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Three Take-Aways

- 1) Diminished hopes of US and Iran deal sent oil prices and UST yields higher which sapped risk sentiments.
- 2) Oil markets are dealing with diminished buffers and rising threats to downstream production as skirmishes increase.
- 3) Asia FX to come under renewed stresses as higher UST yields, oil prices and softer risk sentiments collide though post NFP USD allure may be restrained ahead of US CPI.

MACRO THEME: Increasing Demands

- Without any sight of a deal between US and Iran to reopen the Strait of Hormuz, **Brent crude prices headed above US\$87/barrel**.
- Meanwhile, US President Trump has raised the heat by **demanding compensation from Iran in future negotiations**. Even as these suggestions would in all likelihood be rejected, diplomacy will find it hard to navigate these demands.
- The issue with these nuanced negotiations is that terms such as **implementation mechanism** for rehabilitation fund being created within 60 days of the June MoU were perhaps meant to convince key decision makers to agree. The challenge though was that the ultimate goal of "show me the money" would prove to be elusive.
- On this note, raising more demands would inevitably add further friction down the road for any possible deal.

Spreading Pains

- Energy markets are certainly not only dealing with verbal threats.
- Houthi's attack on Saudi's Jazan plant is reported only said to be restarting in end-August adding further pressure to **downstream energy products alongside restrained flows via the Red Sea**.
- Meanwhile, even though sanctions keep a lead on Russian energy exports, **Ukraine's latest attack on oil refinery and petrochemical plant inside Russia** portend inevitable spillovers via "discounted" Russian energy products.
- It is also important to keep in mind that Iranian oil flows are being impeded via the **US blockade which US President Trump is likely to persist with** given that he wants to keep up the economic pressure.
- The challenge though is that **economic pains spreads** as gasoline prices in the US continue to rise and Trump's latest extension of the Jones Act serves to alleviate cost pressures for the transport of energy commodities around the US.
- Furthermore, US **Strategic Petroleum reserves continue to decline**, dropping to below 300m barrels for the first time since January 1983 highlighting the threat of increasingly diminished buffers to cushion further shocks.
- Admittedly, TACO bets in the coming days/weeks would likely be premised on the extent of such pains following through the US economy as well as the political landscape.

Yields (2Y: +4.7bp; 10Y: +6.2bp; 30Y: +5.1bp)**DATA/EVENTS**

Overnight	Actual	Exp.	Prior
(EZ) Sentix Investor Confidence (Aug)	0.9	-1.1	-3.1
(JP) BoP Current Account Balance (Jun)	-¥92.3b	¥1512.0b	¥3968.3b
(JP) Eco Watchers Survey Current/Outlook SA (Jul)	45.7/45.8	44.5/46.1	44.0/45.7
(ID) Consumer Confidence Index (Jul)	116.8	--	117.8

Today	Actual	Exp.	Prior
(SG) GDP YoY (2Q F)		5.8%	5.7%
(MY) Industrial Production YoY (Jun)		7.2%	8.4%
RBA Cash Rate Target		4.35%	4.35%

- UST yield curve bear steepened alongside higher oil prices and hawkish Fed speak from Cleveland Fed President Beth Hammack who had dissented in the previous meeting.

- Crucially, she said that **one 25bp hike doesn't do a whole lot so it's probably some number** (of hikes).

Equities (Nasdaq: -0.3%; S&P500: -0.1%; Dow: +0.1%)**FX (DXY: +0.3%)**

- IDR outperformed after President Prabowo named Destry Damayanti as the new Bank Indonesia governor which assisted to ally worries over central bank independence.

- In contrast, JPY underperformed with USD/JPY rising above 159 as oil prices and UST yields surged. To be fair, oil prices are up more than 4% with UST yields at similar levels relative to the immediate aftermath of intervention.

- Elsewhere, the AUD is hovering around mid-70 cents ahead of RBA while the USD/SGD is just above 1.28 as the **Singapore authorities raise 2026 growth estimate to 4.5% to 5.5% from 2-4%** previously led by strong manufacturing sector(+12.5% YoY) amid the strong semiconductor demand.

Funding and Chips Demand

- Attention grabbing headline of US\$500 billion financing for Nvidia customers at "attractive rates" may yet again incite worries about risk reward in the AI space especially in the debt space.

- That said, CEO Jensen Huang appears to be attempting to alleviate **circular financing concerns by stating that the money will all be third party capital**.

- Meanwhile, Intel is also said to be offering **new shares to raise US\$15bn** and could end up with US\$20bn amid robust demand.

