

# **WEEK AHEAD**

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### Economic Calendar

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Date	Country Event		Period	Survey*	Prior
26 May	JP	Coincident Index/Leading Index CI	Mar F		116.0/107.7
27 May	US	Conf. Board Consumer Confidence	May	87.0	86.0
US		Durable Goods Orders/Nondef Ex Air	Apr P	-4100.0%	9.2%/-0.2%
	US	Dallas Fed Manf. Activity	May		-35.8
28 May	US	Richmond Fed Manufact. Index	May		-13
	US	Richmond Fed Business Conditions	May		-30
	US	FOMC Meeting Minutes			
29 May US		Initial Jobless Claims			227k
	US	Pending Home Sales MoM	Apr	-1.1%	6.1%
US		GDP Annualized QoQ	1Q S	-0.4%	-0.3%
30 May US		Advance Goods Trade Balance	Apr	-\$140.0b	-\$163.2b
	US	UoM Sentiment/Expectations	May F	50.8/	50.8/46.5
	US	MNI Chicago PMI	May	45.5	44.6
	US	PCE/Core Deflator YoY	Apr	2.2%/2.5%	2.3%/2.6%
	US	Personal Income/Spending	Apr	0.3%/0.2%	0.5%/0.7%
US		Wholesale Inventories MoM	Apr P		0.4%
	JP	Housing Starts YoY	Apr	-18.2%	39.1%
•	JP	Retail Sales YoY	Apr		3.1%
,	JP	Jobless Rate/Job-To-Applicant Ratio	Apr	2.5%/1.3	2.5%/1.3
	JP	Industrial Production YoY	Apr P		1.0%

### Week-in-brief: Risks - Revealed and Masked

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   It was a volatile week for USTs. UST yields jumped mid-week amid worries about the US' swelling debt
  heft, with anxiety being amplified after Moody's Ratings downgrade the prior week. While UST yields
  subsequently moved lower as the passing of Trump's bill (with higher debt ceiling limits) in the House
  provided partial relief for potential defaults, the narrow margin for the bill forebodes that the bills' passage
  through the Senate would not be an easy one.
   Amid the treasuries sell-off, DXY moved lower, further affirming the decoupling of USD from UST driven
- moves" in recent weeks. USD's haven allure has appeared to diminish substantially, contradicting received wisdom about buying USD (especially vis-a-vis EM FX) into "risk off" triggers.

   Over in Asia, central banks eased policy rate across the board. PBoC's 10bp cut to the 1Y and 5Y LPR
- rates was in-line with its usual gradualist approach, but also underscored the desire for a stable CNH.

   RBA pushed through a dovish 25bps cut, as members discussed the possibility of a 50bps amid more balanced risks to inflation and heightened growth risks. While RBA stopped short of promising consecutive cuts, it signalled space to move quickly should dis-inflation allows it.
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   Bank Indonesia eased by 25bps on growth woes even as it affirmed continued interventions in the markets, suggesting that concerns over IDR's weakness are still ever-present. Notably, loan growth forecast was lowered its loan growth forecast from 11-13% to 8-11%, while citing the need for lower interest rates to support growth. Growth forecast for 2025 was narrowed to 4.6-5.4.0% (from 4.5-5.5.5%).

   While BSP Governor signalled further cuts ahead, he moderated the extent of easing, seeing 2 more cuts (down from 3 earlier in the month). Meanwhile, President Marcos is looking to recalibrate his administration following an underwhelming performance by his allies at the mid-term elections.

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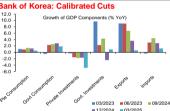
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   Next week, Bank of Korea is expected to ease policy rate by 25bps amid growth woes and continued dis-inflation momentum. Nonetheless, housing prices and household debt ought to act as restrain for overly dovish rhetoric and to temper the pace of easing.
   Meanwhile, while India GDP may show some acceleration from 6.2% in Q4 to 6.6% in Q1, the print should be adjusted for frontloading activity. The print is also unlikely to quell RBI's easing bias.
   All in, EM Asia central banks' easing bias amid UST-USD decoupling presents latent risks of sharp downside volatility. So, watch out!
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- \*See publication on "Exceptional USD Correlation Departures Mask FX Risks" (21 May 2025)

