

WEEK AHEAD

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Economic Calendar

Date	Country	Event	Period	Survey*	Prior	
09 Jun	US	Wholesale Inventories MoM	Apr F		0.0%	
JP	JP	Trade Balance BoP Basis	Apr	-¥140.0b	¥516.5b	
JP JP		BoP Current Account Balance	Apr	¥2573.3b	¥3678.1b	
		Eco Watchers Survey Current/Outlook SA	May	43.9/44.0	42.6/42.7	
	JP	GDP SA QoQ	1Q F	-0.2%	-0.2%	
10 Jun	US	NFIB Small Business Optimism	May	95.9	95.8	
	EZ	Sentix Investor Confidence	Jun	-	-8.1	
	JP	Machine Tool Orders YoY	May P		7.7%	
11 Jun	US	CPI/Ex Food and Energy YoY	May	2.5%/2.9%	2.3%/2.8%	
	US	Real Avg Weekly Earnings YoY	May	-	1.7%	
	JP	PPI YoY	May	3.5%	4.0%	
12 Jun	US	Federal Budget Balance	May		\$258.4b	
	US	Initial Jobless Claims			-	
	US	PPI Final Demand/Ex Food, Energy YoY	May		2.4%/3.1%	
	JP	BSI Large All Industry QoQ	2Q		2.0	
	JP	BSI Large Manufacturing QoQ	2Q		-2.4	
13 Jun	US	U. of Mich. Sentiment/Expectations	Jun P	52.0/	52.2/47.9	
	US	U. of Mich. 1Y/5-10Y Inflation	Jun P		6.6%/4.2%	
	EZ	Trade Balance SA	Apr		27.9b	
	ΕZ	Industrial Production WDA YoY	Apr		3.6%	
	JP	Tertiary Industry Index MoM	Apr	0.1%	-0.3%	

Week-in-brief: Talks and Actions
- Progress on trade talks may be characterised as one-step forward, half-step backwards. Following - Progress on trade talks may be characterised as one-step forward, half-step backwards. Following Trump doubling down on steel and aluminium tariffs and assertions that China did not hoour the Geneva agreement, Trump and Xi spoke this week while US extended the exclusion of some Chinese goods (including solar manufacturing equipment, semiconductor parts, medical-device components) from Section 301 tariffs, which was due to expire end-May by another three months. Meanwhile, US is reportedly requesting Vietnam to restrict use of Chinese-made goods and components in factories. Nonetheless, that both sides were talking was better than an impasse supported both US and Chinese equities. However, fragile risk sentiments were reflected in Gold's > 2% gains.
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- Front-end OSI yields were siignify inglier as **Fed ornicials continued to fee the line or partence and dependency on tariffs outcomes.**- Globally, US trade antagonism continued to feature strongly in central bank decisions, although the uncertainty and past-easing may warrant a pause. **Bank of Canada held rates steady at 2.75%**, citing uncertainty around US tariffs and attendant economic impact, but cautioned that a cut may be necessary if the economy weakens and inflation remains contained. **ECB's 25bps cut was a hawkish one**, as officials alluded to a pause (and possibly a prolonged one) amid trade uncertainty. While risks to the economy were still skewed to the downside, strong labour market, rising incomes and easier financing conditions could support growth.

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- In Asia, RBI proceeded with a jumbo 50bps cut, catching markets by surprise. Notably, RBI changed its monetary policy stance to "neutral" from accommodative, citing slowing economic growth and dis-inflation progress. While growth forecast was retained at 6.5% for the fiscal year, inflation projections was lowered to 3.7% (previous: 4%). Further action will nonetheless be dependent on incoming data. Down under, RBA minutes revealed serious consideration of a 50bps cut on growth wees.
- On the politics front, opposition candidate Lee Jae-myung elected as South Korea's President, albeit at a smaller margin than polls previously suggested. The newly swom-in President had pledged economic stimulus and to tackle housing supply and labour protection during his campaign. Philippines' President Marcos' cabinet was mostly unchanged despite his calls for a "bold reset" following disappointing midterm election results. Indonesia President Prabowo also delivered a sharp warning to self-serving leaders, and urred underperforming public officials to step down or face removal.

