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Mid-day Currency Outlook

USD/MYR

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Intraday Thoughts – MYR Neutral

USD/MYR opened little changed at 4.1740. The retreat in broad USD overnight and the rally in crude oil prices (which tends to benefit MYR) may further dampen USD/MYR's outlook today. Having said that, the pair is holding up relatively well and likely be constrained within 4.1740-4.1840. We continue to foresee a weekly trading range of 4.16-4.20 for now.

1-Month Outlook – MYR Bearish

We are bearish on MYR, expecting USD/MYR to correct from the current low back to circa 4.20-4.23 levels especially after the Fed hinted it may start to taper its asset purchase program this year, even as the headlines surrounding Malaysia's pandemic situation have turned more positive.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/MYR	4.1600	4.1710	4.1785	4.1900	4.2000

MYR Crosses

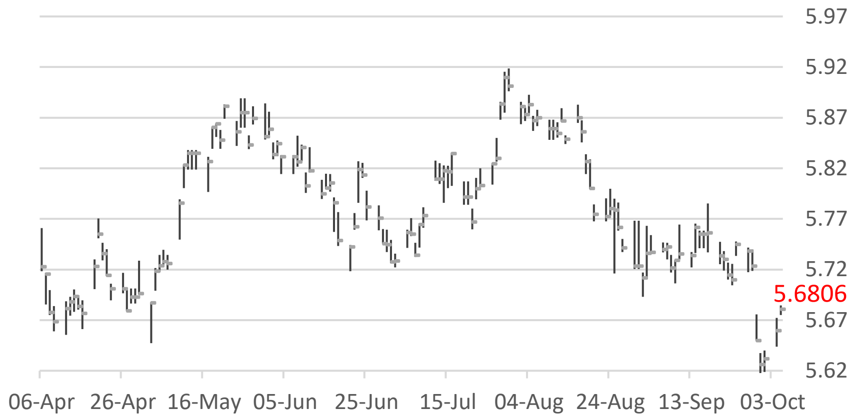
EUR/MYR

EUR/MYR Neutral

EUR/MYR opened little changed at 4.8493. EUR/USD steadied above 1.16, supported by USD weakness. The lack of catalysts and cautious sentiment may cap the upside at 4.8550 for now. Focus shifts to the Eurozone's services PMI, followed by Friday's US job report.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
EUR/MYR	4.8250	4.8360	4.8504	4.8550	4.8759

GBP/MYR

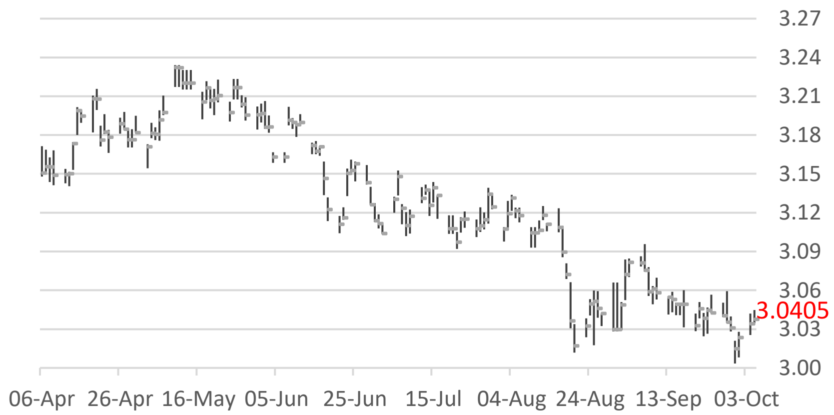


GBP/MYR Neutral to Bullish

GBP/MYR opened 0.4% higher at 5.6803. GBP/USD pared recent gains, back to trade below 1.36. Market continue to monitor the UK's fuel shortage crisis which has not improved. Nonetheless, GBP's recovery bid is not yet lost. We maintain the neutral to bullish outlook for GBP/MYR.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
GBP/MYR	5.6400	5.6600	5.6806	5.7006	5.7185

AUD/MYR



AUD/MYR Neutral to Bullish

AUD/MYR opened 0.3% higher at 3.0430. USD weakness and the oil rally offered support to the AUD. Pre-RBA meeting jittery is holding AUD back for now but overall momentum is positive. We do not foresee any surprise from the RBA as it is likely to re-emphasise the pandemic uncertainties.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
AUD/MYR	3.0117	3.0209	3.0405	3.0405	3.0495

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