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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 4.1180 and is seen trading within a tight range, in line with our expectations. We are neutral on USD/MYR today amid a shift to risk-off sentiment as the USD rebounded against most major currencies. We continue to eye a range of 4.1150-4.1350.

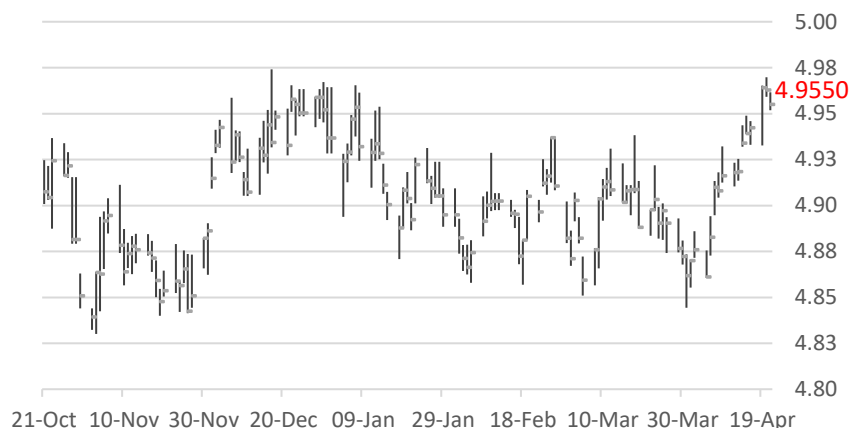
1-Month Outlook – MYR Bearish

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	4.1150	4.1165	4.1350	4.1500

MYR Crosses

EUR/MYR



EUR/MYR Neutral

EUR/MYR opened 0.3% lower at 4.9523 even as the EUR stays resilient against the USD, maintaining above 1.20 as of writing. We expect market to continue holding back from any major movements ahead of the ECB's meeting tomorrow, although most do not foresee any surprises from the central bank.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
EUR/MYR	4.9350	4.9450	4.9550	4.9700	4.9800

GBP/MYR



GBP/MYR Neutral

GBP/MYR opened 0.3% lower at 5.7364 as GBP/USD was dragged down by the renewed dollar interest after briefly topping 1.40. The cautious sentiment ahead of the UK's CPI data today is likely to keep GBP/MYR in check, within 5.7300-5.7500.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
GBP/MYR	5.7000	5.7350	5.7363	5.7500	5.7700

AUD/MYR



AUD/MYR Neutral

AUD/MYR opened 0.9% lower at 3.1781. AUD/USD barely reacted to the upbeat retail sales and Westpac Leading Index data. We expect AUD/MYR to stabilise at 3.17-3.1850 range for now as risk-off sentiments dominate market amid the renewed pandemic concerns.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
AUD/MYR	3.1665	3.1750	3.1778	3.1850	3.2000

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