Global Markets Daily

Risk-on Nudges Dollar Lower Despite Hawkish Fed

USD Dipped Post-FoMC, Risk-on Across Markets

Fed dots plot signalled another 6 more hikes this year (vs. previous projection for 3 hikes), but this is merely catching up with market expectations. Despite hawkish Fed, dollar saw modest dips post-FoMC. Moves were likely supported too by risk-on sentiments in markets. Chinese authorities released a strong statement to support markets after earlier deep sell-offs, Powell reiterated that US growth momentum remained robust, and a Kremlin spokesman said that a neutral Ukraine with its own armed forces may be a possible compromise. Equities are in the green overnight and this morning, with strongest rebounds seen in Chinese assets. Assuming developments in Russia-Ukraine conflict lean positive in the coming days, market swings could tilt towards cautious optimism on net.

BI and CBC Likely to Stand Pat, BoE Likely to Hike +25Bps

We expect BI to hold its policy rate unchanged at 3.5% this afternoon. Subsidies for cooking oil and gasoline have kept domestic inflation contained, while normalization in monetary policy has already begun with authorities' earlier decision to drain excess liquidity by raising banks' reserve ratio. On net, BI can afford to be a tad patient in hiking rates alongside ongoing geopolitical risks. With a hawkish Fed in view, our house view looks for a first rate hike from BI in 2Q and three hikes for the full year. For BoE, we expect it to continue with its back-to-back hike of +25bps at the MPC tonight. A very tight labor market and more persistent price pressures (CPI at 5.5%) are likely the push factors for BoE to act. The risk is a 50bps hike but we doubt it as policymakers indicated "measured" pace of rate rise. Meanwhile, CBC is likely to stand pat on policy today, though increasingly there is a risk of CBC reacting earlier given expectations of a faster pace of Fed normalization and faster inflation at home.

US Industrial Production, Philly Fed Business Outlook on Tap

Key data of interest today include US Building permits, housing starts, IP (Feb), Philly Fed business outlook (Mar), EU CPI (Feb). Singapore NoDX expanded by 9.5%y/y in Feb, more modest than expected 16.5%.

	FX: Ove	rnight Closir	ng Levels/ % Ch	ange				
Majors	Prev	% Chg	Asian FX	Prev	% Chg			
majors	Close	70 chig	ASIGNTA	Close				
EUR/USD	1.1035	@ 0.72	USD/SGD	1.3588	🚽 -0.51			
GBP/USD	1.3149	n 0.82	EUR/SGD	1.4994	n 0.19			
AUD/USD	0.729	n 1.31	JPY/SGD	1.1442	4 -0.86			
NZD/USD	0.6838	n 0.99	GBP/SGD	1.7866	n 0.31			
USD/JPY	118.73	n 0.36	AUD/SGD	0.9904	n 0.80			
EUR/JPY	131.02	n 1.10	NZD/SGD	0.9293	n 0.50			
USD/CHF	0.9405	4 -0.08	CHF/SGD	1.4444	-0.4 3			
USD/CAD	1.2677	🚽 -0.69	CAD/SGD	1.0719	n 0.20			
USD/MYR	4.198	-0.2 1	SGD/MYR	3.0835	n 0.07			
USD/THB	33.382	-0.4 3	SGD/IDR	10513.48	n 0.23			
USD/IDR	14312	-0.1 3	SGD/PHP	38.4046	1 0.07			
USD/PHP	52.33	4 -0.15	SGD/CNY	4.6687	n 0.04			
Impli	ied USD/SG	D Estimates	at 17 March 2	022, 9.00a	m			
Upper Band Limit Mid-Point			Lov	ver Band Lin	nit			
1.3565 1.3841				1.4118				

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G7: Events & Market Closure

Date	Ctry	Event
17 Mar	UK	BoE Policy Decision
17 Mar	US	Fed Policy Decision
18 Mar	JP	BoJ Policy Decision

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Date	Ctry	Event		
17 Mar	ID	BI Policy Decision		
17 Mar	тw	CBC Policy Decision		
18 Mar	IN	Market closure		

G7 Currencies

DXY Index - Peaked. USD eased off in line with our call that USD should peak soon as hawkish expectations were in the price while Fed is not the only one tightening, other central banks (BoE, RBNZ, BoC, etc.) are also engaged in synchronous policy normalisation. Move lower in USD came amid (1) Fed's hawkish expectations well anticipated; (2) tentative signs of Ukraine tensions de-escalating; (3) China pledging to keep capital markets stable. Equity sentiment fared well with Hang Seng jumping another 6.7% in the open, following 9% gain yesterday. Most non-USD FX gained with KRW and AUD leading (+1.5%) while JPY and USD fell. FoMC voted 8-1 to raise rate to 0.25% - 0.5%. Bullard was the only dissenter as he called for 50bps hike. Dot plot signalled another 6 more hikes this year (vs. their previous projection for 3 hikes). But this is merely catching up with market expectations. For 2023, Fed is now looking for about 3 - 4 more hikes and none for 2024. Powell told reporters that inflation is too high, labor market is over-heated and price stability is a "precondition" for Fed. While he noted that Ukraine war had highly uncertain implications for US economy that create near term upward pressure on inflation while weighing on economic activity, he played down the risk of recession and emphasized that US economy is "very strong". On Ukraine situation, there are some tentative signs of deescalation. Russia said that parts of Ukraine compromise deal are close to being agreed upon after Kyiv agreed to discuss neutrality. Russia Foreign Minister said key issues included the security of the people in Eastern Ukraine, the demilitarisation of Ukraine and rights of Russia-speaking people in Ukraine. DXY fell; last at 98.40 levels. Bullish momentum on daily chart is fading while RSI fell. Bias to sell rallies remains. Support at 97.72 (61.8% fibo), 96.95 (21DMA) and 96 levels (50% fibo). Resistance at 99.73 (76.4% fibo retracement of 2020 high to 2021 double-bottom low), 100.5 levels and 102.98 (2020 high). Week remaining brings Building permits, housing starts, IP (Feb); Philly Fed business outlook (Mar) on Thu; Existing home sales, leading index (Feb).

