

WEEK AHEAD

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Economic Calendar

Date	Country	Event	Period	Survey*	Prior
14 Oct	GE	ZEW Survey Expectations	Oct		37.3
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15 Oct	US	CPI/Core YoY	Sep	3.1%/3.1%	2.9%/3.1%
	US	Empire Manufacturing	Oct	0.0	-8.7
	EZ	Industrial Production SA MoM	Aug		0.3%
	JP	Industrial Production MoM	Aug F		-1.2%
	US	Fed Releases Beige Book			
16 Oct US		Initial Jobless Claims		229k	-
	US	Philadelphia Fed Business Outlook	Oct	7.0	23.2
	US Retail SalesAdv/ Ex Auto and Ga		Sep	0.4%/0.4%	0.6%/0.7%
	US	PPI/ Ex Food, Energy, Trade MoM	Sep	0.3%/	-0.1%/0.3%
	JP	Tertiary Industry Index MoM	Aug	-0.1%	0.5%
	JP	Core Machine Orders MoM	Aug	0.5%	-4.6%
17 Oct	US	Building Permits	Sep P	1347k	1330k
	US	Housing Starts	Sep	1315k	1307k
	US	Import Price Index MoM	Sep	0.1%	0.3%
	US	Industrial Production MoM	Sep	0.0%	0.1%
EZ		CPI/Core YoY	Sep F	2.2/2.3%	2.2/2.3%

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 Even as the US federal government shutdown persisted, the USD was buoyant with the DXY soaring above 99 levels even though UST yields barely climbed higher.

 For one, the USD buoyancy was the result of turmoil and turbulence elsewhere contrasting against an information black out in the US.

 In Japan, following Ms Takaichi's win at the LDP leadership election, the JPY displayed a sharp
- underperformance this week and slower wage growth also added to the momentum of BoJ rate hike bets being pared back
- The NZD slipped as the RBNZ went with a surprise 50bps rate cut instead of a widely expected 25bps as they highlighted the significant spare capacity in the economy in an allusion to the weak labour market. The RBNZ was open to further rate cuts as growth worries took hold.

 - EUR did not fare much better this week amid continued political turmoil in France despite ECB
- minutes showing that officials preferred a rate hold with the likes of Chief Economist Lane proposed a rate
- While the BoT's rate hold was against our call, we are certainly not too surprised as our decision preview had alluded to the Governor Vital speech characterizing his well balanced thought framework. Nonetheless, the BoT has cited on relying on on-going transmission of previous cuts, we see this as a dovish hold as they highlighted the continued deterioration of credit quality of vulnerable groups amid continued contraction in overall credit. As such, rate cuts are still on the table should credit and
- economic growth be unable to find stability in the months ahead.

 In the Philippines, our out of consensus call for a BSP rate cut came through as concerns on a slowdown in public investment expenditure due to the on-going corruption scandal takes its toll. BSP
- Governor highlighted a decline in business confidence and display openness for further cuts in 2025.

 In Vietnam, our view of the FTSE upgrade is a cautiously optimistic one as the short term VND impact will be limited even as it represent a structurally important step to aid investment/currency retention in the
- country to enable longer term VND stability.

 Looking ahead, the MAS decision on 14 October will be of little suspense as we expect that the status quo will be matter with the obvious premise that policy setting remain appropriate. While there is scope for easing from lower inflation, growth remains rather resilient even amid elevated uncertainty. On balance,
- there is no compelling reason for imminent lossening of the monetary policy stance.

 Similar, in Malaysia, Q3 GDP due on 17 October is likely to remain resilient amid soft spots. Our call for a mild moderation to 4.3% is above that of consensus estimates as net exports remain supportive even though exports revenue appear to be levelling off. **Budget 2026 which has set a lower deficit at 3.5% of GDP** will be digested in terms of its feasibility.

 - All in, amid the dearth of data in the US, markets may begin to question the continued ascendency of the
- USD even though toppling the USD may remain tough as domestic wobbles globally persist.

Vietnam: Upgrade - An Important Small Step, Not A Leap



- Vietnam's equities have been upgraded to secondary emerging markets grouping by FTSE and
- puts them in the same group as China, India and Indonesia.

