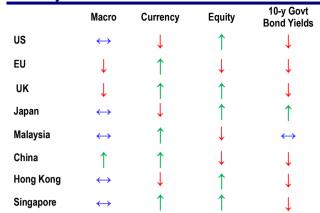


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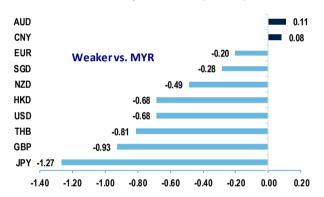
# Weekly Market Highlights

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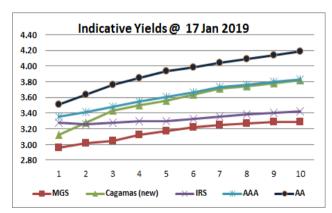


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# **Macroeconomics**

### 6-month Macro Outlook

	Economy	Inflation	Interest Rate	Currency
US	$\downarrow$	$\longleftrightarrow$	$\longleftrightarrow$	$\longleftrightarrow$
EU	$\downarrow$	$\longleftrightarrow$	$\longleftrightarrow$	$\uparrow$
UK	$\longleftrightarrow$	$\longleftrightarrow$	$\longleftrightarrow$	$\longleftrightarrow$
Japan	$\downarrow$	$\longleftrightarrow$	$\longleftrightarrow$	$\uparrow$
Australia	$\downarrow$	$\longleftrightarrow$	$\downarrow$	$\longleftrightarrow$
China	$\downarrow$	$\longleftrightarrow$	$\downarrow$	$\longleftrightarrow$
Malaysia	$\downarrow$	$\longleftrightarrow$	$\longleftrightarrow$	$\longleftrightarrow$
Thailand	$\downarrow$	$\longleftrightarrow$	$\downarrow$	$\longleftrightarrow$
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Singapore	$\longleftrightarrow$	$\longleftrightarrow$	$\longleftrightarrow$	$\longleftrightarrow$

#### The Week in Review

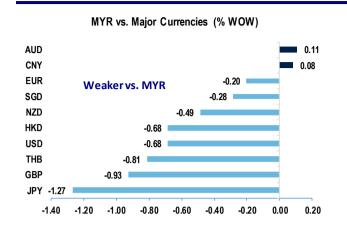
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- US data were largely upbeat, again painting a solid picture of the US economy. Retail sales matched estimates at 0.3% MOM growth with the core retail sales beating expectation at a robust 0.5% MOM. Intiial jobless claims slipped by 10k to 204k last week. Inflation data continued to display subdued trend with MOM CPI missing estimates at 0.2% gain whereas the annual pace accelerated to 2.3% YOY mainly on higher energy cost. PPI gained 1.3% but still fell short of the favourable 2-3% range. Imported inflation remained benign as well despite recording a 0.5% YOY gain, its first positive changes in nine months. UK data were weak as mentioned earlier- monthly GDP fell 0.3% MOM in November about a moderation to 0.6% YOY, its slowest in seven years. Industrial production dropped 1.2% MOM, dragged down by manufacturing output. CPI also undershot estimate at 1.3% YOY, way below the BOE's 2% target. Eurozone industrial output growth rebounded to 0.2% MOM but contracted by 1.5% on an annual basis. China GDP growth came in line with economists' expectation at 6.0% YOY in the fourth guarter while key indicators also recorded stronger showings, adding to recent evidences that the economy is indeed stabilizing at year end.

## The Week Ahead

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  readings for the US, Eurozone, UK and Japan. In the US, focus will turn to corporate
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  Activity, FHFA house price index, existing home sales, leading index as well as
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- In Asia, the BOJ will announce its monetary policy decision on Tuesday while key data include industrial production, trade data, machine tools orders and CPI inflation reading. Data are scanty elsewhere in Asia with the Lunar New Year falling on Saturday. Hong Kong CPI, Singapore CPI and Industrial production are among the important releases. At home, December CPI is due on Wednesday, the same day when BNM is expected to keep OPR steady at 3.0%. Down under, Australia job report is the key market driver next week to gauge the state of Australia labour market and the RBA's next move. CPI and Services PMI are due in neighbouring New Zealand.



