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Mid-day Currency Outlook

USD/MYR



Source: Bloomberg, HLBB Global Markets Research

Intraday Thoughts – MYR Neutral

USD/MYR opened little changed at 4.1230. We turned neutral on USD/MYR as pair may have been more resilient than expected ahead of key events and data. Upbeat US data may be a saving grace to USD, we watch out for tonight's initial jobless claims, retail sales and industrial production. Expect a trading range of 4.11-4.14 for now.

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	4.1000	4.1200	4.1285	4.1500	4.1700

MYR Crosses

EUR/MYR

EUR/MYR Neutral to Bullish

EUR/MYR opened 0.1% higher at 4.9443. EUR/USD has been trading above 1.19 for the fourth session and is targeting to break 1.20 resistance. We anticipate only a slight upside in EUR/USD and EUR/MYR for now ahead of key US data. Better-than-expected readings of initial jobless claims, retail sales and industrial production may offer a boost to the USD.



	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
EUR/MYR	4.8970	4.9100	4.9443	4.9500	4.9650

GBP/MYR

GBP/MYR Neutral

GBP/MYR opened 0.2% lower at 5.6852. We remain slightly bullish on GBP/USD as a whole; a break away of 1.3825 resistance will likely shift attention to 1.3900 big figure. For now, GBP/USD looks to see another muted Asian session thus keeping GBP/MYR is within 5.6750-5.7000.

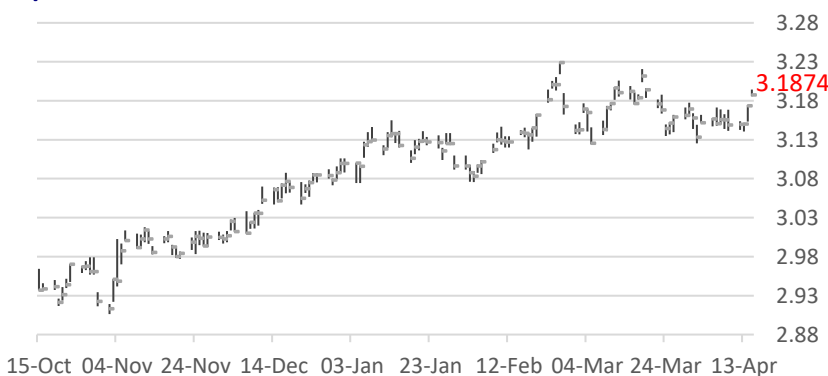


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GBP/MYR	5.6345	5.6540	5.6864	5.7000	5.7200

AUD/MYR

AUD/MYR Neutral

AUD/MYR opened 0.4% higher at 3.1871 as AUD strengthened sharply alongside NZD amid a rally in crude oil prices. AUD/USD was off the high of 0.7745 as of writing, back to the edge of 0.77 despite a solid Australian job report, possibly amid a pause in USD bears. Expect AUD/MYR to stay neutral as AUD/MYR lost momentum.



	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
AUD/MYR	3.1500	3.1729	3.1874	3.2000	3.2150

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