

DAILY DIGEST Sigh of relief as dollar win streak ends

- Macro: Fed officials reiterated patience while waiting for more disinflation progress. IMF raised MY 2024 growth outlook to 4.4%. SG NODX saw sharp decline in Mar amid broad-based export declines and high base effects.
- Fixed Income: UST bull steepened, curbing its losing streak. Differing weakness for regional bonds as MGS saw modest declines, IndoGB's focused on the frontend, while ThaiGB reopened from holidays to moderate declines.
- FX: DXY edged down below 106.0, ending its winning streak as most major currencies posted gains against the greenback. USDIDR inched higher to 16,220, raising BI rate hike risks; while THB closed 0.5% lower as markets reopened.

Global macro wrap

- **Global:** Little on the US data front after a myriad of indicators over the past two weeks. Fed officials continue to push back against early rate cut speculations as Cleveland Fed President Loretta Mester (voter) said the Fed should wait for more data before taking any action on rates. Governor Michelle Bowman meanwhile said progress on inflation may have stalled, and that the Fed would only know if policy is sufficiently restrictive in the future.
- ASEAN: The IMF has raised Malaysia's 2024 GDP growth outlook to 4.4% (Jan forecast: 4.3%; 2023 actual: 3.7%), while projecting a current account balance of 2.4% for the year. Sources indicate that Malaysians may opt to transfer existing balance from their EPF Account 2 to Account 3 during a period between May-Aug. An official from Indonesia's President Staff Office said raising subsidised fuel prices would only be a last resort, adding that the government is preparing simulations for additional budget needs if oil prices reach USD100-110/bbl. Singapore's NODX contracted 20.7% yoy in Mar (consensus: -7.4%; Feb: -0.2%), driven by last year's high base effects from a decline in both electronic exports (Mar: -9.4%; Feb: +5.2%) and non-electronic exports.

Fixed income

- **Global:** Bottom and technical buying coupled with stock losses supported UST in curbing its earlier losing streak. UST yields shifted down by 6-9bps in a bull steepening manner, with a well-received 20Y UST auction adding to the bullish momentum. 2Y and 10Y yields closed at 4.93% and 4.59%, after failing to break their respective technical levels of 5.00% and 4.70% respectively.
- ASEAN: Regional bonds tracked earlier UST weaknesses to tread lower once again. MGS saw modest declines with yields rising 2-3bps near-evenly across the curve. IndoGB saw a sharp bear flattener as yields on the front-end surged 19-20bps, driven by offshore selling flows; while the rest of curve weakened 3-9bps. ThaiGB declined after reopening from holidays with sharp weaknesses seen on the 5Y (+15bps) and 30Y's (+11bps), while the rest of curve traded weaker by 4-8bps.

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- Majors: The DXY edged down below the 106.0 handle, ending its sixth consecutive session of increase after touching an intraday high of 106.44; as most major currencies rallied to the tune of 0.2-0.6% against the greenback. EUR rose 0.5%, as ECB President Lagarde reaffirmed its 2% inflation target with the battle to rein in inflation 'not over'. GBP (+0.2%) rose a notch lower, after UK's CPI in March fell to 3.2% yoy (Feb: +3.4%), its slowest rate since Sep 2021 amid a continued broad-based moderation in price growth. USDJPY fell 0.2% but remained well above the 154.0 level, while the NOK fell 0.2% amid a sharp 3% decline in crude oil prices due to signs of weakening demand and rising US crude inventories.
- ASEAN: Mixed performance for ASEAN currencies. MYR (+0.1%) saw some support as it tracked broader gains from the CNH (+0.3%). USDIDR closed 0.3% higher at 16,220 as it tracked IDR NDF from earlier US dollar strength, raising the risks that BI may be forced to raise interest rates in its meeting next week (24 Apr) to support the IDR, such as in Oct last year. THB (-0.5%) continued its retreat after reopening from holidays, hurt by the higher-for-longer Fed rate stance and the BOT-Thai Government rate dispute.

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Rates dashboard

| Gov't bonds | Close | e (bps) | bps) | | |
|-------------|-------|---------|------|------|------|
| Gov i Donas | Close | 1D | 1W | 1M | YTD |
| UST 2Y | 4.93 | -5.5 | -4.1 | 33.0 | 68.2 |
| UST 10Y | 4.59 | -8.0 | 4.4 | 31.5 | 70.8 |
| MY 3Y | 3.61 | 2.8 | 8.8 | 13.0 | 14.4 |
| MY 10Y | 3.96 | 2.1 | 7.8 | 8.7 | 23.2 |
| ID 2Y | 6.71 | 19.1 | 37.2 | 41.2 | 32.6 |
| ID 10Y | 6.94 | 7.3 | 28.9 | 30.3 | 48.9 |
| SG 2Y | 3.46 | 1.6 | 6.4 | 3.3 | 20.8 |
| SG 10Y | 3.39 | 1.9 | 14.4 | 30.7 | 69.8 |
| TH 2Y | 2.36 | 7.6 | 18.4 | 21.7 | -1.8 |
| TH 10Y | 2.76 | 3.7 | 13.8 | 21.6 | 8.4 |

