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Daily Currency Outlook

USD/MYR



Source: Bloomberg, HLBB Global Markets Research

Intraday Thoughts – Neutral

USD/MYR opened 0.05% higher at 4.7790 and has largely remained unchanged at 4.7785 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral as we expect investors to largely remain cautious ahead of the upcoming key economic data on the US front, with 1Q GDP and PCE prices largely influencing the direction of the pair going forward. It will be data heavy today, with the PMIs, new home sales and some regional indices on deck.

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

The USD/MYR outlook is neutral-to-slightly bearish in our view as the pair veers near the overbought territory with the recent rise in the Dollar. This comes after the market dialled back expectations of the magnitude and timing of Fed rate reductions to 1-2 cuts this year after a slew of still solid economic data and amidst an uneven disinflation path. 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. The ongoing tension between Israel and Iran could benefit both the USD and MYR, the latter benefitting from the higher oil prices, while the former benefitting from a safe-haven bid in the forex market.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/MYR	4.7764	4.7782	4.7785	4.7818	4.7836

USD/SGD



USD/SGD Neutral

USD/SGD opened 0.01% lower at 1.3619 and slid to 1.3612 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral, eyeing trading range between 1.3607-1.3636 with added risk from Singapore's CPI data today.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/SGD	1.3593	1.3607	1.3612	1.3636	1.3650

MYR Crosses

SGD/MYR



SGD/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish

SGD/MYR opened 0.05% higher at 3.5072 and strengthened to 3.5107 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bullish amid relative strength in SGD, facing R1 and R2 at 3.5128 and 3.5164 respectively.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
SGD/MYR	3.5018	3.5055	3.5107	3.5128	3.5164

GBP/MYR



GBP/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish

GBP/MYR opened 0.11% higher at 5.9036 and inched up to 5.9041 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bullish on GBP strength and as the pair is flirting with the oversold threshold. This pair is expected to face resistance at 5.9076 (S1) and 5.9105 (S2) respectively.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
GBP/MYR	5.8991	5.9019	5.9041	5.9076	5.9105

AUD/MYR



AUD/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish

AUD/MYR opened 0.33% higher at 3.0838 and strengthened to 3.0865 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bullish as risk sensitive commodity currencies like AUD benefitted from rising industrial metal prices. Data this morning also showed that Australia’s S&P PMI accelerated to its fastest pace since April 2022 and this will further lend support for AUD today.

Cess	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
AUD/MYR	3.0798	3.0827	3.0865	3.0887	3.0917

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