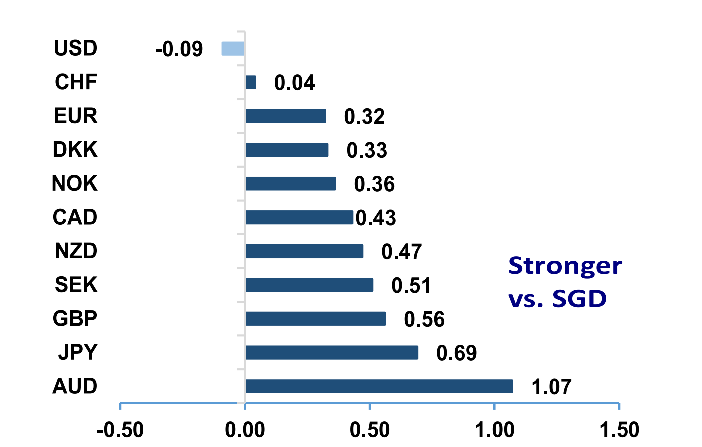
05 December 2025

Global Markets Research

Currency Outlook for the Week Ahead

USD/SGD

SGD Weekly Performance



Source: Bloomberg

1-Week Outlook – USD/ SGD Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish

SGD appreciated against the greenback in trading this week for a second consecutive week, inching up by 0.1% w/w (prior: +0.8%) to 1.2961 from 1.2973 the prior week, amidst a rise seen in the Singapore PMI and Electronic sector index for November versus the levels the month before. Against other G10 currencies, the SGD was weaker across the board led by losses against the AUD (-1.1%), but versus major regional currencies, the SGD was mostly stronger except versus the THB (-0.5%) and MYR (-0.2%). We are ***Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish*** on the USD/SGD for the week ahead, foreseeing a possible trading range of 1.2825 – 1.3075. The coming week sees the release of the retail sales report for October, which will provide further clarity on how the economy is doing thus far in 4Q, in an otherwise quiet week for economic data releases.

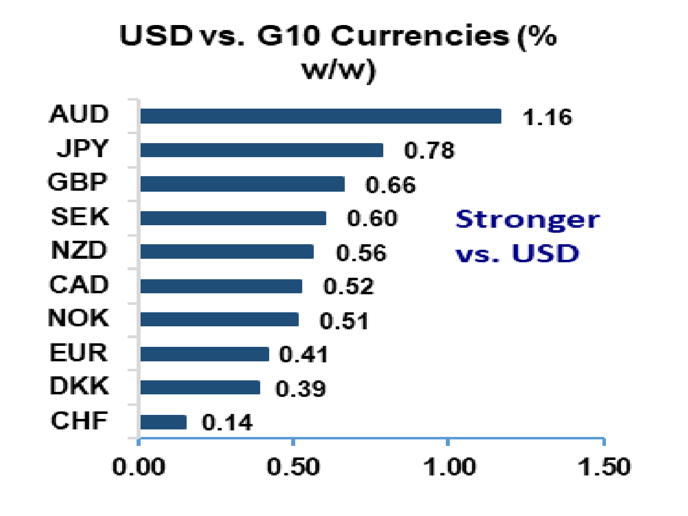
1-Month Outlook – USD/ SGD Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish

