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Macro: Monthly US retail sales, consumer sentiment data fared worse-than-expected. Malaysia 2Q2026 GDP growth revised higher, with full-year 2026 projection now seen around 5%.

Forex: DXY edged down 0.3% amid US data challenging views of a resilient US consumer base, leading to G10 FX gains of up to 0.7%. MYR gains are expected today after cautious trading on Friday.

Fixed Income: UST yields dipped slightly on US data, ahead of FOMC minutes this week. MGS posted mixed results amid continued cautious sentiment, with losses seen in corporate bonds.

Macro

Global: US retail sales fell 0.6% m/m in July (consensus: +0.1%; June: +0.2%), its first decline this year, though mostly reflecting seasonal event changes as Amazon moved its Prime Day event from July to June this year, driving weaknesses for the nonstore retailers (-2.2% m/m) category. Sales of motor vehicles and gasoline are also down amid high energy prices. Alongside retail sales data was the UOM consumer sentiment index that fell sharply to 51.0 in August (consensus: 54.5; July: 55.2), with a broad-based deterioration across political and demographic groups. This comes as President Trump urged Americans to brace for continued high gas prices, suggesting a prolonged economic campaign to pressure Iran.

Malaysia: The final 2Q2026 GDP reading was revised upwards to 6.0% y/y (preliminary and consensus estimates: 5.8%; AmBank: 6.0%; 1Q2026: 5.4%), with an upside surprise primarily driven by services. Nevertheless, we are noticing a two-speed economy in which external demand accounts for most of the heavy lifting in growth, while private consumption has trended below the 5% mark for the past two consecutive quarters. This is why we believe that PM Anwar acknowledged continued cost-of-living pressures among Malaysians despite the strong headline numbers, with FM2 Amir Hamzah pledging continued support for the Sara program. The FM2 also said that improvements to the targeted diesel subsidy system are currently under study, with an announcement expected within 1-2 months. Meanwhile, BNM said Malaysia's growth has exceeded its estimates for the past three quarters, putting 2026 full-year growth to around 5% - at the top-end of its 4-5% growth forecast; though an official forecast revision was held off and will be left for the government to announce. Governor Abdul Rasheed also noted that Malaysian businesses are still mostly absorbing higher input costs rather than passing them on, helping to keep consumer inflation contained (given resilient but not excessive domestic demand conditions).

Forex

Global: DXY fell 0.3% on Friday, while G10 currencies all rallied vs the USD (by a wide range of +0.1% to +0.7%), as weak US retail sales and consumer sentiment data challenged market views of a resilient US consumer base. EUR and GBP strengthened by 0.4%, while gains in JPY (+0.1%) were weaker than peers – suggesting renewed market scepticism that recent intervention-driven gains were sustainable and had momentum. The week ahead sees PMI releases for the Eurozone, UK, Australia, and Japan. The Eurozone will see its ZEW economic sentiment indices, while Japan will release its 2Q2026 GDP, trade balance, and inflation data.

Malaysia: MYR closed unchanged on Friday, echoing cautious sentiment seen in local bond markets despite the release of a strong 2Q2026 GDP print. Some gains may be expected today, given USD weakness on Friday night, with USD/MYR potentially breaching below 4.08.

Fixed Income

Global Bonds: Reports that the US intends to blockade Iranian ports "indefinitely" kept UST weak, despite US retail sales declining in July, against consensus for a small increase. The 10Y/2Y spread widened by 2 bps on Friday, with a larger widening avoided given the slightly distorted seasonal reading in US data. After the mixed voting at the July FOMC meeting (including 3 dissenters), this week's meeting minutes should clarify whether disagreements (on the rate path) were more prevalent.

