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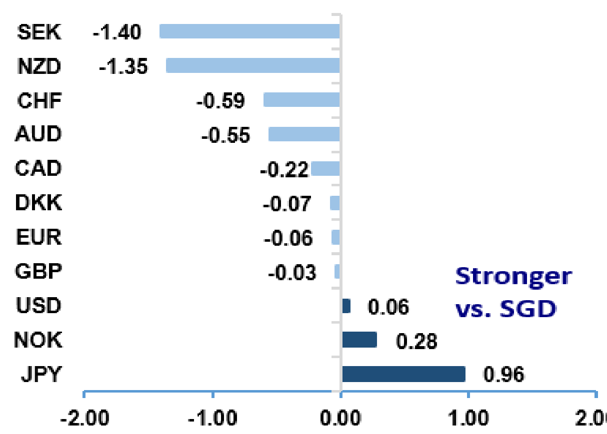
Currency Outlook for the Week Ahead

USD/SGD

SGD Weekly Performance



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

SGD depreciated against the USD this week for the first week in five, inching lower by 0.1% (prior: +0.3%) to 1.2681 from 1.2673 the prior week, amidst retail sales for July falling short of expectations. Against other G10 and major regional currencies, the SGD was mixed for the week, gaining against the NZD (+1.4%) and INR (+0.9%), but losing ground versus the JPY (-1.0%) and KRW (-0.8%). We remain ***Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish*** on USD/SGD for the coming week, foreseeing a possible trading range of 1.2575 – 1.2800. The week ahead sees the release of the export figures for August, which will shed more light on how the external sector is doing thus far in 3Q.

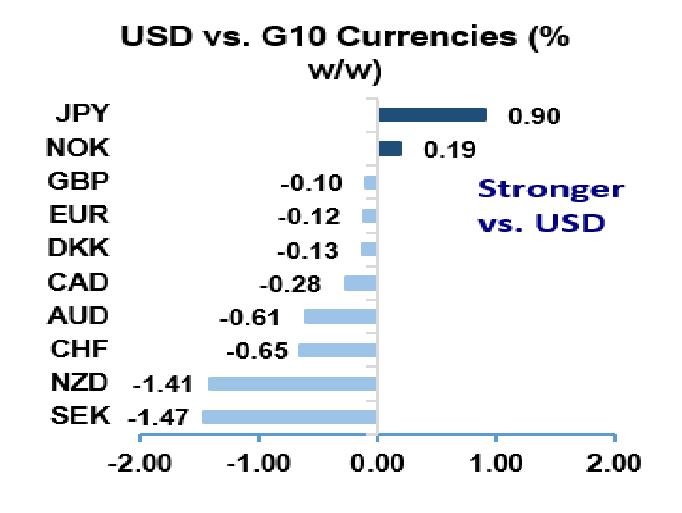
1-Month Outlook – USD/ SGD Neutral

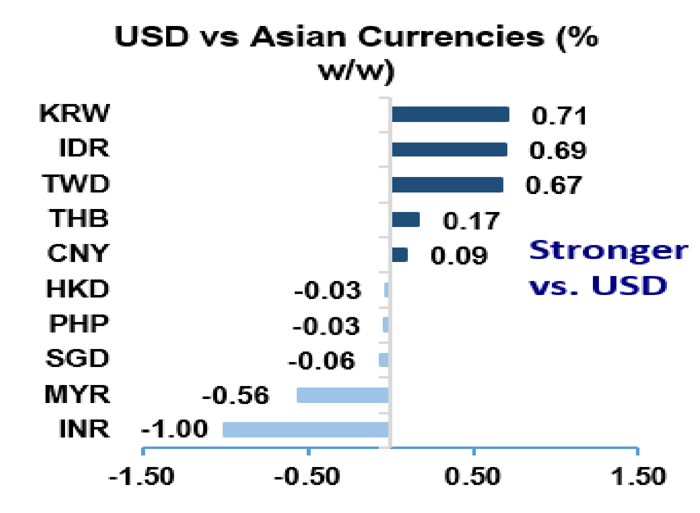
The USD/SGD one-month outlook is neutral in our view. The USD has been trading in a range as of late as the fragile interim ceasefire between the US and Iran while working towards the signing of a peace accord looks in danger of breaking down with both sides trading blows. The Fed left policy on hold for a fifth straight FOMC meeting in a 9-3 majority vote, with the three dissenters preferring a 25bps hike, with futures markets still expecting slightly more than one 25bps hike for 2026. On the fundamental front, US economic conditions continued to remain firm, but recent inflation numbers have been softer than expected, curtailing expectations of Fed hikes for the year. On the domestic front, MAS tightened policy mildly during the July monetary policy decision with a "very slight" steepening of the S$NEER curve. The final reading of Singapore 2Q GDP was slightly firmer than expected while the latest inflation numbers and export figures for July were both softer than expected.

	S2	S1	Prev. Close	R1	R2
USD/SGD	1.2562	1.2638	1.2681	1.2735	1.2801

Weekly Look Ahead

USD: The DXY inched higher in trading this week, climbing by 0.1% (prior: -0.3%) to 99.05 from 98.91 the week before, amidst the monthly employment report for August coming in better than expected, with nearly triple the number of jobs added to the economy versus what was anticipated, and a ratcheting of tensions in the Middle East which resulted in a renewed spike in oil prices for the week that fanned inflationary fears. We are ***Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish*** on the USD for the week ahead, eyeing a probable trading range of 97.75 – 100.50 for the DXY. The coming week is set to be an eventful one, with the CPI figures and retail sales report for August both scheduled for release ahead of the key FOMC decision, with the futures markets currently pricing in a 73% chance that they will raise policy by 25bps, with the marked rise in oil prices over the past fortnight making it look increasingly plausible that they do.