EURUSD - Upside Risk. EUR traded higher on reports that Ukraine and Russia made significant progress on a tentative peace plan that includes a ceasefire and Russian withdrawal if Kyiv declares neutrality and accepts limits on its armed forces. The 15-point draft would involve Kyiv renouncing its ambitions to join NATO and promised not to host foreign military bases or weaponry in exchange for protection from allies such as US, UK and Turkey. Nonetheless development remains fluid as Ukraine cities are still under heavy shelling while Kyiv launched counter-offensive despite talks. Risks remain 2-way for now. EUR was last at 1.1030 levels. Bearish momentum on daily chart faded while RSI rose. Slight upside risks. Resistance at 1.1040 levels (76.4% fibo retracement of 2020 low to high), 1.11, 1.1190/1.12 (61.8% fibo, 21 DMA). Support at 1.0860, 1.0810 and 1.0638 (2020 low). Week remaining has CPI (Feb), Lagarde, Lane, Knot speak on Thu; Trade (Jan) on Fri.

GBPUSD - BoE to Hike 25bps. GBP extended its rebound overnight, in line with our call for bullish reversal. Pair was last seen at 1.3145

levels. Bearish momentum on daily chart intact is waning while RSI rose from near oversold conditions. Falling wedge pattern is in play - typically associated with bullish reversal. Resistance at 1.3165 (38.2% fibo retracement of 2020 low to 2021 high), 1.32, 1.3320 (21DMA). Support at 1.3020, 1.30. This week brings BoE MPC on Thu. We expect BoE to continue with its back-to- back hike of +25bps rate hike at the upcoming MPC. A very tight labor market and more persistent price pressures (CPI at 5.5%) are likely the push factors for BoE to act. The risk is a 50bps hike but we doubt it as policymakers indicated "measured" pace of rate rise.

USDJPY - Buoyant. Last seen at 118.94 levels. Our caution for modest downside risks for the pair, on potential "slight Fed divergence from hawkish market expectations", did not come to pass. Fed's new dots plot see rates ending 2022 at around 1.9%, in line with bets. Strong hawkish stance from Fed led 2Y UST-JGB yield differentials to widen further to +197bps, versus +190bps yesterday. As a result, USDJPY saw modest support and swung higher towards the 119-handle, even as broad dollar DXY saw a mild dip post-FoMC as expected. Some retracement still possible given overbought conditions in RSI, but given wide divergence in current Fed-BoJ monetary policy stance, pair is expected to remain in elevated ranges. Resistance at 118.66 (2017 high) has been breached, next at 120. Support at 116.35 (previous triple-top), before 115.35 (50 DMA).

NZDUSD - Consolidate. NZD rose, tracking gains in AUD and other non-USD FX. Move higher came amid supported sentiment arising out of (1) Fed's hawkish expectations well anticipated; (2) tentative signs of Ukraine tensions de-escalating; (3) China pledging to keep capital markets stable. Pair was last at 0.6830 levels. Daily momentum is flat. Look for consolidative trades intra-day. Resistance at 0.6870 (50% fibo). Support at 0.6790 (38.2% fibo retracement of Oct high to Jan low), 0.6735 (50 DMA). Data released this morning saw 4Q GDP rebounding 3% q/q (vs. -3.6% in 3Q). Growth was driven by recovery retail trade, construction and manufacturing while on the other hand, border restrictions weighed on tourist-related sectors such as accommodation, eduction as well as arts & recreation. But the sequential rebound underwhelmed expectations (3.3%). Widespread omicron variant may also have dampened 1Q economic activities.

AUDUSD - Rising Trend Channel Extends. AUD rebounded spectacularly within the rising channel, buoyed at first by Vice Premier Liu He's pledge to provide state support for equities and then also by the broader USD pullback after the Fed decided to hike rates by a well-flagged 25bps, aligning rate hike projection with the markets with the dot plot projecting another 6 hikes for the year. Equities were lifted overnight by Powell's assessment of the US economy that is "very strong" and the labour market that is "extremely tight". His pledge to counter inflation also boosted risk appetite. As a result, AUD started Asia this morning around the 0.73-figure and was nudged a tad higher by the solid labour report for Feb which saw a net addition of 77.4K of employment for the month with participation rate ticking higher to 66.4% from previous 66.2%.