MYR Bonds: Last Friday, the MGS market was mixed, with support from the prior day's steady UST, amid slight caution on the back of the strong Malaysia GDP release. Meanwhile, the corporate bond market mainly experienced losses, affected by the past week's govvies weakness. Nevertheless, we

FX Daily Rates

Vs. USD	Last Close	Per cent
DXY	99.67	(0.3)
EUR/USD	1.157	0.4
AUD/USD	0.708	0.4
GBP/USD	1.354	0.4
USD/JPY	159.32	(0.1)
USD/MYR	4.086	(0.0)
USD/IDR	17,825	(0.3)
USD/THB	33.15	0.1
USD/SGD	1.279	(0.2)
USD/CNY	6.745	(0.0)

Ringgit Outlook for The Week

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Resistance	4.095	4.109
Support	4.071	4.060

Major Sovereign Yields (%)

Sov. Yield	Last Close	bps
UST 2Y	3.55	(1)
UST 10Y	3.59	(0)
Germany 10Y	3.64	(0)
UK 10Y	3.70	(1)
Japan 10Y	3.81	0
Australia 10Y	3.46	0
China 10Y	3.55	(1)

MGS Bond Yields (%)

MGS	Last	bps
3-Year	3.33	(1)
5-Year	3.54	0
7-Year	3.68	0
10-Year	3.74	(0)
15-Year	3.96	(0)
20-Year	4.08	0
30-Year	4.21	(0)

MYR Swap Rates (%)

Swap / Rates	Last Close	bps
IRS 1-Year	3.55	(1)
IRS 3-Year	3.59	(0)
IRS 5-Year	3.64	(0)
IRS 7-Year	3.70	(1)
IRS 10-Year	3.81	0
3M KLIBOR	3.46	0

Key Commodities

Commodities	Last Close	Per cent
Brent (USD/bl)	88.52	1.7
WTI (USD/bl)	82.40	1.4
Gold (USD/oz)	4,376	0.6
CPO (RM/tonne)	4,528	0.0

Policy Rates

Central Banks	Current	Next
US Fed Funds	3.75	17-Sep
ECB Deposit Rate	2.25	10-Sep
BOE Base Rate	3.75	17-Sep
RBA Cash Rate	4.35	11-Aug
BOJ Cash Rate	1.00	18-Sep
RBNZ Cash Rate	2.50	02-Sep
PBOC 1Y LPR	3.00	-
BNM OPR	2.75	03-Sep

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.

noted gains on a couple of AAA YTL Power papers, with 08/38 shedding 13 bps to 4.03% and 07/36 falling 2 bps to 3.98%.

Commodities

Oil prices climbed 1-2% amid reports of two Abu Dhabi-linked ships being attacked in the Persian Gulf, with an Iranian source indicating no progress on talks to end the war recently.

Currencies

	Latest	1-day	1 week	1-Month	1-Year	Percentage Change				
	14-Aug-26	13-Aug-26	7-Aug-26	15-Jul-26	14-Aug-25	1-day	1-week	1-month	1-year	YTD
DXY Dollar Index	99.67	99.96	99.54	100.49	98.25	(0.3)	0.1	(0.8)	1.4	1.4
EUR/USD	1.157	1.153	1.156	1.146	1.165	0.4	0.1	0.9	(0.7)	(1.5)
AUD/USD	0.708	0.706	0.707	0.700	0.650	0.4	0.2	1.1	9.1	6.2
GBP/USD	1.354	1.349	1.349	1.354	1.353	0.4	0.3	(0.0)	0.0	0.5
USD/JPY	159.32	159.5	157.76	162.19	147.76	(0.1)	1.0	(1.8)	7.8	1.7
USD/MYR	4.086	4.087	4.091	4.080	4.212	(0.0)	(0.1)	0.2	(3.0)	0.6
USD/IDR	17,825	17,870	17,890	18,067	16,110	(0.3)	(0.4)	(1.3)	10.6	6.8
USD/THB	33.15	33.14	33.05	33.61	32.37	0.1	0.3	(1.4)	2.4	5.2
USD/SGD	1.279	1.281	1.278	1.289	1.285	(0.2)	0.0	(0.8)	(0.5)	(0.5)
USD/CNY	6.745	6.745	6.743	6.769	7.182	(0.0)	0.0	(0.4)	(6.1)	(3.3)
USD/KRW	1,417	1,421	1,410	1,491	1,390	(0.3)	0.5	(5.0)	1.9	(1.6)
USD/INR	95.44	95.45	95.21	96.26	87.57	(0.0)	0.2	(0.9)	9.0	6.2
USD/PHP	61.44	61.35	60.91	61.68	56.92	0.2	0.9	(0.4)	7.9	4.5
USD/TWD	32.03	32.16	32.30	32.21	29.98	(0.4)	(0.8)	(0.5)	6.9	2.0
USD/HKD	7.847	7.847	7.845	7.839	7.833	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.8
USD/VND	26,144	26,072	26,205	26,256	26,270	0.3	(0.2)	(0.4)	(0.5)	(0.6)
NZD/USD	0.589	0.585	0.589	0.585	0.592	0.7	0.0	0.7	(0.4)	2.3

