



## Fixed Income &amp; FX Research

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**Macro:** US data affirms cooling labour market outlook, though retail sales held resilient. Malaysia PM Anwar's cabinet reshuffle saw ten ministerial changes to Cabinet.

**Forex:** GBP (+0.4%) and JPY (+0.3%) saw firm gains post-US data, ahead of BOE and BOJ meetings. MYR strength anchored by growing talks of a broader CNY appreciation.

**Fixed Income:** Modest gains for UST only, with markets already pricing in two Fed rate cuts ahead. Bids on local govies continue to remain focused on the front-to-bellies.

**Macro**

**Global:** The US unemployment rate ticked up to a four-year high of 4.6% while nonfarm payrolls' (NFP) saw 64k job additions in November (consensus: +50k; October: -105k). November's growth was driven by healthcare and construction additions, while transportation and federal government continued to shed jobs, suggesting that the effects of tightening foreign labour supply, an ageing society, AI/automation initiatives, and Trump administration policies of a leaner government, all influencing their respective sectors. US retail sales also saw flat growth in October, though core retail sales (used to compute GDP) saw a sharp 0.8% m/m climb (consensus: +0.4%; September: -0.1%), suggesting that resilient US consumer spending has transitioned beyond motor vehicles.

**Malaysia:** PM Anwar's second major cabinet reshuffle saw ten ministerial changes to the Cabinet. Key changes include the appointment of Johari Abdul Ghani as the new minister of investment, trade, and industry (replacing Tengku Zafrul, whom is now MIDA chairman); Akmal Nasrullah Mohd Nasir as the new economy minister, and Hannah Yeoh as minister in the PM's Department (Federal Territories). Meanwhile, Deputy PM Fadillah said the ongoing Petronas-Petros commercial negotiations are expected to produce an amiable outcome by early-2026.

**Forex**

**Global:** Mixed batch of G10 FX performance after US NFP data release. DXY fell 0.2%, its weakest in two months, with both the GBP (+0.4%) and JPY (+0.3%) jumping against the USD on a firmer dovish Fed outlook. While fresh UK labour data saw the unemployment rate reaching its highest since 2021 at 5.1%, other data (wage earnings, jobless claims, S&P PMI) continue to suggest labour conditions are faring better than expected. UK CPI data for November is also due today, ahead of the BOE's final MPC meeting for 2025. The ECB will also hold its final monetary policy meeting tomorrow, with a neutral-to-hawkish outlook expected for 2026 based on earlier guidance.

**Asia:** MYR saw a daring 0.2% climb yesterday despite overnight US data risks, which we think may be anchored by further CNH (+0.1%) gains. This comes amid growing open discussions among influential circles in China regarding the need to strengthen the yuan, fuelling speculation that policymakers may soon allow broader appreciation for the managed currency.

**Fixed Income**

**Global Bonds:** US bonds posted modest gains and US stocks fell as sentiment was driven by the rise in the November unemployment rate, though the overall softening in labour market conditions was largely expected. The bond market also awaits more news on the next Fed chair with Trump reported set to interview Fed governor Waller.

**MYR Bonds:** Bids in the local government bond market improved slightly yesterday but focused mainly on shorter tenors up to 10Y. Lack of drivers continued to dampen overall interest. We still await CPI data next week. Corporate bond trading was mainly led by infrastructure and construction names with little interest elsewhere. We noted there's new issuance in the market of mainly long dated GG Danainfra where 2053 tranche is priced at 4.12% profit rate.