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- In the week ahead, we expect China's May data to be resilient as exporters seize the opportunity before the truce's expiration, but deflationary pressures are expected to have increased.

- All in, developments are expected to continue swaying back and forth; but caution that increasingly, marginal improvements may increasing see diminishing returns, given that much may have already been priced in (i.e. S&P ~5% above pre-"Liberation Day" levels, and some central banks having eased materially already). already).

"Sell America" & Re-pricing Term Premium



- Exceptional de-coupling is USD-UST yield/spread framed as "Sell America" may suggest entrenched de-dollarization underway.

 But the aggressive iteration of "Sell America"/De-dollarization narrative pointing to a collapse in USD/USTs is arguably misguided.
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 Instead, the evidence suggests term premium being re-priced considerably higher to account for US fiscal, trade, credit, and geoeconomic risks alongside some hedge against USD debasement. The implications are:
- entrenched USD bearishness may be overdone
- USD is likely set to resume positive response to UST yields/spreads on sufficient risk-pricing.

 Interim pent-up volatility and potential USD-led inflections in FX markets are par for the course

 Higher UST term premium could spill-over to later compromise higher-yielding AXJ with fiscal/trade
- vulnerabilities.
 *See full report here

<u>Asia</u>						
Date	Country	Event	Period	Survey*	Prior	
09-13 Jun	TH	Consumer Confidence Economic	May		49.3	
09-15 Jun	CH	Agg. Financing/New Yuan Loans CNY YTD				
11-18 Jun	CH	FDI YTD YoY CNY	<u> </u>			
13-16 Jun	IN	Exports/Imports YoY	May		9.0%/19.1%	
09 Jun	СН	CPI YoY	May	-0.2%	-0.1%	
	CH	PPI YoY	May	-3.0%	-2.7%	
	CH	Exports/Imports YoY	May	6.0%/-0.8%	8.1%/-0.2%	
	TW	Exports/Imports YoY	May	19.5%/23.8%	29.9%/33.0%	
10 Jun AU	AU	Westpac Consumer Conf SA MoM	Jun		2.2%	
	AU	NAB Business Confidence/Conditions	May		-1/2	
11 Jun	KR	Unemployment rate SA	May	2.8%	2.7%	
12 Jun	AU	Consumer Inflation Expectation	Jun		4.1%	
	ID	Consumer Confidence Index	May		121.7	
	IN	CPI YoY	May	3.1%	3.2%	
13 Jun	MY	Industrial Production YoY	Apr		3.2%	



- South Korea has elected Lee Jae-Myung as their 14th President with 49.4% of the vote. It is perhaps most important to recognise that the Democratic Party candidate will benefit from his party's majority in the National Assembly enabling a smoother passage of policies.

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- In terms of riscal policy, ne had earlier pledge to provide an additional stimulus package of up to 35 trillion KRW in terms of aid to household and businesses. In early May, Korea had already approved a supplementary budget of 13.8 trillion KRW which necessitated a higher KTB issuance ceiling.

- While the need for economic support is necessary given the weak economic growth, the new government will need to ensure a targeted approach to ensure fiscal prudence. In any case, this domestic adds further steepening bias to the Korea's yield curve on top of the influence of USTs.
- Monetary policy which is on a calibrated easing cycle is unlikely to be derailed though consumption focused stimulus may see some bumps and uncertainty over the precise timing of easing in late-2025

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As for foreign policy, in the past, Lee had been seen as being more China leaning relative to Yoon. He had also been rather critical of the US in the past. That said, he may stick to his campaign call of pragmatic diplomacy because there is a need to resolve the tariff issue, both broad based and autos given strong pressure from business communities who wield considerable influence over politics.

- Spillovers of foreign policy stance into markets ought to remain limited in the near term.