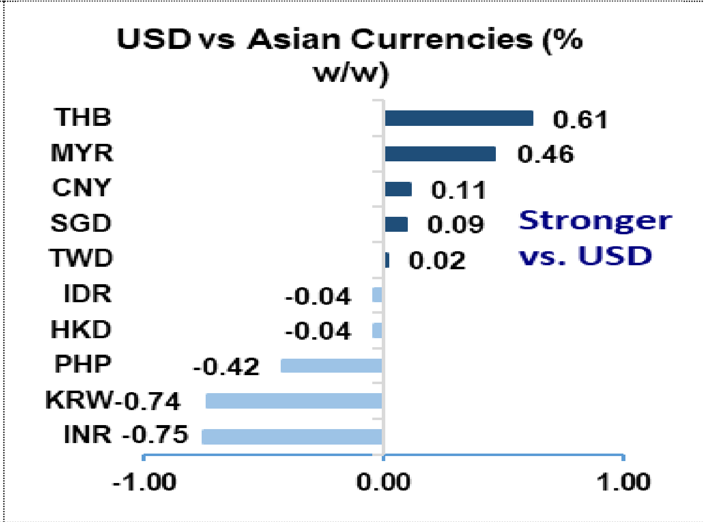
The USD/SGD outlook is neutral-to-slightly bearish in our view. The USD has been trading in a range with the tariff temperature continuing to have cooled as of late. The longest running federal government shutdown has finally come to an end, with the markets still awaiting the release of some of the delayed economic indicators to get more clarity on the state of the economy. Although there are continued fears over tariff-related inflation, the recent numbers prior to the shutdown have been within expectations with no surprises in the core PCE for August and slightly lower than anticipated core CPI for September. The Fed reduced the Fed Funds Rate by 25bps for a second straight meet in a 10-2 majority vote on Oct 29, with Fed Chair Powell striking a hawkish note and highlighting that a further reduction in December is not cast in stone. On the domestic front, MAS held steady on policy again at its quarterly October meeting. Economic data has been surprising on the upside of late, with 3Q GDP coming in north of expectations, exports for October again surprising on the upside for a second month. The latest inflation numbers for October were hotter than expected, further confirming that both headline and core inflation could have already bottomed in August. We expect MAS to continue to keep policy unchanged for the first half of 2026.

	S2	S1	Prev. Close	R1	R2
USD/SGD	1.2820	1.2895	1.2961	1.3025	1.3100

Weekly Look Ahead

USD: USD retreated in trading this week for a second week running, with the DXY falling by 0.6% w/w to 98.99 (prior: -0.6%) from 99.54 the week before, amidst the ADP employment report suggesting a contraction of private sector jobs in November, further fuelling expectations of a 25bps cut in the Funds Rate at the upcoming FOMC. The ISM indices for November were mixed, with the manufacturing gauge deteriorating while the services index edged higher. We are ***Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish*** on the USD for the coming week, eyeing a probable trading range of 97.50 -100.25 for the DXY. The week ahead brings the FOMC decision and with the markets pricing in a near certainty of a 25bps reduction, the focus will lie on the unanimity of the vote and the language of the statement. The core PCE index for September will be highlight of economic data for the week, with the Michigan consumer sentiment index and the JOLTS report for October also due.





Source: Bloomberg, HL Bank

EUR: EUR was stronger for the week in trading for a second consecutive week, rising against the USD by 0.4% w/w (prior: +0.6%) to 1.1644 from 1.1596 the prior week, amidst the preliminary CPI estimate for November inching higher from the month before, and a services-led revision higher in the final Eurozone composite PMI for the month. We are ***Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish*** on the EUR/USD for the week ahead, looking at a likely trading range of 1.1525 – 1.1775 for the currency pair. The coming week sees little in terms of economic data, with the third reading of 3Q GDP and the final employment growth numbers for the quarter due for release, but there will be some ECB-speak to look out for, including from ECB President Lagarde.

GBP: GBP appreciated by 0.7% w/w (prior: +1.3%) to 1.3327 against the greenback during the week from 1.3240 the week before, amidst a revision higher in the final UK composite PMI for November which was driven by the services sector and a larger than expected monthly rise in house prices reported by the Nationwide Building Society. We are ***Neutral*** on the Cable for the coming week, foreseeing a possible trading range of 1.3175 – 1.3475. The week ahead will be quiet for economic data domestically until next Friday's monthly GDP and manufacturing production figures for October, with some BoE officials due to speak during the week, including BoE Governor Andrew Bailey.