**Commodities**

**Brent oil (-2.7%)** eased below USD60/bbl, its weakest since early-2021, amid rising expectations of a feasible Russia-Ukraine peace deal and eased restrictions on Russian oil, elevated supply from both OPEC+ and non-OPEC producers, and weaknesses in China's demand outlook. US news of

**FX Daily Rates**

Vs. USD	Last Close	Per cent
DX	98.15	(0.2)
EUR/USD	1.175	(0.1)
AUD/USD	0.663	(0.1)
GBP/USD	1.342	0.4
USD/JPY	154.72	(0.3)
USD/MYR	4.086	(0.2)
USD/IDR	16,692	0.1
USD/THB	31.52	0.3
USD/SGD	1.289	(0.0)
USD/CNY	7.036	(0.1)

**Ringgit Outlook for The Week**

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Resistance	4.164	4.230
Support	4.064	4.030

**Major Sovereign Yields (%)**

Sov. Yield	Last Close	bps
UST 2Y	3.49	(1)
UST 10Y	4.15	(3)
Germany 10Y	2.85	(1)
UK 10Y	4.52	2
Japan 10Y	1.96	0
Australia 10Y	4.73	0
China 10Y	1.85	(0)

**MGS Bond Yields (%)**

MGS	Last	bps
3-Year	3.03	(0)
5-Year	3.29	0
7-Year	3.48	(1)
10-Year	3.57	(0)
15-Year	3.78	(0)
20-Year	3.88	(0)
30-Year	4.00	(0)

**MYR Swap Rates (%)**

Swap / Rates	Last Close	bps
IRS 1-Year	3.25	3
IRS 3-Year	3.30	1
IRS 5-Year	3.39	0
IRS 7-Year	3.46	(1)
IRS 10-Year	3.61	0
3M KLIBOR	3.26	0

**Key Commodities**

Commodities	Last Close	Per cent
Brent (USD/bbl)	58.92	(2.7)
WTI (USD/bbl)	55.27	(2.7)
Gold (USD/oz)	4,302	(0.1)
CPO (RM/tonne)	3,947	(1.3)

**Policy Rates**

Central Banks	Current	Next
US Fed Funds	3.75	28-Jan
ECB Deposit Rate	2.00	18-Dec
BOE Base Rate	4.00	18-Dec
RBA Cash Rate	3.60	03-Feb
BOJ Cash Rate	0.50	19-Dec
RBNZ Cash Rate	3.00	18-Feb
PBOC 1Y LPR	3.00	-
BNM OPR	2.75	22-Jan

Sources: Bloomberg, Trading Economics, AmBank Economics  
Note: Changes are based on day-on-day percentage, except for MGS Yield, Sovereign Yields, and IRS, where changes are in bps.

a blockade of sanctioned Venezuelan oil tankers this morning had little impact on prices, given already tepid flows from the country.

### Currencies

	Latest	1-day	1 week	1-Month	1-Year	Percentage Change					Trend Line		
	16-Dec-25	15-Dec-25	9-Dec-25	16-Nov-25	16-Dec-24	1-day	1-week	1-month	1-year	YTD	1-week	1-month	1-year
DXY Dollar Index	98.15	98.31	99.22	99.30	106.86	(0.2)	(1.1)	(1.2)	(8.2)	(9.5)			
EUR/USD	1.175	1.175	1.163	1.162	1.051	(0.1)	1.0	1.1	11.7	13.5			
AUD/USD	0.663	0.664	0.664	0.654	0.637	(0.1)	(0.2)	1.4	4.1	7.2			
GBP/USD	1.342	1.338	1.330	1.317	1.268	0.4	0.9	1.9	5.8	7.2			
USD/JPY	154.72	155.23	156.88	154.55	154.15	(0.3)	(1.4)	0.1	0.4	(1.6)			
USD/MYR	4.086	4.093	4.114	4.133	4.449	(0.2)	(0.7)	(1.1)	(8.2)	(8.6)			
USD/IDR	16,692	16,668	16,665	16,704	16,000	0.1	0.2	(0.1)	4.3	3.7			
USD/THB	31.52	31.43	31.82	32.40	34.07	0.3	(0.9)	(2.7)	(7.5)	(7.5)			
USD/SGD	1.289	1.290	1.298	1.299	1.350	(0.0)	(0.6)	(0.7)	(4.5)	(5.6)			
USD/CNY	7.036	7.043	7.061	7.099	7.292	(0.1)	(0.3)	(0.9)	(3.5)	(4.1)			
USD/KRW	1,473	1,468	1,470	1,451	1,437	0.4	0.2	1.5	2.5	0.1			
USD/INR	91.03	90.73	89.89	88.74	84.87	0.3	1.3	2.6	7.3	6.3			
USD/PHP	58.75	59.08	59.20	59.06	58.69	(0.6)	(0.8)	(0.5)	0.1	1.6			
USD/TWD	31.47	31.38	31.20	31.15	32.50	0.3	0.9	1.0	(3.1)	(4.0)			
USD/HKD	7.780	7.782	7.783	7.773	7.774	(0.0)	(0.0)	0.1	0.1	0.1			
USD/VND	26,340	26,316	26,370	26,350	25,393	0.1	(0.1)	(0.0)	3.7	3.4			
NZD/USD	0.578	0.578	0.578	0.568	0.578	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.0	3.4			

