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Highlights

Global	Wall Street and the USD rebounded overnight amid brief relief at the written testimony of former FBI director Comey. Still, the highly anticipated ECB policy decision and tightening race for UK's general elections may drive market action ahead. In particular, fireworks may not materialise if ECB president Draghi remains reluctant to drop his cautious stance for now amid the lack of inflation conviction - watch if the ECB trims its inflation forecast even if it upgrades its growth forecast and drops the reference to "downside" growth risks. In addition, UK PM May risks not getting her strong mandate if the yesterday's Survation poll is anything to go by which put Conservatives to Labour at 41.3% to 40.4%. For this morning, Asian bourses are likely to eye the China trade data for initial direction. The rest of the economic data calendar also comprises of US' initial jobless claims, China's trade data, Japan's Eco Watchers survey, and German industrial production. Bank of Canada also releases its financial system review.
Z	RBI kept its policy settings static as widely expected.
ЭŲ	The Japanese economy grew by 1% annualised in 1Q17, below the preliminary estimate of 2.2% and market consensus expectations of 2.4%. While business spending firmed 0.6% (initial estimate: 0.2%), private consumption rose only 0.3% (previously estimated at 0.4%).
98	MAS said that this year's employment outlook is not expected to be significantly different from last year and while inflation is expected to rise mildly, demand-induced pressures remain subdued at this juncture. Hence, barring the materialisation of downside risks, 2017 GDP growth could be stronger than last year's 2%.
нэ	FX reserves rebounded for its fourth consecutive month to US\$3.053 trillion from US\$3.029 trillion. However, FX reserves in SDR terms dropped to 2.2058 trillion from 2.2096 trillion. The divergence between FX reserves in dollar terms and FX reserves in SDR terms shows that the recovery of FX reserves in May was mainly attributed to the valuation effect from the correction of the dollar in the global market. However, it also shows that China's capital outflow pressure has eased further. We expect China's actual cross border flows in May to remain largely balanced.
KR	BOK governor Lee Ju-yeol commented that S. Korea's economic growth pace is expected to be "somewhat" higher than its April outlook of 2.6%, fueling expectations for a possible growth upgrade in their next BOK meeting in July.
Commodities	Crude oil prices plunged overnight on the unexpected climb in US crude oil inventories. US crude oil stockpiles gained 3.3 million barrels for the week ended 2nd June, surprising market consensus at -3.1 million barrels. Note that crude oil inventory gains were led by a strong pick up in US imports, which rose to 8.3 million barrels (+8.25% compared to the previous year). Coupled with the climb in gasoline inventories (+3.3 million barrels as well), the US may be stockpiling energy stocks in anticipation of the upcoming driving season, a period where energy demand accelerates. Elsewhere, crude palm oil prices fell to its lowest since May 2017, despite the on-going Ramadan period, due to expectations of rising CPO production in Malaysia.



Major Markets

- **US:** Equities nudged higher on Wednesday ahead of an event-packed Thursday. 8 of 11 industry sectors ended positive, with financials leading gains amid firming Treasury yields. Energy stocks saw out-sized losses, largely cancelling out gains in other sectors, as oil stockpiles surged unexpectedly even as the summer driving season arrives in the US. Overall, the S&P 500 ended 0.16% higher, while the Dow and Nasdaq Composite also rose 0.18% and 0.36%. VIX shaded lower to 10.39, down 0.57%. Meanwhile, Treasury yields were firmer, with the curve steepening as investors digested the initial news on Comey's testimony. 2y and 10y benchmark yields stand at 1.31% and 2.17% at NY close.
- **Singapore:** STI slide another 0.16% and closed lower at 3230.49 yesterday, but may stabilise between 3220-3240 amid overnight positive cues from Wall Street and morning gains in Nikkei. With the retracement of UST bond yields higher as investors turned slightly defensive, SGS bonds may also see yields higher today.
- China: The Ministry of Finance sold its 1-year and 10-year government bonds at 3.6695% and 3.6985% on 7 June, its highest since 2014, above market expectation. The higher than expected auction yield shows the concerns over the tight liquidity ahead of the semi-annual end assessment as well as the impact of the de-leveraging campaign remains. However, the yields in the secondary market came off after the auction, showing improving sentiment in the market.
- Indonesia: National Planning Minister Bambang Brodjonegoro said that the government is seeking to set a minimum level for investment in local government budgets. This is apparently to make sure that the regional governments do not just spend the budget on operational items. He added that the government is also planning to push SOEs to raise their own financing through divestments and such, versus relying on capital injections from government.
- **Malaysia:** Foreign reserves rose to USD98bn as at May 31st, compared to USD97.3bn as of May 15th. According to Bank Negara's calculations, the reserves are sufficient to finance 8.1 months' worth of retained imports and is 1.1 times Malaysia's short-term external debt.
- **South Korea:** OECD kept S. Korea's growth outlook unchanged at 2.6% in 2017, but downgrades 2018 growth estimate to 2.8%. The organisation also cited that raising interest rate from its all-time low of 1.25% will aid in keeping inflation and household debt in check.

