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Mid-day Currency Outlook

**USD/MYR**



Source: Bloomberg, HLBB Global Markets Research

**Intraday Thoughts – MYR Neutral**

USD/MYR opened slightly higher at 4.1818 today but has since trended down to 4.1795 at time of writing, tracking overnight USD weakness. We are neutral on USD/MYR today as selling pressure ahead of the weekend will likely be neutralized by a weaker greenback overnight. 4.20 continue to serve as a key resistance which will likely keep the pair within a range of 4.16-4.20 in the week ahead.

**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; the daily infections have trended lower recently but remain relatively high at around 15,000 mark, thus the uncertainties surrounding further relaxation of restrictions and recovery in consumer and business sentiments.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/MYR	4.1600	4.1710	4.1795	4.1900	4.2000

## MYR Crosses

### EUR/MYR



### EUR/MYR Neutral to Slightly Bullish

EUR/MYR opened 0.2% higher at 4.9088 following a rebound in EUR/USD back above 1.17 handle as markets digested the Fed's policy guidance and a return of risk-on mood helped spur gains in the EUR. We are neutral to slightly bullish on EUR/MYR as EUR/USD will likely be supported by risk on mood. Attentions now turn to the Eurozone's confidence readings next week.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
EUR/MYR	4.8780	4.8956	4.9076	4.9132	4.9246

### GBP/MYR

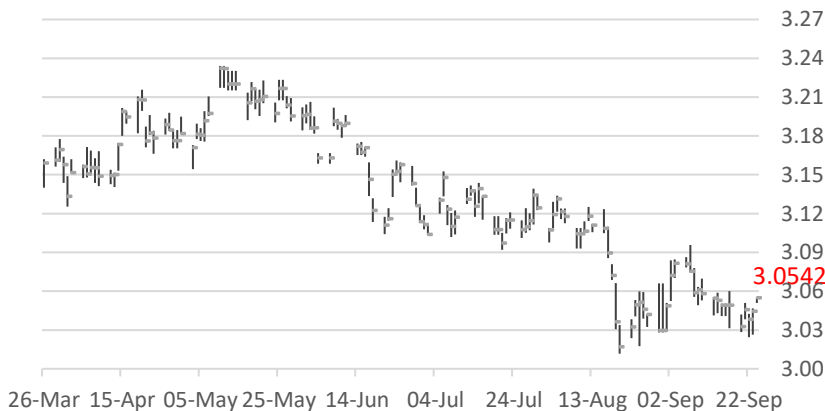


### GBP/MYR Neutral to Slightly Bullish

GBP/MYR opened 0.5% higher at 5.7371. The sterling managed to regain its footing as the BOE offered a hawkish tilt, following closely the Fed's footsteps. Expectations of modest tightening by BOE will likely keep the GBP supported near term, barring data surprises. We are neutral to bullish on the GBP/MYR today, expecting a firmer sterling and neutral MYR.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
GBP/MYR	5.7076	5.7268	5.7387	5.7476	5.7779

### AUD/MYR



### AUD/MYR Neutral to Slightly Bullish

AUD/MYR opened 0.2% higher at 3.0511 as the Aussie benefitted from continued rally in crude oil prices and improving risk appetite. We are neutral to slightly bullish on AUD/MYR as hawkish policy shifts and dissipating concerns over Evergrande fallout will likely be positive for the pair for now.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
AUD/MYR	3.0190	3.0322	3.0542	3.0673	3.0878

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