

FX Weekly

Back to the Range

The Week Ahead

- **Dollar Index - Sell Rally.** Support at 96.40; Resistance at 100.40
- **USD/SGD - Stretched.** Support at 1.2500; Resistance at 1.3100
- **USD/MYR - Bearish.** Support at 4.10; Resistance at 4.30
- **SGD/MYR - Eye 3.20.** Support at 3.20; Resistance at 3.30

A Confluence of Drivers for a Softer USD

The greenback peaked right in the middle of the week. Its pullback coincided with a number of events - 1) Trump's tariff hearing at the Supreme Court where Justices expressed skepticism about Trump's use of the IEEPA to impose tariffs, 2) US government shutdown starts to beat its record of 35 days, 3) the easing of US funding costs. The 150K job cuts that Challenger reported for Oct certainly did not help the USD in the least. Now, given the skepticism expressed by Justices on the legality of Trump's tariffs, there is a risk that the tariffs may not be upheld by the Supreme Court and the tariff revenue may have to be paid back to the businesses. The administration would likely scramble to use other channels to enact those tariffs. A removal of tariffs could ease concerns on inflation. The tariffs in question include the "reciprocal tariffs" on almost all imports into the US, and even more so against Canada, China and Mexico. The de minimis exemption (duty exemption for packages below \$800) was also ended under the IEEPA this year as well. We continue to keep an eye on the outcome of the Supreme Court on Trump's tariffs.

Back in the Range for the USD, CNH; AUD, NZD to Remain Pressured

The key 100.40-resistance is now established for the DXY index. We are back to trade within the 96.40-100.40 range. The recent hawkish Fed chorus could continue to provide tailwinds for the greenback for now but that is only because we are operating in a vacuum of data. The path of least resistance for the USD is still to the downside as the economy continues to soften. The confluence of a weaker US economy, a reluctant Fed could mean that risk-sensitive AUD, NZD may remain as laggards. Asian FX has been rather divergent with IDR, MYR, THB gaining into the end of the week while tech-link KRW and TWD traded on the backfoot. PBoC has shifted to a more neutral stance when it comes to the central parity fixes since the end of the Xi-Trump summit, allowing USDCNH to trade within the 7.09-7.15 range, as well. JPY has been influential in the FX space and we continue to keep an ear out for any further details on PM Takaichi's fiscal plans. FinMin Katayama's jawboning had thus far slowed the USDJPY's ascent. A break of the 152.40 is required for further bearish extension.

Other Key Data/Events We Watch (Data can be Affected by Shutdown)

Mon: -Nil-

Tue: EC ZEW survey, AU NAB business survey, US NFIB Business Survey, UK Labour report

Wed: -Nil-

Thu: US CPI (Oct)

Fri: CH Activity Data (Oct), MY GDP (3Q)

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Currency	Support/Resistance	Key Data and Events
Dollar Index	S: 96.00; R: 100.40	Mon: - Nil - Tue: NFIB Small business optimism (Oct) Wed: Fed Barr, Williams, Paulson, Waller, Bostic, Miran speak Thu: CPI (Oct), Fri: Retail sales, PPI, Fed Bostic, Schmid speak
EURUSD	S: 1.13; R: 1.18	Mon: - Nil - Tue: ECB Vujcic speaks, ZEW survey Wed: ECB Kocher, Schnabel speak Thu: ECB publishes Economic Bulletin, ECB Villeroy speaks, industrial production (Sep) Fri: EZ GDP (3Q S), Trade, Labour (3QP), ECB Elderson, Lane speak
AUDUSD	S: 0.6300; R: 0.6600	Mon: - Nil - Tue: AU Westpac consumer conf (Nov), AU NAB business confidence, conditions (Oct) Wed: RBA Jones Fireside Chat, home loans value (3Q), Thu: Consumer inflation expectation (Nov), Labour report (Oct) Fri: - Nil -
NZDUSD	S: 0.57; R: 0.60	Mon: - Nil - Tue: 2Y inflation expectation (4Q) Wed: - Nil - Thu: Card spending (Oct), Net Migration (Sep) Fri: RBNZ Prasanna Gai speaks, BusinessNZ Mfg PMI (Oct)
GBPUSD	S: 1.29; R: 1.35	Mon: - Nil - Tue: ILO labour report (Sep), BoE Greene speaks Wed: BoE Pill speaks, Thu: UK GDP (3Q P), industrial production (Sep), Construction output (Sep), Trade (Sep) Fri: S&P Global, KPMG and REC UK Report
USDCAD	S: 1.38; R: 1.45	Mon: - Nil - Tue: - Nil - Wed: Building permits (Sep) Thu: Summary of Deliberations (BoC) Fri: Mfg Sales (Sep), Wholesale sales (Sep)
USDJPY	S: 150; R: 155	Mon: - Nil - Tue: BoP current account (Sep) Wed: Money stock Thu: PPI (Oct) Fri: Tertiary industry (Sep)
USDCNH	S: 7.10; R: 7.15	Mon: - Nil - Tue: - Nil - Wed: - Nil - Thu: - Nil - Fri: New home prices, used home prices, retail sales, industrial production, FAI, Property (Oct)
USDTWD	S: 31.00; R: 32.00	Mon: - Nil - Tue: - Nil - Wed: - Nil - Thu: - Nil - Fri: - Nil -