# Indonesia 2026 Fiscal Outlook: Little Reassurances

	Realised Fiscal Posture (% of GDP)			Medium Term Fiscal Posture (% of GDP)				
	'16-'19	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
National Income and Grant	12.6	13.3	12.8	12.36	11.71-12.22	11.70-13.21	12.12-14.94	12.86-16.76
Tax Revenue	10.1	10.3	10.1	10.24	10.08-10.45	10.29-11.39	10.75-13.13	11.62-15.01
Non-Tax State Revenue	2.4	2.9	2.6	2.11	1.63-1.76	1.40-1.81	1.36-1.81	1.33-1.76
Grants	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.002	0.002-0.003	0.002-0.003	0.002-0.003	0.002-0.003
State Spending	14.8	14.9	15.1	14.89	14.19-14.75	14.05-15.68	14.44-17.35	15.10-19.11
Central Government Spending	9.5	10.7	11.2	11.11	11.41-11.86	11.29-12.88	11.70-14.59	12.38-16.37
Transfer to Region	4.9	3.9	3.9	3.78	2.78-2.89	2.76-2.80	2.74-2.76	2.72-2.74
Budget Deficit	(2.25)	(1.61)	(2.29)	(2.53)	(2.48)-(2.53)	(2.35)-(2.47)	(2.32)-(2.41)	(2.24)-(2.35)
Debt Ratio	29.43	38.98	39.21	39.43	39.69-39.85	39.43-39.62	39.05-39.29	38.55-38.64
	Realised Macro indicators			Macroassumptions				
Economic Growth (%)	5.1	5.0	5.0	5.2	5.2-5.8	5.3-6.1	5.6-7.0	5.8-8.0
Inflation (%)	3.4	3.7	2.3	2.5	1.5-3.5	1.5-3.5	1.5-3.5	1.5-3.5
Exchange Rate (USDIDR)	13,769	15.237	15.855	16.000	16.500-16.900	15.700-16.900	15,700-16,900	15,700-16,900

- On 20 May, Indonesia published the 2026 Macroeconomic Framework and Fiscal Policy Principles. providing preliminary discussion material for the preparation of Budget 2026. Safe to say, the document envisages continued fiscal consolidation, targeting a fiscal deficit of 2.48-2.53% of GDP in 2026 from the 2.53% target in 2025.
- Nonetheless, we express reservations surrounding the expenditures estimates for 2026. An expected increase in allocation of the free meals programme, which has recently been plagued by allegations of missed payments and incidents of food poisoning, to ~1% of GDP from ~0.7% of GDP this year is not reassuring. Meanwhile, the increased in central government spending also appears to come at the expense of regional transfers, which may mean reduced funding for regional development. An encouraging sign however, is the mention of electricity subsidy rationalisation, although implementation challenges were cited.
- Anyhow, the outlook beyond 2026 looks more concerning, given i) substantial jump in tax revenues without significant tax reforms plans and ii) accompanying increased in expenditures alongside steeper decreases in regional transfers. Lofty growth assumptions (on track towards 8% goal in 2029) also raises questions on how the upward shift to growth will be delivered given that it likely requires structural shifts, while objectives such as preserving purchasing power and accelerating economic reforms (e.g. natural resource downstreaming and human capital development) appear similar to past initiatives absent further details. In addition, Danantara's role in encouraging acceleration of productive investment remains an open question.

Date Country		Event	Period	Survey*	Prior	
26 May	SG	Industrial Production YoY	Apr	-	5.8%	
27 May	CH	Industrial Profits YoY	Apr		2.6%	
	PH	Budget Balance PHP	Apr		-375.7b	
28 May	AU	CPI/Trimmed Mean YoY	Apr	2.3%/	2.4%/2.7%	
	IN	Industrial Production YoY	Apr		3.0%	
29 May	KR	BOK Base Rate		2.50%	2.8%	
	TW	GDP YoY	1Q P	5.4%	5.4%	
30 May	AU	Retail Sales MoM	Apr	0.3%	0.5%	
	AU	Building Approvals MoM	Apr	2.8%	-8.8%	
	IN	GDP YoY	1Q	6.8%	6.2%	
	IN	Fiscal Dficit YTD INR	1Q		13469b	
	KR	Industrial Production YoY	Apr	3.9%	5.3%	
	TH	BoP Current Account Balance	Apr		\$2328m	
	TH	Exports/Imports YoY	Apr		17.7%/9.4%	
	PH	Exports/Imports YoY	Apr	0.7%/-0.7%	5.9%/11.9%	
31 May	CH	Mfg/Non-Mfg PMI	May	49.5/	49.0/50.4	
01 Jun	KR	Exports/Imports YoY	May	-3.8%/-4.5%	3.7%/-2.7%	





- Sources: CEIC, Michio

   We expect the BoK to cut rates by 25bps at their upcoming meeting after a clearly dovish hold at their previous meeting as the need to support growth is an apparent one.