Bond Market Updates

- Market Commentary: The SGD swap curve traded higher yesterday, with swap rates rising by 1-2bps across all tenors. Flows in SGD corporates were heavy, with better buying seen in HSBC 4.7%'49s, TSHSP 6%'20s, UOBSP 3.5%'29s, better selling seen in GENSSP 5.13%'49s, GEMAU 5.5%'19s, and mixed interest in MFCCN 3.85%'26s, CHIPEN 4.9%'22s, HPLSP 4.65%'49s, HRAM 3.2%'21s. In the broader dollar space, the spread on JACI IG corporates changed little at 198bps, while the yield on JACI HY corporates fell 2bps to 6.77%. 10y UST yields rose 3bps to 2.17%, after trading heavy following the release of Comey's opening statement by the Senate Intelligence Committee, which sparked a small relief rally in stocks as markets viewed the statement as somewhat risk positive.
- New Issues: Starhub Ltd priced a SGD200mn Perp NC5 at 3.95%. Far East Horizon Ltd priced a USD300mn Perp NC5 at 4.35%, tightening from initial guidance of 4.75%. Tunghsu Venus Holdings Ltd. priced a USD350mn 3-year bond at 7.25%, tightening from initial guidance of 7.375%. The expected issue ratings are 'B/NR/B+'. DianJian Haiyu Ltd. priced a USD500mn Perp NC5



(guaranteed by Power Construction Corporation of China) at 3.5%, tightening from initial guidance of 3.9%. The expected issue ratings are 'NR/Baa1/BBB+'. Hong Kong International Construction Investment Management Group Co. (HKICIM) scheduled investor calls from 7 Jun for potential USD bond issuance. China Great Wall AMC submitted requests for proposal for potential USD and EUR bond issuance.

Rating Changes: S&P assigned energy provider Castle Peak Power Co. Ltd (CAPCO) a 'AA-' corporate rating. S&P also assigned a 'AA-' long-term issue rating to the proposed medium-term notes program issued by Castle Peak Power Finance Co. Ltd. and guaranteed by CAPCO. The rating action reflects S&P's view that the utility operates in an open and transparent regulatory landscape and maintains a solid financial position. S&P affirmed Hong Kong-based property developer Nan Fung International Holdings (Nan Fung) 'BBB-' long-term corporate credit rating and the outstanding senior unsecured notes that the company guarantees. In addition, S&P revised its outlook to stable from positive. The rating action reflects the company's increased leverage as a result of the debt-funded acquisition of a Hong Kong project in Kai Tak, East Kowloon. Moody's affirmed the 'A2' issuer ratings of China Construction Bank (Europe) S.A. (CCB Europe) today and changed the outlook on the ratings to stable from negative. The rating action follows Moody's recent affirmation of the 'A1' ratings of CCB Europe's parent, China Construction Bank Corporation (CCB), and a change in outlook to stable from negative. Moody's affirmed Asahi Kasei Corporation's (Asahi Kasei) 'A2' issuer rating and revised the rating outlook to stable from negative. The rating action reflects S&P's view that Asahi Kasei can manage the potential costs of dealing with the defects discovered in its construction work on a Yokohama condominium complex. Asahi Kasei's rating outlook has been negative after the company announced that its subsidiary Asahi Kasei Construction Materials Corp. (AKCM) had performed faulty installation of a portion of foundation piles for a condominium complex. Moody's downgraded Quintis Limited's (Quintis) corporate family rating and senior secured debt rating to 'Caa1' from 'B3', and has maintained the ratings on review for further downgrade. The rating action follows the company's response on 6 June to an Australia Stock Exchange (ASX) query that creates significant uncertainty around its future earnings and the take up of investments in its new plantations.