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USDMYR	S: 4.10; R: 4.30	Mon: - Nil - Tue: - Nil - Wed: - Nil - Thu: - Nil - Fri: GDP (3Q)
USDSGD	S: 1.28; R: 1.31	Mon: - Nil - Tue: - Nil - Wed: - Nil - Thu: - Nil - Fri: - Nil -
USDPHP	S: 57.55; R: 59.00	Mon: - Nil - Tue: - Nil - Wed: - Nil - Thu: - Nil - Fri: - Nil -
USDIDR	S: 16420; R: 16900	Mon: - Nil - Tue: - Nil - Wed: - Nil - Thu: - Nil - Fri: - Nil -
USDTHB	S: 32.10; R: 33.50	Mon: - Nil - Tue: - Nil - Wed: - Nil - Thu: Consumer confidence (Oct) Fri: Forward Contracts

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Currency

Stories of the Week

DXY Index

Bearish Risks Play Out. The DXY index was on the slide in the latter half of the week, having resisted by the 200-dma (100.40), possibly due to the hearing on Trump's tariff at the Supreme Court. The greenback was all the more weighed by reports of 153K job cuts in Oct due to AI adoption, softening consumer and corporate spending and rising costs.

There were quite a number of Fed speaks overnight with Musalem noting that policy rate is approaching neutral settings, Goolsbee not comfortable with further rate cuts without data and Hammack seeing inflation a bigger concern than the labour market. US bourses fell due amid growing concerns on the labour market and the somewhat hawkish Fed chorus of late did not help in the least.

Focus on the legality of Trump's tariffs that were enacted based on the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) after the hearing at the Supreme Court. The IEEPA was invoked to impose the "reciprocal tariffs" on almost all imports into the US, and even more so against Canada, China and Mexico. The de minimis exemption (duty exemption for packages below \$800) was also ended under the IEEPA this year as well. Key conservative justices voiced skepticism about the legality of his tariffs with Chief Justice John Roberts noting that they were an "imposition of taxes on Americans and that has always been the core power of Congress". If the tariffs are overturned, businesses may seek the return of tariffs paid to the US Treasury. The administration may impose import taxes via alternative legal channels but those require investigations and will be subjected to limitations - in other words, those will take more time. Regardless, there is a possibility that the unwinding of these tariffs could potentially ease inflation concerns and allow Fed more room to normalize monetary policy rate further.

In addition, the government shutdown drags on and the more it is prolonged, the greater the risk it poses to the broader economy.

Back on the DXY index, last printed 99.73. The doji formed on Wed was followed by a bearish session yesterday. Break of the 99.60 (23.6% Fibonacci retracement of the 2025 high-low) could open the way to the next support at 99.20 (21-dma) before the next at 98.38. Bearish divergence is seen against the MACD forest as well. **Downside bias should continue.**

EUR/USD

On the Rebound. EURUSD rose to levels around 1.1545 levels as the USD retraced more of its gains. EUR remains in oversold territory.

