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Mid-day Currency Outlook

USD/MYR



Source: Bloomberg, HLBB Global Markets Research

Intraday Thoughts – MYR Neutral to Bullish

USD/MYR opened 0.30% lower at 4.2483 trailing a weaker greenback overnight. Although the pair has since traded higher to 4.2530 as of writing, outlook is neutral to slightly bearish today. MYR is still vulnerable to fragile sentiment but the dollar looks set to continue its bearish momentum. Barring from any major fundamental factor such as the escalation of US-China tensions, the pair should still sit comfortably within 4.25- 4.29 in our view.

1-Month Outlook – MYR Neutral

No change to our neutral outlook on USDMYR, expecting intermittent USD strength as markets would likely stay cautious and risk averse amid on and off concern over the virus. That said, there is no change to our long held view of a slightly weaker USD throughout 2020. Potential re-escalation of US-China strained ties may give rise to stronger USD and thus pose a downside risk to the local unit. Dovish monetary policy outlook would also keep a lid on MYR advances although we believe USD movement will remain the major influence.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/MYR	4.2360	4.2530	4.2540	4.2642	4.2750

MYR Crosses

EUR/MYR



EUR/MYR Neutral to Slightly Bullish

EUR/MYR opened 0.80% higher at 4.9152, but has since retreated slightly to 4.9085 as of writing. Pair is likely neutral to slightly bullish on expectations of continuous EUR strength, having breaching the key 1.15 handle following the landmark stimulus package deal reached yesterday.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
EUR/MYR	4.8743	4.8854	4.9085	4.9139	4.9208

GBP/MYR



GBP/MYR Neutral

GBP/MYR opened 0.26% higher at 5.4255, amid overnight GBP gains but has since pared all its gains as of writing. We expect the pair to stay neutral with a bearish bias as the rally in GBP seems unsustainable. In the short-to-medium term, pair is still vulnerable to weaker fundamentals, pandemic concerns and the absence of any major Brexit breakthrough.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
GBP/MYR	5.3514	5.3702	5.4136	5.4158	5.4275

AUD/MYR



AUD/MYR Bullish

AUD/MYR opened sharply higher by 1.15% at 3.0417 after the AUD outperformed the USD and all other G10s overnight. Daily outlook of the pair is bullish as AUD/USD is seen holding up well above 0.71 levels, while a breach above 3.00 key resistance sets a bullish tone for AUD/MYR. That said, the pair will remain highly susceptible to swing in market sentiments.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
AUD/MYR	3.0095	3.0140	3.0367	3.0468	3.0524

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