS decision between 10 – 31st Jan.

- **SGDMYR - *Hovering around the 3.30 level*.** SGDMYR was last seen at 3.2873 levels this morning with both SGD and MYR under pressure. Resistances at 3.32 followed by 3.35. Support at 3.28.

- **USDMYR - *Higher, Cautious*.** Pair was last seen at 4.5115 as it edged up higher with the climb in the greenback and UST yields amid stronger than expected US jobs data. CNY/CNH also remains under pressure building up to Trump's inauguration and the elevated dollar yields and greenback. CNY/CNH weakness can weigh on the MYR given Malaysia's strong trade links with China. We do note that the CNY/CNH has been trading sideways amid firm support from the Chinese authorities and the MYR and CNH/CNY have actually outperformed its peers over the last week. External developments continue to be of concerns for the MYR in the near term even as domestic fundamentals are strong (robust growth, strong investment interest and pick-up of inflation, which lead to less easing pressure on BNM). We continue to watch how US data pans out to be in addition to developments related to Trump policies as we build up to his inauguration. Back on the chart, resistance at around 4.5300 and 4.6300. Support at 4.4400 before the next at 4.3600. Key data releases this week include 2024 A GDP and 4Q A GDP (Fri).

- **USDCNH - *Reined in*.** USDCNH traded around 7.3510, inching a tad lower after PBoC put out a statement, vowing to ensure the currency is "basically stable at reasonable levels". The central bank also allow firms to borrow more from overseas and raised the so-called macro-prudential parameter for companies and financial institutions cross-border funding to 1.75 from 1.5. The last time it made a similar move was in Jul 2023. Jawboning, capital tweaks, offshore yuan bills issuance have been utilized to prop up the yuan. The USDCNY which has reached the upper bound of the trading band at around 7.3320, is flat-lining. Daily fix has become a flat line around 7.1890, last at 7.1885. Another sub-7.20 fix sends a messaging that the PBoC still wants to slow the pace of depreciation of the CNY and cap the USDCNY around 7.33 for now. This morning, HKMA and PBoC will set up a CNY100bn yuan facility for trade finance. China wants to encourage listing, debt issuances in Hong Kong. PBoC Pan sees contraction of risks related to LGDVs and policy priority is shifted to investment and consumption demand of residents. The emphasis on consumption boosts have been reiterated in recent weeks with provinces in China working on the economic plan for 2025 according to Economic Information Daily and the local governments are said to focus on boosting consumption and expanding investment. Key resistance for USDCNH is seen at 7.3700.

- **1M USDKRW NDF - *Higher, cautious*.** 1M USDKRW NDF was last seen at 1468.34 as it rose up in line with the climb in broad dollar and UST yields amid a stronger than expected US jobs reading. Pressure remains on Asian FX this week as markets continue to watch US data (CPI this week) and any further developments on Trump policies building up to his inauguration. The domestic political situation also continues to be uncertain whilst a BOK cut of 25bps this Thurs 16 Jan looks like a possibility amid economic concerns. We are keeping a close eye on the JPY as we await any cues from Deputy Governor Ryozo Himino's speech tomorrow on the timing of a BOJ hike. A Jan hike can give support to the JPY, providing some marginal relief to Asian FX. CNY/CNH has also been trading sideways as the Chinese authorities vow to stabilize the currency and that can give some support to Asian FX. We continue to stay wary of the KRW amid both the extended domestic political instability and the less favorable developments related to the US. Upside risks remain and we do not rule out the possibility of testing the 1500. The next level of resistance after that is at 1551. Support is at 1440 and 1415. Key data releases this week include Nov money supply (Tues), Dec IPI (Wed), Dec unemployment rate (Wed), Dec bank lending (Wed) and BOK policy decision (Thurs).