FX dashboard

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Commodities dashboard

| | Close | 1D (%) | 1W (%) | 1M (%) | YTD (%) |
|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| WTI | 82.69 | -3.1 | -4.1 | 1.2 | 15.4 |
| Brent | 87.29 | -3.0 | -3.5 | 1.6 | 13.3 |
| Copper | 9,583 | 1.2 | 2.2 | 7.3 | 12.0 |
| Gold | 2,361 | -0.9 | 1.2 | 8.0 | 14.4 |
| CPO | 4,159 | -1.3 | -7.9 | -4.7 | 13.6 |

HIGHLIGHTS

Macro: Malaysia's EPF account 3 is expected to be launched by end-Apr, with sources indicating that members may opt to transfer funds from Account 2 (Account Sejahtera) to Account 3 (Flexible Account) via an opt-in mechanism between May-Aug, rendering the current balance at a 75-15-10 ratio for accounts 1, 2, and 3. Those who choose not to opt in would have their current balance's composition untouched (at a 70-30-0 ratio), with the Account 3 balance starting from zero until new contributions are made.

Figure 1: Data Preview

| Date | Country | Indicator | Period | Survey | Prior | | | |
|-------------|---------|--|---|--------|-------|--|--|--|
| 18 Apr 2024 | JN | BOJ Board Noguchi Speech in Saga | | | | | | |
| 18 Apr 2024 | EC | Bundesbank Chief Nagel, Germany's Lindner Speak in W | undesbank Chief Nagel, Germany's Lindner Speak in W | | | | | |
| 18 Apr 2024 | US | Philadelphia Fed Business Outlook | Philadelphia Fed Business Outlook Apr 2 | | | | | |
| 18 Apr 2024 | US | Initial Jobless Claims | 215k | 211k | | | | |
| 18 Apr 2024 | US | Fed's Bowman Speaks at SIFMA Roundtable | | | | | | |
| 18 Apr 2024 | US | Fed's Williams Participates in Moderated Discussion | | | | | | |
| 18 Apr 2024 | US | Leading Index Mar -(| | -0.1% | 0.1% | | | |
| 18 Apr 2024 | US | Existing Home Sales Mar 4.20n | | 4.20m | 4.38m | | | |
| 18 Apr 2024 | US | Existing Home Sales MoM | Mar | -4.1% | 9.5% | | | |
| 18 Apr 2024 | US | Fed's Bostic Speaks in Fireside Chat on Economy | | | | | | |
| 18 Apr 2024 | EC | ECB's Centeno, Simkus Speak | ECB's Centeno, Simkus Speak | | | | | |
| 18 Apr 2024 | EC | ECB's Vujcic Speaks | iCB's Vujcic Speaks | | | | | |
| 19 Apr 2024 | US | Fed's Bostic Chats About Economy, Monetary Policy | | | | | | |

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Figure 2: Data Review

| Date | Country | Indicator | Period | Survey | Actual | Prior |
|-------------|---------|---|---------------------|--------|--------|-------|
| 17 Apr 2024 | SI | Electronic Exports YoY Mar9.4% 5 | | | | 5.2% |
| 17 Apr 2024 | SI | Non-oil Domestic Exports YoY Mar -7.4% -20.7% -0.2% | | | | -0.2% |
| 17 Apr 2024 | UK | BOE's Megan Greene speaks on panel | | | | |
| 17 Apr 2024 | EC | ECB's Cipollone Speaks | | | | |
| 17 Apr 2024 | EC | ECB's de Cos Speaks | | | | |
| 17 Apr 2024 | EC | ECB's Schnabel Speaks | | | | |
| 17 Apr 2024 | UK | BOE Governor Bailey speaks in Washington | | | | |
| 17 Apr 2024 | US | Federal Reserve Releases Beige Book | | | | |
| 17 Apr 2024 | UK | BOE's Haskel speaks | BOE's Haskel speaks | | | |
| 18 Apr 2024 | US | Fed's Mester Gives Update on Fed | | | | |
| 18 Apr 2024 | US | Fed's Bowman Speaks at IIF Global Outlook Fc | | | | |
| 18 Apr 2024 | EC | ECB's Lagarde Speaks in DC | | | | |

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Figure 3: Sovereign yields and CDS