It remains to be seen if Lecornu can push through a budget for 2026 after surviving a no-confidence vote narrowly and there are still risks on this front for the EUR. Given the state of play in French parliament, Lecornu could still survive a no-confidence motion but be placed in a state where his government cannot meaningfully govern, thereby prolonging French political paralysis. He may well be forced to use article 49.3 to push through the budget even though he previously said that he would not. We continue to watch out for risks to the EUR on this front. We continue to believe that French political developments have bearish risks for the EUR, with no end to the current crisis in sight. We reiterate our view that risks to the EUR are bearish, **although there could be limited downside to the EUR at this juncture.**

We stay cautious of potential whipsaws in the EUR. Back on the charts, we see two-way risks for the EURUSD given overbought conditions and bullish momentum. EURUSD was last seen around 1.1540, on the rebound towards next resistance around 1.1590(21-dma) and then at 1.1670. Support at 1.1470 before the next at 1.1400.

Lingering Fiscal Risks. GBPUSD was higher around 1.3140 as USD softens. GBP remains in oversold territory. GBP went sharply lower after the OBR downgraded official UK productivity forecasts by more than expected, leaving Chancellor Reeves with a hole that will need to be filled for the budget. Overnight, BoE kept interest rate at 4% in a tight 5-4 vote with Governor Bailey swinging the decision. The BoE mention that inflation likely peaked at 3.8% in Sep and that certainly opens the door to further rate cuts in the months ahead. OIS suggests 67% probability of a rate cut in Dec now. BoE also warned of weak business investment, rising unemployment and slowing growth and Governor Bailey urged Reeves to cap regulated prices (water, energy, rail fares and vehicle excise duty) to help curb inflation which would allow more room for BoE to cut rates. Its business survey indicated that “uncertainty about potential announcement in the Autumn budget” is stalling activity and demand is not expected to pick up until at least part way through 2026.

GBP/USD

Focus is still on the Nov 26 Autumn budget. Chancellor Reeves could blame Brexit for the black hole in UK finances with the OBR budget analysis admitting that they could have been too optimistic about growth. She advocated for fiscal rigour to win votes and said that the UK did not need a standalone wealth tax in a Labour party congress. There is a view that UK fiscal risks could be overstated (given relatively stable public net debt and expectations of improving fiscal deficit) and as such the GBP could make advances. We believe that the fiscal risk for the UK remain fairly priced and remain cautiously optimistic for the GBP. Back on the GBPUSD chart, this pair staged a rather strong rebound to levels around 1.3130, about to test the resistance at 1.3140, 1.3265 (200-dma).

Lower. Pair was last seen at 153.02 as fell in line with the UST yields edging lower given the weak challenger jobs cut data. It continues to test the 153.00 support at this point although a break below it would have depend on more decline in US rates or some further reassurance on the fiscal situation plus BOJ rate hike path.

USDJPY

We lean on the downside for the pair especially given the possibility in some decline in US rates amid the risk there could be more softness in the US economy showing up. Japan fiscal concerns may have likely peaked and should recede from here we believe as the government is less likely to engage in undisciplined fiscal spending. Jawboning and the risk of intervention should limit upside. On technical patterns, a rising wedge has formed with the support standing around 153.00. The next support is at 150.00. Resistance at 155.00 and 158.00. There are no remaining key data releases this week.

Back to Range-Trades. AUDUSD was last seen around 0.6480, a laggard amongst G10 FX due to the weaker risk appetite overnight. Data from a private company suggests a significant rise in layoffs announced by US companies in Oct, negative for the USD. Meanwhile, AUD is still supported by the RBA-Fed divergence. Inflation remains in the way of RBA's next cut. That is why RBA left cash target unchanged at 3.60%. The Reserve Bank noted in its statement that inflation has picked up but the board's judgement is that inflation pressure is tentative. Much of the increase is due to the cessation of electricity rebates in a number of states. The SoMP central forecasts are based on one more rate cut in 2026, along with the mention of uncertainties regarding the assessment that monetary policy remains a little restrictive, suggest room for one more rate cut, even though it is very much data dependent.