### Ringgit Cross Rates

	Latest	1-day	1 week	1-Month	1-Year	Percentage Change					Trend Line		
	16-Dec-25	15-Dec-25	9-Dec-25	16-Nov-25	16-Dec-24	1-day	1-week	1-month	1-year	YTD	1-week	1-month	1-year
EUR/MYR	4.803	4.810	4.793	4.802	4.677	(0.1)	0.2	0.0	2.7	3.1			
GBP/MYR	5.480	5.479	5.491	5.437	5.630	0.0	(0.2)	0.8	(2.7)	(2.4)			
AUD/MYR	2.711	2.721	2.734	2.695	2.832	(0.4)	(0.8)	0.6	(4.3)	(2.5)			
JPY/MYR	2.641	2.639	2.622	2.674	2.888	0.1	0.7	(1.2)	(8.6)	(7.2)			
SGD/MYR	3.167	3.177	3.173	3.174	3.299	(0.3)	(0.2)	(0.2)	(4.0)	(3.6)			
10 CNY/MYR	5.801	5.811	5.823	5.820	6.113	(0.2)	(0.4)	(0.3)	(5.1)	(5.3)			
1 million IDR/MYR	2.448	2.457	2.466	2.473	2.782	(0.4)	(0.7)	(1.0)	(12.0)	(11.7)			
THB/MYR	12.974	13.019	12.929	12.738	13.053	(0.4)	0.3	1.9	(0.6)	(0.4)			
10 HKD/MYR	5.252	5.263	5.287	5.315	5.727	(0.2)	(0.7)	(1.2)	(8.3)	(8.8)			

### Commodities

	Latest	1-day	1 week	1-Month	1-Year	Percentage Change					Trend Line		
	16-Dec-25	15-Dec-25	9-Dec-25	16-Nov-25	16-Dec-24	1-day	1-week	1-month	1-year	YTD	1-week	1-month	1-year
Brent (USD/barrel)	58.92	60.56	61.94	64.39	73.91	(2.7)	(4.9)	(8.5)	(20.3)	(21.1)			
WTI (USD/barrel)	55.27	56.82	58.25	60.09	70.71	(2.7)	(5.1)	(8.0)	(21.8)	(22.9)			
Gold (USD/oz)	4,302	4,305	4,208	4,084	2,653	(0.1)	2.2	5.3	62.2	63.9			
Malaysia CPO (RM/tonne)	3,947	4,000	4,031	3,935	4,900	(1.3)	(2.1)	0.3	(19.4)	(18.8)			