Key Financial Indicators

Foreign Exchange						
	Day Close	% Change		Day Close	% Change	
DXY	96.748	0.12%	USD-SGD	1.3825	0.22%	
USD-JPY	109.820	0.37%	EUR-SGD	1.5561	0.03%	
EUR-USD	1.1257	-0.18%	JPY-SGD	1.2591	-0.11%	
AUD-USD	0.7549	0.57%	GBP-SGD	1.7915	0.60%	
GBP-USD	1.2960	0.38%	AUD-SGD	1.0436	0.80%	
USD-MYR	4.2605	-0.15%	NZD-SGD	0.9948	0.41%	
USD-CNY	6.7957	0.01%	CHF-SGD	1.4324	-0.10%	
USD-IDR	13303	0.05%	SGD-MYR	3.0886	-0.04%	
USD-VND	22701	-0.10%	SGD-CNY	4.9207	-0.14%	

Equity and Commodity						
Index	Value	Net change				
DJIA	21,173.69	37.46				
S&P	2,433.14	3.81				
Nasdaq	6,297.38	22.32				
Nikkei 225	19,984.62	4.72				
STI	3,230.49	-5.26				
KLCI	1,785.92	-5.09				
JCI	5,717.33	9.49				
Baltic Dry	821.00	3.00				
VIX	10.39	-0.06				

Interbank Offer Rates (%)								
Tenor	EURIBOR	Change	Tenor	USD LIBOR	Change			
1M	-0.3710		O/N	0.9306				
2M	-0.3430		1 M	1.0887				
3M	-0.3290		2M	1.1450				
6M	-0.2570		3M	1.2190				
9M	-0.1830		6M	1.4171				
12M	-0.1330		12M	1.7229				

Financial Spread (bps)					
	Value	Change			
LIBOR-OIS	9.57	-0.62			
EURIBOR-OIS	3.10	-0.15			
TED	24.90				

Government Bond Yields (%)							
Tenor	SGS (chg)	UST (chg)	Bund (chg)	FR (chg)	IT (chg)		
2Y	1.22 (+0.01)	1.31 (+0.01)	-0.73 (+0.01)	-0.52 (+0.02)	-0.25 ()		
5Y	1.57 (+0.02)	1.74 (+0.02)	-0.45 (+0.02)	-0.21 (+0.02)	0.95 (+0.02)		
10Y	2.06 (+0.01)	2.17 (+0.03)	0.27 (+0.02)	0.69 (+0.02)	2.29 (+0.04)		
15Y	2.20 (+0.01)		0.53 (+0.01)	1.08 (+0.03)	2.89 (+0.09)		
20Y	2.27 ()		0.83 (+0.01)	1.40 (+0.03)	3.00 (+0.09)		
30Y	2.37 ()	2.84 (+0.03)	1.13 (+0.01)	1.69 (+0.02)	3.43 (+0.07)		

Government CDS (USD)							
	5Y	% Change					
Germany	16.344	1.30%					
France	28.589	0.09%					
Italy	177.237	0.69%					

Fed Rate Hike Probability							
Meeting	Prob Hike	Prob Cut	1-1.25	1.25-1.5	1.5-1.75		
14/06/2017	92.7%	0.0%	92.7%		0.0%		
26/07/2017	92.8%	0.0%	91.3%	1.6%	0.0%		
20/09/2017	94.9%	0.0%	67.6%	26.8%	0.4%		
01/11/2017	94.9%	0.0%	67.1%	27.1%	0.6%		
13/12/2017	96.2%	0.0%	51.6%	371%	7.3%		
31/01/2018	96.3%	0.0%	50.3%	37.5%	8.1%		