   Advanced estimate for C1 GDP post a 0.2% QQC contraction underscoring the weak economic situation despite prospects of frontloading. That said, we expect a slight upward revision on account of strong industrial production in March on the back of strong semiconductor output. Nonetheless, observations of sharp decline in inventories also point to caution about demand in the months ahead alongside a dismal PMI for manufacturing which sank deeper in contractionary territory.

   Furthermore, with 10% baseline tariffs seemingly non-negotiable at this point in time alongside the lack of discernible progress on auto tariffs imply that growth risks persist in the months ahead.

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   On the inflation front, headline and core inflation continues to hover around 2%, somewhat elevated compared to their historical averages. Our analysis also show that underlying components reflect slowing dis-inflation across the CPI basket. Looking ahead, lower energy prices should guide inflation lower.

   Admittedly, KRW considerations will remain a key feature in monetary policy decisions. A rate cut may worsen KRW performance and raise ire of the US administration during sensitive trade negotiations. That said, a hold may begin to invite more worries about slipping into a recession and also lend weakness to the KRW.
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   All in, we expect the BoK to persist with a cautious calibrated easing with Governor Rhee continuing to signal that the easing cycle will continue but at an appropriate pace.

   KRW bulls may find little comfort in this decision but asset liability mismatch woes amid speculation of authorities striking implicit deals of KRW appreciation with the US may see opportunistic hedging at times of KRW weakness.

### HKD: Sprint Towards 7.85 ed in just a few day:





- This week, front-end HKD rates hovering around zero level, the HKD spot weakened to near 7.83 level. To set the context, back in early May, a surge in HKD buying amid a broader Asian FX rally prompted the HKMA to intervene, selling HKD to defend the peg. This led to a HKD 130 billion expansion in the aggregate balance, quadrupling HKD liquidity in just a few days. As a result, the deviation of HKD rates from USD rates created an opportunity for long USD carry trade.
- Looking ahead, the more likely scenario is further carry-trade induced HKD weakening to 7.85 level, potentially triggering the opposite leg of HKMA intervention to drain liquidity to defend the peg.

   So far, the HKMA appears to be comfortable with HKD rates decline, which has supported the HK economy and property market. This reduced chance for HKMA to step in to drain HKD liquidity via increased the issuance of Exchange Fund Bills to smooth the pace of HKD depreciation towards 7.85 level. Meanwhile, the HKD buying flow related to the IPO or dividend payouts may not be sufficient to counter the carry trade flows. counter the carry trade flows.
- While the sharp decline in HKD rates and the pace of HKD FX movements caught many market participants off guard, these developments remained consistent with the Linked Exchange Rates Mechanism. In this sense, the low HKD rates are not sustainable as long as the Fed keeps its policy rate steady for longer, suggesting an eventual realignment of HKD interbank rates with USD rates under the

### Forex Rate

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	Close*	Chg^	% Chg^	We	eek For	ecast
USD/JPY	143.36	-2.340	-1.61%	141.50	~	146.00
EUR/USD	1.1339	0.0176	1.58%	1.120	~	1.150
USD/SGD	1.2863	-0.014	-1.08%	1.2780	~	1.3100
USD/THB	32.6	-0.64	-1.93%	32.30	~	33.20
USD/MYR	4.2325	-0.0612	-1.43%	4.200	~	4.300
USD/IDR	16222	-218	-1.33%	16,100	~	16,550
JPY/SGD	0.8972	0.004	0.50%	0.875	~	0.926
AUD/USD	0.6454	0.005	0.75%	0.634	~	0.652
USD/INR	85.34	-0.180	-0.21%	85.0	~	86.8
USD/PHP	55.265	-0.380	-0.68%	55.1	~	56.0

# ^Weekly change. FX: Softer USD

- The USD weakened against G10 currencies.
- NOK led gains as a survey showed inflation expectations moved higher.

  Meanwhile, SEK outperformed as Riksbank urged patience on rate cuts amid the uncertainty.
- EUR performed in the middle of the pack as weak German services raised the odds of a rate cut, while
- ECB minutes showed that some members were in favour of a 50bps cut in April.

   AUD underperformed on RBA's dovish cut.

