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Mid-day Currency Outlook

**USD/MYR**



Source: Bloomberg, HLBB Global Markets Research

**Intraday Thoughts – MYR Neutral to Bearish**

USD/MYR opened 0.1% higher at 4.1440 but shifted slightly lower to just above 4.14 levels, suggesting a quite resilient MYR. As the bullish USD sentiments continue to dominate the FX market, we are neutral to bearish on MYR today, with 4.15 being a key resistance.

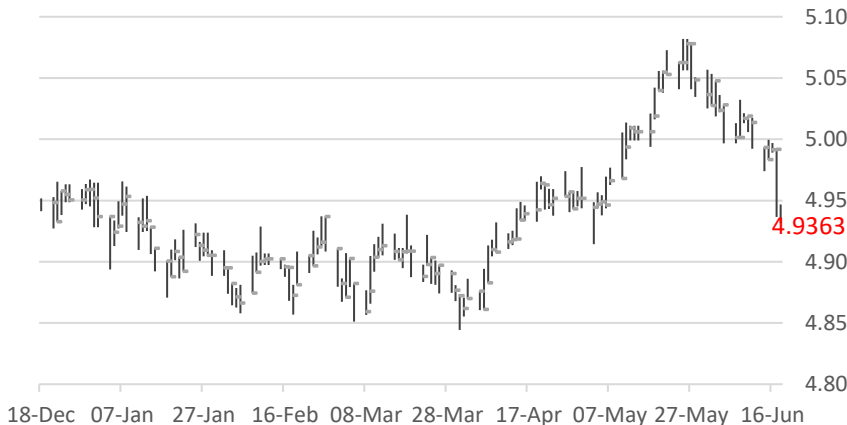
**1-Month Outlook – MYR Neutral to Bearish**

The MYR medium-term outlook will likely be influenced by USD movements as well as the pandemic development on the local front. In the immediate term, we expect some pressure on MYR amid growth concerns stemming from the nationwide lockdown to contain the elevated infection rates and new virus variants, as well as the Federal Reserve’s recent hawkish signals that have prompted the USD’s gradual shift towards strength.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/MYR	4.1055	4.1250	4.1415	4.1500	4.1700

## MYR Crosses

### EUR/MYR



### EUR/MYR Neutral to Bearish

EUR/MYR opened 0.3% lower at 4.9314. We are neutral to bearish on the euro as the broad-based USD strength pressured EUR/USD to breach 1.20 big figure, now hovering at the 1.1910s levels. Should this happen, EUR/MYR likely breaks 4.9300, and shifts attention to 4.9186.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
EUR/MYR	4.9186	4.9300	4.9363	4.9600	4.9844

### GBP/MYR



### GBP/MYR Neutral to Bearish

GBP/MYR opened 0.3% lower at 5.7696 and we remain neutral to bearish on the pair. While USD bulls are expected to prevail, the UK's retail sales report could help stage some upturns to GBP, after which focus turns to next Thursday's BOE meeting. We do not foresee the MPC to offer any meaningful tightening signals, as it considers the latest pandemic development in the UK.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
GBP/MYR	5.7359	5.7570	5.7746	5.8046	5.8250

### AUD/MYR



### AUD/MYR Neutral to Bearish

AUD/MYR opened 0.6% lower at 3.1280. USD bulls had outweighed Australia's job data optimism as expected. After breaking away from 0.77-0.78, AUD/USD now targets 0.75 support, spurring a renewed bearish AUD sentiment. AUD/MYR looks set to follow suit.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
AUD/MYR	3.1000	3.1240	3.1273	3.1500	3.1644

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