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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 4.1205 and weakened modestly to 4.1140 as of writing. We remain neutral on USD/MYR as the broad USD stabilised following the temporary strength. We now eye a range of 4.1050-4.1300, watching out for the US' jobless claims and Markit PMI data.

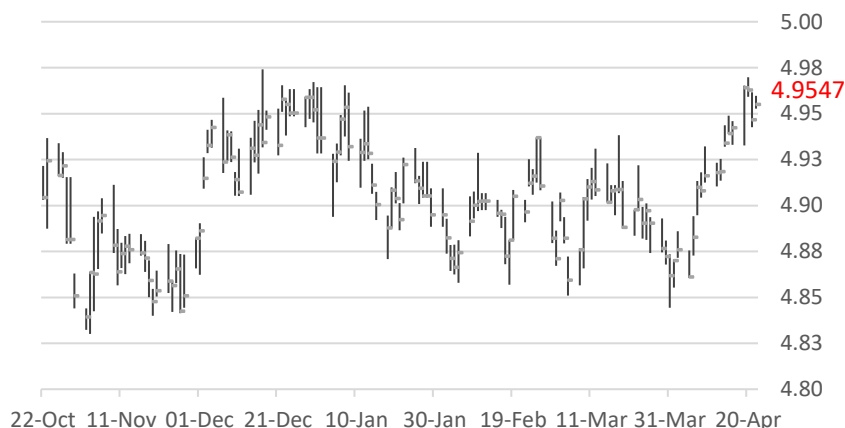
1-Month Outlook – MYR Bearish

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	4.1100	4.1140	4.1350	4.1500

MYR Crosses

EUR/MYR



EUR/MYR Neutral

EUR/MYR opened 0.3% higher at 4.9590 mainly because of weaker MYR. We expect market to continue holding back from any major movements ahead of the ECB's meeting in the evening, although most do not foresee any surprises from the central bank.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
EUR/MYR	4.9350	4.9450	4.9547	4.9700	4.9800

GBP/MYR



GBP/MYR Neutral

GBP/MYR opened little changed at 5.7385 and remained confined with the tight range. The UK's CPI data did not offer much surprise. Market will watch retail sales next and we expect pair to stay within 5.7300-5.7500.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
GBP/MYR	5.7000	5.7350	5.7355	5.7500	5.7700

AUD/MYR



AUD/MYR Neutral to Bullish

AUD/MYR opened 0.6% higher at 3.1941 as risk sentiments recovered modestly. Australia's improving fundamentals are positive signs for AUD but mixed oil outlook prevents any major upside. Expect pair to settle within 3.18-3.20 in the short term.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
AUD/MYR	3.1750	3.1850	3.1898	3.2000	3.2150

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