

AmBank Economics

## Fixed Income & FX Research

#### Snapshot Summary...

Global FX: The dollar rose as US data exceed expectations

**Global Rates:** Treasuries weakened upon release of the latest US data ahead of FOMC

**MYR Bonds:** Malaysia's government bonds continue to rally, this time was suspected on the back of the ringgit rally

USD/MYR: The ringgit strengthened further to reach around 4.25 level

#### Macro News

**Germany:** The ZEW Indicator of Economic Sentiment for Germany plummeted to 3.6 in September, which is the lowest level since October last year. This is a drop from 19.2 in August and is below the expected 17 reading. The latest number marks the third consecutive month of declining economic sentiment, dissipating optimism that has been present since November 2023.

**United States**: US retail sales rose by 0.1% m/m in August, following a revised increase of 1.1% in July, and surpassing expectations of a 0.2% decline.

IPI rose by 0.8% m/m in August, the largest gain in six months and above expectations of a +0.2%. Manufacturing, which accounts for 78% of total production, rose by 0.9% m/m, outpacing 0.3% forecast increase.

#### **Fixed Income**

**Global Bonds:** Treasuries partly reversed past week's gains with the 2Y UST up 5 bps and the 10Y up by 3 bps to 3.60% and 3.65% respectively, upon US retail sales data pointing to a stable US economy. CME FedWatch now is pointing to 63% probability of a 50 bps Fed cut, compared to 34% last week. Treasuries remained firmer compared with a week ago, when the 10Y UST was found above 3.75%, as traders were wary that the Fed may cut by a larger than expected 50 bps at this week's FOMC.

**MYR Government Bonds:** Malaysia's government bonds continue to rally yesterday, and this time was suspected on the back of the ringgit rally which sustained below the 4.300 level. The market awaits details for reopening of the 7Y MGS 04/31, which we foresee at issuance size of MYR4.5 billion.

**MYR Corporate Bonds:** Very small trading was recorded in the corporate bond space yesterday as most of the market were away due to the replacement holiday. Amongst the traded, anyway, included MYR40 million flows on AA1 rated YTL Power 03/37 at 4.13% (unch), and just MYR20 million done on AAA PLUS 01/38 at 4.06% (+3 bps).

#### 18 September 2024

Vs. USD	Last Close	Per cent
DXY	100.89	0.1
EUR/USD	1.111	(0.2)
AUD/USD	0.676	0.1
GBP/USD	1.316	(0.4)
USD/JPY	142.41	1.3
USD/MYR	4.259	(1.0)
USD/IDR	15,335	(0.4)
USD/THB	33.29	0.2
USD/SGD	1.297	0.1
USD/CNY	7.097	0.0
USD/KRW	1,334	0.0
USD/INR	83.76	(0.1)
USD/PHP	55.70	(0.3)
USD/TWD	31.90	0.0
USD/HKD	7.794	0.0
USD/VND	24,635	0.4
NZD/USD	0.618	(0.3)

#### MYR Cross Rates

MYR Cross	Last Close	Per cent
EUR/MYR	4.744	(0.6)
GBP/MYR	5.631	(0.5)
AUD/MYR	2.880	(0.6)
JPY/MYR	2.991	(2.2)
SGD/MYR	3.293	(0.8)
10CNY/MYR	6.001	(1.0)
100IDR/MYR	2.778	(0.5)
THB/MYR	12.787	(0.8)
10HKD/MYR	5.465	(0.9)
100INR/MYR	5.090	(0.6)

#### MGS Bond Yields (%)

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MGS	Maturity	Last	bps
3-Year	05/27	3.31	(1)
5-Year	08/29	3.46	(2)
7-Year	04/31	3.65	(2)
10-Year	07/34	3.69	(3)
15-Year	04/39	3.86	(0)
20-Year	05/44	4.02	(1)
30-Year	03/53	4.17	(0)