- **1M USDINR NDF- *Pivoting to Neutral*.** USDINR 1M NDF is steady at 86.40 levels this morning. Governor Das will be replaced by a career bureaucrat Sanjay Malhotra who will start a three-year term tomorrow (11 Dec). Last Friday, RBI held its rate steady on Fri in line with consensus although it also cut the cash reserve ratio that banks are required to hold, making conditions easier as growth slows. We see RBI potentially cutting rates at their next meeting (7 Feb) to align with their current neutral stance especially if disinflationary path progresses. Resistance at 85.00. Support at 84.50 before the next at 84.00. Data releases this week include Nov CPI, Oct Industrial Production, Nov trade Balance and Nov Exports/Imports.

- **1M USDIDR NDF - *Higher, Cautious*.** 1M USDIDR NDF was last seen at 16313 as it moved up higher amid the climb in the UST yields and broad dollar given the stronger than expected US jobs reading. We do note authorities are in to stabilize the currency and this could be limiting the upside. External developments remain the main driver for the IDR especially as we continue to watch US economic data and developments related to Trump policies. This week, we are also keeping a close eye on the JPY as we await any cues from Deputy Governor Ryozo Himino's speech tomorrow on the timing of a BOJ hike. A Jan hike can give support to the JPY, providing some marginal relief to Asian FX. However, a US concerns are likely to still overwhelm and weigh on the currencies. We are overall cautious on the 1M USDIDR NDF in relation to any moves higher. We watch if it can hold above the resistance at 16300 with the next level after that at 16519 (2024 high). Support at 16150 and 15800. Key data releases this week include Dec trade data (Wed) and Nov external debt (Thurs). BI policy decision is due on Wed where a hold is expected as the central bank likely to continues to focus on IDR stability.

- **1M USDPHP NDF - *Higher, cautious*.** The 1M USDPHP NDF was last seen higher at 58.77 amid the climb in the UST yields and broad dollar given the stronger than expected US jobs reading. External developments remain the main driver for the PHP especially as we continue to watch US economic data and developments related to Trump policies. This week, we are also keeping a close eye on the JPY as we await any cues from Deputy Governor Ryozo Himino's speech tomorrow on the timing of a BOJ hike. A Jan hike can give support to the JPY, providing some marginal relief to Asian FX. Chinese authorities vow to stabilize CNY/CNH can also be of some limited benefit to Asian FX. Domestically, Governor Eli Remolona has said there is room to ease policy as it is still restrictive even as he also commented that tariff threats pose challenges to the Philippine economy. He also noted that the BSP does not decide monetary policy based only on the Fed even as he sees the Fed has become more cautious than before. BSP rate easing is already expected by the market though and the impact on the currency can therefore be limited. We are cautious at this point of any upside risks for 1M USDPHP NDF given US economic resilience and uncertainty on Trump policies. We watch if the pair can hold decisively above the 58.60 (50-dma) resistance with the next level after that at 59.47 (around the recent Dec high). Support is at 57.83 (200-dma) and 57.00. Key data releases this week include Nov OFWR (Wed).

- **USDTHB - *Higher*, *Cautious*.** Pair was last seen at 34.73 as it climbed higher amid the climb in the UST yields and broad dollar given the stronger than expected US jobs reading. Gold prices were higher and CNY/CNH traded sideways (amid commitment from Authorities to stabilize the currency), which both could have tempered the rise. This week, we are also keeping a close eye on the JPY as we await any cues from Deputy Governor Ryozo Himino's speech tomorrow on the timing of a BOJ hike. A Jan hike can give support to the JPY, providing some marginal relief to Asian FX. Markets remain anxious on the extent of US economic resiliency and Trump first policy announcements especially after he takes office in around two weeks' time. We stay cautious of USDTHB and the risks of further upside moves. Meanwhile, domestically, the government expects at least 800bn baht of local and foreign investment in 2025, led by the electronics sector. Back on the chart, resistance is at 34.80 with the next level at 35.10 (high on Nov 2024 post Trump election before a retracement). Support is at 33.50 and 33.00. Key data releases this week include Dec consumer confidence (Tues) and 10 Jan gross interenationl reserves/forward contracts (Fri).