Jobless rate fell to 4.0% from previous 4.2%, already reaching the RBA's target for the year and potentially accelerating towards the 2023 target of 3.75%. We recall RBA Governor Lowe's endeavour to test how far below 4% unemployment rate can go to lift wages with the current accommodative monetary policies. The central bank had reiterated that wage growth is still expected to be gradual due to structural wage setting forces (public wage policies and wage agreements in the private sector). Back on the AUDUSD chart, bearish momentum on the daily chart waned while stochastics are neutral. Bullish trend channel (formed since Jan) extended with the relief rally of the AUDUSD that started from Wed. Resistance at 0.7315 (200 DMA), 0.7340 (61.8% fibo) and 0.7425 (76.4% fibo). Support at 0.7260 (50% fibo retracement of Oct -Jan decline).

USDCAD - Feb CPI Higher. USDCAD was last seen around 1.2670. CAD rallied along with other risky assets overnight after Fed acted within expectations (albeit hawkish). Pair has arrived at the area of support marked by the 50,100-dma around 1.2670/80 with the next support at 1.2605 (200-dma). Action is still within the 1.2620-1.2940 range and we look for a break-out for a better directional cue. Russia's spokesperson Dmitry Peskov also suggest the possibility of a compromise if Ukraine can be a neutral country with its own armed forces. Some prospect for peace or at least a ceasefire could be contributing to the relief rally overnight. On the other hand, Ukrainian President Zelensky asked for military aid from the US Congress yesterday, drawing reference from the bombing of the Pearl Harbour, 9/11 terrorist attack and urged for a Westernenforced no-fly zone. At home, Canada's CPI accelerated more than expected to 5.7% from previous 5.1%, a new three-decade high. Price pressure rose for almost all subcomponents with food inflation accelerating to 6.7%y/y from previous 5.7%. Shelter at 6.6%y/y from previous 6.2%. Transportation up 8.7%y/y from previous 8.3%. Rising inflation set the stage for a more aggressive tightening cycle. OIS implied suggest another 7 hikes in the coming 1 year which translates to a rate hike for every coming meeting for the year.

Asia ex Japan Currencies

SGDNEER trades around +1.87% from the implied mid-point of 1.3841 with the top estimated at 1.3565 and the floor at 1.4118.

- USDSGD Lean Against Strength. USDSGD last seen at 1.3582, about 80pips lower versus levels seen yesterday morning. While Fed dots plot (6 more hikes for the rest of 2022) signaled a strong hawkish stance, as we argued prior, much of this has been priced in with prior dollar upswing. On confirmation of Fed policy, broad DXY tried to tilt higher initially but eventually dipped lower. Moves were likely supported too by risk-on sentiments in markets. Chinese authorities released a strong statement to support markets after earlier deep sell-offs, Powell reiterated that US growth momentum remained robust, and a Kremlin spokesman said that a neutral Ukraine with its own armed forces may be a possible compromise. Assuming developments in Russia-Ukraine conflict lean positive in the coming days, AxJ FX, including SGD, could tilt towards cautious optimism on net. I.e., two-way swings in USDSGD but with risks tilted modestly to downside. On USDSGD chart, bullish momentum has largely moderated while RSI has dipped lower from near-overbought conditions. Resistance at 1.3680, 1.3750 (Nov high). Support at 1.3550 (100-DMA), 1.3490 (23.6% fibo retracement from Nov 2021 high to Feb 2022 low), 1.3410 (2022 low).
- AUDSGD Two-Way Trades. AUDSGD rose, buoyed by the strong AUD and was last around 0.9930 amid the risk-on environment. Momentum indicators are still neutral at this point. 21-dma is about to make a bullish cross-over of the 200-dma, a bullish signal. This cross could remain in volatile two-way swings but on net, risks are skewed to the upside. Resistance is seen around 1.016 (Oct high), before the next at 1.0265. Support at 0.9790 (100-DMA) before the 50-dma at 0.9720.
- **SGDMYR -** *Consolidate*. SGDMYR was last at 3.0830 levels. Bearish momentum on daily chart faded while RSI remains flat. Consolidative trades likely. Support at 3.0740, 3.0655 levels (Dec low), 3.0620 levels. Resistance at 3.0820 (23.6% fibo retracement of 2021 high to low) and 3.0920 (38.2% fibo).
- USDMYR Retracing Lower. USDMYR further slipped on continued foreign inflows into equity markets, resilient RMB and supported sentiments arising out of 1) Fed's hawkish expectations well anticipated; (2) tentative signs of Ukraine tensions de-escalating; (3) China pledging to keep capital markets stable. Pair was last at 4.1890 levels. Bullish momentum intact but shows signs of slowing while RSI is falling. Risks skewed to the downside. Support at 4.1840 (200 DMA) and 4.1750 levels. Resistance at 4.19 (23.6% fibo retracement of 2022 low to high, 50 DMA), 4.21 levels. Local equities was +0.77% this morning. Foreigners net bought \$94.4mio local equities yesterday. MTD inflow recorded \$412mio, one of the largest inflow for the region.
- **Im USDKRW NDF** *Interim Top Made*. 1m USDKRW NDF traded sharply lower, consistent with our call for interim top. Move lower

came amid supported sentiment arising out of: 1) Fed's hawkish expectations well anticipated; (2) tentative signs of Ukraine tensions de-escalating; (3) China pledging to keep capital markets stable. KOSPI is nearly up 2%. Pair was last at 1223 levels. Bullish momentum on daily chart is fading while RSI fell from near overbought conditions. Candlestick patterns over the last 3 sessions confirmed an interim top. Support at 1214 (21 DMA), 1208 levels. Resistance here at 1132, 1238 (76.4% fibo retracement of 2020 high to 2021 low).

