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Snapshot Summary...

Global FX: The dollar fell after the latest weekly jobs release just exceeding expectations

Global Rates: UST received positive news when Treasury's Bessent said there are no plans to increase the size of longer tenor UST auctions

MYR Bonds: The government bond market in Malaysia was aided by firm demand at the 20Y MGS reopening auction

USD/MYR The possible trade deal between the US and China helped buoy risk appetite and supported emerging currencies, including MYR

Macro News

Malaysia: Malaysia's exports increased by 0.3% y/y in January 2025, significantly lower than the anticipated 5% and a sharp decline from the 16.9% rise in December. This marked the fourth consecutive month of growth but at the slowest pace. Additionally, imports rose by 6.2% y/y, surpassing market forecasts of 2.5% and marking the 15th consecutive month of increase, driven by solid domestic demand at the beginning of the new year.

US: US initial jobless claims rose by 5k from the previous week to 219k for the period ending 15 February, exceeding market expectations of 215k.

Fixed Income

Global Bonds: UST yields fell slightly, slanted on the bellies of the curve to the longer tenors. On top of recent speculation that the Fed will slow its QT process, UST players received positive news when new Treasury Secretary Bessent said there are no plans to increase the size of longer tenor UST auctions.

MYR Government Bonds: The government bond market in Malaysia yesterday was aided by firm demand at the 20Y MGS (MGS 05/44) reopening when the final BTC stood at 2.987x for the MYR2.5 billion public tender (plus MYR2.0 billion PP). Lower UST yields the night before also supported sentiment.

MYR Corporate Bonds: The ringgit corporate bond market remained supported. Various AA names were seen picked up. Notable movements involved AA1 YTL Power International, including its 08/35 tranche moving -2 bps to 4.04% and 03/33 down 6 bps to 3.99%.

Forex

US: The dollar declined by 0.7%, nearing the level last seen in early December. The pair snapped its two-day upward momentum following lower UST yields and potential new trade deal between the US and China. The softening of the US labour market was evident after the latest weekly US initial jobless claims data released - federal employee layoffs by the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) were not included in the data - further weakening the pair. Ultimately, Trump's tariff threats continued to worry

FX Daily Rates

Vs. USD	Last Close	Per cent
DX/USD	106.37	(0.7)
EUR/USD	1.050	0.7
AUD/USD	0.640	0.9
GBP/USD	1.267	0.7
USD/JPY	149.64	(1.2)
USD/MYR	4.430	(0.3)
USD/IDR	16,330	0.0
USD/THB	33.66	(0.1)
USD/SGD	1.334	(0.7)
USD/CNY	7.243	(0.5)
USD/KRW	1,436	(0.4)
USD/INR	86.67	(0.3)
USD/PHP	57.93	(0.3)
USD/TWD	32.80	0.1
USD/HKD	7.777	(0.0)
USD/VND	25,526	0.0
NZD/USD	0.576	1.0

MYR Cross Rates

MYR Cross	Last Close	Per cent
EUR/MYR	4.623	(0.2)
GBP/MYR	5.588	(0.2)
AUD/MYR	2.824	(0.0)
JPY/MYR	2.960	0.9
SGD/MYR	3.308	(0.0)
10CNY/MYR	6.114	0.2
100IDR/MYR	2.712	(0.4)
THB/MYR	13.152	(0.1)
10HKD/MYR	5.696	(0.3)
100INR/MYR	5.110	(0.2)

MGS Bond Yields (%)

MGS	Maturity	Last	bps
3-Year	05/27	3.45	(0)
5-Year	08/29	3.60	(1)
7-Year	07/32	3.76	(0)
10-Year	07/34	3.80	0
15-Year	04/39	3.97	(0)
20-Year	05/44	4.07	(0)
30-Year	03/53	4.18	(0)

MYR Swap Rates (%)

Swap / Rates	Last Close	bps
IRS 1-Year	3.59	(0)
IRS 3-Year	3.53	(1)
IRS 5-Year	3.58	(0)
IRS 7-Year	3.65	(0)
IRS 10-Year	3.75	(0)
3-M KLIBOR	3.66	0

Major Sovereign Yields (%)

Sov. Yield	Last Close	bps
UST 2Y	4.27	0
UST 10Y	4.51	(3)
Germany 10Y	2.53	(2)
UK 10Y	4.61	(0)
Japan 10Y	1.45	1
Australia 10Y	4.53	0
China 10Y	1.72	3
Korea 10Y	2.89	1
Indonesia 10Y	6.79	(4)
Thailand 10Y	2.27	(2)
Malaysia 10Y	3.80	0

traders, with the Chicago Fed President Austin Goolsbee highlighting in his speech that it could potentially trigger a significant inflation shock.

