

WEEKLY FOREIGN EXCHANGE OUTLOOK 20 Jul 2020 - 24 Jul 2020 **Dollar Index Dollar Index Graph Dollar News** •The currency found support in the beginning of the week after President Trump 104 signed the China sanctions bill, ending preferential economic treatments for Hong 103 Kong. Investors, therefore; concerned if China would take steps to retaliate. In addition, the tensions between the US and China was higher following the South 102 China sea territorial claims. 101 • However, the dollar depreciated in a middle of the week as Moderna in 100 partnership with the National Institutes of Health found that the coronavirus vaccine produced antibodies in an early trial. 99 • Yet, the global rising Covid-19 cases deteriorated demands for riskier assets. In 98 California, the most populous U.S. state, placed new restrictions on businesses. 97 96 **Dollar Index Performance** 95 **Last Week Close** 96.65 **Monthly High** 97.80 Week Open 96.66 **Monthly Low** 95.72 94 Week Close **30 Days Average** 95.90 96.84 Jan-20 Feb-20 Mar-20 Apr-20 May-20 Jun-20 Jul-20 **Weekly High** 90 Days Average 97.05 98.70 Source: Thomson Reuters **Dollar Outlook Weekly Low** 95.78 **YTD Change** -0.54% • Markets keep eyes on the Covid-19 vaccine development, while Moderna expects to enter the final stage trial on 27 July. **Dollar Index Economic Events** • Rising tensions between the two powerful countries, the US and China come **Events Period** Date **Forecast Previous** in focus. China has vowed retaliation against the US over the Hong Kong **Existing Home Sales** Jun 22-Jul 4.50M 3.91M sanctions. 13 Jul, w/e 23-Jul Initial Jobless Clm 1,300k • The number of people claiming unemployment benefits is also in focus due Markit Comp Flash PMI Jul 24-Jul 47.9 24-Jul to the renewed economic shutdowns in states such as California, Florida and Markit Mfg PMI Flash Jul 49.8 Markit Svcs PMI Flash Jul 24-Jul 47.9 Texas New Home Sales-Units Jun 24-Jul 0.688M0.676M Lower Bound 95.75 **Upper Bound** 97.81 Forecast Neutral Average Earnings YY May 5-Jun 8.4% 7.9%

WEEKLY FOREIGN EXCHANGE OUTLOOK 20 Jul 2020 - 24 Jul 2020 **Thai Baht** Thai Baht Graph **Thai Baht News** • Last week, the Baht weakened after the Centre for Covid-19 Situation 33.5 Administration (CCSA) confirmed new Covid-19 cases from foreigners, rising 33 concerns over the possibility of the 2nd wave in Thailand. Despite the fears of adverse impacts of Covid-19 on the economy, the Bank of 32.5 Thailand reiterated that the policy rate was unlikely to be cut to 0%, but warned 32 that it might take two years for Thailand's economic activity to return to levels seen before the Covid-19 pandemic. 31.5 • The Baht depreciated further to a one-month low due to the political 31 uncertainties. Four cabinets members officially resigned on Thursday and the speedy reshuffle was expected. Also, hundreds of people, led by the "Free Youth", 30.5 gathered on Saturday to call for new constitution and new elections. 30 Thai Baht Performance 29.5 **Last Week Close 31.26** THB/USD **Monthly High 31.85** THB/USD Week Open **31.31** THB/USD **Monthly Low 30.91** THB/USD 29 Jul-20 Jan-20 Feb-20 Mar-20 Apr-20 May-20 Jun-20 **Week Close 31.72** THB/USD **30 Days Average 31.17** THB/USD **Weekly High** 90 Days Average **31.75** THB/USD **31.91** THB/USD Source: Thomson Reuters **YTD Change Thai Baht Outlook Weekly Low** +6.21% **31.24** THB/USD • The Baht is expected to be traded in a depreciating trend this week due to the Thai Baht Economic Events resurgence of political chaos. PM Prayut is now facing the political challenge after he resignation of the government's economic team. Markets will focus on **Events** Period Date Forecast Previous the cabinet reshuffle which is expected to be in August. **Custom-Based Export Data** Jun 22-Jul -22.50% Custom-Based Import Data 22-Jul -34.41% Jun Customs-Based Trade Data 22-Jul 2.69B Jun Lower Bound 31.60 **Upper Bound** 32.00