### Malaysia Government Securities

	Latest	1-day	1 week	1-Month	1-Year	Basis Points Change					Trend Line		
	16-Dec-25	15-Dec-25	9-Dec-25	16-Nov-25	16-Dec-24	1-day	1-week	1-month	1-year	YTD	1-week	1-month	1-year
3-Year	3.03	3.03	3.04	3.02	3.48	(0)	(1)	1	(45)	(45)			
5-Year	3.29	3.29	3.30	3.21	3.63	0	(0)	8	(34)	(33)			
7-Year	3.48	3.49	3.47	3.41	3.77	(1)	1	7	(29)	(29)			
10-Year	3.57	3.57	3.53	3.44	3.82	(0)	4	13	(25)	(24)			
15-Year	3.78	3.78	3.75	3.70	3.95	(0)	3	8	(17)	(19)			
20-Year	3.88	3.88	3.87	3.87	4.05	(0)	1	1	(17)	(18)			
30-Year	4.00	4.00	4.00	3.97	4.18	(1)	(0)	2	(19)	(19)			

### Malaysia Government Investment Issues

	Latest	1-day	1 week	1-Month	1-Year	Basis Points Change					Trend Line		
	16-Dec-25	15-Dec-25	9-Dec-25	16-Nov-25	16-Dec-24	1-day	1-week	1-month	1-year	YTD	1-week	1-month	1-year
3-Year	3.13	3.14	3.12	3.10	3.41	(0)	1	3	(28)	(29)			
5-Year	3.29	3.29	3.28	3.22	3.63	(0)	2	7	(34)	(33)			
7-Year	3.37	3.37	3.36	3.33	3.77	0	1	4	(40)	(37)			
10-Year	3.57	3.57	3.54	3.51	3.82	0	2	6	(26)	(26)			
15-Year	3.76	3.76	3.76	3.74	3.95	(0)	0	2	(19)	(22)			
20-Year	3.90	3.90	3.89	3.88	4.09	(0)	1	2	(19)	(19)			

## Major Equity Indices

	Latest	1-day	1 week	1-Month	1-Year	Percentage Change					Trend Line		
	16-Dec-25	15-Dec-25	9-Dec-25	16-Nov-25	16-Dec-24	1-day	1-week	1-month	1-year	YTD	1-week	1-month	1-year
S&P500 Index	6,800	6,817	6,841	6,734	6,074	(0.2)	(0.6)	1.0	12.0	77.1			
Dow Jones	48,114	48,417	47,560	47,147	43,717	(0.6)	1.2	2.1	10.1	45.2			
Nasdaq	23,111	23,057	23,576	22,901	20,174	0.2	(2.0)	0.9	14.6	120.8			
London FTSE	9,685	9,751	9,642	9,698	8,262	(0.7)	0.4	(0.1)	17.2	30.0			
German DAX	24,077	24,230	24,163	23,877	20,314	(0.6)	(0.4)	0.8	18.5	72.9			
Nikkei 225	49,383	50,168	50,655	50,377	39,457	(1.6)	(2.5)	(2.0)	25.2	89.2			
Japan TOPIX	3,371	3,431	3,385	3,360	2,738	(1.8)	(0.4)	0.3	23.1	78.2			
FBM KLCI	1,648	1,644	1,614	1,626	1,607	0.3	2.1	1.4	2.6	10.2			

## Major Sovereign Yields (%)

	Latest	1-day	1 week	1-Month	1-Year	Basis Points Change					Trend Line		
	16-Dec-25	15-Dec-25	9-Dec-25	16-Nov-25	16-Dec-24	1-day	1-week	1-month	1-year	YTD	1-week	1-month	1-year
UST 2Y	3.49	3.50	3.61	3.61	4.25	(1)	(13)	(12)	(76)	(75)			
UST 10Y	4.15	4.17	4.19	4.15	4.40	(3)	(4)	(0)	(25)	(42)			
Germany 2Y	2.13	2.15	2.15	2.04	2.05	(2)	(2)	10	8	5			
Germany 10Y	2.85	2.85	2.85	2.72	2.25	(1)	(0)	13	60	48			
UK 2Y	3.77	3.75	3.79	3.85	4.36	1	(2)	(8)	(59)	(63)			
UK 10Y	4.52	4.50	4.51	4.57	4.44	2	1	(6)	8	(5)			
Japan 2Y	1.07	1.07	1.08	0.94	0.59	(0)	(1)	13	48	46			
Japan 10Y	1.96	1.96	1.97	1.71	1.07	0	(1)	25	89	86			
Australia 2Y	4.02	4.00	4.07	3.69	3.92	2	(5)	33	10	16			
Australia 10Y	4.73	4.73	4.76	4.44	4.32	0	(3)	29	41	37			
China 2Y	1.40	1.42	1.40	1.45	1.17	(2)	0	(4)	24	31			
China 10Y	1.85	1.86	1.84	1.81	1.73	(0)	2	4	12	18			
Indonesia 2Y	5.08	5.06	5.09	4.83	6.99	2	(0)	26	(191)	(196)			
Indonesia 10Y	6.18	6.17	6.21	6.13	7.06	1	(4)	5	(89)	(82)			
Thailand 2Y	1.21	1.21	1.19	1.34	1.99	0	2	(14)	(78)	(79)			
Thailand 10Y	1.70	1.74	1.74	1.74	2.29	(3)	(3)	(3)	(59)	(55)			