Europe: The EUR/USD reversed its two-day decline following positive discussions between Ukrainian President Zelenskyy and US envoy Keith Kellogg. Eurozone's consumer confidence data also supported the EUR, which rose more than expectations. Traders are on the lookout as Eurozone PMIs will be released today, followed by Germany's election on Sunday. The GBP/USD has breached our weekly resistance of 1.266, translating to its fresh 2025 high, supported by the UK's unexpectedly high inflation data released mid-week, which may prompt the BoE to be more staggered in its rate cut path.

Asia Pacific: Yesterday, the yen rallied by 1.2% to a two-month high on narrowing US-Japan yield differential expectations and an increased expectation of BoJ rate hikes. BoJ Takata has emphasised gradual rate hikes, while BOJ Governor Kazuo Ueda showed no objections to hiking rates. The CNY hits 11-week high to close at 7.243 following recent announcements on the PBoC to promote the cross-border use of the Yuan and develop the offshore Yuan market to stabilise the currency against the USD.

Malaysia: The possible trade deal between the US and China helped buoy risk appetite in the market and supported emerging currencies, including MYR. The ringgit gained 0.3% to close at 4.430, on its way to post weekly gains.

Other Markets

Gold: Gold surged to a fresh record high at USD2,939/oz as a weaker dollar and escalating tariff threats fuelled safe-haven bids. Traders are eyeing the next big psychological level at USD3,000.

Oil: Brent pushed towards USD77 on a weaker dollar and looming supply threats — including possible OPEC+ production delays and pipeline disruptions — while WTI rose despite another hefty US inventory build, underlining the crude market's tug-of-war between bullish supply fears and demand concerns.

Weekly Indicative PDS Yields (%)

PDS Indicative	Last Close	bps
3-Year AAA	3.83	0
3-Year AA	4.03	2
3-Year A	4.80	(4)
5-Year AAA	3.91	(0)
5-Year AA	4.08	(0)
5-Year A	4.99	(5)
10-Year AAA	4.04	0
10-Year AA	4.21	0
10-Year A	5.37	(5)

Key Commodities

Commodities	Last Close	Per cent
Brent (USD/bl)	76.48	0.6
WTI (USD/bl)	72.57	0.4
Gold (USD/oz)	2,939	0.2
CPO (RM/tonne)	4,845	1.2

Equity Indices

Equity	Last Close	Per cent
S&P500 Index	6,118	(0.4)
Dow Jones	44,177	(1.0)
Nasdaq	19,962	(0.5)
London FTSE	8,663	(0.6)
German DAX	22,315	(0.5)
Nikkei 225	38,678	(1.2)
Japan TOPIX	2,735	(1.2)
FBM KLCI	1,578	(0.2)
Strait Times	3,928	(0.2)
Jakarta	6,788	(0.1)
Shanghai	3,351	(0.0)
MSCI Asia Pac	189	(0.4)
MSCI World	3,894	(0.3)
Hang Seng	22,577	(1.6)
KOSPI	2,654	(0.7)
Thai Stock Exc	1,246	(1.3)
Taiwan	23,487	(0.5)
India	75,736	(0.3)
Australia	8,323	(1.1)

Policy Rates

Central Banks	Current	Next
US Fed Funds	4.50	19-Mar
ECB Main Refinancing	2.90	06-Mar
BOE Base Rate	4.50	20-Mar
RBA Cash Rate	4.10	01-Apr
BOJ Cash Rate	0.50	19-Mar
PBOC 1Y LPR	3.10	n.a.
BOK Base Rate	3.00	-
BNM OPR	3.00	06-Mar

Ringgit Outlook for The Week

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Resistance	4.500	4.520
Support	4.400	4.380

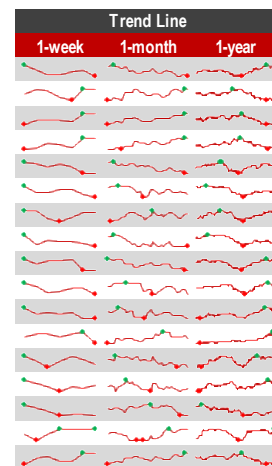
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Note: Changes are based on day-on-day percentage, except for MGS Yield, Sovereign Yields, and IRS, where changes are in bps.

