

Singdollar US-urped: How long can it last?

At the start of 2018, analysts had expected the US dollar to recover from last year's weakness on the back of America's improved growth and interest rate outlook – and recover, it did.

The greenback hit a high against almost all G-10 and Asian currencies at the beginning of May, and continued to surge over the course of the year as an aggressive US Federal Reserve hiked rates.

The US-China trade spat also fuelled the US dollar's rise against the Chinese yuan, as cautious investors sought safe havens, while keeping the yuan depressed.

The Singdollar, which analysts say shows tight correlation with the yuan, took its downward cue from the yuan and has since lost over 5 per cent against the greenback.

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