1m USDTWD NDF - CBC to Hold. 1m USDTWD NDF eased followed USD pullback as hawkish Fed was well anticipated while Ukraine situation shows tentative signs of de-escalation. Pair was last at 28.40 levels. Bullish momentum on daily chart shows signs of fading while RSI eased from overbought conditions. Risks to the downside. Support at 28.35 (23.6% fibo retracement of 2022 low to high), 28.17 (38.2% fibo). Resistance at 28.50, 28.63 (2022 high). We still expect CBC to keep policy rate unchanged at current level of 1.125% at the upcoming MPC, though increasingly there is a risk of CBC reacting earlier given expectations of a faster pace of Fed normalization and faster inflation at home. Though headline GDP and inflation may seem to suggest that overall growth in TW is robust, they masked challenges for some sectors (self-employed, tourism, etc.) and we opined CBC may want to keep policy accommodative to support domestic activity especially when covid border measures may only be gradually eased in mid-Mar. We also recall that Governor Yang hinted in Nov that CBC will not kick off rate hike cycle before Fed. He also outlined 3 factors that CBC will consider when to raise interest rates: (1) inflation - but CBC sees no inflationary pressure; (2) observe effects of government measures to stimulate the economy; (3) potential rate-triggered foreign fund flows. He further elaborated that when the central bank raises its key interest rates, foreign funds will flow into the country and high liquidity is expected to affect real estate, other asset prices and the Taiwan dollar's value, so long as other central banks keep their interest rates intact. Taking the above factors into consideration, we still expect CBC to stay patient as its assessment of inflation remains sanguine and that Fed has yet to tighten. The case for 0.125% hike to bring policy rate to 1.25% in 2H 2022 is conceivable with Jun MPC a possible window for first CBC hike.

USDCNH - Bearish Bias. USDCNH hovered around 6.3620 this morning. Price action for the past few sessions have been volatile but investors in Chinese assets could be seeing the light at the end of a tunnel after Vice Premier Liu He chaired a special meeting of the Financial Stability and Development Committee yesterday. There were a few key points made at the meeting including a pledge to have more "policies that benefit markets", to support overseas share listings, to have a good discussion with the US authorities on ADRs, to "complete rectification work on large platform companies via standardized, transparent and predictable supervision". There was also mention of having "proactive monetary policy" to support the economy in 1Q. Equities rallied in anticipation of a friendlier regulatory environment this year (especially for big tech firms), potential support for property markets and the prospect of a rate cut

or a RRR cut that could boost markets. USDCNH fell yesterday in reaction to the outcome of the meeting and extended decline this morning, in tandem with broader USD softness. Fed has managed to act within expectations of the market overnight with a dot plot showing another 6 hikes this year (one for each coming meeting) - a catch-up to market expectations. Upbeat assessment of the economy and Fed's apparent determination to fight high inflation boosted risk appetite overnight and in-turn softened the USD. Back on the charts. USDCNH is about to test support at around 6.3480 (50-dma). Next support is seen around 6.3340 (21-dma). Bullish momentum indicators are waning with stochastics turning lower from near overbought condition. Bias is a tad bearish but lingering concerns over Covid resurgence at home could provide some support for the USDCNH on dips. In other news, China will not expand its property tax trial this year according to Xinhua, citing sources. PBoC set the daily reference rate for the onshore yuan at 6.3406 this morning, 46 pips higher than median estimate of 6.3360 polled by the BBG survey. For the rest of the week, FX Net settlement is due on Fri.

1M USDINR NDF - *The Outlier*? The 1M NDF bounced to levels around 77.30. The move does not seem to be aligned with the rest of USDAxJ at this point. Support remains around 76.16 (21-dma), 75.40 (50-DMA). Based on crude oil decline, broader USD depreciation and better risk sentiment, USDINR NDF should be drifting lower in tandem with most regional peers. Concerns at this point could still be on how RBI could tackle the risk of stagflation as well as an accidental missile that was fired by India last week that had spurred Pakistan into retaliation but was held back after further investigation according to unnamed sources cited by Bloomberg. In other news, local press reported that India may purchase 15mn barrels of oil from Russia on a CIF basis where Russia bears cost, insurance and freight. Back on the 1M USDINR NDF, momentum indicators are turning south. The 77.60-resistance (Mar high) remains intact and the next resistance is seen at 78.15. No tier one data for the rest of the week.