- As for market reactions, admittedly, risk sentiments were buoyant with the Kospi extending gains. While his "KOSPI Index at 5000" is largely an outlandish campaign pledge given that it is currently at 2800, President Lee is expected to pass a legislative reform to increase corporate board's duty to shareholders. That said, opposition from the business community is no mean feat to overcome in this process.

- KRW was similarly buoyant as the political uncertainty faded. Nonetheless, we continue to caution that the buoyancy may be checked by domestic fiscal woes and broader USD trends especially if there is little resolution to slowing external demand as auto sectors and the manufacturing sector continue to face tariff stresses.

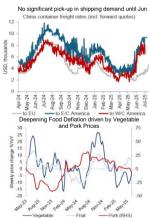
- tariff stresses.

 China Data Preview

 China's official Manufacturing PMI showed modest improvement in May, with limited gains in components such as employment and raw materials, indicating a lack of broad-based recovery in sentiment. However, as the survey was conducted just a week after the unexpected trade truce, it likely does not fully reflect the rebound in factory activity during the month. We believe that upcoming industrial production and trade data will offer a more optimistic view than the PMI figures suggest.

 For economic indicators in the coming weeks, we expect growth in trade and industrial output to have remained resilient in May, as US importers accelerate purchases to stockpile ahead of the truce's expiration. While loan growth may have softened slightly, as local governments accelerated bond issuance for debt swaps, we are more constructive on M2 and total social financing growth.

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- Headline inflation for May came in at 3.2% YoY on the back of a 0.2% MoM increase as most categories saw higher prices aside from the transportation group which saw low fuel cost. Notably, culture, entertainment and tourism component rose 0.3% MoM due to strong tourism demand as cost of package tours, hotels and guest houses rose. Consequently, Vietnam core inflation for May ticked up higher 0.3% MoM which represents an increase of 3.3% YoY, up from the 3.1% YoY in April.

- Industrial production remain robust expanding 4.3% MoM, notably, manufacturing sector saw broad based expansion. Wearing apparel and footwear production expanded 4.4% and 4.2% MoM while manufacture of computer, electronic and optical products rose 3.8% MoM. The robust production despite tariff threats suggest frontloading ahead of potentially higher tariffs and/or absorption of higher costs. Nonetheless, pockets of weakness remains in the metal and iron ore sector which continue contracting which may point to the impact of both Chinese steel imports and US steel and aluminium tariffs.

- Lastly, while exports growth stayed robust, trade balance was just at US\$0.50 nas import demand was also strong. The reliance on imports within the supply chain is utterly apparent and as such, demands by the US to wean off imports from China will be utterly unrealistic at this juncture.

Forex Rate

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	Close*	Chg^	% Chg^	We	eek Fore	ecast
USD/JPY	143.93	-0.090	-0.06%	141.50	~	146.00
EUR/USD	1.1425	0.0078	0.69%	1.132	~	1.156
USD/SGD	1.286	-0.005	-0.39%	1.2780	~	1.3060
USD/THB	32.623	-0.207	-0.63%	32.20	~	33.00
USD/MYR	4.2332	-0.0236	-0.55%	4.190	~	4.270
USD/IDR	16275	-15	-0.09%	16,100	~	16,550
JPY/SGD	0.8935	-0.003	-0.28%	0.875	~	0.923
AUD/USD	0.6496	0.006	1.01%	0.640	~	0.660
USD/INR	85.70	0.123	0.14%	85.0	~	86.5
USD/PHP	55.64	-0.132	-0.24%	55.2	~	56.2

Weekly chang

- Amid dismal eocnomic data, the Greenback ceded ground against all G10 peers.
- NOK and AUD led gains as Brent crude prices recovered from U\$\$63/barrel last week and U\$\$65/barrel.

 JPY underperformed as haven demand faded and JGB long end yields decline.

 EUR had a middle of the pack performance as the ECB proceed with a mildly hawkish cut.