#### MYR Swap Rates (%)

Last Close	bps
3.40	(2)
3.29	(1)
3.32	(2)
3.42	(1)
3.52	(2)
3.53	0
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#### Major Sovereign Yields (%) Sov. Yield Last Close bps UST 2Y 3.60 5 UST 10Y 3.65 3 Germany 10Y 2.14 2 UK 10Y 3.77 1 Japan 10Y 0.83 (2) Australia 10Y 2 3 83 China 10Y 2.07 0 Korea 10Y 2.93 0 Indonesia 10Y 6.57 (1) Thailand 10Y 2 50 (3) 3.69 Malaysia 10Y

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#### Forex

**US**: The dollar index bounced off from recent lows and erased early session losses after headline retail sales data unexpectedly rose in August 2024 and industrial and manufacturing production grew faster than market consensus, suggesting the US economy is still healthy. In tandem with the rebound dollar, the UST yields also rose on the day. However, the index remained near the bottom part of the past weeks range, which could be broken once the Fed presented its decision tomorrow night.

**Europe**: Both the EUR and the GBP pulled back from recent three weeks high as the dollar went up on Tuesday. While there was no data flow came out from the UK, what probably pressured the EUR as well was the downside surprise on ZEW Economic Sentiment Index for both Germany and the Eurozone.

**Asia Pacific**: The Chinese yuan was relatively stable amidst Mid-Autumn Festival holiday. But sentiments on the yuan remained amidst weak economic fundamentals still. In Japan, the yen broke the five straight days of bull run after US data came in better than expected.

**Malaysia**: The ringgit strengthened further to reach around 4.25 level post-holiday. But there is a possibility that the ringgit could retrace some of the gains today as a reaction towards the better US data overnight.

#### **Other Markets**

**Gold**: Non-interest yielding gold strengthened by a firm 2% rise overnight ahead of continued speculation the Fed may cut by 50 bps.

**Oil**: Oil was supported amid continued Middle East tensions, ahead of anticipated Fed rate cutting cycle.

#### Weekly Indicative PDS Yields (%)

PDS Indicative	Last Close	bps
3-Year AAA	3.75	0
3-Year AA	3.89	1
3-Year A	4.87	(0)
5-Year AAA	3.84	0
5-Year AA	3.98	1
5-Year A	5.11	(1)
10-Year AAA	3.99	0
10-Year AA	4.17	0
10-Year A	5.62	0

#### Key Commodities

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Commodities	Last Close	Per cent
Brent (USD/bl)	73.70	1.3
WTI (USD/bl)	71.19	1.6
Gold (USD/oz)	2,570	(0.5)
CPO (RM/tonne)	3,996	0.0

#### Equity Indices

Equity	Last Close	Per cent
S&P500 Index	5,635	0.0
Dow Jones	41,606	(0.0)
Nasdaq	17,628	0.2
London FTSE	8,310	0.4
German DAX	18,726	0.5
Nikkei 225	36,203	(1.0)
Japan TOPIX	2,556	(0.6)
FBM KLCI	1,664	0.7
Strait Times	3,593	0.6
Jakarta	7,832	0.3
Shanghai	2,704	0.0
MSCI Asia Pac	183	(0.3)
MSCI World	3,641	(0.0)
Hang Seng	17,660	1.4
KOSPI	2,575	0.0
Thai Stock Exc	1,437	0.1
Taiwan	21,850	0.0
India	83,080	0.1
Australia	8,141	0.2

#### **Policy Rates**

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Central Banks	Current	Next
US Fed Funds	5.50	18-Sept
ECB Main Refinancing	3.65	17-Oct
BoE Base Rate	5.00	19-Sept
RBA Cash Rate	4.35	24-Sept
BoJ Cash Rate	0.25	20-Sept
PBoC 1Y LPR	3.35	n.a.
BoK Base Rate	3.50	-
BNM OPR	3.00	06-Nov

#### Ringgit Outlook for The Week

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Resistance	4.362	4.383
Support	4.225	4.295
Sources: Bloomberg,	Trading Economics, Ar	mBank Economics

Note: Changes are based on day-on-day percentage, except for MGS Yield, Sovereign Yields, and IRS, where changes are in bos.

