

Global Markets Research
Mid-day Currency Outlook
USD/MYR


Source: Bloomberg, HLBB Global Markets Research

Intraday Thoughts – MYR Neutral to slightly bearish

USD/MYR opened little changed at 4.1630. We are slightly bullish on USD/MYR today and in the week ahead as the USD appears to be in for some further gains still. A less dovish BNM rhetoric that suggests immediate policy easing is not imminent would however keep a lid on MYR weakness, probably keeping it supported within the range of 4.15-4.19 next week.

1-Month Outlook – MYR Neutral to slightly bearish

We remain slightly bearish on MYR. Recent consolidation in the USD has pushed USD/MYR back above 4.16 levels as expected. A recent retreat in risk sentiment is also beneficial to USD in the short-to-medium term as investors reassess markets amid sharp fall in equity prices.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/MYR	4.1460	4.1560	4.1630	4.1800	4.1900

MYR Crosses

EUR/MYR

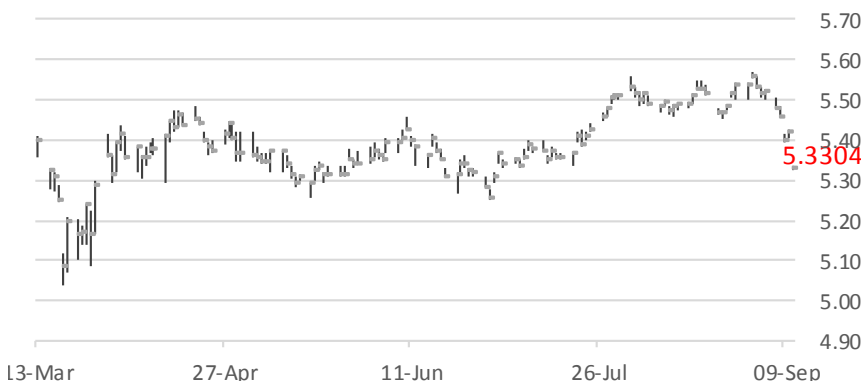


EUR/MYR Neutral

EUR/MYR opened 0.1% lower at 4.9233 and is seen holding steadily around recent ranges as expected. This comes despite the EUR has strengthened slightly overnight following the ECB meeting. Overall WOW, EUR remains at a loss against the USD and markets are likely to stay cautious amid a lack of driver for now. We maintain view that the pair would stick to a tight range of 4.90-4.93.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
EUR/MYR	4.8570	4.8850	4.9244	4.9328	4.9454

GBP/MYR



GBP/MYR Bearish

GBP/MYR opened 1.6% lower at 5.3328 as PM Boris Johnson's hard-line approach continues to fuel concerns over a no-deal Brexit. Some key UK data are slated for today's release and is unlikely to elicit much market movement unless there are major surprises.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
GBP/MYR	5.2560	5.3000	5.3304	5.3650	5.3893

AUD/MYR



AUD/MYR Neutral

AUD/MYR opened 0.1% lower at 3.0242 and is trading steadily above 3.02 amid cautious sentiment. Nonetheless the pair still remains within the range of 3.00-3.03. Daily outlook is expected to be neutral given the lack of driver on the AUD front.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
AUD/MYR	2.9575	2.9800	3.0254	3.0500	3.0753

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