

Forex Rate

| | Close* | Chg^ | % Chg^ | Week Forecast | |
|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------------|----------|
| 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 far.
- 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 the base case
- 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 adverse 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 surprise 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-India trade deal and UK-India trade deal but current outperformance also impart due to RBI interventions.
- 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.

FX Brief:

- 1) JPY: Takaichi's win aided speculation of weaker JPY. Jawboning watched in the week 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 backdrop. That 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 backdrop 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 deals.
- 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 buoyancy 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.

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.



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