Depreciation

Forecast



WEEKLY FOREIGN EXCHANGE OUTLOOK 20 Jul 2020 - 24 Jul 2020 Euro **Euro Graph Euro News** • In the Previous week, the Euro alleviated as markets shifted to risk-on mode. 1.16 Investors took flight in to riskier assets after the release of progress of Covid-19 1.15 vaccine trial. The European Central Bank (ECB) maintained interest rates at -0.5% and kept the 1.14 bond-buying program at 1.35 trillion euros. 1.13 • The currency was also supported by high hopes for an agreement on a 750-1.12 billion-euro recovery fund proposed by the European Commission. The final decision on the budget was expected to be reached in the EU summit this weekend. 1.11 1.1 1.09 1.08 **Euro Index Performance** 1.07 **Last Week Close 1.1298** USD/EUR **Monthly High 1.1467** USD/EUR Week Open **1.1299** USD/EUR **Monthly Low** 1.1186 USD/EUR 1.06 Feb-20 Mar-20 Apr-20 May-20 **Week Close** Oct-19 Jan-20 **1.1426** USD/EUR **30 Days Average 1.1306** USD/EUR **Weekly High** 90 Days Average **1.1451** USD/EUR 1.1048 USD/EUR Source: Thomson Reuters **Euro Outlook Weekly Low YTD Change** +2.17% **1.1295** USD/EUR • The EU members failed to reach agreement on the recovery plan after the **Dollar Index Economic Events** three-day talks in Brussel. Tensions regarding adding a rule of law conditionality to accessing the funds were brought to the table. However, **Events** Period Date **Previous** Forecast investors still have high hopes thai they will break the deadlock to rescue the **Business Climate Mfg** 23-Jul 77 Jul economy. Consumer Confid. Flash Jul 23-Jul -12.5 -14.7 • There are many vital economic reports, indicating the health of service and Markit Mfg Flash PMI Jul 24-Jul 52.3 manufacturing sector, to be released this week. Markit Serv Flash PMI 24-Jul 50.7 Jul 51.7 Markit Comp Flash PMI Jul 24-Jul Markit Mfg Flash PMI Jul 24-Jul 47.5 45.2 Markit Service Flash PMI Jul 24-Jul 50.0 47.3 Markit Comp Flash PMI Jul 24-Jul 47.0 1.1300 **Upper Bound** Lower Bound 1.1500 Markit Mfg Flash PMI Jul 24-Jul 49.3 47.4 Neutral Markit Serv Flash PMI Jul 24-Jul 50.6 48.3 **Forecast**

WEEKLY FOREIGN EXCHANGE OUTLOOK 20 Jul 2020 - 24 Jul 2020 Pound Sterling **Pound Sterling Graph Pound Sterling News** • The pound fell to a one-week low after the release of Gross domestic product (GDP). The GDP picked up by 1.8% in May after falling by a record 20.8% in April. 1.35 However, this was lower than the forecast at 5.5%, showing that the UK economy grew at slower pace. Like other risk assets, the currency was in higher demands on Wednesday (15/7) as risk sentiment improved. Apart from the latest vaccine hopes, a better-thanexpected UK consumer price index (CPI) which came at 0.6% also pushed the 1.25 pound higher. 1.2 1.15 **Pound Sterling Performance Last Week Close 1.2620** USD/GBP **Monthly High 1.2669** USD/GBP Week Open 1.2610 USD/GBP **Monthly Low 1.2360** USD/GBP 1.1 Jan-20 Feb-20 Mar-20 Apr-20 May-20 Jun-20 Jul-20 **Week Close 30 Days Average 1.2522** USD/GBP **1.2565** USD/GBP **Weekly High 1.2666** USD/GBP 90 Days Average **1.2376** USD/GBP Source: Thomson Reuters **Pound Sterling Outlook Weekly Low YTD Change** -5.05% **1.2478** USD/GBP • This week, investors still focus on the negotiations between the UK and EU **Pound Sterling Economic Events** as the deadline is approaching Germany's Europe minister hinted that the negotiation teams may not be able to and deliver the outline of an agreement **Events** Period Date **Previous** Forecast by the end of the month. The talks may be dragged to September and this may Retail Sales MM Jun 24-Jul 12.0% undermine senyyiment toward the currency. Retail Sales Ex-Fuel MM 24-Jul 10.2% Jun • Vital economic reports are scheduled on Friday (24//7), including retails **Retail Sales YY** Jun 24-Jul -13.1% sales, consumer confidence, manufacturing PMI and service PMI. Flash Composite PMI 24-Jul 47.7 Jul Flash Manufacturing PMI Jul 24-Jul 50.1 Flash Services PMI Jul 24-Jul 47.1 1.2323 **Upper Bound** Lower Bound 1.2682 Neutral **Forecast**