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|------------|------------|------------|----------|----------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|----------|----------|----------|---------|
| 10Y yields | Close | 1D (bps) | 1W (bps) | 1M (bps) | YTD (bps) | Interbank rates | Close | 1D (bps) | 1W (bps) | 1M (bps) | YTD (bp |
| US | 4.59 | -8.0 | 4.4 | 31.5 | 70.8 | US o/n SOFR | 5.31 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -7 |
| UK | 4.26 | -3.8 | 11.3 | 24.5 | 72.4 | EU o/n ESTRON | 3.91 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Germany | 2.46 | -2.1 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 44.3 | JP o/n TONAR | 0.08 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 12 |
| Japan | 0.88 | 1.3 | 9.0 | 14.4 | 27.0 | MY 3m KLIBOR | 3.59 | 0 | 0 | 2 | -18 |
| Australia | 4.38 | 5.3 | 26.4 | 33.1 | 42.8 | MY MYOR | 3.01 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| China | 2.26 | -0.7 | -3.4 | -4.0 | -29.5 | ID 3m JIBOR | 6.85 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Malaysia | 3.96 | 2.1 | 7.8 | 8.7 | 23.2 | SG o/n SORA | 3.43 | 0 | 1 | -43 | -20 |
| Indonesia | 6.94 | 7.3 | 28.9 | 30.3 | 48.9 | TH BOT o/n THOR | 2.49 | -0 | -0 | -1 | -1 |
| Singapore | 3.39 | 1.9 | 14.4 | 30.7 | 69.8 | | | | | | |
| Thailand | 2.76 | 3.7 | 13.8 | 21.6 | 8.4 | | | | | | |
| 5Y IRS | Close | 1D (bps) | 1W (bps) | 1M (bps) | YTD (bps) | Credit indices | Close | 1D (%) | 1W (%) | 1M (%) | YTD (% |
| MY | 3.81 | -1 | 8 | 16 | 23 | Bloomberg Global Aggregate | 259 | 0.4 | -0.9 | -1.7 | -3.1 |
| SG | 3.27 | -1 | 11 | 29 | 71 | Bloomberg US Aggregate | 2098 | 0.5 | -0.2 | -1.6 | -2.9 |
| тн | 2.57 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Bloomberg EUR Aggregate | 235 | 0.2 | -0.3 | -0.2 | -1.2 |
| 5Y CDS | Close (bps |) 1D (bps) | 1W (bps) | 1M (bps) | YTD (bps) | Bloomberg Asia Aggregate | 181 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 3.4 |

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Figure 6: Global equity indices and commodity prices

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Figure 4: Interbank rates and credit indices

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Figure 5: Currencies

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|------------|---------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---|
| Currencies | Close | 1D (%) | 1W (%) | 1M (%) | YTD (%) | E |
| DXY | 105.95 | -0.3 | 0.7 | 2.5 | 4.6 | S |
| EURUSD | 1.0673 | 0.5 | -0.7 | -2.3 | -3.3 | ١ |
| GBPUSD | 1.2454 | 0.2 | -0.7 | -2.6 | -2.2 | E |
| AUDUSD | 0.6435 | 0.5 | -1.2 | -2.3 | -5.5 | ١ |
| USDJPY | 154.39 | -0.2 | 0.8 | 2.1 | 9.5 | H |
| USDCNH | 7.2440 | -0.3 | -0.3 | 0.5 | 1.7 | k |
| USDMYR | 4.7930 | -0.1 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 4.3 | J |
| USDIDR | 16,220 | 0.3 | 2.4 | 3.2 | 5.3 | S |
| USDSGD | 1.3605 | -0.3 | 0.5 | 1.6 | 3.0 | C |
| USDTHB | 36.78 | 0.5 | 1.1 | 1.7 | 7.7 | E |
| GBPMYR | 5.9757 | 0.1 | -0.7 | -0.6 | 2.4 | ٧ |
| AUDMYR | 3.0798 | 0.1 | -2.1 | -0.2 | -1.5 | E |
| SGDMYR | 3.5187 | 0.1 | -0.4 | -0.1 | 1.2 | ٢ |
| CNHMYR | 0.6617 | 0.3 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 2.5 | C |
| IDRMYR | 0.0296 | -0.3 | -1.3 | -1.9 | -1.0 | C |
| THBMYR | 13.0502 | -0.2 | -0.0 | -0.3 | -2.6 | C |