AUD/USD

Back on the AUDUSD chart, the pair has potential to bottom around 0.6450. Range-trade seems to continue within 0.6450-0.6630.

Recovery. NZDUSD slumped alongside fellow antipode and was last seen around 0.5630, still within the falling trend channel. This is largely driven by sentiment and we see a possibility of a base at 0.5590. We continue to hold a constructive outlook for NZD from here as we look for recovery to take hold but broader risk sentiment seems to be weighing on this risk-sensitive commodity currency in the interim. This is in line with recent comments from RBNZ Governor Hawkesby that the rise of jobless rate to 5.3% in 3Q was within expectation and he said that “as a central case, we think things are going to get better”. Back on the NZDUSD chart, spot was last seen around 0.5630, break of the 0.5730-resistance would mark the first milestone for NZD bulls to re-establish control.

NZD/USD

Technical Chart Picks:

USDSGD Daily Chart - Overbought, Bearish Divergence



USDSGD was pressured upwards amid the dollar rebound at first and turned as soon as the greenback shifted lower as well. USDSGD has met resistance at 1.31-figure and has formed a bearish divergence with the MACD forest.

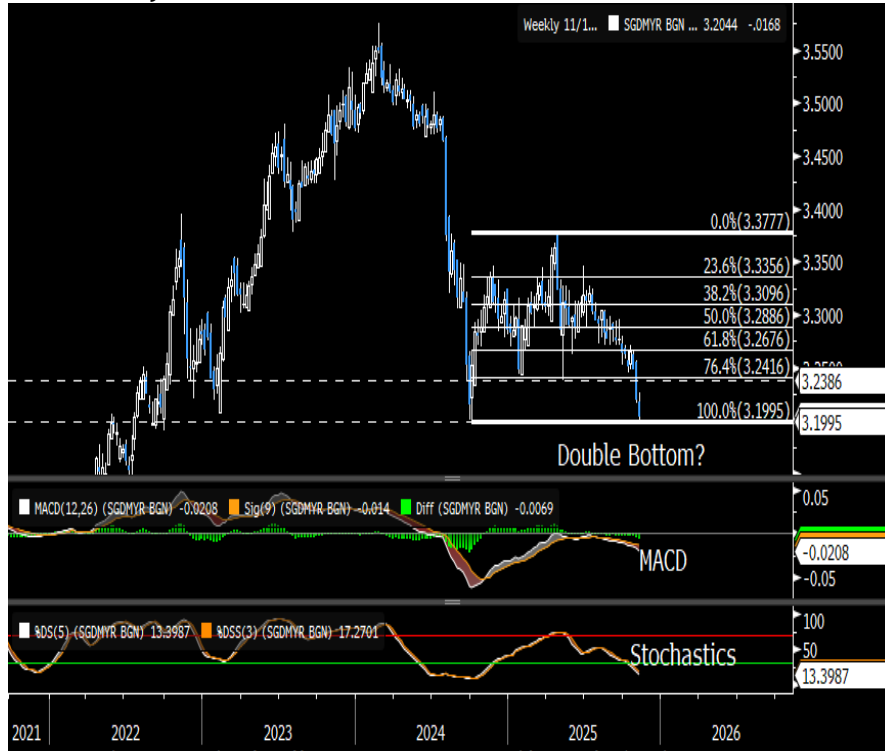
We continue to see potential for further bearish move towards the 1.2950.

USDMYR Daily Chart - Breaking out lower



USDMYR has finally made a meaningful break lower, below the key support around 4.1835. We continue to see potential for this pair to head towards 4.10 and likely even the 4.00-figure.

SGDMYR Daily Chart - Double Bottom



SGDMYR has been slipping and was last seen around 3.2042, briefly testing key support around 3.20 today (7 Nov). As we have mentioned earlier, key support is seen around 3.20 and we do not rule out a rebound from there after a double bottom has been established. Rebound to meet resistance at 3.2420 before 3.2680.

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