Ringgit Cross Rates

	Latest	1-day	1 week	1-Month	1-Year	Percentage Change				
	14-Aug-26	13-Aug-26	7-Aug-26	15-Jul-26	14-Aug-25	1-day	1-week	1-month	1-year	YTD
EUR/MYR	4.722	4.714	4.716	4.656	4.920	0.2	0.1	1.4	(4.0)	(0.9)
GBP/MYR	5.527	5.513	5.499	5.463	5.720	0.2	0.5	1.2	(3.4)	1.3
AUD/MYR	2.891	2.884	2.881	2.850	2.750	0.2	0.4	1.4	5.1	6.5
JPY/MYR	2.565	2.562	2.592	2.514	2.850	0.1	(1.0)	2.0	(10.0)	(1.0)
SGD/MYR	3.195	3.193	3.193	3.157	3.287	0.1	0.1	1.2	(2.8)	1.2
10 CNY/MYR	6.061	6.060	6.059	6.019	5.865	0.0	0.0	0.7	3.3	4.3
1 million IDR/MYR	2.292	2.286	2.286	2.257	2.614	0.3	0.3	1.6	(12.3)	(5.8)
THB/MYR	12.325	12.338	12.377	12.130	12.962	(0.1)	(0.4)	1.6	(4.9)	(4.0)
10 HKD/MYR	5.207	5.209	5.214	5.203	5.378	(0.0)	(0.1)	0.1	(3.2)	(0.2)

Commodities

	Latest	1-day	1 week	1-Month	1-Year	Percentage Change				
	14-Aug-26	13-Aug-26	7-Aug-26	15-Jul-26	14-Aug-25	1-day	1-week	1-month	1-year	YTD
Brent (USD/barrel)	88.52	87.07	83.55	84.95	66.84	1.7	5.9	4.2	32.4	45.5
WTI (USD/barrel)	82.4	81.25	78.18	79.6	63.96	1.4	5.4	3.5	28.8	43.5
Gold (USD/oz)	4,376	4,350	4,342	4,061	3,335	0.6	0.8	7.8	31.2	1.3
Malaysia CPO (RM/tonne)	4,528	4,528	4,527	4,520	4,338	0.0	0.0	0.2	4.4	13.3

Malaysia Government Securities

	Latest	1-day	1 week	1-Month	1-Year	Basis Points Change				
	14-Aug-26	13-Aug-26	7-Aug-26	15-Jul-26	14-Aug-25	1-day	1-week	1-month	1-year	YTD
3-Year	3.33	3.34	3.32	3.26	2.97	(1)	0	7	36	33
5-Year	3.54	3.54	3.54	3.39	3.07	0	(0)	15	47	28
7-Year	3.68	3.68	3.67	3.54	3.26	0	2	14	42	30
10-Year	3.74	3.74	3.73	3.63	3.37	(0)	1	11	37	23
15-Year	3.96	3.97	3.96	3.83	3.58	(0)	0	13	38	20
20-Year	4.08	4.08	4.02	3.94	3.74	0	7	14	35	23
30-Year	4.21	4.21	4.16	4.08	3.89	(0)	4	13	31	23