USDVND - *Retracement*. USDVND spot closed at 22875 yesterday (16 Mar), lower than the 22894 close on 15 Mar. This pair may gap down lower in tandem with most other USDAxJ. Resistance at 22918 (61.8% Fibonacci retracement of the Dec-Jan plunge) while support is seen around 22830 (21,200-dma). In news, Health Ministry waived quarantine requirement for all international visitors and require only Covid-19 test within the first 24 hours of arrival if they haven't been test 24-72 hours before departure. Masks are to be worn. Separately, the industry and trade ministry ordered importers to double Mar imports to 1m cbm in order to make up for the shortage at the local Nghi Son oil refinery. Meanwhile, the authorities also urged Vietnam Oil and Gas Group for greater oil exploitation output, exploration of new oil fields and to construct the Vung Tau refinery project (BBG)

1M USDIDR NDF - BI to Stand Pat. 1M NDF last seen near 14,280, modestly lower compared to levels seen yesterday morning. Despite strong hawkish Fed messaging overnight, broad DXY saw a net dip, supported in part by robust risk-on sentiments. On BI decision today, we expect the central bank to hold its policy rate unchanged at 3.5%. Public subsidies for cooking oil and gasoline have kept domestic inflation somewhat contained, while normalization in monetary policy has already begun with authorities' earlier decision to drain excess liquidity by raising banks' reserve ratio. On net, BI can afford to be a tad patient in hiking rates and support the domestic economy for a while longer alongside ongoing geopolitical risks. Going forward though, with a hawkish Fed in view, our house view looks for a first rate hike from BI in 2Q and three hikes for the full year. Meanwhile, benign commodity prices will likely sustain the trade surplus, as Indonesia's top exports include palm oil, coal, copper and nickel, net positive for IDR sentiments. On the NDF daily chart, momentum and RSI are mildly bearish. Support at 14,220 (23.6% fibo retracement from early Dec high to late Dec low), 14,125 (Dec low). Resistance at 14,380 (61.8% fibo), 14,450 (76.4% fibo), 14,550 (Dec high).

USDTHB - Dipping from Near-Overbought Conditions. Last seen near 33.28, remaining on a net down-move since hitting interim peak near 33.55 earlier in the week. Developments were in line with our earlier assessment that risks for the pair could be tilted modestly to the downside (from 33.55). Despite strong Fed hawkish messaging overnight (6 more hikes for the rest of the year according to dots plot), risk-on sentiments on Powell's positive tones on US growth, positive news out of China (statement on market support), Russia-Ukraine (progress in talks, albeit still two-way), is translating to modest positivity among AxJ FX as well. More notably for net energy importers such as Thailand, brent prices continue to be contained after easing towards the US\$100/bbl-handle from near-US\$140/bbl earlier, easing burdens from energy import bills. On technical indicators, bullish momentum on the USDTHB daily chart shows tentative signs of moderating, while RSI is dipping from nearoverbought conditions. Key resistance at 34.00 (Sep, Dec doubletop). Support at 33.10 (100-dma), before 32.80 (21-DMA).

1M USDPHP NDF - Bullish Momentum Moderated. 1m USDPHP NDF last seen at 52.23, continuing to retrace lower on net from Mon highs seen near 53-handle. Broad dollar dip post-FoMC, easing oil prices (albeit from record highs), broad turnaround in regional sentiments on China pledge for market support etc., could be positive for PHP on net. On the 1M USDPHP NDF daily chart, bullish momentum has largely moderated, while RSI is dipping from near-overbought conditions. Resistance at 52.80 (2020 high), 53.30 (2019 high). Support at 52.10, 51.10.

Malaysia Fixed Income

Rates Indicators

MGS	Previous Bus. Day	Yesterday's Close	Change (bps)	
3YR MH 6/24	2.67	2.68	+1	
5YR MO 11/26	3.31	3.31	Unchanged	
7YR MS 6/28	3.54	3.55	+1	
10YR MO 7/32	3.69	3.68	-1	
15YR MS 4/37	4.08	4.12	+4	
20YR MY 5/40	4.20	4.25	+5	
30YR MZ 6/50	4.39	4.44	+5	
IRS				
6-months	2.04	2.03	-1	
9-months	2.13	2.13	-	
1-year	2.25	2.24	-1	
3-year	2.94	2.94	-	
5-year	3.19	3.19	-	
7-year	3.38	3.38	-	
10-year	3.60	3.60	-	

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- Higher UST yields and ahead of FOMC outcome kept local government bonds market on the sidelines with very low volume. The allowance of a special EPF withdrawal of MYR10k announcement weighed on long dated govvies with yields up 4-5bp in knee-jerk selling, but in small amounts. Front end and belly of the curve were supported by better regional risk sentiment.
- IRS market was muted throughout the day. The curve was heading marginally higher before receiving momentum emerged just before closing. Sellers focused along the belly of the curve, likely positioning ahead of the FOMC decision at night. 2y and 5y IRS were given at 2.67% and 3.18% respectively. Rates pretty much unchanged from previous close, and so was 3M KLIBOR at 1.97%.
- Corporate bonds space was rather quiet. GG saw better buying in Prasarana intermediate bonds which tightened its curve by 2bp. Flows were two-way for rated corporate bonds, mainly in short end and intermediate bonds. Spreads were overall flat. Danum was in better demand and its 2023 traded 2bp firmer. Other names that were relatively active include Aman Sukuk, CIMB, BGSM and Edra Energy.

