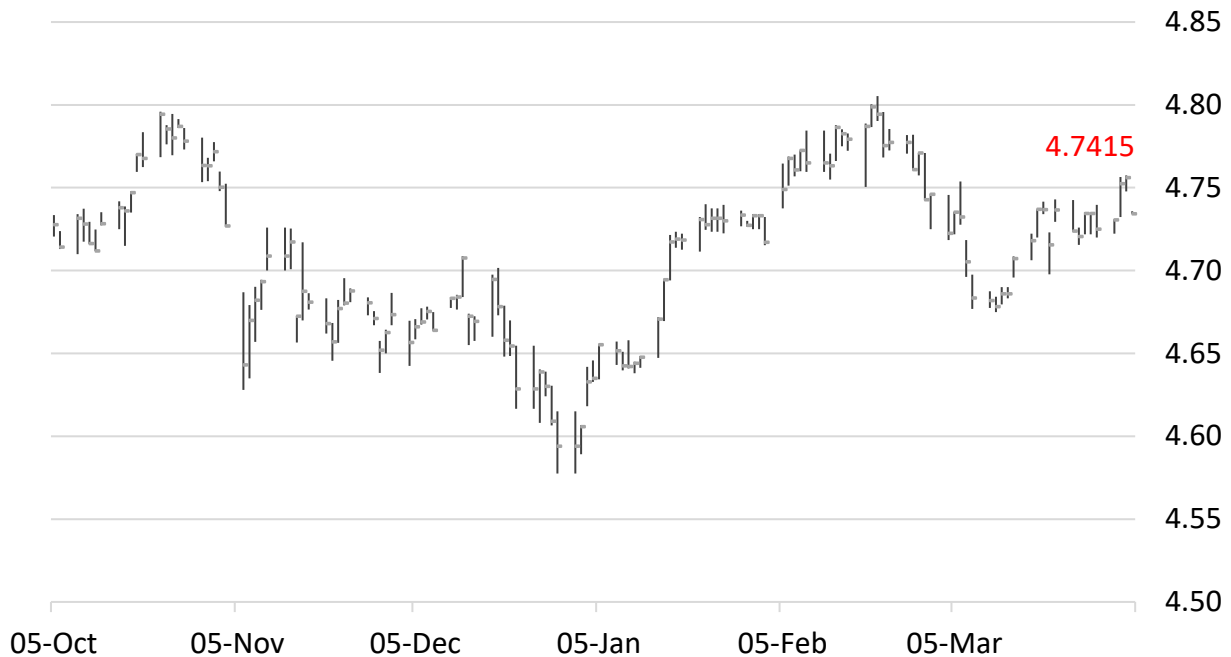


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Daily Currency Outlook

USD/MYR



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Intraday Thoughts –Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish

USD/MYR opened 0.42% lower at 4.7358 before paring some of its losses to trade at 4.7415 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral to slightly bearish as the Dollar is weighed down by selling activities after the ISM Services report showed that price pressures are easing and after Powell’s reassurance that the central bank is looking for clear signs of slowing inflation before cutting rates. Private payrolls, nonetheless, gained the most since June and with that, we will be watching out for the Challenger job cuts today for more indications on the job market ahead of non-farm payroll data on Friday.

1-Month Outlook – USD/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish

The USD/MYR outlook is neutral-to-slightly bearish in our view, as markets shifted to when and how much the Fed will ease its policy as price prints continue to moderate. However, we expect downside to be capped given the push-backs on rate cut bets to July, after the CPI prints and still resilient although less tight labour market, while forward looking indicators point to solid economic activity but this does not change our view that the Fed will only start cutting rates towards mid-2024. Domestically, MYR will be supported by expectations for an extended pause in OPR, as recovery in exports, sustained domestic demand and upside risk to inflation amid imminent subsidy cuts should shield BNM from any OPR cut.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/MYR	4.7238	4.7315	4.7415	4.7470	4.7548

USD/SGD



USD/SGD Neutral

USD/SGD opened flat at 1.3481 before sliding to 1.3478 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral in a tug-of-war between USD and SGD weakness, eyeing trading range between 1.3471-1.3491.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/SGD	1.3461	1.3471	1.3478	1.3491	1.3502

MYR Crosses

SGD/MYR

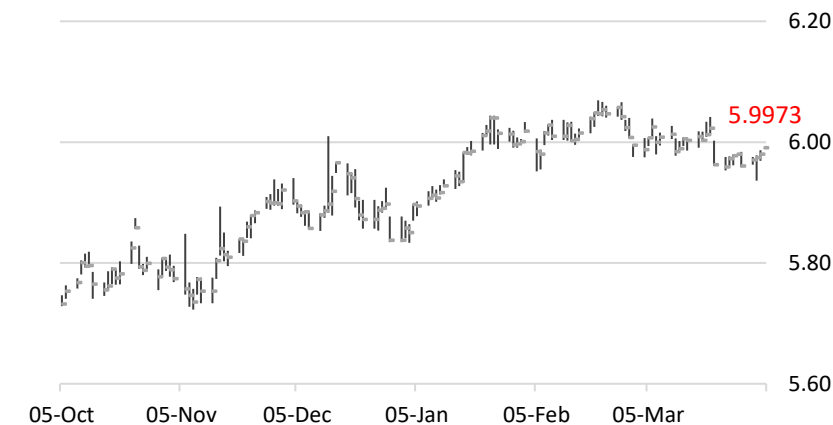


SGD/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish

SGD/MYR opened 0.31% higher at 3.5280 before paring all its gains to trade at 3.5167 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bearish given the downward trajectory post opening, with support levels at 3.5108 (S1) and 3.5033 (S2) respectively.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
SGD/MYR	3.5033	3.5108	3.5167	3.5270	3.5517

GBP/MYR



GBP/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish

GBP/MYR opened 0.17% higher at 5.9895 and strengthened to 5.9973 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bullish given the higher opening and upper trajectory following that, as well as GBP/USD bounced up from its 7-week low to 1.2650 at the point of writing.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
GBP/MYR	5.9857	5.9920	5.9973	6.0023	6.0060

AUD/MYR

AUD/MYR Slightly Bullish

AUD/MYR opened 0.48% higher at 3.1092 and strengthened to 3.1203 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is slightly bullish on AUD strength, which saw AUD/USD trending up to 0.6581 at the point of writing, driven by an upward revision to Australia’s Services PMI this morning. We, nonetheless, expect upside to be capped at 3.1242 (R1) and 3.1284 (R2).

Cess	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
AUD/MYR	3.1045	3.1122	3.1203	3.1242	3.1284

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