- EM-Asia FX: Tread Carefully
   EM Asia FX continued to be buoyed amid the absence of any signs of deterioration to US-China trade talks. Trade-sensitive currencies KRW, THB and MYR led gains.
   In particular, KRW outperformed, aided by a mid-week rally on local media reports that the direction of the currency was discussed during trade talks with the US. Meanwhile, Gold's renewed climb supported the THB. INR underperformed, weakening against the greenback, amid lingering tensions with Pakistan despite the ceasefire. IDR was supported despite Bl's cut, as BI continues intervention efforts.

  But to take a step back and put things into perspective, EM Asia FX has strengthened ~3.7% since "Liberation Day" on April 2, But latent risks lurk beneath this strength (and unexpected) stability of AXJ
- amid turbulent tariff headlines, especially as uncertainty on the durability of the current dissociation of USD from haven allure and higher UST yields risks sharp downside volatility.

### Bond Yield (%)

23-May	2-yr	Chg (bp)^	10-yr	Chg (bp)^	Curve
USD	3.987	-1.2	4.517	4.0	Steepening
GER	1.827	-1.9	2.621	3.4	Steepening
JPY	0.708	1.9	1.519	8.0	Steepening
SGD	1.986	-12.9	2.479	-1.9	Steepening
AUD	3.392	-15.6	4.417	0.1	Steepening
GBP	4.032	3.7	4.733	8.6	Steepening

### Stock Market

	Close	% Chg
S&P 500 (US)	5,842.01	-1.95
Nikkei (JP)	37,160.47	-1.57
EuroStoxx (EU)	5,435.41	0.15
FTSE STI (SG)	3,871.99	-0.66
JKSE (ID)	7,216.09	1.54
PSEI (PH)	6,413.10	-0.81
KLCI (MY)	1,533.98	-2.40
SET (TH)	1,179.10	-1.39
SENSEX (IN)	81,807.67	-0.64
ASX (AU)	8,360.88	0.21

- USTs: Steepening Intact
   The 2-4bps upwards/downwards across the UST yields curve compared to a week ago belie the whipsaws seen in the week
- UST yields jumped across the curve mid-week as fiscal woes was thrown in the limelight with Trump's tax bill facing infighting in the House. Moody's ratings downgrade last week also
- supported the longer-end yields.

   Meanwhile, front-end yields came down as Fed Waller opened a possible pathway to rate cut should tariffs remain at 10% after the temporary stay order. Recent FedSpeak had been more cautious, citing uncertainty.
- Looking into the week ahead, the steepening bias is expeted to remain intact, and we expct 2Y UST yields to trade around 3.90-4.10% and 10Y UST yields to trade around 4.45-4.65%.

- <u>FX Brief:</u>
  1) JPY: May not necessarily strengthen with higher yields, especially as BoJ contemplates tweaks to its bond-buying programme next month. Hints of potential changes may see some volatility in JPY.
- 2) EUR: Growth woes raising odds of a June cut tussle with haven flows from UST-USD decoupling. Could continue trading within 1.12-1.14 range.
- 3) AUD: Dovish cut and softer oil preices may mean continued underperformance, especially if CPI next week shows continued dis-inflation progress.
- 4) CNH: Expect slow and gradual CNH appreciation.
- 5) INR: Lingering tensions between India and Pakistan despie the ceasefire likely to undermine rallies. Underperformance could continu
- 6) SGD: Expected to continue hovering around 1.30 levels, as EUR likely to range-trade while CNH undertake a slow and gradual apprciation path.
- 7) IDR: Bias towards weaker IDR amid continued easing tendencies by BI on growth woes; while fiscal outlook still cast an overhang.
- 8) THB: May continue to benefit from supported Gold prices amid prolonged uncertainty; but tailwinds from trade relief talks likely to fade, and may s smaller gains.
- 9) MYR: While ringgit stands to gain from trade relief, US-China trade truce potentially slowing or holding back stimulus from Beijing ought to temper rallies.
- 10) PHP: Marcos' cabinet revamp may see muted reaction insofar as broad economic/fiscal direction unlikely to change. But few drivers for outperformance/underperformance would likely mean middle-of-the-pack performance.
- 11) KRW: Mid-week rally amid reports of FX talks with US is likely a idiosyncracy that is unlikely to be sustained. May see some underperformance in the upcoming week.
- 12) TWD: Should be stable around 30 levels; but given recent developments, tailrisks of FX talks with the US are not negligible.





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