JPY: JPY advanced in trading this week for a second week running, climbing against the USD by 0.8% w/w to 155.10 (prior: +0.7%) from 156.31 the prior week, amidst Bank of Japan Governor Kazuo Ueda hinting at a rate hike in the months ahead and describing the current policy rate as still being accommodative. October retail sales grew by more than expected, and Tokyo CPI for November was largely in line with expectations. We are ***Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish*** on USD/ JPY for the week ahead, eyeing a probable trading range of 152.50 – 157.00 for the pair. The focus for the coning week should lie on the labour earnings numbers for October, with the final 3Q GDP and PPI for November also scheduled for release.

AUD: AUD rose against USD for a second straight week, advancing by 1.2% w/w to 0.6610 (prior: +1.5%) from 0.6534 the week before, despite Australian 3Q growth falling short of expectations, amidst a broadly weaker USD backdrop for the week. We are ***Neutral*** on AUD/USD for the coming week, looking at a likely trading range of 0.6500 – 0.6725. The week ahead sees the release of the monthly employment report for November and also see the final RBA rate decision for the year, where they are unanimously expected to hold rates but the language of the statement will be scrutinized for clues on the path of monetary policy going forward, with the futures markets currently building in a 25bps hike by the RBA over the coming year.

MYR: MYR advanced against the USD in trading this week for a second straight week, climbing by 0.5% to 4.1125 (prior: +0.6%) from 4.1315 the prior week, amidst the S&P Global Malaysia Manufacturing PMI rising in November into expansionary territory, boding well for growth this quarter. MYR was a mixed bag against the rest of the G10s currencies, but continued to outperform during the week against most of its regional peers, with the exception of against the THB (-0.2%). We are ***Neutral*** on USD/MYR for the week ahead, foreseeing a possible trading range of 4.0875 - 4.1375. The coming week brings little in terms of economic data releases domestically, until the industrial production figures for October which will be released next Friday.

House View and Forecasts

FX	1Q-26	2Q-26	3Q-26	4Q-26
DXY	97.33	95.92	94.52	93.15
USD/CAD	1.39	1.38	1.36	1.35
EUR/USD	1.17	1.19	1.21	1.23
GBP/USD	1.32	1.34	1.35	1.37
AUD/USD	0.66	0.67	0.68	0.68
NZD/USD	0.57	0.57	0.58	0.59
USD/JPY	151	148	145	142
USD/MYR	4.12	4.08	4.05	4.05
USD/SGD	1.28	1.26	1.25	1.24
USD/CNY	7.03	6.94	6.86	6.77

Policy Rate (%)	1Q-26	2Q-26	3Q-26	4Q-26
Fed	3.25-3.50	3.00-3.25	3.00-3.25	3.00-3.25
BOC	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25
ECB	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
BOE	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50
RBA	3.60	3.60	3.60	3.60
RBNZ	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25
BOJ	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75
BNM	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75
MAS	Hold	Hold	Hold	Hold
PBOC	Hold	Hold	Hold	Hold

2025 Central Bank Meetings/Announcements

Central Bank	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Federal Reserve (FOMC)	29		19		7	18	30		17	29		10
Bank of Canada (BOC)	29		12	16		4	30		17	29		10
European Central Bank (ECB)	30		6	17		5	24		11	30		18
Bank of England (BOE)		6	20		8	19		7	18		6	18
Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA)		18		1	20		8	12	30		4	9
Reserve Bank of New Zealand (RBNZ)		19		9	28		9	20		8	26	
Bank of Japan (BOJ)	24		19		1	17	31		19	30		19
Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM)	22		6		8		9		4		6	
Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS)	Jan			Apr			Jul			Oct		

Source: Bloomberg, HL Bank

General Disclaimer by the Bank

This report is for information purposes only and does not take into account the investment objectives, financial situation or particular needs of any particular recipient. The information contained in this report does not constitute the provision of investment advice and is not to be regarded as an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy with respect to the purchase or sale of any of the financial instruments mentioned in this report and/or to participate in any trading strategy. This report will not form the basis or a part of any contract or commitment whatsoever.