Commodities	Futures
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Energy	Futures	% chg	Base Metals	Futures	% chg
WTI (per barrel)	45.72	-5.13%	Copper (per mt)	5,625.1	0.18%
Brent (per barrel)	48.06	-4.11%	Nickel (per mt)	8,764.5	-0.66%
Heating Oil (per gallon)	1.4162	-3.41%	Aluminium (per mt)	1,898.5	0.24%
Gasoline (per gallon)	1.4913	-4.07%			
Natural Gas (per MMBtu)	3.0200	-0.72%	Asian Commodities	Futures	% chg
			Crude Palm Oil (MYR/MT)	2,707.0	-1.13%
Precious Metals	Futures	% chg	Rubber (JPY/KG)	195.4	-2.25%
Gold (per oz)	1,290.1	-0.33%			
Silver (per oz)	17.620	-0.51%			

Source: Bloomberg, Reuters (Note that rates are for reference only)



Key Economic Indicators

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Date Time	NIZ	Event	10	Survey	Actual	Prior	Revised
06/07/2017 06:45	NZ	Mfg Activity SA QoQ	1Q		2.80%	0.80%	1.30%
06/07/2017 07:30	AU	AiG Perf of Construction Index	May		56.7	51.9	
06/07/2017 07:50	JN	Official Reserve Assets	May		\$1251.9b	\$1242.3b	
06/07/2017 09:30	ΑU	GDP SA QoQ	1Q	0.30%	0.30%	1.10%	
06/07/2017 09:30	ΑU	GDP YoY	1Q	1.60%	1.70%	2.40%	
06/07/2017 13:00	JN	Leading Index CI	Apr P	104.3	104.5	105.5	105.7
06/07/2017 13:45	VN	Domestic Vehicle Sales YoY	May		-3.20%	-7.10%	
06/07/2017 14:00	GE	Factory Orders MoM	Apr	-0.30%	-2.10%	1.00%	1.10%
06/07/2017 14:00	GE	Factory Orders WDA YoY	Apr	4.70%	3.50%	2.40%	2.50%
06/07/2017 14:30	AU	Foreign Reserves	May	4.7070	A\$88.5b	A\$79.9b	2.0070
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06/07/2017 15:00		8	•		\$98.0b	\$97.3b	
06/07/2017 15:30	UK	Halifax House Price 3Mths/Year	May	3.00%	3.30%	3.80%	
06/07/2017 15:30	UK	Halifax House Prices MoM	May	-0.20%	0.40%	-0.10%	0.00%
06/07/2017 16:00	ΙΤ	Retail Sales MoM	Apr	0.20%	-0.10%	0.00%	
06/07/2017 16:00	ΙΤ	Retail Sales YoY	Apr	0.90%	1.20%	-0.40%	-0.50%
06/07/2017 16:00	TA	Trade Balance	May	\$3.20b	\$3.46b	\$2.78b	
06/07/2017 16:00	SI	Automobile COE Open Bid Cat A	Jun-07	·	45201	46489	
06/07/2017 16:00	TA	Exports YoY	May	7.00%	8.40%	9.40%	
06/07/2017 16:00	SI	Automobile COE Open Bid Cat B	Jun-07	7.0070	50110	53001	
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06/07/2017 16:00	SI	Automobile COE Open Bid Cat E	Jun-07		50526	52000	
06/07/2017 16:00	TA	Imports YoY	May	9.60%	10.20%	23.50%	
06/07/2017 16:01	СН	Foreign Reserves	May	\$3046.0b	\$3053.6b	\$3029.5b	
06/07/2017 16:30	HK	Foreign Reserves	May		\$402.7b	\$400.0b	\$400.1b
06/07/2017 17:00	SI	Foreign Reserves	May		\$264.56b	\$260.73b	
06/07/2017 17:00	IN	RBI Repurchase Rate	Jun-07	6.25%	6.25%	6.25%	
06/07/2017 17:00	IN	RBI Reverse Repo Rate	Jun-07	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%	
06/07/2017 17:00	IN	RBI Cash Reserve Ratio	Jun-07	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	