Singapore Fixed Income

Rates Indicators

SGS	Previous Bus. Day	Yesterday's Close	Change (bps)
2YR	1.46	1.47	+1
5YR	1.90	1.92	+2
10YR	2.08	2.12	+4
15YR	2.30	2.32	+2
20YR	2.33	2.34	+1
30YR	2.31	2.33	+2

Source: MAS (Bid Yields)

- SGD OIS curve bear-steepened and was up by 1-4bp after easing off slightly from the paid momentum in the morning. 5y SORA was well offered with resistance at the 1.85% level. SORA-SOFR spreads tightened about 5-6bp. SGS softened further with yields higher by 1-4bp. Ultra-long end bonds being given led nearby belly bonds to cheapen about 4bp. Market to watch the FOMC meeting for guidance on rates.
- Asian credit space was slightly calmer thanks to firmer US equities overnight, short cover flows and China government vowing to keep markets stable. China credits rallied alongside equities, with Tencent 10y bond tightening 30bp after having widened in the morning. Nonetheless, there was still selling flows as caution and risk reduction still prevailed ahead of the FOMC decision. China O&G credits were weak, with 10y Sinopec widening 7bp. China HY credits a tad firmer. Logan Group rose 1-2pt on the back of PB buying and HF short covering. In Asian sovereign bonds, INDON and PHILIP curves tightened 5-8bp though there was not much activity. All eyes on the FOMC meeting and dot plot projections.

Indonesia Fixed Income

Rates Indicators

IDR Gov't Bonds	Previous Bus. Day	Yesterday's Close	Change
1YR	3.44	3.46	0.02
3YR	5.04	5.03	(0.01)
5YR	5.60	5.60	0.01
10YR	6.75	6.77	0.01
15YR	6.73	6.71	(0.01)
20YR	7.17	7.17	0.00
30YR	6.99	7.00	0.01

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Indonesian government bonds slightly weakened yesterday as the market players have anticipated incoming the Federal Reserve's monetary decision. Last night, the Fed decided to tighten its monetary measures by lifting the policy rate by 25 bps, then mentioning to begin reducing the assets on its balance sheet. Recent Fed's decision is its direct responses for countering rapid inflation movement due to imbalances between supply & demand, stronger prices of energy and other goods, along with current improvement on the U.S. economy as shown by solid position on the labour condition. On its last meeting, the Fed also has strong attention for recent high geopolitical tension between Ukraine against Russia, although the Central didn't clearly mention to how far the war impact in Ukraine to the U.S. economy. On the other side, we saw that the Fed has begun to move on from the pandemic of COVID-19 after no word about the virus on its monetary statement. Then, regarding to the new release of Fed's macro variable projection (dot plot), we saw the Fed to foresee a lower projection on the economic outlook for 2022, but stronger projection on the inflation side. The latest's Fed projection on the labour market seems to being unchanged so far. Hence, on its new dot plot, the Fed has more hawkish views on its further policy rate decision. We saw the Fed to increase its policy rate by around eight times (each hike by 25 bps) and three times (each hike by 25 bps) in 2022 and 2023, respectively.

According to those above conditions, we foresee Indonesian government bonds yields to be higher further for adjusting with global higher rates environment. However, we expect an increase on Indonesian government bonds yields to be smoother after seeing recent smaller exposures by foreign investors and strong Bank Indonesia's intention to keep maintaining the country's 10Y government bond yield to near the assumption on the 2022 State Budget. However, for the Indonesian government bonds that have foreign currencies denomination, we foresee further constant pressures on their prices due to further the Fed's aggressive policy rate hike plan during 2022-2023. Today, Bank Indonesia is scheduled to decide its monetary policy rate. We expect the Indonesian Central Bank to keep maintaining its policy rate at 3.50% after seeing recent well managed inflation pressures and Rupiah's movement. However, we believe stronger inflation pressures to occur during next March until May due to mixed factors of demand pull inflation and cost push inflation during celebrating Moslem Festivities events.

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	EUR/USD	USD/JPY	AUD/USD	GBP/USD	USD/CNH	NZD/USD	EUR/JPY	AUD/JPY
R2	1.1108	119.62	0.7372	1.3236	6.4078	0.6911	132.1133	87.6663
R1	1.1072	119.17	0.7331	1.3192	6.3858	0.6875	131.5667	87.1187
Current	1.1039	118.82	0.7309	1.3155	6.3590	0.6842	131.1700	86.8470
S1	1.0974	118.23	0.7215	1.3070	6.3473	0.6772	130.0067	85.5227
S2	1.0912	117.74	0.7140	1.2992	6.3308	0.6705	128.9933	84.4743
	USD/SGD	USD/MYR	USD/IDR	USD/PHP	USD/THB	EUR/SGD	CNY/MYR	SGD/MYF
R2	1.3702	4.2083	14336	52.4687	33.7107	1.5055	0.6633	3.0931
R1	1.3645	4.2032	14324	52.3993	33.5463	1.5024	0.6621	3.0883
Current	1.3580	4.1900	14288	52.1700	33.2850	1.4991	0.6603	3.0859
S1	1.3555	4.1947	14297	52.2293	33.2283	1.4945	0.6595	3.0766
S2	1.3522	4.1913	14282	52.1287	33.0747	1.4897	0.6582	3.0697

