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Global Markets Research

Daily Currency Outlook

USD/MYR

Source: Bloomberg, HLBB Global Markets Research

Intraday Thoughts – Neutral

USD/MYR opened 0.03% higher at 4.3525, but retreated to 4.3510 at the point of writing amid pre-election jitters for the US as well as cautiousness ahead of the slew of S&P PMIs for the majors due today. On the domestic front, investors will also be watching out for CPI print, with consensus expecting it to hold steady at 1.9% y/y for the month of September. With this, we have a neutral outlook for this pair today eyeing trading range between 4.3470-4.3563.

1-Month Outlook – USD/MYR Neutral

The USD/MYR outlook is neutral as the pair consolidates after the recent MYR rally, and as traders continue to trade cautiously in USD on uncertainties over the pace of rate cuts following the higher-than-expected price prints and more resilient than expected labour data released recently. The Fed reduced interest rates by 50bps at the September FOMC meeting and indicated more cuts to come this year, with the dot plot pointing to a further reduction of another 50bps for the rest of the year. The market has also pared down its pricing from another three 25bps cuts to less than two 25bps cuts for the remaining 2 FOMC meetings for the year. Domestically, the MYR will be supported by expectations for an extended pause in the OPR.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/MYR	4.3430	4.3470	4.3510	4.3563	4.3613

USD/SGD

USD/SGD Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish

USD/SGD opened flat at 1.3230 before sliding to 1.3217 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bearish given SGD strength, supported by the unexpected uptick in core prices overnight, which reaffirms MAS tight monetary policy stance going forward. This pair will be supported at 1.3198 (S1) and 1. 3174 (S2) today.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/SGD	1.3174	1.3198	1.3217	1.3244	1.3267

MYR Crosses

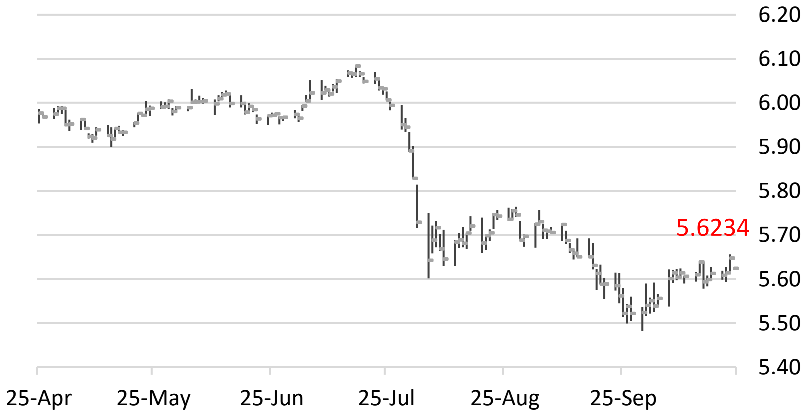
SGD/MYR

SGD/MYR Neutral

SGD/MYR opened 0.19% lower at 3.2889 but quickly pared some of these losses to trade at 3.2923 at the point of writing. We expect these losses to narrow for the rest of the day given SGD strength, and as such, we have a neutral outlook eyeing trading range between 3.2853-3.2955. Key risk for this pair today is Malaysia's CPI print at noon, in the absence of data from Singapore.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
SGD/MYR	3.2801	3.2853	3.2923	3.2957	3.3009

GBP/MYR

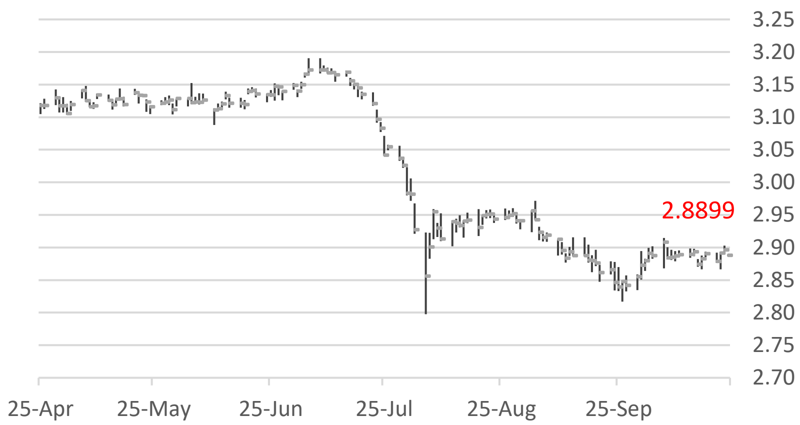


GBP/MYR Slightly Bearish

GBP/MYR opened 0.47% lower at 5.6203 before rebounding slightly to 5.6234 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is slightly bearish on account of the lower opening and as GBP/USD trades lower at 1.2920 at the point of writing. All eyes will be on UK's PMI today where expectations are that both manufacturing and services sectors will hold steady at 51.5 and 52.4 respectively.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
GBP/MYR	5.6140	5.6187	5.6234	5.6277	5.6321

AUD/MYR



AUD/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish

AUD/MYR opened 0.30% lower at 2.8874 before paring some of these losses to trade at 2.8899 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bearish on account of the lower opening, but any losses likely be capped given steady Australian PMIs this morning as well as he rebound in AUD/USD to 0.6640 at the point of writing.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
AUD/MYR	2.8841	2.8871	2.8899	2.8919	2.8941

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