		Consumer Confidence Index					
06/07/2017 17:56	ID		May		125.9	123.7	
06/07/2017 19:00	US	MBA Mortgage Applications	Jun-02		7.10%	-3.40%	
06/07/2017 19:03	PH	Foreign Reserves	May		\$82.1b	\$81.8b	\$82.0b
06/07/2017 20:30	CA	Building Permits MoM	Apr	3.00%	-0.20%	-5.80%	-4.90%
06/08/2017 03:00	US	Consumer Credit	Apr	\$15.000b	\$8.197b	\$16.431b	\$19.536b
06/08/2017 07:01	UK	RICS House Price Balance	May	20%	17%	22%	22%
06/08/2017 07:50	JN	GDP SA QoQ	1Q F	0.60%		0.50%	
06/08/2017 07:50	JN	GDP Annualized SA QoQ	1Q F	2.40%		2.20%	
06/08/2017 07:50	JN	GDP Nominal SA QoQ	1Q F	0.00%		0.00%	
06/08/2017 07:50	JN	GDP Deflator YoY	1Q F	-0.80%		-0.80%	
06/08/2017 07:50	JN	BoP Current Account Balance	Apr	¥1698.8b		¥2907.7b	
06/08/2017 07:50	JN	BoP Current Account Adjusted	Apr	¥1624.4b		¥1731.2b	
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06/08/2017 07:50	JN	Trade Balance BoP Basis	Apr	¥494.0b		¥865.5b	
06/08/2017 07:50	JN	Japan Buying Foreign Bonds	Jun-02			¥732.1b	
06/08/2017 07:50	JN	Japan Buying Foreign Stocks	Jun-02			¥630.3b	
06/08/2017 07:50	JN	Foreign Buying Japan Bonds	Jun-02			¥460.9b	
06/08/2017 07:50	JN	Foreign Buying Japan Stocks	Jun-02			¥129.6b	
06/08/2017 07:50	JN	Bank Lending Incl Trusts YoY	May			3.00%	
06/08/2017 07:50	JN	Bank Lending Ex-Trusts YoY	May	3.00%		3.00%	
06/08/2017 09:30	AU	Trade Balance	Apr	A\$2000m		A\$3107m	
06/08/2017 11:30	TH	Consumer Confidence Economic	May	AWEUUUIII		65.4	
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06/08/2017 12:30	JN	Bankruptcies YoY	May			-2.15%	
06/08/2017 14:00	GE	Industrial Production SA MoM	Apr	0.50%		-0.40%	
06/08/2017 14:00	GE	Industrial Production WDA YoY	Apr	2.10%		1.90%	
06/08/2017 14:45	FR	Trade Balance	Apr	-5950m		-5353m	
06/08/2017 17:00	EC	Household Cons QoQ	1Q	0.40%		0.40%	0.50%
06/08/2017 17:00	IT	Bol Balance-Sheet Aggregates					
06/08/2017 17:00	EC	GDP SA QoQ	1Q F	0.50%		0.50%	
06/08/2017 17:00	EC	GDP SA YoY	1Q F	1.70%		1.70%	
06/08/2017 19:45	EC	ECB Main Refinancing Rate	Jun-08	0.00%		0.00%	
06/08/2017 19:45	EC	ECB Marginal Lending Facility	Jun-08	0.25%		0.25%	
06/08/2017 19:45	EC	ECB Deposit Facility Rate	Jun-08	-0.40%		-0.40%	
06/08/2017 20:15	CA	Housing Starts	May	202.0k		214.1k	213.1k
06/08/2017 20:30	CA	New Housing Price Index MoM	Apr	0.20%		0.20%	
06/08/2017 20:30	US	Initial Jobless Claims	Jun-03	240k		248k	
06/08/2017 20:30	US	Continuing Claims	May-27	1920k		1915k	
06/08/2017	CH	Imports YoY	May	8.30%		11.90%	
06/08/2017	CH	Exports YoY	May	7.20%		8.00%	
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06/08/2017	CH	Trade Balance	May	\$47.80b		\$38.05b	\$38.03b
06/08/2017	ID	Foreign Reserves	May			\$123.25b	
Source: Bloomberg							



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