 This upgrade will only be effective almost a year later, on September 2026 and there has been substantial "front-loading" this year amid a sharp run-up in local equities.
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 Admittedly, the run-up in local equities has come despite foreign outflows. As such, the potential for foreign inflows has been the focus for this upgrade with estimates for potential inflows vary from US\$3.4-
- Our perspective remains that regardless of the accuracy within this range, the inflows is merely hover around the current account surplus which Vietnam accumulates in a single quarter. In short, the inflows are at best just 20% of the US\$30h current account surplus which Vietman recorded in 2024 and in 2024, the VND still depreciated by 4.7% along with a US\$9bn decline in FX reserves of US\$9bn.
- Consequently, given that these inflows into equities from the upgrades are likely to be staggered, the consequent impact on the VND is likely to be muted.
 Nonetheless, the reforms enabling the upgrade which improves transparency as well as improve ease
- of trading such as pre-funding equity trades is a critical step to deepening capital markets in the country and enable retention of profits in the country.

 On balance, this upgrade does not warrant a discernible change to our VND forecasts at this juncture.

Date	Country	Event	Period	Survey*	Prior
14-15 Oct	CH	Aggregate Financing CNY YTD	Sep	29905b	26556.3b
	CH	New Yuan Loans CNY YTD	Sep	14919.6b	13459.6b
14-18 Oct	CH	FDI YTD YoY CNY	Sep	-	-12.7%
13 Oct	CH	Exports/Import YoY	Sep	6.5%/1.8%	4.4%/1.3%
	IN	CPI YoY	Sep	1.5%	2.1%
14 Oct	SG	MAS Oct Monetary Policy Statement			
SG		GDP YoY	3Q A	1.9%	4.4%
	AU	RBA Minutes of Sept. Policy Meeting			
	IN	Wholesale Prices YoY	Sep	0.4%	0.5%
15 Oct	СН	CPI/PPI YoY	Sep	-0.2%/-2.3%	-0.4%/-2.9%
	IN Exports/Import YoY		Sep		6.7%/-10.1%
IN		Unemployment Rate	Sep		5.1%
	PH	Overseas Cash Remittances YoY	Aug		3.0%
16 Oct AU Em		Employment Change/Unemployment Rate	Sep	20.0k/4.3%	-5.4k/4.2%
17 Oct	SG	Non-oil Domestic/Electronic Exports YoY	Sep	-3.0%/	-6.5%/-11.3%
	KR	Unemployment rate SA	Sep	2.6%	2.6%
	MY	GDP YoY	3Q A	4.0%	4.4%

MAS: Neither Policy Suspense nor (S\$NEER Slope) Suspension



- No Suspense, Just Hold: There is <u>little suspense</u> associated with the MAS meeting ahead (14th October), where a status quo is widely expected on the obvious premise that "policy (settings that").
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 Disinflation Provides Scope to Ease: Granted that sustained and significant dis-inflation, in principle,
- <u>Distribution Provides Scope for more easing.</u>
 <u>Given Exceptionally Soft Inflation:</u> Ostensibly even more so as inflation run-rate is well below the MAS' 2025 projection (of 0.5%-1.5%), which in itself is below the 1-2% longer-term tredl.
 (En-)Core (Easing): In fact, with core inflation plunging below 0.5% (Aug: 0.3% YoY; 3M Avg: 0.4%), and looking like it could fleetingly flirt with deflation, it may be tempting to argue for "encore" (more!) and looking their troute needing.

 - But Disinflation Alone Not Decisive Cause: But convincing as it is at first glance though, dis-inflation alone merely creates (pre-)conditions, not decisive cause, for further easing.

 - Instead, Sufficient "Insurance" Lifts the Bar: Fact is, front-loaded, pre-emptive easing, raises the bar for

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 Accentuated by Rich S\$NEER: Pointedly, a rich \$\$NEER, with abundant scope for easing within current policy parameters, diminishes the need for more/excessive "insurance" easing. And instead counsels a balanced hold.
- a balanced hold.

 Moreover, Growth is Resilient Despite Uncertainty: Moreover, despite elevated geoeconomic uncertainty (around potential tariff trade shocks) the surprising, but compelling resilience of growth means there is simply no justification for imminent easing.

 Adverse Demand Shock is the Bar to Clear: The critical point being, there are no attendant threat if adverse demand shocks with accompanying deflationary impulses that could prompt emphatic easing.