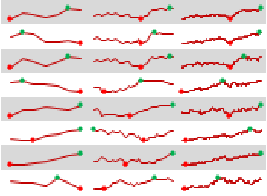
Malaysia Government Investment Issues

	Latest	1-day	1 week	1-Month	1-Year	Basis Points Change				
	14-Aug-26	13-Aug-26	7-Aug-26	15-Jul-26	14-Aug-25	1-day	1-week	1-month	1-year	YTD
3-Year	3.35	3.35	3.36	3.28	3.03	(0)	(1)	7	33	25
5-Year	3.54	3.54	3.53	3.39	3.14	(0)	0	15	40	28
7-Year	3.68	3.68	3.65	3.55	3.24	0	3	13	44	34
10-Year	3.75	3.74	3.73	3.63	3.38	0	2	12	36	22
15-Year	3.99	3.98	3.98	3.90	3.59	0	1	9	40	23
20-Year	4.05	4.05	4.02	3.97	3.73	0	3	8	32	19

Major Equity Indices

	Latest	1-day	1 week	1-Month	1-Year	Percentage Change				
	14-Aug-26	13-Aug-26	7-Aug-26	15-Jul-26	14-Aug-25	1-day	1-week	1-month	1-year	YTD
S&P500 Index	7,786	7,799	7,758	7,572	6,469	(0.2)	0.4	2.8	20.4	102.8
Dow Jones	53,732	53,840	54,037	52,659	44,911	(0.2)	(0.6)	2.0	19.6	62.1
Nasdaq	26,729	26,803	26,691	26,269	21,711	(0.3)	0.1	1.8	23.1	155.4
London FTSE	10,750	10,773	10,901	10,516	9,177	(0.2)	(1.4)	2.2	17.1	44.3
German DAX	26,440	26,300	26,319	25,000	24,378	0.5	0.5	5.8	8.5	89.9
Nikkei 225	68,714	68,309	65,607	68,752	42,649	0.6	4.7	(0.1)	61.1	163.3
Japan TOPIX	4,197	4,176	4,075	4,088	3,058	0.5	3.0	2.7	37.3	121.9
FBM KLCI	1,727	1,735	1,736	1,714	1,581	(0.4)	(0.5)	0.8	9.3	15.5

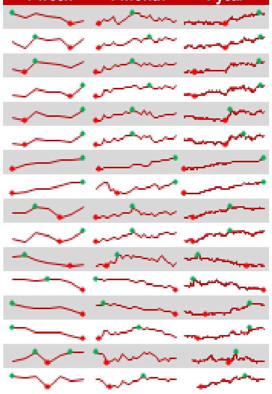
Trend Line
1-week 1-month 1-year



Major Sovereign Yields (%)

	Latest	1-day	1 week	1-Month	1-Year	Basis Points Change				
	14-Aug-26	13-Aug-26	7-Aug-26	15-Jul-26	14-Aug-25	1-day	1-week	1-month	1-year	YTD
UST 2Y	4.17	4.14	4.20	4.13	3.73	3	(3)	3	44	70
UST 10Y	4.69	4.64	4.65	4.55	4.28	5	5	14	41	53
Germany 2Y	2.80	2.77	2.75	2.75	1.95	3	5	5	85	68
Germany 10Y	3.20	3.13	3.13	3.12	2.71	7	7	8	49	35
UK 2Y	4.36	4.31	4.28	4.32	3.91	5	7	4	45	62
UK 10Y	5.04	4.95	4.92	4.94	4.64	8	12	10	40	56
Japan 2Y	1.67	1.65	1.61	1.44	0.81	2	5	23	86	49
Japan 10Y	2.89	2.89	2.81	2.70	1.55	1	9	20	135	83
Australia 2Y	4.55	4.54	4.56	4.51	3.29	1	(1)	4	126	49
Australia 10Y	5.01	4.99	5.01	4.90	4.21	2	(0)	11	80	27
China 2Y	1.25	1.24	1.27	1.28	1.41	1	(3)	(3)	(17)	(13)
China 10Y	1.68	1.70	1.71	1.74	1.74	(2)	(2)	(5)	(5)	(17)
Indonesia 2Y	6.83	6.94	7.01	7.19	5.61	(11)	(18)	(36)	122	183
Indonesia 10Y	7.18	7.22	7.28	7.24	6.38	(4)	(10)	(6)	80	111
Thailand 2Y	1.11	1.11	1.11	1.11	1.17	(0)	(0)	(0)	(6)	(1)
Thailand 10Y	2.04	2.04	2.04	2.01	1.42	0	(0)	3	62	40