- Aside from financing, chip developments continued apace with Microsoft said to increase production of their own Maia 300 chip amid discussion with TSMC.

Vietnam: Tarnish or Polish?

- Following the diamond debacle, **reports of violations at gold companies** which range from reports of taxes, sales and anti-money-laundering rules poses another setback to their on-going market liberalisation.

- Similar to the diamond smuggling probe, the **impact on overall market sentiments are likely to remain contained**.

- That said, the transactions of gold sales which were of large volumes inconsistent with income serves to underscore the **challenges in polishing up governance credentials even amid roaring economic growth**.

- On that note, the SBV has continued to push for lower lending rate for smaller firms as they seek to achieve their 10% GDP growth target for this year.

FX OUTLOOK

FX	Close (NY)	Open*	Daily %Δ	Forecast	
USDJPY	159.29	159.17	+0.97%	157.50	- 160.00
EURUSD	1.1543	1.1545	▼0.14%	1.1460	- 1.1630
GBPUSD	1.3507	1.3510	+0.12%	1.3360	- 1.3550
AUDUSD	0.7055	0.7055	▼0.17%	0.6990	- 0.7100
DXY	99.8	--	+0.27%	99.2	- 100.5
USDCNY	6.7463	--	+0.01%	6.7300	- 6.8100
USDCNH	6.7460	6.7453	+0.05%	6.7300	- 6.8100
USDHKD	7.8455	7.8454	+0.01%	7.8200	- 7.8500
USDSGD	1.2803	1.2805	+0.16%	1.2750	- 1.2880
USDKRW	1419	1418	+0.00%	1410	- 1430
USDTWD	32.22	--	▼0.26%	32.10	- 32.60
USDINR	95.30	--	+0.09%	94.70	- 95.60
USDIDR	17762	--	▼0.72%	17700	- 18050
USDMYR	4.091	4.093	+0.00%	4.070	- 4.110
USDPHP	60.74	--	▼0.28%	60.40	- 61.20
USDTHB	33.00	33.00	▼0.17%	32.8	- 33.3
USDVND	26161	26163	▼0.17%	26100	- 26450

*Open is as at 8am HKT/SGT.

MARKET MOVES

Bond Yields	2Y Close	10Y Close	2Y Δ (bps)	10Y Δ (bps)
UST (US)	4.243	4.708	4.7	6.2
JGB (JP)	1.614	2.809	1.2	2.2
Bunds (GE)	2.798	3.178	5.1	4.7
Gilts (UK)	4.339	4.988	5.9	6.7
AGB (AU)	4.561	4.995	0.2	-1.6
SGS (SG)	1.666	2.288	-0.1	0.0
CGB (CN)	1.245	1.701	-0.9	-0.3
KGB (KR)	3.575	4.207	0.0	0.0
SDL (IN)	6.131	6.764	1.4	-0.1

G3 Equities	Close	Net Chg	Daily %Δ
S&P500 (US)	7753.11	-4.53	▼0.06%
Nasdaq (US)	26605.36	-85.26	▼0.32%
DJIA (US)	53975.98	-60.95	▼0.11%
N225 (JP)	66970.22	1363.51	+2.08%
STOXX50 (EU)	6535.62	11.76	+0.18%