## **Forex**



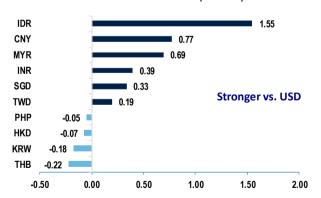
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- EUR: EUR steadily advanced throughout the week, reaching a high of 1.1173 before some profit-taking saw a close of 1.1105 on Thursday. However, it failed to move more decisively due to some soft data on the Eurozone industrial production front. Focus next week is on the ECB policy decision, but markets expect a hold. This will unlikely be an impetus for further movements. We think that the pair needs to move decisively above the 1.1200 big figure in the short-term to breakaway from the recent range-bound trends. Otherwise, the weekly outlook of the pair staying within the 1.1100-1.1200 range remains.
- GBP: Pound advanced for the week as the USD weakened, seeing a Thursday close of 1.3080. However, it still remains much lower than the YTD high of 1.3284, as market expectations of an imminent BOE cut remains moderate. Markets are likely to remain watchful of Brexit progress ahead of the end-January timeline. GBPUSD outlook remains bullish on the upside for the week ahead. Attention is on the 1.3100 big figure should market sentiments remain buoyant and the USD retreats further. Some stalls in Brexit may lead to markets turning attention to the YTD low of 1.2955.
- JPY: The yen weakened decisively as geopolitical concerns faded and the US-China trade deal fuelled market optimism. The pair closed 110.25 on Thursday, with the JPY weakening 0.58% WOW against the USD. Focus next week turns to the Bank of Japan policy decision, where the attention is likely to be on the BoJ's GDP and CPI forecasts. December CPI figures will also likely be interesting, with an expected uptick in YOY prints. We think that USDJPY is likely to see further upsides, with resistance levels pegged at 110.69. Any return of event risks may see attention turning to supports, which we see the most immediate at 109.22.
- AUD: AUD underperformed against other G10 currency pairs throughout the week, although it saw a short-lived spike on Thursday. AUDUSD remains close to the 0.6900 big figure for most of the week, missing on on the rally seen in other pairs. Fundamantally, the Australian bushfires and expectations for further RBA cuts reined in the upsides to AUDUSD. The weekly outlook for the pair is for further sideway movements, with a likely range of 0.6850-0.6950.
- SGD: USD/SGD consolidated gains throughout the week and was last seen with a small 0.33% WOW gain against the USD. This was helped by less bearish sentiments on the global trade front. Further USDSGD losses are likely to be dependent on USD weakness, given that the SGD NEER is close to the upper limit of the policy band. Singapore's CPI and industrial production are the key data releases for the following week, although unlikely to be SGD-moving.



## **Technical Analysis:**

Cumanan	Current	44 dov DCI	14-day RSI Support - Resistance		М	oving Avera	ges	0-11
Currency	price	14-day KSI			Resist		30 Days	100 Days
EURUSD	1.1136	51.1910	1.1063	1.1224	1.1134	1.1069	1.1136	Positive
GBPUSD	1.3075	50.7300	1.2900	1.3249	1.3101	1.2796	1.2691	Positive
USDJPY	110.2200	65.5940	108.0300	110.5000	109.2400	108.5400	108.5700	Positive
USDCNY	6.8714	20.2640	6.8601	7.0425	6.9722	7.0462	6.9595	Negative
USDSGD	1.3467	35.4740	1.3428	1.3564	1.3517	1.3646	1.3666	Neutral
AUDUSD	0.6896	48.4730	0.6835	0.7025	0.6909	0.6841	0.6887	Positive
NZDUSD	0.6642	55.0410	0.6583	0.6736	0.6634	0.6450	0.6516	Positive
USDMYR	4.0625	28.1050	4.0457	4.1552	4.1181	4.1604	4.1525	Positive
EURMYR	4.5240	33.4090	4.5066	4.6283	4.5837	4.6055	4.6280	Positive
GBPMYR	5.3116	39.6520	5.2751	5.4463	5.4015	5.3091	5.2822	Positive
JPYMYR	3.6856	27.1890	3.6801	3.8281	3.7730	3.8397	3.8206	Negative
CHFMYR	4.2087	49.1240	4.1870	4.2422	4.2153	4.2150	4.1899	Positive
SGDMYR	3.0167	27.4740	3.0100	3.0641	3.0444	3.0460	3.0411	Neutral
AUDMYR	2.8015	32.0020	2.7843	2.8917	2.8409	2.8430	2.8662	Positive
NZDMYR	2.6986	40.8150	2.6817	2.7716	2.7271	2.6800	2.7123	Positive