Equities Close 1D (%) 1W (%) 1M (%) YTD (%) S&P500 5,022.21 -0.6 -2.7 -3.9 5.3 Nasdaq 15,683.37 -1.1 -3.0 -4.2 4.5 Eurostoxx 4,914.13 -0.1 -1.7 -1.7 8.7 Nikkei 225 37,961.80 -1.3 -4.1 -5.1 13.4 Hang Seng 16,251.84 0.0 -5.2 -1.8 -4.7 KLCI 1,540.42 0.4 -0.8 0.3 5.9 JCI 7,130.84 -0.5 -2.1 -2.7 -2.0 -2.1 SET 1,366.94 -2.9 -0.5 -3.5 Commodities Close 1D (%) 1W (%) 1M (%) YTD (%) BCOM Index 102.22 -0.6 3.0 3.6 -0.6 WTI (US\$/bbl) 82.69 -3.1 -4.1 1.2 15.4 Brent (US\$/bbl) 87.29 -3.0 -3.5 1.6 13.3 Natural Gas (US\$/mmbtu) 1.71 -1.2 -9.2 -7.2 -27.7 Copper (US\$/ton) 9,583 1.2 7.3 12.0 2.2 Gold (US\$/oz) 2,361 -0.9 1.2 8.0 14.4 CPO (RM/ton) 4,159 -1.3 -7.9 -4.7 13.6

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Figure 7: Economic and commodity price forecasts

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Figure 8: Rates and currency forecasts

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|------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| GDP | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | Rates | 2Q24 | 3Q24 | 4Q24 | 1Q25 | 2Q25 |
| Malaysia | 3.3 | 8.7 | 3.7 | 4.9 | 4.7 | UST 2Y | 4.55 | 4.45 | 4.35 | 4.25 | 4.15 |
| - | | | | | | UST 10Y | 4.20 | 4.15 | 4.10 | 4.10 | 4.05 |
| Indonesia | 3.7 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | MGS 3Y | 3.50 | 3.50 | 3.55 | 3.50 | 3.50 |
| Singapore | 9.7 | 3.8 | 1.1 | 2.1 | 2.6 | MGS 10Y | 3.85 | 3.80 | 3.90 | 3.90 | 3.85 |
| Thailand | 1.6 | 2.5 | 1.9 | 3.4 | 3.2 | IndoGB 2Y | 6.30 | 6.00 | 5.70 | 5.60 | 5.70 |
| | | | | | | IndoGB 10Y | 6.65 | 6.75 | 6.85 | 6.90 | 7.00 |
| Policy rate | 2Q24 | 3Q24 | 4Q24 | 1Q25 | 2Q25 | ThaiGB 2Y | 1.90 | 1.90 | 2.05 | 2.05 | 2.05 |
| US (upper bound) | 5.50 | 5.00 | 4.75 | 4.25 | 4.00 | ThaiGB 10Y | 2.50 | 2.65 | 2.80 | 2.85 | 2.85 |
| Malaysia | 3.00 | 3.00 | 3.00 | 3.00 | 3.00 | Currency | 2Q24 | 3Q24 | 4Q24 | 1Q25 | 2Q25 |
| - | | | | | | DXY | 104.4 | 99.5 | 98.1 | 97.5 | 97.8 |
| Indonesia | 6.00 | 5.75 | 5.25 | 5.00 | 5.00 | EURUSD | 1.06 | 1.08 | 1.10 | 1.12 | 1.12 |
| Thailand | 2.25 | 2.00 | 2.00 | 2.00 | 2.00 | GBPUSD | 1.29 | 1.28 | 1.31 | 1.32 | 1.32 |
| C | | | | | | USDCHF | 0.90 | 0.89 | 0.89 | 0.88 | 0.88 |
| Commodity prices | 2Q24 | 3Q24 | 4Q24 | 1Q25 | 2Q25 | AUDUSD | 0.67 | 0.68 | 0.69 | 0.69 | 0.69 |
| Brent (USD/bbl) | 85 | 80 | 75 | 73 | 73 | USDJPY | 145 | 140 | 135 | 134 | 133 |
| WTI (USD/bbl) | 81 | 76 | 71 | 69 | 69 | USDCNH | 7.20 | 7.15 | 7.10 | 7.05 | 7.00 |
| , , | | | | | | USDIDR | 15,923 | 15,813 | 15,633 | 15,514 | 15,450 |
| CPO (RM/mt) | 4,033 | 3,800 | 3,800 | 3,900 | 4,000 | USDMYR | 4.67 | 4.60 | 4.54 | 4.50 | 4.48 |
| Gold (USD/oz) | 2,025 | 2,025 | 2,050 | 2,100 | 2,100 | USDSGD | 1.33 | 1.32 | 1.31 | 1.30 | 1.30 |
| Copper (USD/mt) | 8,500 | 8,400 | 8,200 | 8,200 | 8,600 | USDTHB | 36.5 | 36.3 | 36.0 | 35.7 | 35.4 |
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