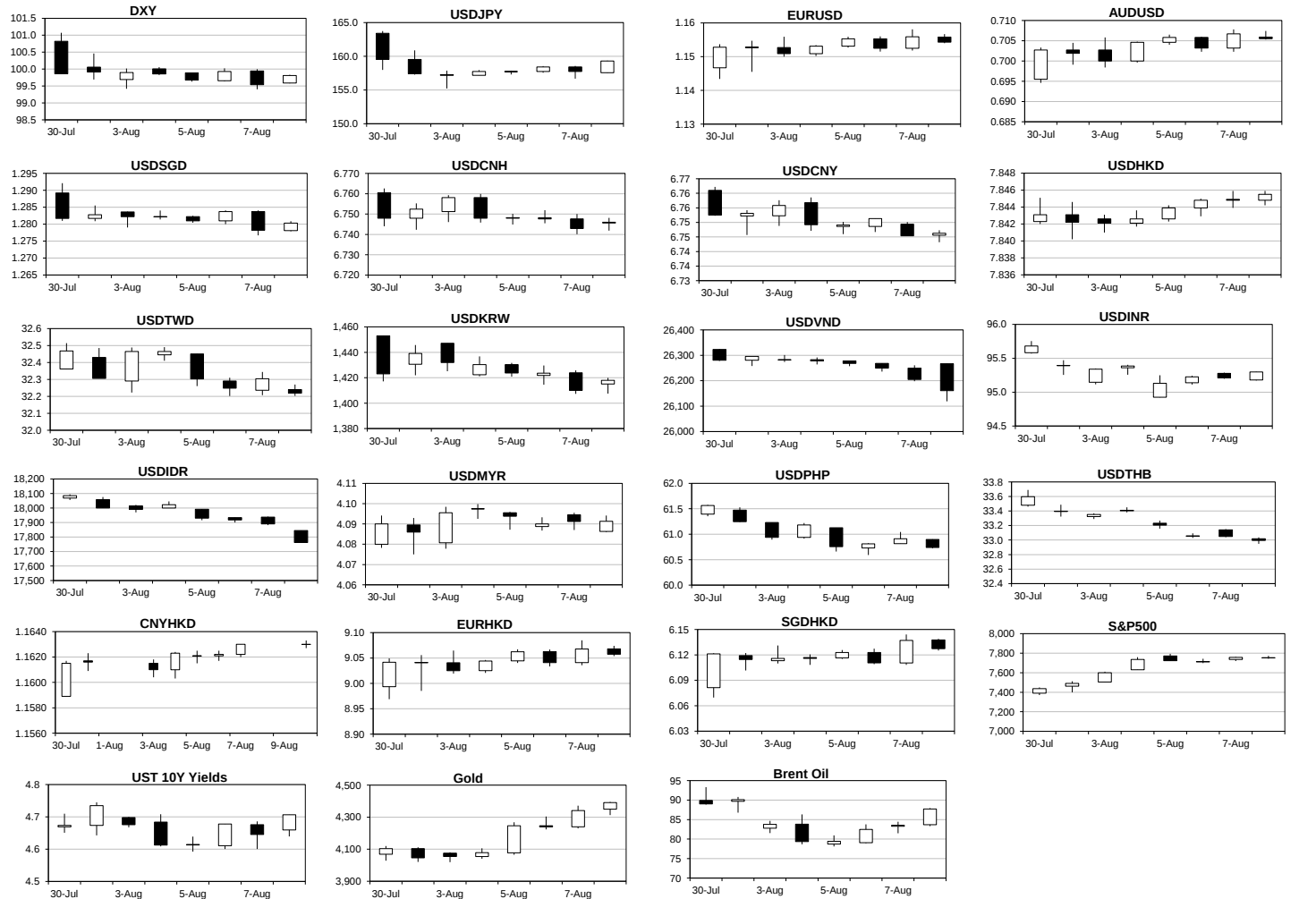
Commodity	Close	Net Chg	Daily %Δ
COPPER (LME)	14,334.23	143.64	+1.01%
IRON ORE (CN)	94.80	1.16	+0.11%
GOLD	4,390.95	49.39	+1.14%
SILVER	65.74	0.13	+4.96%
OIL (BRENT)	87.72	4.17	+4.99%
OIL (WTI)	82.13	3.95	+5.05%
NATURAL GAS	2.79	2.18	+3.44%

Cross FX	Close (NY)	Open*	Daily %Δ
EUR/JPY	183.89	183.76	+0.83%
GBP/JPY	215.161	215.032	+1.10%
JPY/SGD (100yen)	0.8037	0.8045	▼0.78%
JPY/HKD (100yen)	4.9244	4.9291	▼0.94%
CNH/JPY	23.606	23.594	+1.07%
CNH/HKD	1.163	1.163	+0.00%
EUR/GBP	0.85455	0.85455	▼0.26%
AUD/NZD	1.1993	1.1985	+0.01%
EUR/CNH	7.7894	7.7874	▼0.10%
GBP/CNH	9.1131	9.1129	+0.15%
CNY/HKD	1.163	1.163	+0.00%
EUR/HKD	9.0574	9.0575	▼0.12%
SGD/HKD	6.1274	6.1268	▼0.16%

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Asia Equities	Close	Net Chg	Daily %Δ
ASX (AU)	5855.29	-21.25	▼0.36%
STI (SG)	5698.43	0.00	+0.00%
SHCOMP (CN)	3966.594	26.56	+0.67%
SZCOMP (CN)	2589.456	14.80	+0.57%
HSI (HK)	25937.49	269.46	+1.05%
SENSEX (IN)	78542.44	43.27	+0.06%
JSE (ID)	6365.374	-44.28	▼0.69%
KLSE (MY)	1735.37	-0.38	▼0.02%
PSE (PH)	6289.21	-1.14	▼0.02%
SET (TH)	1624.36	12.36	+0.77%
VNINDEX (VN)	1776.77	0.00	+0.49%

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