- **USDVND - *Capped for now*.** USDVND was last seen around 25376. This pair seems to be rather stable recently with the 25500-resistance capping this pair. USDCNY pullback this morning might also have inspired the USDVND to fall as well. Support is seen around 25325 before the next at 25255. Vietnam Laos are seeking to strengthen their economic ties further and Vietnam Plus News reported that PM Pham Minh Chinh's visit to Laos could see greater "breakthrough" with regards to trade and investment between the two nations. In other news, police start criminal proceedings against 12 individuals related to violations of bidding regulations at the agriculture ministry. They include former deputy Agriculture Minister Hoang Van Than accused of taking bribes. In other news, the Ministry of Industry and Trade has proposed a new electricity pricing structure that charges higher rates for high consumption.

Malaysia Fixed Income

Rates Indicators

MGS	Previous Bus. Day	Yesterday's Close	Change (bps)
3YR ML 5/27	3.44	3.45	+1
5YR MI 8/29	3.61	3.62	+1
7YR MO 7/32	3.79	3.79	Unchg
10YR MS 7/34	3.82	3.82	Unchg
15YR MS 4/39	3.94	3.96	+2
20YR MX 5/44	4.04	4.04	Unchg
30YR MZ 3/53	4.18	4.18	Unchg
IRS			
6-months	3.64	3.64	Unchg
9-months	3.60	3.59	-1
1-year	3.57	3.57	Unchg
3-year	3.52	3.52	Unchg
5-year	3.57	3.57	Unchg
7-year	3.64	3.65	+1
10-year	3.74	3.74	Unchg

Source: Maybank
**Indicative levels*
***Daily Trade Data: 1) Government bonds and 2) PDS/corporate bonds*

Analysts

Winson Phoon
(65) 6231 5831
winsonphoon@maybank.com

- Ringgit bonds saw initial support from seasonal buying as investors built inventories, though caution persisted with some selling activity to trim exposures near market close. MGS yields rose 1-2bp on the 3y, 5y and 15y on thin liquidity, while the 10y MGS unchanged at 3.82%.

- MYR IRS level were mostly unchanged, with the 5y IRS holding steady with sustained paying interests. The 3M KLIBOR fixing declined by 1bp to 3.69%, in-line with our expectation of a c. 10-15bp decline of over the next 2-3 months to 3.60% or lower. 1y IRS traded at 3.5725%. 5y IRS traded at 3.57%.

- In the PDS market, activities remained moderate. In GG, performance was mixed as Danainfra 7/54 traded 2bp lower for MYR20m, while the 3/55 traded 1bp higher for MYR25m. Prasarana was dealt at MTM levels. In AAA segment, better buying interest was seen, causing spread tightening 1-3bp specifically Pengurusan Air SPV and DIGI long-tenor bonds. In AA2, PONSB Capital 5/29 and Imtiaz 10/28 spread tighten 1bp. In AA3/AA-, Southern Power and Johor Port traded 1bp higher for MYR10m respectively.

Singapore Fixed Income

Rates Indicators

SGS	Previous Bus. Day	Yesterday's Close	Change (bps)
2YR	2.87	2.89	+2
5YR	2.88	2.92	+4
10YR	3.00	3.03	+3
15YR	3.00	3.03	+3
20YR	2.93	2.97	+4
30YR	2.89	2.91	+2

Source: MAS (Bid Yields)

- The SGS curve saw an upward shift across all tenors, with yields rising 2-4bp and 10y SGS yield increased 3bp to 3.03%. Meanwhile, the overnight SORA rose 6bp to 2.90% on 9 January 2025 – latest available at the time of writing.

Indonesia Fixed Income

Rates Indicators

RPGov't Bonds	Previous Bus. Day	Latest Day's Close	Change
1YR	7.17	7.07	(0.09)
2YR	7.05	7.06	0.01
5YR	7.11	7.10	(0.02)
10YR	7.21	7.18	(0.03)
15YR	7.24	7.24	(0.00)
18YR	7.23	7.22	(0.01)
30YR	7.16	7.17	0.02

** Source: Bloomberg, Maybank Indonesia*

Analyst
Myrdal Gunarto
(62) 21 2922 8888 ext 29695
MGunarto@maybank.co.id

- Most Indonesian government strengthened on the last day of previous week. It seemed that most investors took momentum for applying "buy on weakness" as the U.S. market on public holiday. However, we believe that Indonesian bond market to keep being volatile after seeing latest results of the U.S. labour data and persistent high geopolitical tension before Donald Trump's inauguration on 20 Jan-25. Actually, Indonesian government bonds still have solid fundamental background with relative attractive yield return. This week, Bank Indonesia is also scheduled to hold its monetary meeting. We expect BI rate to stay at 6.00% during high volatility on Rupiah.

