

MIZUHO DAILY MARKET REPORT

14-Feb-2024 Wednesday

MARKET SUMMARY

FX	CLOSE(Asia)	CLOSE(NY)	Daily ∆*	Wkly ∆
JPY	149.59	150.80	+1.45	+2.86
EUR	1.0771	1.0709	▼0.0063	▼0.0046
AUD	0.6519	0.6453	▼0.0078	▼0.0070
SGD	1.3455	1.3511	+0.0064	+0.0069
CNY	7.1936	7.1936	+0.0000	+0.0035
INR	83.01	83.01	+0.01	▼0.05
IDR	15602	15595	+0	▼ 135
MYR	4.7675	4.7633	▼0.0017	▼0.0044
PHP	55.95	55.96	▼0.07	▼0.25
THB	35.70	35.71	▼0.17	+0.04
		*		OLOGE(NIX)

*compared with previous day CLOSE(NY)

Yields	CLOSE	Daily ∆	Wkly ∆
USD (10YR)	4.314%	+13.5 bp	+21.4 bp
JPY (10YR)	0.728%	+0.2 bp	+0.5 bp
EUR* (10YR)	2.393%	+3.1 bp	+10.1 bp
AUD (5YR)	3.808%	+1.1 bp	+6.8 bp
SGD (5YR)	2.923%	+3.8 bp	+1.5 bp
CNY (5YR)	2.311%	+0.0 bp	▼ 2.4 bp
INR (5YR)	7.093%	+0.2 bp	+3.1 bp
IDR (5YR)	6.518%	▼1.3 bp	▼1.1 bp
MYR (5YR)	3.536%	+0.4 bp	▼ 0.2 bp
PHP (5YR)	6.020%	+0.1 bp	▼ 4.3 bp
THB (5YR)	2.260%	▼1.3 bp	▼10.7 bp

* German bunds

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Equity Indices	CLOSE	Daily Δ	Wkly ∆
DJIA (US)	38,272.75	▼ 1.35%	▼0.65%
N225 (JP)	37,963.97	+2.89%	+4.99%
STOXX 50 (EU)	4,689.28	▼ 1.20%	▼0.03%
ASX (AU)	4,104.81	▼0.89%	▼ 2.04%
STI (SG)	3,141.87	+0.11%	+0.52%
SHCOMP (CN)	2,865.90	+0.00%	+2.74%
SENSEX (IN)	71,555.19	+0.68%	▼0.87%
JSE (ID)	7,209.74	▼ 1.20%	▼0.52%
KLSE (MY)	1,531.37	+1.26%	+1.22%
PSE (PH)	6,827.92	+0.30%	+1.08%
SET (TH)	1,391.73	+0.17%	▼0.37%

Commodity	CLOSE	Daily Δ	Wkly ∆
CRB	273.05	▲0.10%	+1.48%
COPPER (LME)	8,155.50	+0.33%	▲ 1.66%
IRON ORE (CN)	129.13	+0.29%	+1.97%
GOLD	1,993.15	▲ 1.33%	▲2.11%
OIL (WTI)	77.87	+1.24%	+6.22%

Three Take-Aways:

- 1) Hotter, stickier US CPI scorned "pivot bets", triggering front-end led yield surge and sell-off in equities.
- 2) Attendant USD squeeze also flags "competitive pivot" that challenges Fed-led policy divergence.
- 3) CPI, noisy or not, dashes of large rate cuts for H1 2024; accentuating policy dilemma and EM FX risks.
- "The course of true love never did run smooth" William Shakespeare, A Midsummer Night's Dream

