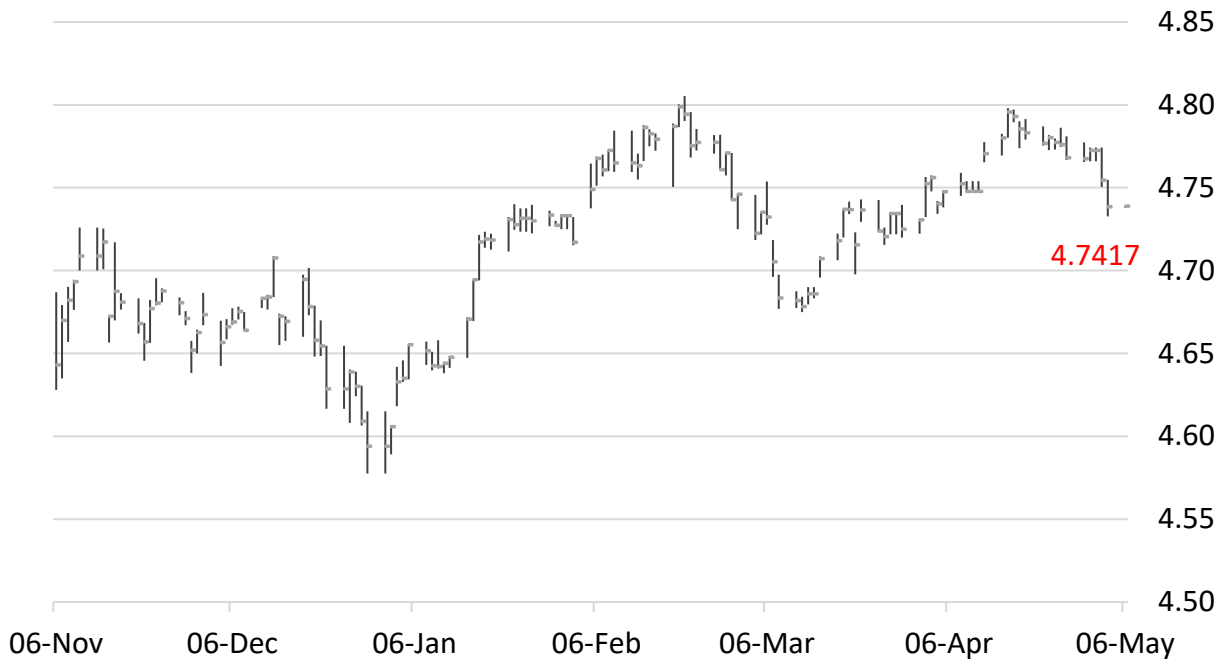


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Daily Currency Outlook

**USD/MYR**



Source: Bloomberg, HLBB Global Markets Research

**Intraday Thoughts – Neutral**

USD/MYR opened flat at 4.7387 before trending to 4.7417 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral, with MYR weighed down by lower oil prices but this will be offset by anticipation of a soft Dollar amidst the weaker than expected headline jobs data last Friday. It will be relatively data light on the US front this week, with senior loan officer survey on bank lending practices scheduled for today and on the domestic front, BNM is set to meet, maintain a status quo and strike a neutral tone in our view.

**1-Month Outlook – USD/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish**

The USD/MYR outlook is neutral-to-slightly bearish as the upside for the DXY appeared to have peaked with the recent rise in the Dollar, amidst cooling signs of a labour market and after Fed Chair Jerome Powell hit a less than expected hawkish tone. Powell downplayed prospects of rate hikes despite the lack of further progress towards the 2% inflation objective in recent months, and with this, markets are now expecting Fed rate reductions to 1-2 cuts this year. Data wise, meanwhile, remains solid while price print points to uneven disinflation path. Domestically, MYR will be supported by expectations for an extended pause in the OPR, as recovery in exports, sustained domestic demand and upside risk to inflation amid imminent subsidy cuts should shield BNM from any OPR cut. The ongoing tension between Israel and Iran could benefit both the USD and MYR, the latter benefitting from the higher oil prices, while the former benefitting from a safe-haven bid in the forex market.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/MYR	4.7328	4.7372	4.7417	4.7440	4.7462

### USD/SGD

#### USD/SGD Neutral

USD/SGD opened 0.11% higher at 1.3511, traded within 1.3496-1.3519 before settling at 1.3509 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral, eyeing trading range between 1.3489-1.3523, in anticipation of USD as well as SGD weakness.



	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/SGD	1.3471	1.3489	1.3509	1.3523	1.3541

### MYR Crosses

#### SGD/MYR

#### SGD/MYR Neutral

SGD/MYR opened 0.09% higher at 3.5074, traded within 3.5046-3.5101 before settling back at 3.5075 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral, with the release of the weaker Singapore's S&P PMI this morning (52.6 in April vs 55.7 previously) not making any significant impact to this pair.

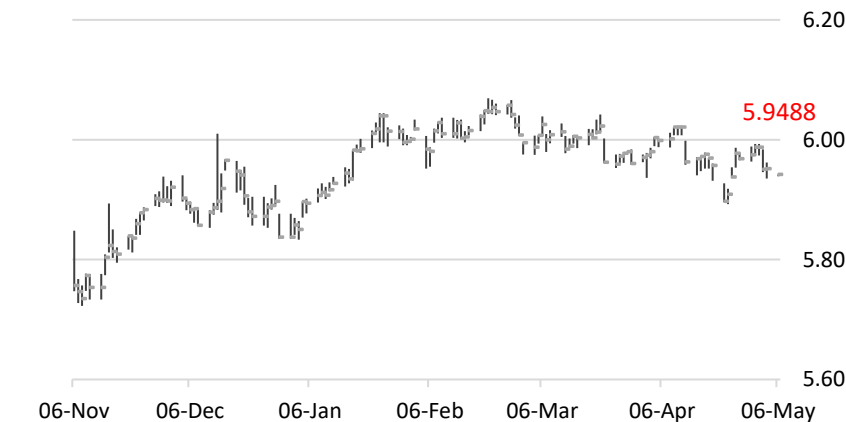


	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
SGD/MYR	3.4988	3.5030	3.5072	3.5115	3.5157

#### GBP/MYR

#### GBP/MYR Neutral

GBP/MYR opened 0.16% lower at 5.9418 although pared some of its losses to trade at 5.9488 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral with the lower opening offset by GBP strength against regionals as well as USD. We are eyeing trading levels between 5.9425-5.9560 for this pair.



	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
GBP/MYR	5.9339	5.9425	5.9488	5.9560	5.9609

**AUD/MYR**

**AUD/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish**

AUD/MYR opened 0.38% higher at 3.1309 and strengthened further to 3.1373 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bullish on AUD strength, facing R1 and R2 at 3.1412 and 3.1458 respectively. We expect the RBA to stand pat on rates this week, but their forward guidance will be closely watched as well as the retail sales data.

Cess	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
AUD/MYR	3.1241	3.1305	3.1373	3.1412	3.1458

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