#### **Trader's Comment:**

The signing of Phase 1 trade deal between US and China went as planned, removing uncertainties that have been clouding the markets for the past 6 months. CNH rallied, FXO vols collapsed, and markets were mildly risk on. USD strengthened against JPY, breaking above the 110 resistance, but weakened against most other currencies. UST yields were slightly higher while US stocks rallied strongly over the week. That said, there are questions raised on the monitoring and compliance mechanism of the Phase 1 deal and a Phase 2 deal seems unlikely before the US Presidential elections in November this year.

Elsewhere, US data releases has been optimistic, adding on to the rosy picture in US. SNB has been put under Trump's "currency manipulator" watch list for weakening the CHF. CHF rallied on this to a 15-month low of 0.9613. In Thailand, news of local groups bidding to buy over Tesco has led USDTHB to rally past the 30.50 resistance. Next week should be a little more exciting with BOJ, BNM, BOC and ECB meetings on the calendar.

Locally, USDMYR too traded lower in a 4.0530-4.0840 range for the week. Govies saw a little buying interest in the 20y tenor (-2 to -3 bps) while rest of the curve traded sideways. The rates market seems to have priced in a 25bps cut in BNM's MPC meeting next Wednesday. Expect market players to have already taken their positions and trade light ahead of the meeting, with some chance to see profit taking flows. Been seeing buying interest in MYR FX Options too. Will go with a 4.0500-4.1000 range for the coming week.



# Technical Charts



# **GBPMYR**



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## **EURMYR**



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## **JPYMYR**



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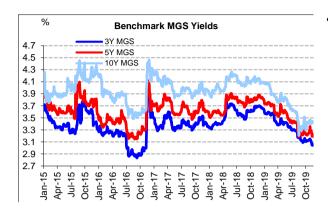
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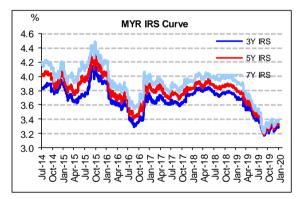
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- For the week under review, SGS (govvies) saw overall benchmark yields closing between a mere 1-3bps lower as the curve bull flattened and shifted lower with appetite stronger in the belly following the signing of US-Chinas phase one trade deal. The 2Y edged 1bps lower at 1.45% levels whilst the 5Y and 10Y however moved within a wider 5-7bps range whilst ending with different fortunes between -3bps and -1bps compared to prior week at 1.51% and at 1.73% respectively. The 5Y SGS slid to its lowest level in almost 3 years following speculation that the BOE may cut rates in UK; sparking a rally in Euro bonds. We note that outflows from Singapore bond funds which increased in early-January has not impacted yields much for now. Meanwhile the republic saw exports recover from a 9-month slump as NODX rose 2.4%.



