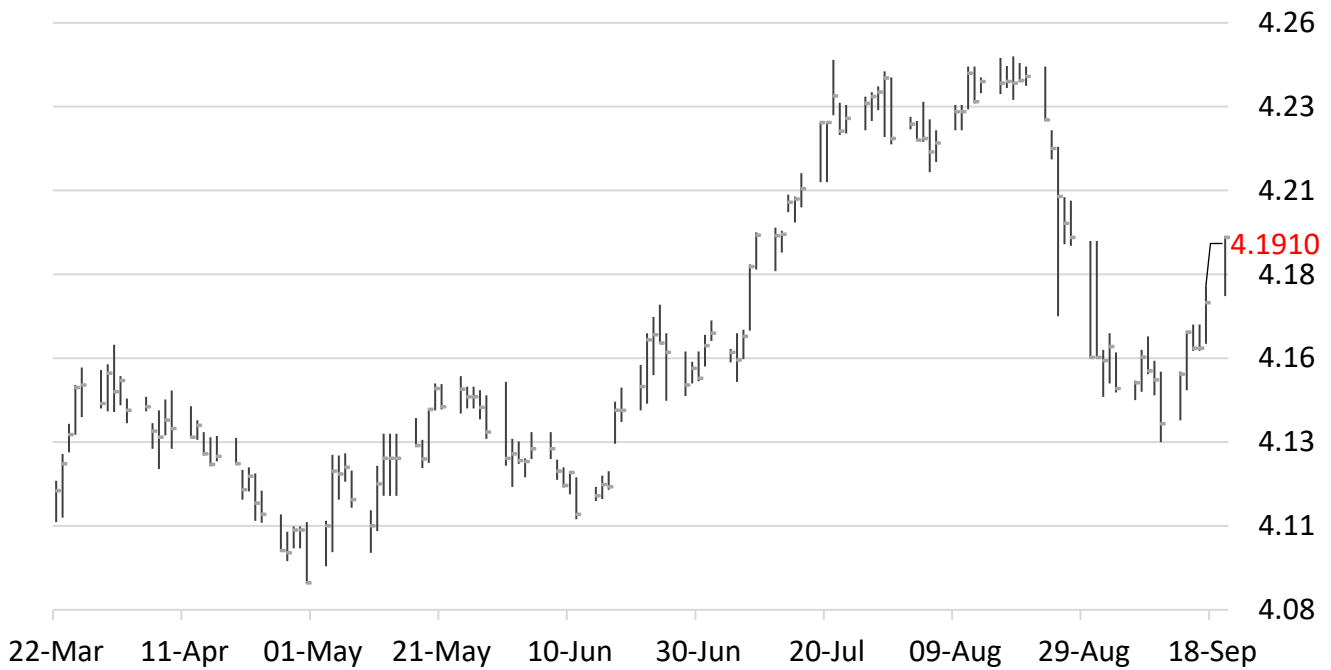


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Mid-day Currency Outlook

USD/MYR



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Intraday Thoughts – MYR Neutral to Bearish

USD/MYR opened little changed at 4.1735. Looking ahead, the anticipation for a stronger USD related to the FOMC meeting may inspire further upside in the pair. We are neutral-to-bullish on USD/MYR as the pair advanced further to break 4.19 level, attempting to test 4.20 today amid strong USD sentiment and a risk-averse atmosphere.

1-Month Outlook – MYR Bearish

We are neutral to 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, prompting a knee-jerk selloff in the USD. On the local front, Malaysia continues to report higher vaccination rates which would allow it to move on to the next phase of its National Recovery Plan but the daily infections remain high at around the 20,000 mark.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/MYR	4.1600	4.1740	4.1910	4.2000	4.2150

MYR Crosses

EUR/MY

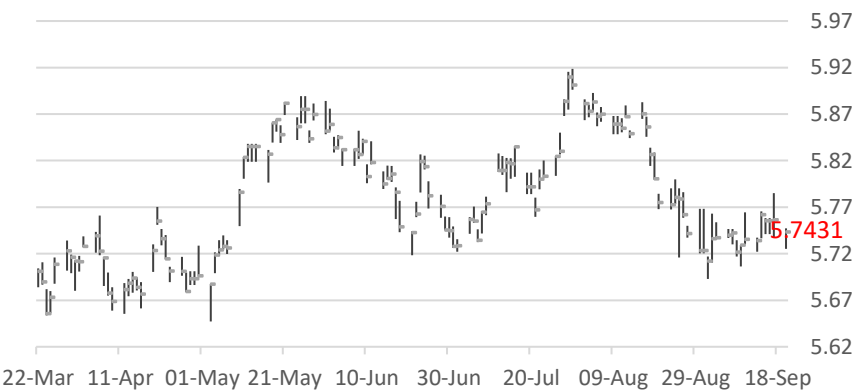


EUR/MYR Neutral

EUR/MYR opened 0.5% lower at 4.8930. EUR/MYR remains constrained within recent ranges as both EUR and MYR traded lower against the USD. Attention is on the Eurozone's preliminary market PMIs and the FOMC meeting.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
EUR/MYR	4.8725	4.8850	4.9095	4.9200	4.9326

GBP/MYR

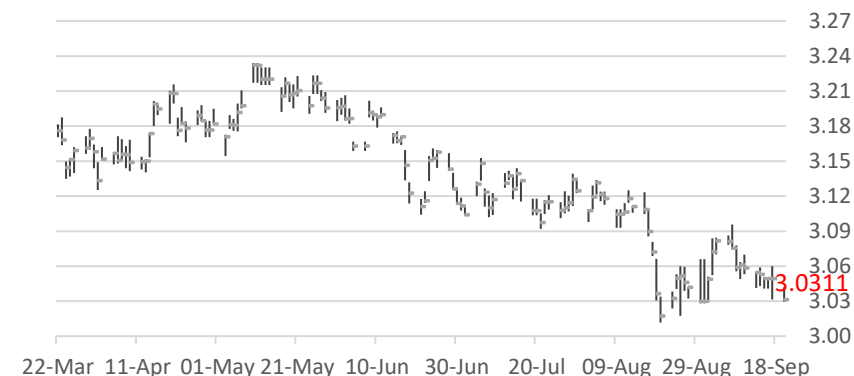


GBP/MYR Neutral

GBP/MYR opened 0.5% lower at 5.7269. The sterling weakened further alongside other G10s as the UK's retail sales data disappointed last Friday. We are neutral on the GBP/MYR, anticipating limited movements as markets eye both the FOMC and BOE meeting on Wednesday and Thursday.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
GBP/MYR	5.7000	5.7353	5.7431	5.7619	5.7878

AUD/MYR



AUD/MYR Neutral

AUD/MYR opened 0.6% lower at 3.0300. AUD/USD refreshed three-week low to trade near 0.7225 as markets reopened this week with risk-off mood. Nonetheless the concurrent weakening of AUD and MYR leaves the cross steady within recent ranges. Investors look toward tomorrow's RBA minutes for guidance.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
AUD/MYR	3.0117	3.0290	3.0311	3.0624	3.0821

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