## Key swap rates

	Latest	1-day	1 week	1-Month	1-Year	Basis Points Change					Trend Line		
	16-Dec-25	15-Dec-25	9-Dec-25	16-Nov-25	16-Dec-24	1-day	1-week	1-month	1-year	YTD	1-week	1-month	1-year
IRS 1-Year	3.25	3.22	3.24	3.22	3.60	3	1	3	(35)	(32)			
IRS 3-Year	3.30	3.29	3.31	3.22	3.52	1	(1)	8	(22)	(20)			
IRS 5-Year	3.39	3.38	3.40	3.32	3.55	0	(2)	7	(17)	(16)			
IRS 7-Year	3.46	3.47	3.48	3.38	3.64	(1)	(2)	9	(18)	(17)			
IRS 10-Year	3.61	3.61	3.62	3.51	3.75	0	(2)	10	(14)	(12)			
IRS 20-Year	3.92	3.92	3.92	3.84	3.89	0	0	8	3	(3)			

## Key KLIBOR rates

	Latest	1-day	1 week	1-Month	1-Year	Basis Points Change					Trend Line		
	16-Dec-25	15-Dec-25	9-Dec-25	16-Nov-25	16-Dec-24	1-day	1-week	1-month	1-year	YTD	1-week	1-month	1-year
1-Month Klibor	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.29	0	0	0	(29)	(29)			
3-Month Klibor	3.26	3.26	3.26	3.22	3.71	0	0	4	(45)	(47)			
6-Month Klibor	3.29	3.29	3.29	3.26	3.76	0	0	3	(47)	(48)			

## Indicative PDS yields

	Latest	1-day	1 week	1-Month	1-Year	Basis Points Change					Trend Line		
	16-Dec-25	15-Dec-25	9-Dec-25	16-Nov-25	16-Dec-24	1-day	1-week	1-month	1-year	YTD	1-week	1-month	1-year
3-Year AAA	3.54	3.54	3.52	3.52	3.82	(0)	2	2	(29)	(30)			
3-Year AA	3.69	3.69	3.68	3.68	4.00	0	2	2	(31)	(32)			
3-Year A	4.52	4.53	4.52	4.55	4.87	(0)	0	(3)	(35)	(33)			
5-Year AAA	3.61	3.61	3.59	3.59	3.91	(0)	2	2	(30)	(32)			
5-Year AA	3.77	3.77	3.75	3.75	4.09	(0)	2	2	(32)	(33)			
5-Year A	4.66	4.66	4.66	4.70	5.10	(1)	(0)	(4)	(45)	(43)			
10-Year AAA	3.77	3.77	3.75	3.76	4.08	(0)	2	2	(31)	(29)			
10-Year AA	3.93	3.93	3.91	3.91	4.25	0	2	2	(32)	(31)			
10-Year A	5.02	5.03	5.03	5.09	5.58	(1)	(1)	(7)	(56)	(54)			

Sources: Bloomberg, AmBank Economics

Note: All values are end-period

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