 No Suspension (of S\$\$NEER Appreciation): Especially given further easing is likely to entail a suspension of S\$NEER appreciation bias, which is typically only warranted under conditions of a significant negative output gap (sub-trend growth outcomes).

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 Malaysia Q3 GDP Preview: Resilience Amid Soft Spots, No Major Inflection

 We expect Malaysia's Q3 GDP growth to moderate slightly to 4.3% YoY, down from 4.4% in Q2, reflecting mereging softness in both external and domestic demand. While headline retail sales growth held steady at 5.6% YoY in July, underlying momentum appears to be fading, particularly in discretionary segments such as F&B and household equipment.

 On the external front, export growth decelerated to 1.9% YoY in August, underscoring weaker global demand. However, a sharp contraction in imports has widened the trade surplus, suggesting net exports will remain a supportive component of Q3 growth.

 Notably, exports of machinery and transport equipment continue to benefit from the resilient semiconductor cycle, which has yet to show signs of material fatigue.

 We believe the drag from trade is unlikely to crystallize until late 2025/early 2026, assuming a gradual fade in front-loaded demand. Furthermore, Budget 2026 is expected to provide a fiscal buffer, helping to sustain domestic activity and mitigate downside risks.

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 With growth holding near trend and inflation pressures contained, BNM is likely to remain on hold, maintaining a neutral stance. The MYR's performance will continue to be shaped by broader USD dynamics and relative fiscal trajectories across the region.

 The upshot is that the Q3 print is unlikely to deliver a major revelation. While growth remains resilient, the underlying composition points to a maturing cycle. Focus will shift to the sustainability of domestic demand and the timing of external normalization.

Forex Rate

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	Close*	Chg^	% Chg^	We	eek For	ecast
USD/JPY	152.6	5.210	3.53%	150.00	~	155.00
EUR/USD	1.1589	-0.0144	-1.23%	1.155	~	1.180
USD/SGD	1.2974	0.009	0.66%	1.2800	~	1.3000
USD/THB	32.708	0.335	1.03%	32.20	~	33.00
USD/MYR	4.2227	0.0119	0.28%	4.180	~	4.260
USD/IDR	16553	13	0.08%	16,450	~	17,000
JPY/SGD	0.85	-0.024	-2.79%	0.826	~	0.867
AUD/USD	0.656	-0.005	-0.71%	0.648	~	0.660
USD/INR	88.55	-0.207	-0.23%	88.0	~	90.0
USD/PHP	58.269	0.388	0.67%	57.9	~	58.6

Weekly change. FX: Firmer Grounds

- USD's relative strength was further affirmed in the G10 space this week
- JPY weakened more than 3% amid speculation of likely new PM Takaichi taking a dovish stance in both the monetary and fiscal space. Nonetheless, late week, jawboning cautions against taking such bets too
- -EUR also slipped about 1.5% amid persistent political turmoil in France. With inflation largely viewed as being on target, the ECB renews focus on growth. Consequently, the lack of fiscal reforms in France and renewed focus on growth, the EUR may face difficulties in staging an outright rally with consolidation being
- AUD is a relative outperformer this week as RBA Governor Bullock stuck an optimistic tone around the state of the economy, assisting the AUD to shrug off earlier advese spillovers from the weaker NZD from the RBNZ's outsized rate cuts

EM-Asia FX: Easing Bias

- The JPY's sharp weakening is likely to have spillover to drive weakness onto the THB. Nonetheless, the dovish bias of the BoT's suprise rate hold has been a key driver. Notably, the effect of soaring gold prices on the THB also seems to have faded.
- KRW weakness merely an artefact of return from holiday amid high beta sensitivities from USD strength.
 On the other end, INR outperformance driven by steadier oil prices and likely early bets on potential US-
- Meanwhile, amid PBoC provides a reminder that stability remains a priority by allowing strong fixing to lean against a strong Greenback.