Currencies vs USD

	Latest	1-day	1 week	1-Month	1-Year
	20-Feb-25	19-Feb-25	13-Feb-25	21-Jan-25	21-Feb-24
DXY Dollar Index	106.37	107.17	107.31	108.06	104.01
EUR/USD	1.050	1.042	1.047	1.043	1.082
AUD/USD	0.640	0.634	0.632	0.627	0.655
GBP/USD	1.267	1.259	1.257	1.235	1.264
USD/JPY	149.64	151.47	152.8	155.52	150.3
USD/MYR	4.430	4.443	4.456	4.476	4.794
USD/IDR	16,330	16,330	16,355	16,335	15,635
USD/THB	33.66	33.69	33.82	34.10	35.85
USD/SGD	1.334	1.343	1.344	1.353	1.344
USD/CNY	7.243	7.279	7.288	7.266	7.191
USD/KRW	1,436	1,442	1,448	1,436	1,335
USD/INR	86.67	86.95	86.90	86.59	82.97
USD/PHP	57.93	58.09	58.06	58.49	55.96
USD/TWD	32.80	32.76	32.82	32.78	31.54
USD/HKD	7.777	7.777	7.788	7.785	7.821
USD/VND	25,526	25,520	25,467	25,272	24,532
NZD/USD	0.576	0.571	0.568	0.568	0.618

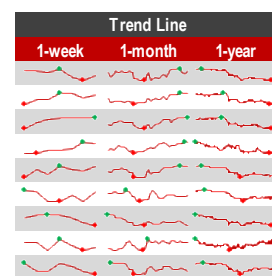
Percentage Change				
1-day	1-week	1-month	1-year	YTD
(0.7)	(0.9)	(1.6)	2.3	(1.9)
0.7	0.3	0.7	(2.9)	1.4
0.9	1.3	2.0	(2.3)	3.4
0.7	0.8	2.6	0.2	1.2
(1.2)	(2.1)	(3.8)	(0.4)	(4.8)
(0.3)	(0.6)	(1.0)	(7.6)	(1.0)
0.0	(0.2)	(0.0)	4.4	1.4
(0.1)	(0.5)	(1.3)	(6.1)	(1.3)
(0.7)	(0.8)	(1.4)	(0.8)	(2.4)
(0.49)	(0.6)	(0.3)	0.7	(0.8)
(0.4)	(0.9)	0.0	7.6	(2.5)
(0.3)	(0.3)	0.1	4.5	1.2
(0.3)	(0.2)	(1.0)	3.5	0.1
0.1	(0.1)	0.1	4.0	0.0
(0.0)	(0.2)	(0.1)	(0.6)	0.1
0.0	0.2	1.0	4.1	0.2
1.0	1.5	1.5	(6.7)	3.0



Ringgit Cross Rates

	Latest	1-day	1 week	1-Month	1-Year
	20-Feb-25	19-Feb-25	13-Feb-25	21-Jan-25	21-Feb-24
EUR/MYR	4.623	4.634	4.645	4.634	5.178
GBP/MYR	5.588	5.601	5.566	5.482	6.046
AUD/MYR	2.824	2.825	2.793	2.789	3.142
JPY/MYR	2.960	2.933	2.917	2.878	3.190
SGD/MYR	3.308	3.309	3.302	3.292	3.567
10CNY/MYR	6.114	6.104	6.115	6.151	6.667
100IDR/MYR	2.712	2.722	2.724	2.739	3.066
THB/MYR	13.152	13.167	13.179	13.183	13.356
10HKD/MYR	5.696	5.712	5.723	5.749	6.130

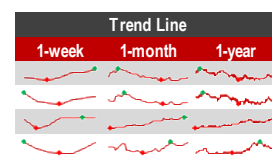
Percentage Change				
1-day	1-week	1-month	1-year	YTD
(0.2)	(0.5)	(0.2)	(10.7)	(0.8)
(0.2)	0.4	1.9	(7.6)	(0.5)
(0.0)	1.1	1.2	(10.1)	1.5
0.9	1.5	2.9	(7.2)	4.0
(0.0)	0.2	0.5	(7.3)	0.7
0.2	(0.0)	(0.6)	(8.3)	(0.2)
(0.4)	(0.4)	(1.0)	(11.5)	(2.2)
(0.1)	(0.2)	(0.2)	(1.5)	1.0
(0.3)	(0.5)	(0.9)	(7.1)	(1.1)