Rating Action						
Issuer	PDS Description	Rating/Outlook	Action			
Celcom Networks Sdn Bhd	RM5.0 billion Sukuk Murabahah Programme	AA+ IS/Stable	Affirmed			
Alpha Circle Sdn Bhd						
•	RM540 million Senior Sukuk Musharakah	AA- IS/from stable to negative	Affirmed			
Segi Astana Sdn Bhd	RM55 million Junior Sukuk Musharakah	A IS/from stable to negative	Affirmed			
ū	RM415.0 million ASEAN Green Medium-Term Notes facility (MTN facility).	AA-/ From negative to stable	Affirmed			
EKVE Sdn Bhd	Guaranteed Sukuk Murabahah Facility of up to RM1,000 mil in Nominal Value	AAA(bg)/Stable	Reaffirmed			
Kesas Sdn Bhd	RM735 million Sukuk Musharakah IMTN (2014/2023)	AA2/Stable	Reaffirmed			
Lingkaran Trans Kota Sdn Bhd's (Litrak)	Sukuk Musyarakah IMTN I and II Programmes (2008/2023)	AA2/Stable	Reaffirmed			
Pengurusan Air SPV Berhad	M20 bil Islamic MTN Programme (2009/2039)	AAA/Stable	Reaffirmed			

Source: RAM; MARC



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Date	Time	Country	Event	Reporting Period	Survey	Prior	Revise
22/01	12:00	Malaysia	CPI YoY	Dec	1.1%	0.9%	
	15:00		Foreign Reserves	Jan-15		\$103.6b	
	15:00		BNM Overnight Policy Rate	Jan-22	3.0	3.0%	
22/01	20:00	US	MBA Mortgage Applications	Jan-17		30.2%	
	21:30		Chicago Fed Nat Activity Index	Dec		0.56	
	22:00		FHFA House Price Index MoM	Nov	0.3%	0.2%	
	23:00		Existing Home Sales MoM	Dec	1.5%	-1.7%	
23/01	21:30		Initial Jobless Claims	Jan-18		204k	
	23:00		Leading Index	Dec	-0.2%	0.0%	
24/01	0:00		Kansas City Fed Manf. Activity	Jan		-8	
	22:45		Markit US Manufacturing PMI	Jan P		52.4	
	22:45		Markit US Services PMI	Jan P	-52.5	52.8	
27/01	23:00		New Home Sales MoM	Dec		1.3%	
	23:30		Dallas Fed Manf. Activity	Jan		-3.2	
28/01	21:30		Durable Goods Orders	Dec P		-2.1%	
	21:30		Cap Goods Orders Nondef Ex Air	Dec P		0.2%	
	22:00		S&P CoreLogic CS 20-City YoY NSA	Nov		2.23%	
	00.00		Conf. Board Consumer Confidence		100.0	400.5	
	23:00		Index	Jan	128.2	126.5	
29/01	23:00		Richmond Fed Manufact. Index	Jan		-5	
29/01	20:00		MBA Mortgage Applications	Jan-24	 * - · - ·		
	21:30		Advance Goods Trade Balance	Dec	-\$64.5b	-\$63.2b	
	21:30		Wholesale Inventories MoM	Dec P		-0.1%	
	23:00		Pending Home Sales MoM	Dec	 1.5-	1.2% 1.5-	
30/01	3:00		FOMC Rate Decision	Jan-29	1.75%	1.75%	
	21:30		GDP Annualized QoQ	4Q A		2.1%	
	21:30		Initial Jobless Claims	Jan-25			
31/01	21:30		Personal Income	Dec		0.50%	
	21:30		Personal Spending	Dec		0.40%	
	21:30		PCE Core Deflator YoY	Dec		1.60%	
	22:45		MNI Chicago PMI	Jan		48.9	
	23:00		U. of Mich. Sentiment	Jan F			
21/01	18:00	Eurozone	ZEW Survey Expectations	Jan		11.2	
23/01	20:45		ECB Deposit Facility Rate	Jan-23	-0.5%	-0.5%	
	23:00		Consumer Confidence	Jan A	-8.0	-8.1	
24/01	17:00		Markit Eurozone Manufacturing PMI	Jan P	46.7	46.3	
	17:00		Markit Eurozone Services PMI	Jan P	52.8	52.8	
30/01	18:00		Economic Confidence	Jan		101.5	
	18:00		Consumer Confidence	Jan F			
	18:00		Unemployment Rate	Dec		7.50%	
31/01	18:00		GDP SA QoQ	4Q A		0.20%	
	18:00		CPI Estimate YoY	Jan		1.30%	
	18:00		CPI Core YoY	Jan P			
20/01	8:01	UK	Rightmove House Prices YoY	Jan		0.8%	
21/01	17:30		Average Weekly Earnings 3M/YoY	Nov	3.1%	3.2%	
	17:30		ILO Unemployment Rate 3Mths	Nov	3.8%	3.8%	
	17:30		Employment Change 3M/3M	Nov		24k	
22/01	19:00		CBI Trends Total Orders	Jan	-25	-28	
24/01	17:30		Markit UK PMI Manufacturing SA	Jan P	-23 48.1	-26 47.5	
	17:30		Markit/CIPS UK Services PMI	Jan P	50.7	50.0	
28/01-	17.30 NA		Nationwide House Px NSA YoY	Jan		1.4%	