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EUR: EUR retreated in trading this week for a second straight week, inching lower by 0.1% (prior: -0.2%) against the greenback to 1.1612 from 1.1626 the prior week, amidst the ECB raising its policy rate by 25bps as expected, signalling more hikes ahead by highlighting expectations that the inflation shock will persist, and revising their inflation forecasts higher for the coming years. Economic data for the week with mixed, with Eurozone retail sales for July unexpectedly contracting for the month, while 2Q GDP was revised higher to 0.6% q/q in its third reading. We are ***Neutral*** on the EUR/USD for the coming week, looking at a likely trading range of 1.1500 – 1.1725. The week ahead sees the release of the Eurozone trade balance and industrial production figures for July as well as the final CPI for August, and also features quite a bit of ECB-speak, including from ECB President Lagarde.

GBP: The GBP fell against the USD in trading this week for the third week on the trot, receding by 0.1% w/w (prior: -0.5% w/w) to 1.3512 from 1.3525 the week before, amidst the RICS House Price balance for August registering a slight improvement versus expectations of no change. We are ***Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish*** on the Cable for the week ahead, foreseeing a possible trading range of 1.3375 – 1.3625. The coming week has plenty in store and features the monthly GDP, manufacturing production and trade balance figures for July, the latest UK monthly employment report as well as the price indices (CPI, RPI and PPI) for August, and also sees the Bank on England decision on policy, where they are expected to hold steady on the bank rate

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JPY: The Japanese Yen appreciated against the USD in trading this week for a second straight week, rising by 0.9% (prior: +2.3%) to 154.42 from 155.81 the prior week, amidst fears of further intervention in the pair by Japanese and US authorities. Economic data for the week saw 2Q GDP being revised up slightly in its final reading, and nominal wages of Japanese workers rose at the fastest pace in three decades in July, which added to the case for the Bank of Japan to tighten policy further. We are ***Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish*** on USD/JPY for the coming week with the pair in oversold territory, eyeing a probable trading range of 152.25 – 157.25. The week ahead sees the release of core machine orders for July and the trade balance for August ahead of next Friday's key Bank of Japan decision on policy, where they are widely expected to raise rates by 25bps and to signal more hikes ahead.

AUD: AUD fell against the USD in trading this week for the first week in seven, declining by 0.6% (prior: +0.1%) to 0.7157 from 0.7201 the week before, amidst Australian consumer inflation expectations holding steady in September versus the month before, and a deterioration in both the latest consumer and business confidence indices compared to the prior months' readings. We are ***Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish*** on AUD/USD for the week ahead, looking at a likely trading range of 0.7025 – 0.7250. The coming week will be another quiet one as far as economic data is concerned, with only the Westpac Leading index for August due for release.

MYR: MYR was softer in trading against the USD for a second straight week, declining by 0.6% (prior: -0.2%) to 4.0650 from 4.0423 the prior week, amidst industrial production figures for July easing by more than expected in a broad-based cooling across categories, in a signal that 2H growth could possibly decelerate versus the solid 1H. Against the rest of the G10 and major regional currencies, the MYR was broadly lower for the week, losing ground versus most pairs with the exception of against the INR (+0.4%). We remain ***Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish*** on USD/MYR for the coming week, foreseeing a possible trading range of 4.0450 – 4.0950. The week ahead see an empty data calendar domestically before next Friday's CPI and trade figures for August.

House View and Forecasts

FX	3Q-26	4Q-26	1Q-27	2Q-27
DXY	102.28	100.86	99.42	98.07
USD/CAD	1.43	1.41	1.40	1.38
EUR/USD	1.13	1.14	1.16	1.18
GBP/USD	1.29	1.30	1.32	1.33
AUD/USD	0.68	0.70	0.71	0.72
NZD/USD	0.56	0.56	0.57	0.57
USD/JPY	162	159	155	153
USD/MYR	4.15	4.11	4.07	4.03
USD/SGD	1.31	1.30	1.28	1.27
USD/CNY	6.85	6.78	6.72	6.65

Policy Rate (%)	3Q-26	4Q-26	1Q-27	2Q-27
Fed	3.50-3.75	3.50-3.75	3.50-3.75	3.50-3.75
BOC	2.25	2.25	2.50	2.50
ECB	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50
BOE	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75
RBA	4.35	4.35	4.35	4.35
RBNZ	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50
BOJ	1.00	1.25	1.25	1.25
BNM	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75
MAS	Hold	Hold	Hold	Hold
PBOC	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00

2026 Central Bank Meetings/Announcements

Central Bank	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Federal Reserve (FOMC)	28		18	29		17	29		16	28		9
Bank of Canada (BOC)	28		18	29		10	15		2	28		9
European Central Bank (ECB)		5	19	30		11	23		10	29		17
Bank of England (BOE)		5	19	30		18	30		17		5	17
Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA)		3	17		5	16		11	29		3	8
Reserve Bank of New Zealand (RBNZ)		18		8	27		8		2	28		9
Bank of Japan (BOJ)	23		19	28		16	31		18	30		18
Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM)	22		5		7		9		3		5	
Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS)	Jan			Apr			Jul			Oct		

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