#### **Currencies vs USD**

	Latest	1-day	1 week	1-Month	1-Year	Percentage Change					
	17-Sep-24	16-Sep-24	10-Sep-24	18-Aug-24	18-Sep-23		1-day	1-week	1-month	1-year	YTD
DXY Dollar Index	100.89	100.76	101.63	102.46	105.20		0.1	(0.7)	(1.5)	(4.1)	(0.4)
EUR/USD	1.111	1.113	1.102	1.103	1.069		(0.2)	0.9	0.8	3.9	0.7
AUD/USD	0.676	0.675	0.665	0.667	0.644		0.1	1.6	1.3	5.0	(0.8)
GBP/USD	1.316	1.322	1.308	1.294	1.238		(0.4)	0.6	1.7	6.3	3.4
USD/JPY	142.41	140.62	142.44	147.63	147.61		1.3	(0.0)	(3.5)	(3.5)	1.0
USD/MYR	4.259	4.301	4.342	4.432	4.690		(1.0)	(1.9)	(3.9)	(9.2)	(7.3)
USD/IDR	15,335	15,400	15,450	15,690	15,370		(0.4)	(0.7)	(2.3)	(0.2)	(0.4)
USD/THB	33.29	33.23	33.75	35.03	35.73		0.2	(1.4)	(5.0)	(6.8)	(2.5)
USD/SGD	1.297	1.295	1.305	1.316	1.363		0.1	(0.6)	(1.4)	(4.9)	(1.8)
USD/CNY	7.097	7.097	7.121	7.159	7.291		0.00	(0.3)	(0.9)	(2.7)	(0.0)
USD/KRW	1,334	1,334	1,344	1,352	1,324		0.0	(0.8)	(1.3)	0.7	3.5
USD/INR	83.76	83.89	83.98	83.95	83.27		(0.1)	(0.3)	(0.2)	0.6	0.7
USD/PHP	55.70	55.88	56.39	57.24	56.87		(0.3)	(1.2)	(2.7)	(2.1)	0.6
USD/TWD	31.90	31.90	32.19	32.28	31.98		0.0	(0.9)	(1.2)	(0.3)	3.9
USD/HKD	7.794	7.793	7.798	7.794	7.818		0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.3)	(0.2)
USD/VND	24,635	24,543	24,662	25,063	24,376		0.4	(0.1)	(1.7)	1.1	1.5
NZD/USD	0.618	0.620	0.615	0.605	0.592		(0.3)	0.6	2.1	4.5	(2.1)

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### **Ringgit Cross Rates**

	Latest	1-day	1 week	1-Month	1-Year	Percentage Change					
	17-Sep-24	16-Sep-24	10-Sep-24	18-Aug-24	18-Sep-23		1-day	1-week	1-month	1-year	YTD
EUR/MYR	4.744	4.774	4.793	4.871	5.005		(0.6)	(1.0)	(2.6)	(5.2)	(6.5)
GBP/MYR	5.631	5.659	5.687	5.720	5.817		(0.5)	(1.0)	(1.6)	(3.2)	(3.5)
AUD/MYR	2.880	2.898	2.895	2.942	3.020		(0.6)	(0.5)	(2.1)	(4.6)	(7.9)
JPY/MYR	2.991	3.059	3.048	3.003	3.177		(2.2)	(1.9)	(0.4)	(5.9)	(8.1)
SGD/MYR	3.293	3.320	3.328	3.361	3.437		(0.8)	(1.0)	(2.0)	(4.2)	(5.3)
10CNY/MYR	6.001	6.060	6.098	6.187	6.431		(1.0)	(1.6)	(3.0)	(6.7)	(7.1)
100IDR/MYR	2.778	2.792	2.809	2.825	3.050		(0.5)	(1.1)	(1.7)	(8.9)	(6.9)
THB/MYR	12.787	12.888	12.900	12.682	13.136		(0.8)	(0.9)	0.8	(2.7)	(4.6)
10HKD/MYR	5.465	5.517	5.569	5.685	5.997		(0.9)	(1.9)	(3.9)	(8.9)	(7.1)

