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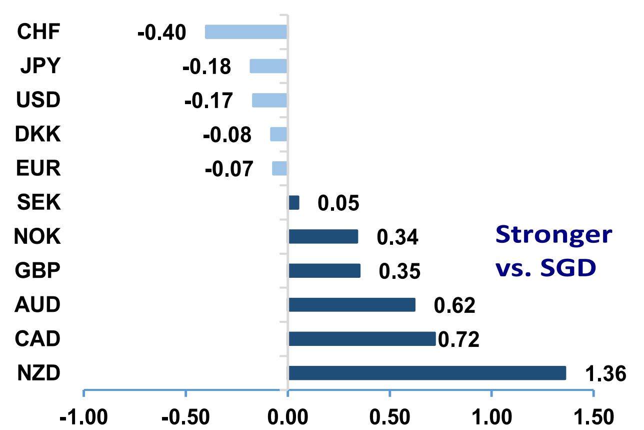
Currency Outlook for the Week Ahead

USD/SGD

SGD Weekly Performance



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1-Week Outlook – USD/ SGD Neutral

SGD climbed against the USD in trading this week, appreciating by 0.2% (prior: 0.0%) to 1.2903 from 1.2925 the prior week, amidst better-than-expected advanced 2Q GDP growth figures on a yearly basis, driven by an upward revision to the previous quarter's growth. Against other G10 and major regional currencies, the SGD was mixed for the week, gaining ground against INR (+1.2%) and CHF (+0.4%), but depreciating versus the KRW (-1.6%) and NZD (-1.4%). We are ***Neutral*** on USD/SGD for the coming week, eyeing a probable trading range of 1.2775 – 1.3025. After the export figures for June came out softer than anticipated this morning, the rest of the week ahead sees the release of the CPI figures for June.

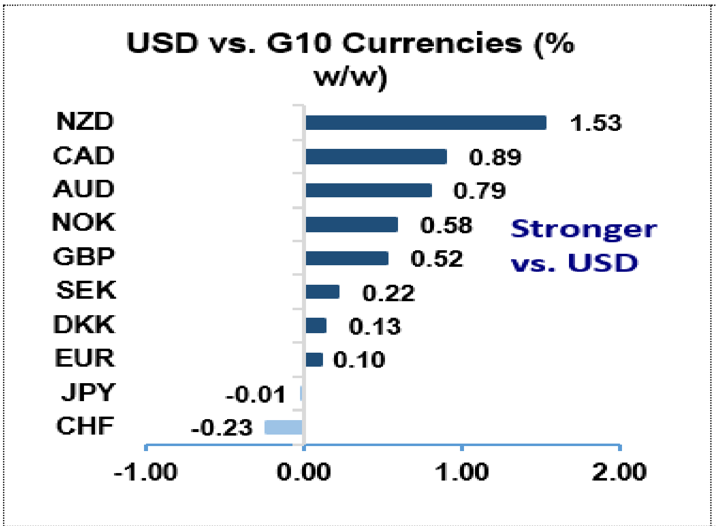
1-Month Outlook – USD/ SGD Neutral

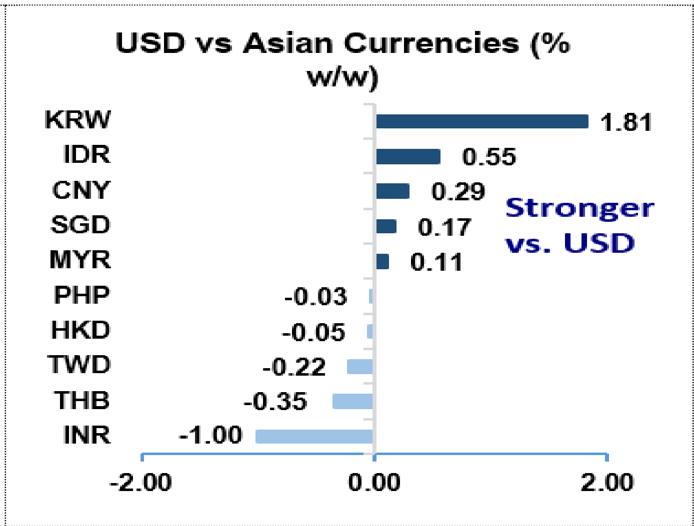
The USD/SGD one-month outlook is neutral in our view. The USD has been trading in a range as of late as the fragile interim ceasefire between the US and Iran while working towards the signing of a peace accord looks in danger of breaking down with both sides trading blows. The FOMC saw a hawkish twist in Kevin Warsh' first meeting as the new Fed Chair, with the policymakers revising their forecasts for Fed Funds higher even as they left rates unchanged, and Fed Chair Warsh re-iterated the hawkish tone during his semi-annual testimony to Congress. 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 during the April monetary policy decision with a slight steepening of the S$NEER curve while revising their inflation forecasts higher. The advanced reading of Singapore 2Q GDP was slightly firmer than expected while the latest inflation numbers for May and export figures for June were both softer than expected.