Foreign Exchange: Daily Levels

	EUR/USD	USD/JPY	AUD/USD	GBP/USD	USD/CNH	NZD/USD	EUR/JPY	AUD/JPY
R2	1.0354	159.58	0.6230	1.2370	7.3792	0.5628	163.9767	98.7127
R1	1.0299	158.66	0.6189	1.2288	7.3713	0.5592	162.7833	97.8193
Current	1.0233	157.60	0.6153	1.2164	7.3543	0.5566	161.2700	96.9700
S1	1.0202	157.02	0.6123	1.2159	7.3487	0.5532	160.8033	96.4153
S2	1.0160	156.30	0.6098	1.2112	7.3340	0.5508	160.0167	95.9047

	USD/SGD	USD/MYR	USD/IDR	USD/PHP	USD/THB	EUR/SGD	CNY/MYR	SGD/MYR
R2	1.3791	4.5135	16244	58.5380	34.9147	1.4140	0.6146	3.3028
R1	1.3753	4.5055	16214	58.4470	34.7473	1.4095	0.6140	3.2946
Current	1.3725	4.5120	16293	58.6600	34.7430	1.4044	0.6154	3.2873
S1	1.3673	4.4910	16165	58.2890	34.4513	1.4020	0.6128	3.2797
S2	1.3631	4.4845	16146	58.2220	34.3227	1.3990	0.6121	3.2730

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

Policy Rates

Rates	Current (%)	Upcoming CB Meeting	MBB Expectation
MAS SGD 3-Month SIBOR	3.3000	Jan-25	Neutral
BNM O/N Policy Rate	3.00	22/1/2025	Neutral
BI 7-Day Reverse Repo Rate	6.00	15/1/2025	Easing
BOT 1-Day Repo	2.25	26/2/2025	Neutral
BSP O/N Reverse Repo	5.75	20/2/2025	Easing
CBC Discount Rate	2.00	20/3/2025	Neutral
HKMA Base Rate	4.75	-	Easing
PBOC 1Y Loan Prime Rate	3.10	-	Easing
RBI Repo Rate	6.50	7/2/2025	Easing
BOK Base Rate	3.00	16/1/2025	Easing
Fed Funds Target Rate	4.50	30/1/2025	Easing
ECB Deposit Facility Rate	3.00	30/1/2025	Easing
BOE Official Bank Rate	4.75	6/2/2025	Easing
RBA Cash Rate Target	4.35	18/2/2025	Neutral
RBNZ Official Cash Rate	4.25	19/2/2025	Easing
BOJ Rate (Lower bound)	0.00	24/1/2025	Tightening
BoC O/N Rate	3.25	29/1/2025	Easing

Equity Indices and Key Commodities

	Value	% Change
Dow	41,938.45	-1.63
Nasdaq	19,161.63	-1.63
Nikkei 225	39,605.09	-0.94
FTSE	8,248.49	-0.86
Australia ASX 200	8,294.07	-0.42
Singapore Straits Times	3,801.56	-1.58
Kuala Lumpur Composite	1,602.41	0.10
Jakarta Composite	7,088.87	0.34
Philippines Composite	6,496.32	-0.23
Taiwan TAIEX	23,011.86	-0.30
Korea KOSPI	2,515.78	-0.24
Shanghai Comp Index	3,168.52	-1.33
Hong Kong Hang Seng	19,064.29	-0.92
India Sensex	77,378.91	-0.31
Nymex Crude Oil WTI	76.57	3.58
Comex Gold	2,715.00	0.90
Reuters CRB Index	305.97	1.82
MBB KL	10.10	0.20

