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Global Markets Research

Mid-day Currency Outlook

USD/MYR



Source: Bloomberg, HLBB Global Markets Research

Intraday Thoughts - MYR Neutral

USD/MYR opened little changed at 4.1590 today and was seen hovering around this level at time of writing. We are neutral on USD/MYR outlook today amid an overnight rebound in the USD and potential selloff ahead of the weekend. Technicals remain slightly bearish but momentum indicators are rather neutral indicating likelihood of rangetrading in the near term. We continue to eye a range of 4.14-4.17 in the week ahead where focus will be on the tabling of the 2022 Budget on 29 October.

1-Month Outlook - MYR Bullish

We have revised our medium term outlook to reflect a stronger MYR as the Malaysian economy moves forward to relax more Covid-19 restrictions, with higher commodity prices offering added support to the ringgit while also taking into account the Federal Reserve's possible kickstart of policy normalisation in November.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/MYR	4.1455	4.1500	4.1585	4.1750	4.1815



MYR Crosses

EUR/MYR



EUR/MYR Neutral

EUR/MYR opened 0.2% lower at 4.8335 as EUR lost some ground on the back of USD correction overnight. However, EUR/USD stays technically bullish overall above the 1.16 handle. We are neutral with a bullish tilt on EUR/MYR amid firm outlook in the EUR vis-à-vis MYR as the USD remains weak technically. Focus will shift to key Markit PMI data today.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
EUR/MYR	4.8147	4.8239	4.8355	4.8551	4.8667

GBP/MYR



GBP/MYR Neutral

GBP/MYR opened little changed at 5.7345 and is expected to trade sideways amid more cautious market sentiments today weighed by renewed concerns over inflation and Evergrande-related default risks. UK data thus far this week did not alter the case for a hawkish BOE and this will continue to provide support to the GBP. Next up is PMI data today.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
GBP/MYR	5.7100	5.7287	5.7419	5.7556	5.7667

AUD/MYR



AUD/MYR Neutral

AUD/MYR opened 0.3% lower at 3.1034 tracking overnight selloffs in the Aussie. Paring of risk appetite in today's markets as well as the near overbought position is expected to keep a lid on the pair's movement today, henve the neutral outlook.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
AUD/MYR	3.0986	3.1037	3.1121	3.1268	3.1344

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