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#### Commodities

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	17-Sep-24	16-Sep-24	10-Sep-24	18-Aug-24	18-Sep-23		1-day	1-week	1-month	1-year	1
Brent (USD/barrel)	73.7	72.75	69.19	79.68	94.43		1.3	6.5	(7.5)	(22.0)	(4
WTI (USD/barrel)	71.19	70.09	65.75	76.65	91.48		1.6	8.3	(7.1)	(22.2)	(0
Gold (USD/oz)	2,570	2,582	2,517	2,508	1,934		(0.5)	2.1	2.5	32.9	24
Malaysia CPO (RM/tonne)	3,996	3,996	4,009	3,889	3,694		0.0	(0.3)	2.7	8.2	7.

#### Malaysia Government Securities

	Latest	1-day	1 week	1-Month	1-Year	Basis Points Change				
	17-Sep-24	16-Sep-24	10-Sep-24	18-Aug-24	18-Sep-23	1-day	1-week	1-month	1-year	YTD
3-Year	3.31	3.32	3.35	3.35	3.51	(1)	(4)	(4)	(20)	(15)
5-Year	3.46	3.48	3.49	3.53	3.66	(2)	(3)	(7)	(20)	(12)
7-Year	3.65	3.68	3.70	3.73	3.79	(2)	(5)	(8)	(14)	(7)
10-Year	3.69	3.72	3.74	3.78	3.90	(3)	(5)	(9)	(21)	(4)
15-Year	3.86	3.87	3.89	3.91	4.10	(0)	(2)	(4)	(24)	(12)
20-Year	4.02	4.03	4.05	4.05	4.20	(1)	(2)	(3)	(17)	(8)
30-Year	4.17	4.17	4.19	4.18	4.30	(0)	(2)	(1)	(14)	(7)

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#### Malaysia Government Investment Issues

	Latest	1-day	1 week	1-Month	1-Year	Basis Points Change			nge		
	17-Sep-24	16-Sep-24	10-Sep-24	18-Aug-24	18-Sep-23		1-day	1-week	1-month	1-year	YTD
3-Year	3.31	3.32	3.33	3.33	3.55	1	(1)	(2)	(2)	(24)	(18)
5-Year	3.49	3.51	3.52	3.49	3.69		(1)	(3)	(0)	(20)	(11)
7-Year	3.67	3.69	3.70	3.72	3.82		(2)	(3)	(5)	(14)	(9)
10-Year	3.75	3.77	3.78	3.80	3.92		(1)	(3)	(4)	(17)	(3)
15-Year	3.92	3.92	3.94	3.94	4.04		(0)	(2)	(2)	(12)	(3)
20-Year	4.06	4.07	4.09	4.07	4.27		(1)	(3)	(1)	(21)	(6)

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#### Major Sovereign Yield (%)