DISCLAIMER

This report is for information purposes only and under no circumstances is it to be considered or intended as an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy the securities or financial instruments referred to herein, or an offer or solicitation to any person to enter into any transaction or adopt any investment strategy. Investors should note that income from such securities or financial instruments, if any, may fluctuate and that each security's or financial instrument's price or value may rise or fall. Accordingly, investors may receive back less than originally invested. Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance. This report is not intended to provide personal investment advice and does not take into account the specific investment objectives, the financial situation and the particular needs of persons who may receive or read this report. Investors should therefore seek financial, legal and other advice regarding the appropriateness of investing in any securities and/or financial instruments or the investment strategies discussed or recommended in this report.

The information contained herein has been obtained from sources believed to be reliable but such sources have not been independently verified by Malayan Banking Berhad and/or its affiliates and related corporations (collectively, "Maybank") and consequently no representation is made as to the accuracy or completeness of this report by Maybank and it should not be relied upon as such. Accordingly, no liability can be accepted for any direct, indirect or consequential losses or damages that may arise from the use or reliance of this report. Maybank and its officers, directors, associates, connected parties and/or employees may from time to time have positions or be materially interested in the securities and/or financial instruments referred to herein and may further act as market maker or have assumed an underwriting commitment or deal with such securities and/or financial instruments and may also perform or seek to perform investment banking, advisory and other services for or relating to those companies whose securities are mentioned in this report. Any information or opinions or recommendations contained herein are subject to change at any time, without prior notice.

This report may contain forward looking statements which are often but not always identified by the use of words such as "anticipate", "believe", "estimate", "intend", "plan", "expect", "forecast", "predict" and "project" and statements that an event or result "may", "will", "can", "should", "could" or "might" occur or be achieved and other similar expressions. Such forward looking statements are based on assumptions made and information currently available to us and are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause the actual results to differ materially from those expressed in any forward looking statements. Readers are cautioned not to place undue relevance on these forward looking statements. Maybank expressly disclaims any obligation to update or revise any such forward looking statements to reflect new information, events or circumstances after the date of this publication or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

This report is prepared for the use of Maybank's clients and may not be reproduced, altered in any way, transmitted to, copied or distributed to any other party in whole or in part in any form or manner without the prior express written consent of Maybank. Maybank accepts no liability whatsoever for the actions of third parties in this respect. This report is not directed to or intended for distribution to or use by any person or entity who is a citizen or resident of or located in any locality, state, country or other jurisdiction where such distribution, publication, availability or use would be contrary to law or regulation.

APPENDIX I: TERMS FOR PROVISION OF REPORT, DISCLAIMERS AND DISCLOSURES

DISCLAIMERS

This research report is prepared for general circulation and for information purposes only and under no circumstances should it be considered or intended as an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy the securities referred to herein. Investors should note that values of such securities, if any, may fluctuate and that each security's price or value may rise or fall. Opinions or recommendations contained herein are in form of technical ratings and fundamental ratings. Technical ratings may differ from fundamental ratings as technical valuations apply different methodologies and are purely based on price and volume-related information extracted from the relevant jurisdiction's stock exchange in the equity analysis. Accordingly, investors' returns may be less than the original sum invested. Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance. This report is not intended to provide personal investment advice and does not take into account the specific investment objectives, the financial situation and the particular needs of persons who may receive or read this report. Investors should therefore seek financial, legal and other advice regarding the appropriateness of investing in any securities or the investment strategies discussed or recommended in this report.

The information contained herein has been obtained from sources believed to be reliable but such sources have not been independently verified by Maybank Investment Bank Berhad, its subsidiary and affiliates (collectively, "Maybank IBG") and consequently no representation is made as to the accuracy or completeness of this report by Maybank IBG and it should not be relied upon as such. Accordingly, Maybank IBG and its officers, directors, associates, connected parties and/or employees (collectively, "Representatives") shall not be liable for any direct, indirect or consequential losses or damages that may arise from the use or reliance of this report. Any information, opinions or recommendations contained herein are subject to change at any time, without prior notice.