The information contained in this publication is derived from data obtained from sources believed by HL Bank to be reliable and in good faith, but no warranties or guarantees, representations are made by HL Bank with regard to the accuracy, completeness, correctness or suitability of the data. Any opinions expressed reflect the current judgment of the authors of the report and do not necessarily represent the opinion of HL Bank or any of the companies within the Hong Leong Bank Group ("HLB Group"). The opinions reflected in this report may change without notice and the opinions do not necessarily correspond to the opinions of HL Bank. HL Bank does not have an obligation to amend, modify or update this report or to otherwise notify a reader or recipient in the event that any matter stated in this report, or any opinion, projection, forecast, valuation or estimate in this report, changes or subsequently becomes inaccurate. The information contained in this report may be incomplete, condensed and it may not contain all material information concerning the company or currency referred to in this report.

HLB Group, their directors, employees and representatives do not have any responsibility or liability to any person or recipient (whether by reason of negligence, negligent misstatement or otherwise) arising from any statement, opinion or information, expressed or implied, arising out of, contained in or derived from or omission from the reports or matter nor will any liability be accepted for any loss whatsoever that may arise from any use and/or reliance on this report. HL Bank may, to the extent permitted by law, buy, sell or hold significantly long or short positions; act as investment and/or commercial bankers; be represented on the board of the issuers; and/or engage in 'market making' of securities or currencies mentioned in this report. The past performance of financial instruments is not indicative of future results. The value of and the income that is produced by the financial instruments mentioned in this report may fluctuate so that an investor may get back less than originally invested. Whilst every effort is made to ensure that statements of facts made in this report are accurate, all estimates, projections, forecasts, expressions of opinion and other subjective judgments contained in this report are based on assumptions considered to be reasonable as of the date of the document in which they are contained and must not be construed as a representation that the matters referred to therein will occur. Any projections or forecasts mentioned in this report may not be achieved due to multiple risk factors including without limitation market volatility, sector volatility, corporate actions, the unavailability of complete and accurate information. No assurance can be given that any opinion described in this report would yield favorable investment results. Recipients should seek the advice of their independent financial advisor before taking any investment decision based on any recommendations that may be contained in this report. Any recommendation that may be contained in this report does not consider the specific investment objectives, financial situation, suitability and the particular needs of a particular customer. This report is for the information of the addressee only and is not to be taken in substitution for the exercise of judgment by the addressee who should obtain separate independent legal or financial advice.

Past performance does not always indicate future performance or future results. The value of any investment or income from any investment may go up as well as down. All investments involve an element of risk including the potential to lose the entire amount that is invested.

HL Bank may provide hyperlinks to websites of entities mentioned in this report, however the inclusion of a link does not imply that HL Bank endorses, recommends or approves any material on the linked page or accessible from it. Such linked websites are accessed entirely at your own risk. HL Bank does not accept responsibility whatsoever for any such material, nor for consequences of its use.

This report is not directed to, or intended for distribution to or use by, any person or entity who is a citizen or resident of or located in any state, country or other jurisdiction where such distribution, publication, availability or use would be contrary to law or regulation. This report is for the use of the addressees only and may not be redistributed, reproduced, copied, duplicated or passed on to any other person or published, in part or in whole, for any purpose, without the prior, written consent of HL Bank. The manner of distributing this report may be restricted by law or regulation in certain countries. Persons into whose possession this report may come are required to inform themselves about and to observe such restrictions. By accepting this report, a recipient agrees to be bound by all limitations contained in this report.

This report is being distributed in Singapore by HL Bank (Company registration number S56FC1182L) to Accredited Investors, Expert Investors or Institutional Investors, as defined in the Securities and Futures Act (Chapter 289 of Singapore). HL Bank is an Exempt Financial Adviser, as defined in the Financial Advisers Act (Chapter 110 of Singapore), and regulated by the Monetary Authority of Singapore. HL Bank is a branch of Hong Leong Bank Berhad, a limited liability company incorporated in Malaysia. HL Bank holds a full bank license in Singapore. Hong Leong Bank Berhad is also a member of the Hong Leong Group Malaysia.