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	Latest	1-day	1 week	1-Month	1-Year		Bas	is Points Cha	ange
	17-Sep-24	16-Sep-24	10-Sep-24	18-Aug-24	18-Sep-23	1-day	1-week	1-month	1-yea
UST2Y	3.60	3.55	3.59	4.05	5.05	5	1	(44)	(145)
UST 10Y	3.65	3.62	3.64	3.88	4.30	3	0	(24)	(66)
Germany 2Y	2.23	2.18	2.18	2.43	3.26	4	5	(21)	(103
Germany 10Y	2.14	2.12	2.13	2.25	2.71	2	1	(10)	(57)
UK 2Y	3.82	3.79	3.86	3.68	5.03	4	(4)	14	(121
UK 10Y	3.77	3.76	3.82	3.93	4.39	1	(5)	(16)	(62)
Japan 2Y	0.39	0.39	0.40	0.36	0.03	(0)	(1)	3	36
Japan 10Y	0.83	0.85	0.90	0.88	0.72	(2)	(7)	(5)	11
Australia 2Y	3.55	3.53	3.65	3.69	3.93	2	(10)	(14)	(37)
Australia 10Y	3.83	3.81	3.91	3.93	4.21	2	(8)	(10)	(38)
France 2Y	2.44	2.39	2.40	2.67	3.52	4	3	(24)	(109
France 10Y	2.86	2.83	2.85	2.98	3.25	3	1	(12)	(39)
Italy 2Y	2.65	2.61	2.68	2.94	3.93	4	(2)	(29)	(128
Italy 10Y	3.50	3.48	3.58	3.63	4.51	2	(9)	(14)	(101
Spain 2Y	2.52	2.48	2.51	2.75	3.62	3	0	(23)	(111
Spain 10Y	2.94	2.92	2.96	3.09	3.78	2	(2)	(15)	(84)
China 2Y	1.37	1.37	1.40	1.67	2.26	0	(3)	(30)	(89)
China 10Y	2.07	2.07	2.12	2.19	2.67	0	(5)	(12)	(60)
Korea 2Y	2.85	2.85	2.96	3.03	3.91	0	(10)	(18)	(105
Korea 10Y	2.93	2.93	3.01	2.98	3.98	0	(8)	(5)	(105
Indonesia 2Y	6.53	6.57	6.53	6.53	6.36	(4)	(0)	0	17
Indonesia 10Y	6.57	6.58	6.62	6.72	6.72	(1)	(5)	(15)	(16)
Thailand 2Y	2.13	2.15	2.16	2.20	2.49	(2)	(3)	(7)	(36)
Thailand 10Y	2.50	2.53	2.55	2.55	3.01	(3)	(5)	(5)	(51)

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#### Key swap rates

	Latest	1-day	1 week	1-Month	1-Year
	17-Sep-24	16-Sep-24	10-Sep-24	18-Aug-24	18-Sep-23
RS 1-Year	3.40	3.41	3.44	3.41	3.69
RS 3-Year	3.29	3.30	3.35	3.37	3.74
RS 5-Year	3.32	3.34	3.40	3.44	3.84
RS 7-Year	3.42	3.43	3.50	3.52	3.96
RS 10-Year	3.52	3.54	3.60	3.62	4.08
IRS 20-Year	3.65	3.68	3.71	4.00	4.44

#### Key KLIBOR rates

	Latest	1-day	1 week	1-Month	1-Year	Basis Points Change				
	17-Sep-24	16-Sep-24	10-Sep-24	18-Aug-24	18-Sep-23	1-day	1-week	1-month	1-year	YTD
1-Month Klibor	3.28	3.28	3.28	3.28	3.28	0	0	0	0	(9)
B-Month Klibor	3.53	3.53	3.53	3.53	3.54	0	0	0	(1)	(24)
6-Month Klibor	3.61	3.61	3.61	3.61	3.62	0	0	0	(1)	(20)

#### Indicative PDS yields

	Latest	1-day	1 week	1-Month	1-Year		Bas	is Points Cha	nge	
	17-Sep-24	16-Sep-24	10-Sep-24	18-Aug-24	18-Sep-23	1-day	1-week	1-month	1-year	YTD
3-Year AAA	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.77	3.92	0	0	(2)	(17)	(10)
3-Year AA	3.89	3.89	3.89	3.91	4.12	0	1	(1)	(22)	(15)
3-Year A	4.87	4.87	4.87	4.88	5.19	0	(0)	(2)	(33)	(37)
5-Year AAA	3.84	3.84	3.83	3.85	4.04	0	0	(1)	(21)	(14)
5-Year AA	3.98	3.98	3.98	4.00	4.25	0	1	(2)	(27)	(20)
5-Year A	5.11	5.11	5.12	5.13	5.49	0	(1)	(2)	(38)	(45)
10-Year AAA	3.99	3.99	3.99	4.00	4.26	0	0	(1)	(27)	(19)
10-Year AA	4.17	4.17	4.16	4.19	4.50	0	0	(2)	(34)	(25)
10-Year A	5.62	5.62	5.62	5.63	5.98	0	0	(1)	(36)	(44)

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Sources: Bloomberg, AmBank Economics Note: All values are end-period

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