This report may contain forward looking statements which are often but not always identified by the use of words such as "anticipate", "believe", "estimate", "intend", "plan", "expect", "forecast", "predict" and "project" and statements that an event or result "may", "will", "can", "should", "could" or "might" occur or be achieved and other similar expressions. Such forward looking statements are based on assumptions made and information currently available to us and are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause the actual results to differ materially from those expressed in any forward looking statements. Readers are cautioned not to place undue relevance on these forward-looking statements. Maybank IBG expressly disclaims any obligation to update or revise any such forward looking statements to reflect new information, events or circumstances after the date of this publication or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

Maybank IBG and its officers, directors and employees, including persons involved in the preparation or issuance of this report, may, to the extent permitted by law, from time to time participate or invest in financing transactions with the issuer(s) of the securities mentioned in this report, perform services for or solicit business from such issuers, and/or have a position or holding, or other material interest, or effect transactions, in such securities or options thereon, or other investments related thereto. In addition, it may make markets in the securities mentioned in the material presented in this report. One or more directors, officers and/or employees of Maybank IBG may be a director of the issuers of the securities mentioned in this report to the extent permitted by law.

This report is prepared for the use of Maybank IBG's clients and may not be reproduced, altered in any way, transmitted to, copied or distributed to any other party in whole or in part in any form or manner without the prior express written consent of Maybank IBG and Maybank IBG and its Representatives accepts no liability whatsoever for the actions of third parties in this respect.

This report is not directed to or intended for distribution to or use by any person or entity who is a citizen or resident of or located in any locality, state, country or other jurisdiction where such distribution, publication, availability or use would be contrary to law or regulation. This report is for distribution only under such circumstances as may be permitted by applicable law. The securities described herein may not be eligible for sale in all jurisdictions or to certain categories of investors. Without prejudice to the foregoing, the reader is to note that additional disclaimers, warnings or qualifications may apply based on geographical location of the person or entity receiving this report.

Malaysia

Opinions or recommendations contained herein are in the form of technical ratings and fundamental ratings. Technical ratings may differ from fundamental ratings as technical valuations apply different methodologies and are purely based on price and volume-related information extracted from Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad in the equity analysis.

Singapore

This report has been produced as of the date hereof and the information herein may be subject to change. Maybank Research Pte. Ltd. ("MRPL") in Singapore has no obligation to update such information for any recipient. For distribution in Singapore, recipients of this report are to contact MRPL in Singapore in respect of any matters arising from, or in connection with, this report. If the recipient of this report is not an accredited investor, expert investor or institutional investor (as defined under Section 4A of the Singapore Securities and Futures Act 2001), MRPL shall be legally liable for the contents of this report.

Thailand

Except as specifically permitted, no part of this presentation may be reproduced or distributed in any manner without the prior written permission of Maybank Securities (Thailand) Public Company Limited. Maybank Securities (Thailand) Public Company Limited ("MST") accepts no liability whatsoever for the actions of third parties in this respect.

Due to different characteristics, objectives and strategies of institutional and retail investors, the research products of MST Institutional and Retail Research departments may differ in either recommendation or target price, or both. MST reserves the rights to disseminate MST Retail Research reports to institutional investors who have requested to receive it. If you are an authorised recipient, you hereby tacitly acknowledge that the research reports from MST Retail Research are first produced in Thai and there is a time lag in the release of the translated English version.

The disclosure of the survey result of the Thai Institute of Directors Association ("IOD") regarding corporate governance is made pursuant to the policy of the Office of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The survey of the IOD is based on the information of a company listed on the Stock Exchange of Thailand and the market for Alternative Investment disclosed to the public and able to be accessed by a general public investor. The result, therefore, is from the perspective of a third party. It is not an evaluation of operation and is not based on inside information. The survey result is as of the date appearing in the Corporate Governance Report of Thai Listed Companies. As a result, the survey may be changed after that date. MST does not confirm nor certify the accuracy of such survey result.