Foreign Exchange: Daily Levels

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

Policy Rates

Policy Rates		Una semina CD	
Rates	Current (%)	Upcoming CB Meeting	MBB Expectation
MAS SGD 3-Month SIBOR	0.6304	Apr-22	Tightening Bias
BNM O/N Policy Rate	1.75	11/5/2022	Neutral
BI 7-Day Reverse Repo Rate	3.50	17/3/2022	Neutral
BOT 1-Day Repo	0.50	30/3/2022	Neutral
BSP O/N Reverse Repo	2.00	24/3/2022	Neutral
CBC Discount Rate	1.13	17/3/2022	Neutral
HKMA Base Rate	0.75	-	Neutral
PBOC 1Y Loan Prime Rate	3.70	-	Easing
RBI Repo Rate	4.00	8/4/2022	Neutral
BOK Base Rate	1.25	14/4/2022	Tightening
Fed Funds Target Rate	0.50	17/3/2022	Tightening Bias
ECB Deposit Facility Rate	-0.50	14/4/2022	Easing Bias
BOE Official Bank Rate	0.50	17/3/2022	Tightening
RBA Cash Rate Target	0.10	5/4/2022	Neutral
RBNZ Official Cash Rate	1.00	13/4/2022	Tightening
BOJ Rate	-0.10	18/3/2022	Easing Bias
BoC O/N Rate	0.50	13/4/2022	Tightening Bias

Equity Indices and Key Commodities

	Value	% Change
Dow	34,063.10	1.55
Nasdaq	13,436.55	3.77
Nikkei 225	25,762.01	1.64
FTSE	7,291.68	1.62
Australia ASX 200	7,175.24	1.10
Singapore Straits Times	3,290.90	1.70
Kuala Lumpur Composite	1,571.32	0.89
Jakarta Composite	6,992.40	1.07
P hilippines Composite	7,026.45	0.09
Taiwan TAIEX	16,940.83	0.09
Korea KOSPI	2,659.23	1.44
Shanghai Comp Index	3,170.71	3.48
Hong Kong Hang Seng	20,087.50	9.08
India Sensex	56,816.65	1.86
Nymex Crude Oil WTI	95.04	-1.45
Comex Gold	1,909.20	-1.06
Reuters CRB Index	280.57	-0.28
M B B KL	8.90	-0.78

MYR Bonds Trades Deta	ails							
MGS 8	t GII		Coupon	Maturity Date	Volume (RM 'm)	Last Done	Day High	Day Low
MGS 2/2015 3.795% 3	0.09.2022		3.795%	30-Sep-22	1	1.699	1.722	1.699
MGS 3/2013 3.480% 1	5.03.2023		3.480%	15-Mar-23	78	1.794	1.88	1.794
MGS 2/2018 3.757% 2	0.04.2023		3.757%	20-Apr-23	10	1.871	1.871	1.871
MGS 3/2019 3.478% 1	4.06.2024		3.478%	14-Jun-24	110	2.655	2.676	2.654
MGS 1/2014 4.181% 1	5.07.2024		4.181%	15-Jul-24	3	2.776	2.776	2.776
MGS 1/2018 3.882% 1	4.03.2025		3.882%	14-Mar-25	30	2.939	2.939	2.939
MGS 1/2015 3.955% 1	5.09.2025		3.955%	15-Sep-25	180	3.022	3.048	2.998
MGS 3/2011 4.392% 1	5.04.2026		4.392%	15-Apr-26	41	3.189	3.219	3.189
MGS 1/2019 3.906% 1	5.07.2026		3.906%	15-Jul-26	61	3.266	3.281	3.266
MGS 3/2016 3.900% 3	0.11.2026		3.900%	30-Nov-26	244	3.299	3.319	3.292
MGS 4/2017 3.899% 1	6.11.2027		3.899%	16-Nov-27	46	3.36	3.36	3.342
MGS 5/2013 3.733% 1	5.06.2028		3.733%	15-Jun-28	152	3.552	3.552	3.526
MGS 2/2019 3.885% 1	5.08.2029		3.885%	15-Aug-29	91	3.69	3.712	3.683
MGS 3/2010 4.498% 1	5.04.2030		4.498%	15-Apr-30	44	3.693	3.703	3.693
MGS 2/2020 2.632% 1	5.04.2031		2.632%	15-Apr-31	41	3.761	3.763	3.731
MGS 4/2011 4.232% 3	0.06.2031		4.232%	30-Jun-31	14	3.762	3.762	3.762
MGS 1/2022 3.582% 1	5.07.2032		3.582%	15-Jul-32	30	3.684	3.684	3.684
MGS 3/2018 4.642% 0	7.11.2033		4.642%	7-Nov-33	55	3.975	3.982	3.975
MGS 4/2019 3.828% 0	5.07.2034		3.828%	5-Jul-34	87	4.041	4.083	4.03
MGS 3/2017 4.762% 0	7.04.2037		4.762%	7-Apr-37	48	4.12	4.129	4.114
MGS 5/2019 3.757% 2	2.05.2040		3.757%	22-May-40	38	4.246	4.27	4.246
MGS 7/2013 4.935% 3	0.09.2043		4.935%	30-Sep-43	1	4.38	4.387	4.38
MGS 1/2020 4.065% 1			4.065%	15-Jun-50	22	4.417	4.44	4.394
GII MURABAHAH 14.04.2022	3/2017	3.948%	3.948%	14-Apr-22	25	1.772	1.772	1.772
GII MURABAHAH	1/2018	4.128%						
15.08.2025 GII MURABAHAH	1/2020	3.422%	4.128%	15-Aug-25	24	3.028	3.117	3.028
30.09.2027	172020	J.422/0	3.422%	30-Sep-27	108	3.427	3.427	3.408
GII MURABAHAH	2/2018	4.369%	4.369%	31-Oct-28	72	3.61	3.613	3.607
31.10.2028 GII MURABAHAH	2/2020	3.465%	4.307/0	31-001-20	12	3.01	3.013	3.007
15.10.2030	E /2010	4 (380/	3.465%	15-Oct-30	54	3.761	3.765	3.753
GII MURABAHAH 15.11.2049	5/2019	4.638%	4.638%	15-Nov-49	80	4.461	4.461	4.448
Total					1,788			