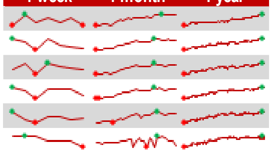
Trend Line
1-week 1-month 1-year



Key swap rates

	Latest	1-day	1 week	1-Month	1-Year	Basis Points Change				
	14-Aug-26	13-Aug-26	7-Aug-26	15-Jul-26	14-Aug-25	1-day	1-week	1-month	1-year	YTD
IRS 1-Year	3.55	3.56	3.56	3.50	3.05	(1)	(1)	5	50	35
IRS 3-Year	3.59	3.59	3.60	3.53	2.95	(0)	(1)	6	64	32
IRS 5-Year	3.64	3.64	3.65	3.57	3.03	(0)	(1)	7	61	29
IRS 7-Year	3.70	3.71	3.70	3.65	3.08	(1)	(1)	5	62	29
IRS 10-Year	3.81	3.81	3.81	3.75	3.21	0	0	6	61	26
IRS 20-Year	4.00	4.00	4.15	4.07	3.58	0	(15)	(7)	42	12

Trend Line
1-week 1-month 1-year



Key KLIBOR rates

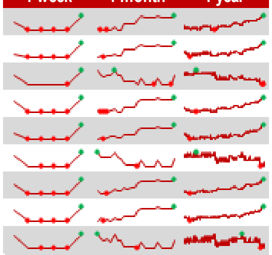
	Latest	1-day	1 week	1-Month	1-Year	Basis Points Change				
	14-Aug-26	13-Aug-26	7-Aug-26	15-Jul-26	14-Aug-25	1-day	1-week	1-month	1-year	YTD
1-Month Klibor	3.01	3.01	3.01	3.01	3.00	0	0	0	1	1
3-Month Klibor	3.46	3.46	3.46	3.45	3.21	0	0	1	25	18
6-Month Klibor	3.49	3.49	3.49	3.48	3.26	0	0	1	23	19

Trend Line
1-week 1-month 1-year

Indicative PDS yields

	Latest	1-day	1 week	1-Month	1-Year	Basis Points Change				
	14-Aug-26	13-Aug-26	7-Aug-26	15-Jul-26	14-Aug-25	1-day	1-week	1-month	1-year	YTD
3-Year AAA	3.62	3.61	3.61	3.58	3.53	1	0	4	8	11
3-Year AA	3.74	3.74	3.74	3.72	3.69	1	1	2	5	8
3-Year A	4.45	4.40	4.43	4.44	4.55	5	2	0	(10)	(10)
5-Year AAA	3.71	3.70	3.71	3.67	3.62	1	0	4	9	12
5-Year AA	3.83	3.83	3.83	3.80	3.78	1	0	3	6	8
5-Year A	4.60	4.54	4.59	4.61	4.69	6	1	(1)	(9)	(10)
10-Year AAA	3.90	3.88	3.89	3.84	3.77	1	0	6	13	13
10-Year AA	4.02	4.01	4.02	3.98	3.93	1	0	4	9	9
10-Year A	5.00	4.93	4.99	5.01	5.07	7	1	(1)	(6)	(11)

Trend Line
1-week 1-month 1-year



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