The disclosure of the Anti-Corruption Progress Indicators of a listed company on the Stock Exchange of Thailand, which is assessed by Thaipat Institute, is made in order to comply with the policy and sustainable development plan for the listed companies of the Office of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Thaipat Institute made this assessment based on the information received from the listed company, as stipulated in the form for the assessment of Anti-corruption which refers to the Annual Registration Statement (Form 56-1), Annual Report (Form 56-2), or other relevant documents or reports of such listed company. The assessment result is therefore made from the perspective of Thaipat Institute that is a third party. It is not an assessment of operation and is not based on any inside information. Since this assessment is only the assessment result as of the date appearing in the assessment result, it may be changed after that date or when there is any change to the relevant information. Nevertheless, MST does not confirm, verify, or certify the accuracy and completeness of the assessment result.

US

This third-party research report is distributed in the United States ("US") to Major US Institutional Investors (as defined in Rule 15a-6 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) only by Wedbush Securities Inc. ("Wedbush"), a broker-dealer registered in the US (registered under Section 15 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended). All responsibility for the distribution of this report by Wedbush in the US shall be borne by Wedbush. This report is not directed at you if Wedbush is prohibited or restricted by any legislation or regulation in any jurisdiction from making it available to you. You should satisfy yourself before reading it that Wedbush is permitted to provide research material concerning investments to you under relevant legislation and regulations. All U.S. persons receiving and/or accessing this report and wishing to effect transactions in any security mentioned within must do so with: Wedbush Securities Inc. 1000 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, California 90017, +1 (646) 604-4232 and not with the issuer of this report.

UK
This document is being distributed by Maybank Securities (London) Ltd ("MSUK") which is authorized and regulated, by the Financial Conduct Authority and is for Informational Purposes only. This document is not intended for distribution to anyone defined as a Retail Client under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 within the UK. Any inclusion of a third party link is for the recipients convenience only, and that the firm does not take any responsibility for its comments or accuracy, and that access to such links is at the individuals own risk. Nothing in this report should be considered as constituting legal, accounting or tax advice, and that for accurate guidance recipients should consult with their own independent tax advisers.

DISCLOSURES

Legal Entities Disclosures
Malaysia: This report is issued and distributed in Malaysia by Maybank Investment Bank Berhad (15938- H) which is a Participating Organization of Bursa Malaysia Berhad and a holder of Capital Markets and Services License issued by the Securities Commission in Malaysia. **Singapore:** This report is distributed in Singapore by MRPL (Co. Reg No 198700034E) which is regulated by the Monetary Authority of Singapore. **Indonesia:** PT Maybank Sekuritas Indonesia ("PTMSI") (Reg. No. KEP-251/PM/1992) is a member of the Indonesia Stock Exchange and is regulated by the Financial Services Authority (Indonesia). **Thailand:** MST (Reg. No.0107545000314) is a member of the Stock Exchange of Thailand and is regulated by the Ministry of Finance and the Securities and Exchange Commission. **Philippines:** Maybank Securities Inc (Reg. No.01-2004-00019) is a member of the Philippines Stock Exchange and is regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission. **Vietnam:** Maybank Securities Limited (License Number: 117/GP-UBCK) is licensed under the State Securities Commission of Vietnam. **Hong Kong:** MIB Securities (Hong Kong) Limited (Central Entity No AAD284) is regulated by the Securities and Futures Commission. **India:** MIB Securities India Private Limited ("MIBSI") is a participant of the National Stock Exchange of India Limited and the Bombay Stock Exchange and is regulated by Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI") (Reg. No. INZ000010538). MIBSI is also registered with SEBI as Category 1 Merchant Banker (Reg. No. INM 000011708) and as Research Analyst (Reg No: INH000000057). **UK:** Maybank Securities (London) Ltd (Reg No 2377538) is authorized and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

Disclosure of Interest
Malaysia: Maybank IBG and its Representatives may from time to time have positions or be materially interested in the securities referred to herein and may further act as market maker or may have assumed an underwriting commitment or deal with such securities and may also perform or seek to perform investment banking services, advisory and other services for or relating to those companies.

Singapore: As of 13 January 2025, Maybank Research Pte. Ltd. and the covering analyst do not have any interest in any companies recommended in this research report.