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LPPSA IMTN 4.390% 17.04.2024 - Tranche No 8	GG	4.390%	17-Apr-24	15	2.905	2.905	2.905
LPPSA IMTN 4.050% 21.09.2026 - Tranche No 4	GG	4.050%	21-Sep-26	10	3.485	3.497	3.485
PRASARANA IMTN 4.75% 26.02.2031 - Series 9	GG	4.750%	26-Feb-31	5	3.87	3.87	3.87
MKDK IMTN 4.850% 01.10.2032	GG	4.850%	1-Oct-32	20	3.978	3.981	3.978
AMAN IMTN 3.900% 27.07.2022 - Tranche No. 22	AAA IS	3.900%	27-Jul-22	35	2.2	2.2	2.2
DANUM IMTN 3.960% 09.05.2023 - Tranche 3	AAA (S)	3.960%	9-May-23	20	2.595	2.604	2.595
TELEKOM IMTN 4.550% 20.12.2024	AAA	4.550%	20-Dec-24	10	3.149	3.153	3.149
BPMB IMTN 2.800% 10.10.2025	AAA IS	2.800%	10-Oct-25	10	3.458	3.461	3.458
PASB IMTN 3.800% 30.10.2026 - Issue No. 17	AAA	3.800%	30-Oct-26	10	3.649	3.651	3.649
BPMB IMTN 4.50% 04.11.2026 - Issue No 7	AAA	4.500%	4-Nov-26	10	3.668	3.673	3.668
RANTAU IMTN 0% 12.05.2031 - MTN 5	AAA (S)	5.050%	12-May-31	30	4.045	4.05	4.045
TENAGA IMTN 29.08.2033	AAA	4.780%	29-Aug-33	20	4.2	4.2	4.2
CIMB IMTN 3.950% 10.06.2022 - Tranche No 2	AA1	3.950%	10-Jun-22	50	2.442	2.442	2.442
ZAMARAD ABS-IMTN 08.01.2030 CLASS B TRANCHE 6	AA2	4.600%	8-Jan-30	10	5.051	5.051	5.051
QSPS Green SRI Sukuk 5.200% 06.04.2023 - T9	AA- IS	5.200%	6-Apr-23	7	3.108	3.117	3.108
BSDSB IMTN 4.688% 28.08.2023 - ISSUE NO 3	AA3 (S)	4.688%	28-Aug-23	10	2.88	2.887	2.88
BGSM MGMT IMTN 5.450% 28.06.2024 - Issue No 10	AA3	5.450%	28-Jun-24	20	3.198	3.203	3.198
PRESS METAL IMTN 4.000% 15.08.2025	AA3	4.000%	15-Aug-25	20	3.829	3.84	3.829
BGSM MGMT IMTN 4.920% 29.08.2025 - Issue No 13	AA3	4.920%	29-Aug-25	20	3.578	3.602	3.578
EXSIM IMTN 5.100% 05.03.2026	AA3	5.100%	5-Mar-26	1	4.704	4.909	4.704
JEP IMTN 5.560% 04.12.2026 - Tranche 12	AA- IS	5.560%	4-Dec-26	20	4.124	4.142	4.124
TADAU SRI SUKUK 5.90% 29.07.2030 (Tranche 12)	AA3	5.900%	29-Jul-30	5	4.711	4.711	4.711
EDRA ENERGY IMTN 6.310% 05.01.2033 - Tranche No 23	AA3	6.310%	5-Jan-33	10	4.471	4.471	4.471
EDRA ENERGY IMTN 6.350% 05.07.2033 - Tranche No 24	AA3	6.350%	5-Jul-33	5	4.501	4.501	4.501
TROPICANA IMTN 5.500% 30.06.2023 - SEC. SUKUK T2S1	A+ IS	5.500%	30-Jun-23	1	5.46	5.46	5.208
AMBANK MTN 3653D 14.3.2028	A1	5.230%	14-Mar-28	5	3.303	3.303	3.303
AISL IMTN 4.880% 18.10.2028	A1	4.880%	18-Oct-28	10	3.518	3.531	3.518
EWIB IMTN 6.400% 24.05.2023	NR(LT)	6.400%	24-May-23	1	3.94	3.94	3.94
Total				390			

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