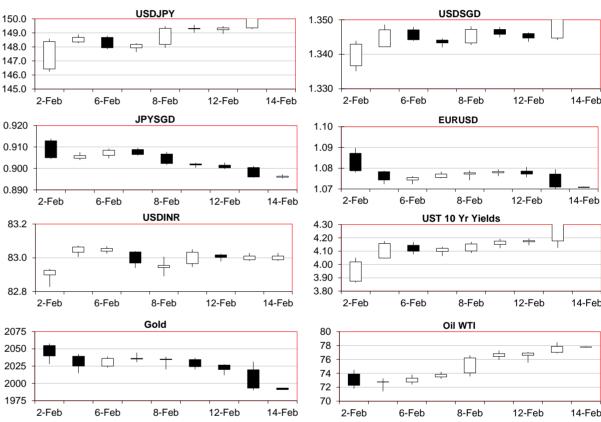
Pivot: Unrequited Love

- · The rather painful Valentine's Day realization for markets is that, broad-based, sustained, disinflation, like Shakespearian true love, may not be on a smooth course.
- To be sure, markets are obviously and undeniably enamoured with the idea of brisk, linear, which can seduce rate cuts that come sooner and
- But tragically, for pivot-driven "risk on", Jan CPI was a case of unrequited love;
- -as hotter than expected inflation spared no love for (imminent) Fed pivot bets. - For a start the pivot romantics were completely crushed as already fading (struggling to retain 20% probability pre-CPI) hopes of a March cut effectively eliminated. And notably, assumptions of defaulting to a May cut are also seriously challenged; with forward rates markets now expecting a cut only in June. A staggering 18-19bp spike in front-end (2Y) yields to 4.66% spoke to the profound dejection of "love at first sight" type of pivot instant gratification post-CPI.
- Long-end yields lifted 13-14bp to 4.31%, partly reversing previous earlier bull steepening. Scorned pivot bets inevitably lashed out at equity bulls, leaving S&P500 down 1.4% (below 5,000) and Nasdaq stumbling further (-1.8%); with rates sensitive sectors such as real estate, consumer discretion. FX: ... In All the Wrong Places?
- The attendant, broad-based USD surge admittedly reflects corresponding surge in UST yields. This is arguably most evident in USD/JPY surging from mid-149 to mid-150. But it's not just that (UST yield sympathy). Instead, the case for "competitive pivot" that challenges notions of Fed-led policy divergence means that USD may reclaim advantage more durably.

- Especially if policy trade-offs/dilemma are more acute elsewhere. **OVERNIGHT RESULTS**

(GE) Zew Survey Expectations/Current Situation (Feb): 19.9/-81.7 (Mkt: 17.3/-79.0; Jan: 15.2/-77.3) (US) CPI/Core YoY (Jan): 3.1%/3.9% (Mkt: 2.9%/3.7%; Dec: 3.4%/3.9%)

* Past Two Weeks Movement *



TODAY'S COMMENTS & FORECAST

Open

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USD/JPY	150.74	EUR/USD	1.0709	
USD/SGD	1.3512	USD/THB	36.08	
IDV/CCD	0.8064	LISD/MVP	4 767	Ī

Forecast	
USD/JPY	149.00 - 151.00
EUR/USD	1.0680 - 1.0780
AUD/USD	0.6400 - 0.6500
USD/SGD	1.3460 - 1.3540
JPY/SGD	0.8914 - 0.9087
USD/CNH	7.2200 - 7.2500
USD/INR	82.90 - 83.15
USD/IDR	15500 - 15700
USD/MYR	4.750 - 4.790
USD/PHP	55.80 - 56.20
USD/THB	35.70 - 36.05

Today's Direction

	Bull		Bear
USD/SGD	4	:	0
USD/JPY	2	:	2

- Fact is, with recent ECB rhetoric conceding ground to rate cuts sooner rather than later, sticky core services inflation for the US forces a re-think of Fed cuts leading the way. What's more, juxtaposed against US economic exceptionalism (out-performance), sharper policy trade-offs for the ECB may compromise EUR (and other G10 FX Majors).

- The resultant, inconveniently strong USD will accentuate policy dilemma in EM Asia where macro-/FX-stability considerations may bind to a greater degree.

- And so, it could be the case that markets smitten with one-dimensional pivot bets, expressed as short USD bets, may be looking for (FX) love in all the wrong places.

- JPY though, as previously noted, will be the object of affection in "competitive pivot", as global yield compression stirs repressed passions (and "carry" unwind).

- Crestfallen pivot bets are not just sulking headline (at 3.1%) short of sub-3% pullback or core inflation sticky at 3.9%. Instead, what's being fretted is stickiness around "inner-most" core inflation (core services ex-dwelling) that is far more consequential for policy;

as Fed Chair Powell has previously alluded to "inner most" 'core being key to assessing risks to "second-round" inflation and expectations. With goods deflation likely to be mostly exhausted, sufficient "broadening" of dis-inflation to core services dis-inflation becomes the critical bar to kick off rate cuts. All said, the wider dis-inflation narrative is not overturned.

- So, Fed rate cuts remain a question of "when" (and "how much"), not "if". But the greater the delay, the more likely that USD assertions (and yield volatility) will intensify FX risks and policy conundrum for EM Asia FX.

FX Daily Outlook

- EUR/USD: Hot US CPI impedes attempt to retake mid-1.07.
- USD/JPY: Intervention risks heightened amid buoyancy from US inflation print.
- USD/SGD: UST yields to set the tone for sideways around 1.35.
- AUD/USD: RBA talk not walk allow 64 cents backstop at best.

TODAY'S EVENTS

(EZ) GDP SA QoQ (4Q P): (Mkt: 0.0%; Prev: 0.0%)

(EZ) Industrial Production WDA YoY (Dec): (Mkt: -4.0%; Nov: -6.8%)

Indonesia Elections

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