WEEKLY FOREIGN EXCHANGE OUTLOOK 20 Jul 2020 - 24 Jul 2020 **Australian Dollar Australian Dollar Graph Australian Dollar News** • The aussie was suppressed at the beginning due to a spike in infections in 0.72 Melbourne which also led to a decrease in consumer confidence. 0.7 • However, the progress of Covid-19 vaccine test drove the aussie higher on Wednesday (15/7). Coupled with the upbeat China trade data, investors' risk 0.68 appetite increased. 0.66 • Still, sentiment was undermined because of the rising conflicts between the US and China. 0.64 0.62 0.6 0.58 **Australian Dollar Performance** 0.56 **Last Week Close 0.6948** USD/AUD **Monthly High 0.7037** USD/AUD Week Open **0.6952** USD/AUD **Monthly Low 0.6878** USD/AUD 0.54 Mar-20 May-20 Oct-19 Nov-19 Dec-19 Jan-20 Feb-20 Apr-20 **Week Close 0.6995** USD/AUD **30 Days Average 0.6459** USD/AUD **Weekly High** 0.7037 USD/AUD 90 Days Average **0.6440** USD/AUD Source: Thomson Reuters **Australian Dollar Outlook Weekly Low 0.6919** USD/AUD YTD Change -0.43% • Key concerns this week is a rising confirmed Covid-19 cases globally, **Australian Dollar Economic Events** especially in the US. Providing that the figure continues to increase with no progress from vaccine trial, the currency may be sold off. Period Date **Previous Events** Forecast • On the monetary policy front, the publication of the Reserve Bank of 24-Jul Manufacturing PMI Jul 49.8 Australia's (RBA) latest meeting minutes report will be released on Tuesday Services PMI Jul 24-Jul 53.2 (21/7). Also, RBA Governor Philip Lowe is expected to make comments later Composite PMI Jul 24-Jul 52.6 on. The aussie could be under pressure if his comments indicate fresh concerns over the Covid-19 outbreaks or the sluggish economy. 0.6852 **Upper Bound** Lower Bound 0.7026 **Appreciation Forecast**

WEEKLY FOREIGN EXCHANGE OUTLOOK 20 Jul 2020 - 24 Jul 2020 Japaneseese Yen Japanese Yen Graph **Japanese Yen News** • The yen was volatile last week. The currency weakened ahead of the BOJ meeting 114 on Wednesday (15/7), while an economic data turned disappointing. • On Wednesday (15/7), the currency gained momentum as the Bank of Japan 112 (BOJ) voted 8-1 to keep the rate unchanged at ultra-accommodative level. the Bank of Japan (BOJ) voted 8-1 to keep the rate unchanged at ultra-accommodative level. 110 The bank also revised down the GDP for 2020 to -5.7% to -4.5% as the economy seemed to contract deeper. However, the BOJ saw that Japan's economy was 108 possible to improve from the second half of this year. • Despite the good news around the Covid-19 vaccine trial, investors still casted 106 doubt over the tensions between the US and China over Hong Kong and South 104 China sea. **Japanese Yen Performance** 102 **Last Week Close 106.89** JPY/USD **Monthly High 108.16** JPY/USD Week Open **106.89** JPY/USD **Monthly Low 106.65** JPY/USD 100 Mar-20 May-20 Jan-20 Feb-20 Apr-20 Jun-20 Jul-20 **Week Close 106.99** JPY/USD **30 Days Average 108.00** JPY/USD **Weekly High 107.42** JPY/USD 90 Days Average 108.92 JPY/USD Source: Thomson Reuters **Japanese Yen Outlook Weekly Low YTD Change** -1.48% **106.65** JPY/USD • The yen is likely to be appealing as a safe-haven among investors because **Japanese Yen Economic Events** the surging Covid-19 cases casted doubt on the global economic recovery. Without further progress on the vaccine trial, investors may choose to bid for **Events** Period Date **Forecast** Previous the yen. Geopolitics during the week would also have impacts on the currency. **Exports YY** Jun 20-Jul -24.9% -28.3% Imports YY 20-Jul -16.8% -26.2% Jun Trade Balance Total Yen 20-Jul -35.8B -838.2B Jun CPI, Core Nationwide YY 21-Jul -0.2% Jun -0.1% CPI, Overall Nationwide 21-Jul 0.1% Jun Jibun Bank Mfg PMI Flash 22-Jul 40.1 Jul 106.60 **Upper Bound** 108.00 Lower Bound **Appreciation** Forecast

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