Thailand: MST may have a business relationship with or may possibly be an issuer of derivative warrants on the securities /companies mentioned in the research report. Therefore, Investors should exercise their own judgment before making any investment decisions. MST, its associates, directors, connected parties and/or employees may from time to time have interests and/or underwriting commitments in the securities mentioned in this report.

Hong Kong: As of 13 January 2025, MIB Securities (Hong Kong) Limited and the authoring analyst do not have any interest in any companies recommended in this research report.

India: As of 13 January 2025, and at the end of the month immediately preceding the date of publication of the research report, MIBSI, authoring analyst or their associate / relative does not hold any financial interest or any actual or beneficial ownership in any shares or having any conflict of interest in the subject companies except as otherwise disclosed in the research report.

In the past twelve months MIBSI and authoring analyst or their associate did not receive any compensation or other benefits from the subject companies or third party in connection with the research report on any account what so ever except as otherwise disclosed in the research report.

Maybank IBG may have, within the last three years, served as manager or co-manager of a public offering of securities for, or currently may make a primary market in issues of, any or all of the entities mentioned in this report or may be providing, or have provided within the previous 12 months, significant advice or investment services in relation to the investment concerned or a related investment and may receive compensation for the services provided from the companies covered in this report.

OTHERS

Analyst Certification of Independence
The views expressed in this research report accurately reflect the analyst's personal views about any and all of the subject securities or issuers; and no part of the research analyst's compensation was, is or will be, directly or indirectly, related to the specific recommendations or views expressed in the report.

Reminder
Structured securities are complex instruments, typically involve a high degree of risk and are intended for sale only to sophisticated investors who are capable of understanding and assuming the risks involved. The market value of any structured security may be affected by changes in economic, financial and political factors (including, but not limited to, spot and forward interest and exchange rates), time to maturity, market conditions and volatility and the credit quality of any issuer or reference issuer. Any investor interested in purchasing a structured product should conduct its own analysis of the product and consult with its own professional advisers as to the risks involved in making such a purchase.

Published by:

Malayan Banking Berhad
(Incorporated In Malaysia)

Foreign Exchange
Singapore
Saktiandi Supaat
Head, FX Research
saktiandi@maybank.com
(+65) 6320 1379

Fiona Lim
Senior FX Strategist
Fionalim@maybank.com
(+65) 6320 1374

Alan Lau
FX Strategist
alanlau@maybank.com
(+65) 6320 1378

Shaun Lim
FX Strategist
shaunlim@maybank.com
(+65) 6320 1371

Indonesia
Juniman
Chief Economist, Indonesia
juniman@maybank.co.id
(+62) 21 2922 8888 ext 29682

Myrdal Gunarto
Industry Analyst
MGunarto@maybank.co.id
(+62) 21 2922 8888 ext 29695

Sales
Malaysia
Zarina Zainal Abidin
Head, Sales-Malaysia, Global Markets
zarina.za@maybank.com
(+60) 03- 2786 9188

Tan Yew Yan
Head, Sales Corporates & CFS
yewyan.tan@maybank.com

Singapore
Sheetal Dev Kaur
Head, Corporates Sales (MBS)
skaur@maybank.com
(+65) 63201335

Tan Huilin
Head, Sales FI
TanHuilin@maybank.com
(+65) 63201511

Janice Loh Ai Lin
Head, Sales (MSL)
jloh@maybank.com.sg
(+65) 6536 1336

Shanghai
Joyce Ha
Treasury Sales Manager
Joyce.ha@maybank.com
(+86) 21 28932588

Indonesia
Endang Yulianti Rahayu
Head of Sales, Indonesia
EYRahayu@maybank.co.id
(+62) 21 29936318 or
(+62) 2922 8888 ext 29611

Philippines
Angela R. Ofrecio
Head, Global Markets Sales
Arofrecio@maybank.com
(+632 7739 1739)

Fixed Income
Malaysia
Winson Phoon
Head, Fixed Income
winsonphoon@maybank.com
(+65) 6231 5831

Soh Jing Ying
Fixed Income Analyst
jingying.soh@maybank.com
(+60) 3 2074 7606