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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 0.1% higher at 4.0930, picking up to near 4.1050 as of writing. We maintain a neutral to slightly bullish view on the MYR, anticipating slight downside in the USD while a neutral BNM rhetoric at this week’s MPC meeting will likely be supportive of the MYR. We maintain a range of 4.09-4.12 in the week ahead.

1-Month Outlook – MYR Bearish

No change to our present view of a stronger dollar which is likely to benefit from higher US yields as the economy recovered further in the US. We continue to expect the dollar to strengthen towards 2Q before trending down in 2H of the year and thus a higher USD/MYR in the medium term.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/MYR	4.0700	4.1000	4.1045	4.1150	4.1300

MYR Crosses

EUR/MYR



EUR/MYR Neutral to Bullish

EUR/MYR opened 0.8% lower at 4.9168 after the sharp reversal in EUR/USD last Friday. Pair managed to recover considerably to above 4.93 amid strong upside momentum. We anticipate the pair to hover at current level ahead of tonight's US ISM index. A stronger than expected reading (particularly the prices paid index) may boost talks of Fed's tapering, weighing down EUR temporarily.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
EUR/MYR	4.9000	4.9150	4.9344	4.9458	4.9650

GBP/MYR

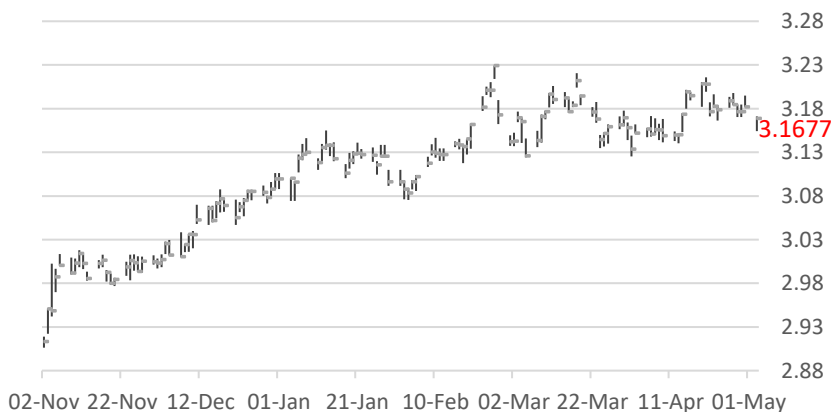


GBP/MYR Neutral to Bullish

GBP/MYR opened 0.8% lower at 5.6497 but surged back up to above 5.67 after the knee jerk reaction. Technicals are fairly balanced for GBP/USD with 1.40 remaining a critical resistance level. We anticipate little changes in GBP/MYR now after the sharp moves in the morning. Focus for the week ahead is on the Bank of England's policy announcement on 6 May, where rhetoric may move the pair.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
GBP/MYR	5.6250	5.6450	5.6734	5.6800	5.7000

AUD/MYR



AUD/MYR Neutral to Bullish

AUD/MYR opened 0.8% lower at 3.1558, holding at just below 3.17 as of writing. AUD/USD is trading steadily at circa 0.77 amid mixed sentiments. Pair is expected to be dollar driven, hence the need to watch out for tonight's ISM data. After that, the focus shifts to the RBA's meeting.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
AUD/MYR	3.1350	3.1550	3.1677	3.1850	3.2000

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