- Even amid the weak USD backdrop, gains were more restrained and there were even losses for the likes
 of the INR and VND. FX confronting macroeconomic realities imply that EM-Asia currencies continue to
 find it hard to ride the wave of a weaker USD.
- On one hand, KRW outperformed as political uncertainty faded with the elections results allowing Lee
 Jae-myung to take the role of President alongside favourable inflows into bond markets.
 Meanwhile the INR underperformance is apparent as the RBI undertook an upsized cut of 50bps rather
- than the widely expected 25bps.
- The VND also depreciated as the US raises pressure on Vietnam to wean off Chinese imports.

Bond Yield (%)

6-Jun	2-yr	Chg (bp)^	10-yr	Chg (bp)^	Curve
USD	3.906	0.9	4.379	-2.1	Flattening
GER	1.844	7.6	2.544	4.6	Flattening
JPY	0.743	2.1	1.436	-3.9	Flattening
SGD	1.773	-17.4	2.248	-17.0	Steepening
AUD	3.315	3.8	4.265	0.1	Flattening
GBP	3.986	-2.3	4.598	-4.6	Flattening

Stock Market

	Close	% Chg
S&P 500 (US)	5,939.30	0.47
Nikkei (JP)	37,741.61	-0.59
EuroStoxx (EU)	5,401.04	0.64
FTSE STI (SG)	3,931.38	0.94
JKSE (ID)	7,113.43	-0.87
PSEI (PH)	6,376.79	0.56
KLCI (MY)	1,516.96	0.57
SET (TH)	1,130.58	-1.62
SENSEX (IN)	82,095.91	0.79
ASX (AU)	8,515.73	0.96

USTs: Reversion to Steeper Curve? - UST yields flattened week-to-date.

- Front-end yields were supported amid cautious FedSpeak, while long-end moved slightly lower amid Treasury Secretary Bessent's assurances that US will not default.
 Nonetheless, a stronger/weaker-than-expected non-farm payrolls report today may reverse or
- extend yields in either direction, although we think that yields would react more strongly to a
- weak jobs report (and decline more) as opposed to a strong jobs report.

 This is largely due to Trump's trade antagonism having dented confidence in US exceptionalism, and a weak jobs report would be affirming the bias
- Despite the flattening this week, we retain our bias for UST yield curve to steepen. Trump-Musk's spat may also underscore risks on larger debt heft, especially given Musk's explicit intent on cutting costs.
- All in, we expect 2Y UST to trade in the 3.65-4.00% range and 10Y yields to trade in 4.25-4.50% range.

FX Brief:

- JPY: Underperformed this week amid the lack of haven especially as prospects of rate hike appearing dim on weak household
- 2) EUR: Slight climb upwards towards mid-1.14 as the ECB delivered a
- 3) AUD: Outperformed on higher oil prices while household spending data remains robust.
- 4) CNH: Slight gains on the back of Trump-Xi call though still an underperformance relative to the broader EM-Asia peers.
- 5) INR: Underperformed on the back of outsized cuts but change in etary stance to normal indicate that cut was frontloaded. INR to remain weak on growth woes
- 6) SGD: Retain range-trading between 1.28-1.30. While EUR could provide some support on ECB's hawkis cut, CNH's controlled apprecation ought to be modest. Continue to expect resistance on dips below 1.28 levels given
- 7) IDR: Tough rhetoric on corruption by Prabowo unlikely to support rupiah much absent any concrete action (with an eye of not derailing growth prospects). May continue to underperform regional peers amid fiscal and growth woes
- 8) THB: Gold tailwinds assisted gains but on-going fiscal woes will restrain gains for the week ahead. Buoyancy above 32 retained for the week ahead.
- 9) MYR: Stand to continue outperformance as developments on tensions are still tilted towards progress (instead of deterioration). Bias towards lower yields would also suppor tthe ringgit.
- 10) PHP: Bias towads underperformance on lower-beta to trade relief; contained inflation pressures also give further support to BSP's easing bias.
- 11) KRW: Election certainty and bond inflows aided gains. That said, fiscal woes to sustain buoyancy above 1350 for the week ahead.
- 12) TWD: Stability par for the course as CBC keeps a close watch. Even amid tendency to edge lower, USD/TWD to hover around both sides of the 30 mark





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