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Mid-day Currency Outlook

**USD/MYR**



Source: Bloomberg, HLBB Global Markets Research

**Intraday Thoughts – MYR Neutral to Slightly Bearish**

USD/MYR opened little changed at 4.1755 after having closed lower in the previous session amid USD weakness. The pair has now moved back above 4.1800 in line with our earlier view that the market may consolidate recent down moves ahead of the weekend. Immediate support remains at 4.1750 with focus now shifts to US retail sales and industrial production data.

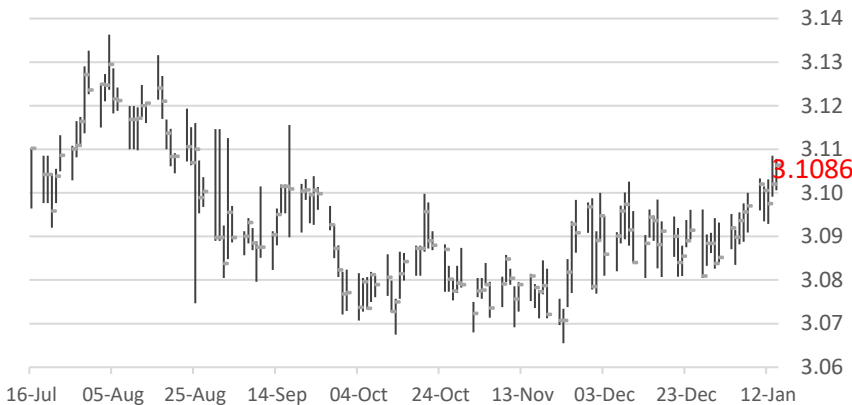
**1-Month Outlook – MYR Neutral**

We expect the MYR to be relatively resilient in the medium term, taking into account further economic recovery after the government relaxed more Covid-19 related restrictions. This also takes into account our view that the broader USD is also expected to strengthen modestly supported by Fed rate hike expectations and likely outperformance of recovery in the US. That said, the emergence of the Omicron variant could potentially derail the recovery and policy normalization path.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/MYR	4.1700	4.1750	4.1840	4.1850	4.1900

## MYR Crosses

### SGD/MYR



### SGD/MYR Bullish

SGD/MYR opened unchanged at 3.1025, advancing to as high as 3.1095 before retreating slightly to 3.1086 as of writing. We are bullish on SGD/MYR, as the weaker MYR helped the pair to breach 3.1080, taking the next resistance to 3.1100 in the short term. Momentum remains solid but the nearly overbought conditions point to some upcoming reversal, which may lead the pair back to circa 3.1050.

To	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
SGD/MYR	3.1000	3.1050	3.1086	3.1100	3.1145

### GBP/MYR



### GBP/MYR Neutral to Slightly Bullish

GBP/MYR opened little changed at 5.7268 as the sterling moves sideways overnight. GBP/USD bulls continues to defend 1.3700 levels as of writing. We are neutral to slightly bullish on the pair, as the overbought condition suggests limited upsides, indicating that an imminent corrective pullback is due. Markets are eyeing key UK data due afternoon for further guidance.

To	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
GBP/MYR	5.7000	5.7269	5.7387	5.7480	5.7650

### AUD/MYR



### AUD/MYR Neutral

AUD/MYR opened 0.4% lower at 3.0408 as renewed risk off sentiment paved the way for aussie down moves. We are neutral on AUD/MYR taking into account both components' weaknesses; Australia's upbeat housing loan approvals data turned out to be a non-event as the immediate focus is on China's trade report.

To	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
AUD/MYR	3.0250	3.0369	3.0398	3.0465	3.0600

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