03/02							
30/01	20:00		Bank of England Bank Rate	Jan-30		0.75%	
31/01	8:01		GfK Consumer Confidence	Jan		-11	
20/01	12:30	Japan	Industrial Production YoY	Nov F		-8.1%	
21/01	NA	-	BOJ Policy Balance Rate	Jan-21		-0.1%	
23/01	7:50		Exports YoY	Dec	-4.3%	-7.9%	
	12:30		All Industry Activity Index MoM	Nov	0.4%	-4.3%	
	13:00		Leading Index CI	Nov F		90.9	
	14:00		Machine Tool Orders YoY	Dec F		-33.6%	
24/01	7:30		Natl CPI Ex Fresh Food YoY	Dec	0.7%	0.5%	
	8:30		Jibun Bank Japan PMI Mfg	Jan P		48.4	
	8:30		Jibun Bank Japan PMI Services	Jan P		49.4	
31/01	7:30		Jobless Rate	Dec		2.20%	
	7:50		Retail Sales YoY	Dec		-2.10%	
	7:50		Industrial Production YoY	Dec P			
20/01	9:30	China	1-Year Loan Prime Rate	Jan	4.1%	4.15%	
31/01	9:00		Manufacturing PMI	Jan		50.2	
	9:00		Non-manufacturing PMI	Jan		53.5	
21/01	16:30	Hong Kong	CPI Composite YoY	Dec	2.9%	3.0%	
30/01	16:30		Exports YoY	Dec		-1.4%	
23/01	13:00	Singapore	CPI YoY	Dec	0.7%	0.6%	
24/01	13:00		Industrial Production YoY	Dec	-0.6%	-9.3%	
22/01	7:30	Australia	Westpac Consumer Conf Index	Jan		95.1	
23/01	8:30		Employment Change	Dec	12.0k	39.9k	
	8:30		Unemployment Rate	Dec	5.2%	5.2%	
28/01	8:30		NAB Business Conditions	Dec		4	
	8:30		NAB Business Confidence	Dec		0	
29/01	8:00		Westpac Leading Index MoM	Dec		-0.09%	
	8:30		CPI YoY	4Q		1.70%	
21/01	5:30	New Zealand	Performance Services Index	Dec		53.3	
24/01	5:45		CPI YoY	4Q	1.8%	1.5%	
30/01	5:45		Trade Balance NZD	Dec		-753m	
31/01	5:00		ANZ Consumer Confidence Index	Jan		123.3	
27-31/01	NA	Vietnam	CPI YoY	Jan		5.23%	
	NA		Exports YoY	Jan		10.10%	
	NA		Industrial Production YoY	Jan		6.20%	
	NA		Retail Sales YTD YoY	Jan		11.80%	

Source: Bloomberg



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