 All in, while the SGD and MYR may look to an MAS hold and a firmer budget consolidation process,
- regional peers will need to ponder about the resolution of domestic issues

Bond Yield (%)

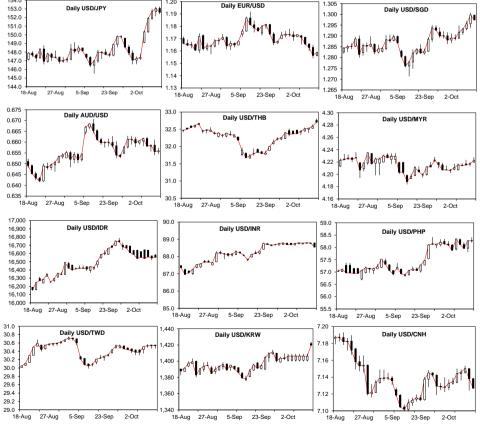
10-Oct	2-yr	Chg (bp)^	10-yr	Chg (bp)^	Curve
USD	3.581	0.5	4.113	-0.6	Flattening
GER	1.988	-2.4	2.684	-1.3	Steepening
JPY	0.905	-2.3	1.673	2.2	Steepening
SGD	1.423	-5.0	1.803	-9.0	Flattening
AUD	3.524	3.3	4.358	0.1	Flattening
GBP	3.984	2.4	4.720	3.2	Steepening

Stock Market

	Close	% Chg
S&P 500 (US)	6,735.11	0.29
Nikkei (JP)	48,088.80	5.07
EuroStoxx (EU)	5,643.04	-0.15
FTSE STI (SG)	4,429.55	0.40
JKSE (ID)	8,245.12	1.56
PSEI (PH)	6,037.79	-1.16
KLCI (MY)	1,624.44	-0.65
SET (TH)	1,286.18	-0.57
SENSEX (IN)	82,650.67	1.78
ASX (AU)	8,958.34	-0.32

- USTs: Grappling in the Dark
 UST yields move sideways this week amid the lack of data which implies less directional cues beyond repetitive points from Fed officials
- With the likelihood of shutdown looking unlikely to be resolved in the week ahead, we expect 2Y UST yields to persist in the 3.50-3.65% range while 10Y yields trade in the 4.05%-4.20% range. Subdued oil price backdrop is likely to restrain the climb in UST yields.
- That said, tonight's uni of michigan inflation expectation may be on course to keep yields sticky for longer at these levels as worries about elevated inflation expectations hold.

- 1) JPY: Takaichi's win aided speculation of weaker JPY. Jawboning watched in the weak ahead as USD/JPY test 154
- 2) EUR: Persistence political woes remain in France remains a worry. New PM appointment may test 1.16 while further rallies may be in doubt without signs of fiscal reforms.
- 3) AUD: Mild slippage among G10 peers as Bullock's comments lean hawkishly. Consolidation around mid-65 cents expected.
- 4) CNH: Mild gains allowed as the PBoC leaned against the stronger USD said, levels remain relatively unchanged for the week on the whole and stability the mantra.
- 5) INR: The sight of fading spike in oil prices and undertones of good progress between US-China trade talks may have aided from INR backstop though these will be tested in the week ahead.
- 6) SGD: Broke our expectations to test 1.30 levels as EUR stage a sharp decline though adventures above 1.30 remain shallow. USD strength doubts may creep in to consolidate around mid-1.29.
- 7) IDR: Marginal decline not a case of outright optimism for IDR bulls even as Fin Min alludes to potential for 5.5% growth in Q4. Bilateral trade deal drafting may incite optimism but buoyancy above 16400 ought to be retained after initial gains fade given limited impact and long drawn process of such
- 8) THB: Even amid soaring gold prices, sharp 1.2% depreciation this week despite "surprise" BoT rate hold is reflective of dovish nature of their statement. We hold onto our base case of buoyanacy above 32 and 33 levels may be tested should equity outflows intensify.
- 9) MYR: Modest depreciation ahead of Budget 2026 while industrial production outperformance backs case for prolonged hold. Upside bias towards 4.30 is a key risk should Budget 2026 disappoint
- 10) PHP: BSP's surprise rate cut weakened the PHP and clear possibility for further cuts imply that PHP bears may be tempted to challenge 59 levels though the BSP intervention at these levels imply cautious climb unless oil prices soar.
- 11) KRW: Depreciation an artefact of post holiday reactions to the stronger USD backdrop alongside weaker JPY. While KRW appreciation may come true on equity inflows, buoyancy above 1400 retained.
- 12) TWD: As expected, USDTWD was buoyant hovering above 30.3 in a mild weakening amid USD strength. Base case for buoyancy above 30 retained especially as risk on flows may become wary at these loft heights.





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