Commodities

	Latest	1-day	1 week	1-Month	1-Year
	20-Feb-25	19-Feb-25	13-Feb-25	21-Jan-25	21-Feb-24
Brent (USD/barrel)	76.48	76.04	75.02	79.29	83.03
WTI (USD/barrel)	72.57	72.25	71.29	75.89	79.04
Gold (USD/oz)	2,939	2,933	2,928	2,745	2,026
Malaysia CPO (RM/tonne)	4,845	4,787	4,794	4,620	4,000

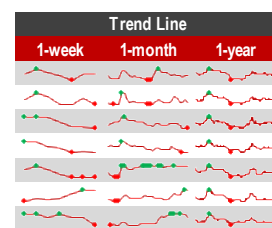
Percentage Change				
1-day	1-week	1-month	1-year	YTD
0.6	1.9	(3.5)	(7.9)	2.5
0.4	1.8	(4.4)	(8.2)	1.2
0.2	0.4	7.1	45.1	12.0
1.2	1.1	4.9	21.1	(1.5)



Malaysia Government Securities

	Latest	1-day	1 week	1-Month	1-Year
	20-Feb-25	19-Feb-25	13-Feb-25	21-Jan-25	21-Feb-24
3-Year	3.45	3.45	3.45	3.44	3.44
5-Year	3.60	3.61	3.63	3.61	3.57
7-Year	3.76	3.77	3.79	3.79	3.73
10-Year	3.80	3.80	3.82	3.82	3.86
15-Year	3.97	3.97	3.97	3.97	4.01
20-Year	4.07	4.07	4.06	4.05	4.08
30-Year	4.18	4.18	4.19	4.18	4.22

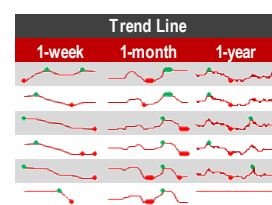
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1-day	1-week	1-month	1-year	YTD
(0)	(1)	1	0	(3)
(1)	(3)	(1)	3	(2)
(0)	(2)	(2)	4	(0)
0	(2)	(2)	(6)	(2)
(0)	(1)	(0)	(4)	(0)
(0)	0	1	(1)	1
(0)	(0)	1	(4)	(0)



Malaysia Government Investment Issues

	Latest	1-day	1 week	1-Month	1-Year
	20-Feb-25	19-Feb-25	13-Feb-25	21-Jan-25	21-Feb-24
3-Year	3.55	3.56	3.55	3.40	3.44
5-Year	3.63	3.63	3.64	3.63	3.58
7-Year	3.77	3.78	3.78	3.78	3.77
10-Year	3.81	3.81	3.83	3.84	3.86
15-Year	3.94	3.94	3.95	3.96	3.99
20-Year	4.07	4.08	4.08	4.08	4.14

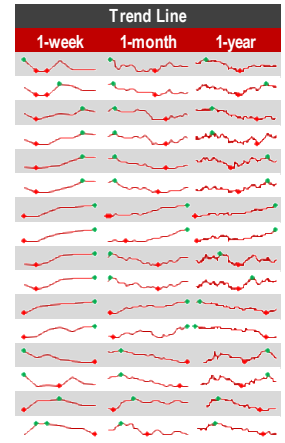
Basis Points Change				
1-day	1-week	1-month	1-year	YTD
(0)	0	16	12	13
0	(1)	0	5	0
(0)	(1)	(0)	1	3
0	(2)	(3)	(5)	(2)
(0)	(1)	(2)	(5)	(4)
(0)	(0)	(1)	(7)	(1)



Major Sovereign Yields (%)

	Latest	1-day	1 week	1-Month	1-Year
	20-Feb-25	19-Feb-25	13-Feb-25	21-Jan-25	21-Feb-24
UST 2Y	4.27	4.27	4.31	4.27	4.67
UST 10Y	4.51	4.53	4.53	4.58	4.32
Germany 2Y	2.15	2.18	2.09	2.22	2.85
Germany 10Y	2.53	2.56	2.42	2.51	2.45
UK 2Y	4.27	4.28	4.18	4.33	4.63
UK 10Y	4.61	4.61	4.49	4.59	4.10
Japan 2Y	0.83	0.82	0.80	0.68	0.16
Japan 10Y	1.45	1.44	1.35	1.19	0.73
Australia 2Y	3.93	3.92	3.84	3.86	3.82
Australia 10Y	4.53	4.52	4.47	4.40	4.17
China 2Y	1.43	1.40	1.31	1.27	2.10
China 10Y	1.72	1.69	1.63	1.67	2.42
Indonesia 2Y	6.46	6.48	6.62	6.87	6.26
Indonesia 10Y	6.79	6.82	6.84	7.13	6.59
Thailand 2Y	2.04	2.04	2.05	2.06	2.14
Thailand 10Y	2.27	2.30	2.31	2.40	2.52