	S2	S1	Prev. Close	R1	R2
USD/SGD	1.2800	1.2865	1.2903	1.2965	1.3020

Weekly Look Ahead

USD: The DXY lost some ground in trading this week, depreciating by 0.2% w/w (prior: 0.1%) to 100.71 from 100.90 the week before, amidst cooler than expected consumer and producer price indices for June, and retail sales for the month that was as anticipated. Fed Chair Warsh continued to strike a hawkish tone during the Fed's semi-annual testimony to Congress, mentioning that Fed policymakers have no tolerance for high inflation and share a commitment to restoring price stability. We are ***Neutral*** on the USD for the week ahead, looking at a likely trading range of 99.50 – 102.00 for the DXY. The coming week is a lighter one in terms of economic data, with the preliminary consumer sentiment index for July from the University of Michigan due, and the Leading Index, import prices and industrial production for June also scheduled for release.





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EUR: EUR was a touch firmer in trading this week, inching up by 0.1% (prior: 0.0%) against the greenback to 1.1442 from 1.1430 the prior week, amidst softer than expected industrial production figures for May. We are ***Neutral*** on the EUR/USD for the coming week, foreseeing a possible trading range of 1.1300 – 1.1575. The week ahead sees the ECB decide on policy, with the markets pricing in no change this time round, but what they say will be closely watched for further clues about monetary policy going forward, with the futures markets currently pointing to a rate hike at the next ECB meet in September. The final CPI figures for June are also due during the week, as is the ZEW investor survey for July.

GBP: The GBP rallied against the USD in trading this week for a third week running, climbing by 0.5% w/w (prior: 0.5% w/w) to 1.3478 from 1.3408 the week before, amidst speculation that UK Home Secretary Shabana Mahmood is now the front runner to become the next Chancellor of the Exchequer in incoming Prime Minister Andy Burnham's new cabinet line-up, with the candidate seen as a pragmatic centrist and one that would be fiscally prudent. We are ***Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish*** on the Cable for the week ahead with the pair starting to veer into overbought territory, eyeing a probable trading range of 1.3325 – 1.3600. The coming week brings the latest monthly employment report, with the price indices (CPI, RPI and PPI) for June also due for release.

JPY: The Japanese Yen was little changed against the USD in trading this week (prior: -0.8%), closing Thursday at 162.39 from 162.38 the prior week, amidst core machine orders for May registering a larger than anticipated contraction for the month, and comments from Finance Minister Katayama fuelling expectations that the Japanese government is stepping up efforts to attract cash to domestic markets. We are ***Slightly Bearish*** on USD/JPY for the coming week, looking at a likely trading range of 159.50 – 163.50. The week ahead sees the release of department store sales and the trade balance for June, before next Friday's scheduled release of the national CPI figures for the month.

AUD: AUD gained ground against the USD in trading for a third week on the trot, advancing by 0.8% (prior: 0.3%) to 0.6996 from 0.6941 the week before, amidst a rise in the latest monthly business confidence and consumer confidence figures, and a cooling of consumer inflation expectations for July. We are ***Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish*** on AUD/USD for the week ahead, foreseeing a possible trading range of 0.6850 – 0.7100. The focus of the coming week will lie on the monthly employment report for June, with the markets expecting a modest gain in jobs for the month and for the unemployment rate to hold steady at 4.4%.

MYR: MYR was slightly stronger against the USD in trading this week for a third week on the trot, inching up by 0.1% w/w (prior: 0.1%) to 4.0730 from 4.0773 the prior week, amidst an empty week for economic data domestically with a backdrop of weakness for the greenback. Against the rest of the G10 and major regional currencies, the MYR was mixed, firming against the INR (+0.5%) and CHF (+0.3%) but losing ground against the NZD (-1.9%) and KRW (-1.7%). We are ***Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish*** on USD/MYR for the coming week, eyeing a probable trading range of 4.05 – 4.10 for the currency pair. The week ahead is an eventful one, with advanced 2Q GDP and CPI for June out later today, with export figures for June also due for release over the coming week.

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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