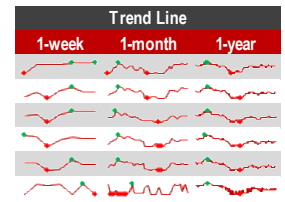
Basis Points Change				
1-day	1-week	1-month	1-year	YTD
0	(4)	(0)	(40)	3
(3)	(2)	(7)	19	(6)
(2)	6	(6)	(70)	7
(2)	12	2	8	17
(1)	9	(7)	(37)	(13)
(0)	12	2	50	107
1	3	15	67	22
1	9	25	72	35
1	8	7	11	7
0	5	12	35	16
2	11	15	(67)	33
3	9	5	(70)	4
(2)	(16)	(41)	20	(58)
(4)	(5)	(34)	20	(21)
(0)	(1)	(2)	(10)	4
(2)	(4)	(13)	(25)	2



Key swap rates

	Latest	1-day	1 week	1-Month	1-Year
	20-Feb-25	19-Feb-25	13-Feb-25	21-Jan-25	21-Feb-24
IRS 1-Year	3.59	3.60	3.58	3.58	3.58
IRS 3-Year	3.53	3.54	3.52	3.52	3.53
IRS 5-Year	3.58	3.58	3.57	3.57	3.66
IRS 7-Year	3.65	3.65	3.66	3.64	3.79
IRS 10-Year	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.74	3.92
IRS 20-Year	4.10	3.96	3.96	4.10	4.28

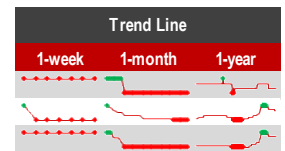
Basis Points Change				
1-day	1-week	1-month	1-year	YTD
(0)	2	2	1	2
(1)	1	1	0	3
(0)	1	1	(8)	3
(0)	(1)	1	(14)	2
(0)	(0)	1	(17)	2
14	14	(0)	(18)	15



Key KLIBOR rates

	Latest	1-day	1 week	1-Month	1-Year
	20-Feb-25	19-Feb-25	13-Feb-25	21-Jan-25	21-Feb-24
1-Month Klibor	3.28	3.28	3.28	3.28	3.29
3-Month Klibor	3.66	3.66	3.66	3.68	3.55
6-Month Klibor	3.73	3.73	3.73	3.73	3.63

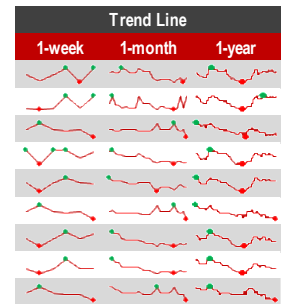
Basis Points Change				
1-day	1-week	1-month	1-year	YTD
0	0	0	(1)	(1)
0	0	(2)	11	(7)
0	0	0	10	(4)



Indicative PDS yields

	Latest	1-day	1 week	1-Month	1-Year
	20-Feb-25	19-Feb-25	13-Feb-25	21-Jan-25	21-Feb-24
3-Year AAA	3.83	3.82	3.83	3.84	3.83
3-Year AA	4.03	4.01	4.01	4.03	4.01
3-Year A	4.80	4.84	4.84	4.84	5.10
5-Year AAA	3.91	3.91	3.91	3.93	3.93
5-Year AA	4.08	4.08	4.08	4.09	4.12
5-Year A	4.99	5.03	5.04	5.05	5.39
10-Year AAA	4.04	4.04	4.04	4.07	4.11
10-Year AA	4.21	4.21	4.21	4.24	4.31
10-Year A	5.37	5.42	5.43	5.48	5.90

Basis Points Change				
1-day	1-week	1-month	1-year	YTD
1	0	(1)	0	0
2	2	(0)	2	2
(4)	(4)	(4)	(30)	(6)
0	(0)	(2)	(2)	(2)
(0)	(0)	(1)	(4)	(2)
(5)	(5)	(6)	(40)	(10)
0	0	(3)	(7)	(2)
0	0	(3)	(10)	(3)
(5)	(5)	(11)	(53)	(19)



Sources: Bloomberg, AmBank Economics

Note: All values are end-period

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