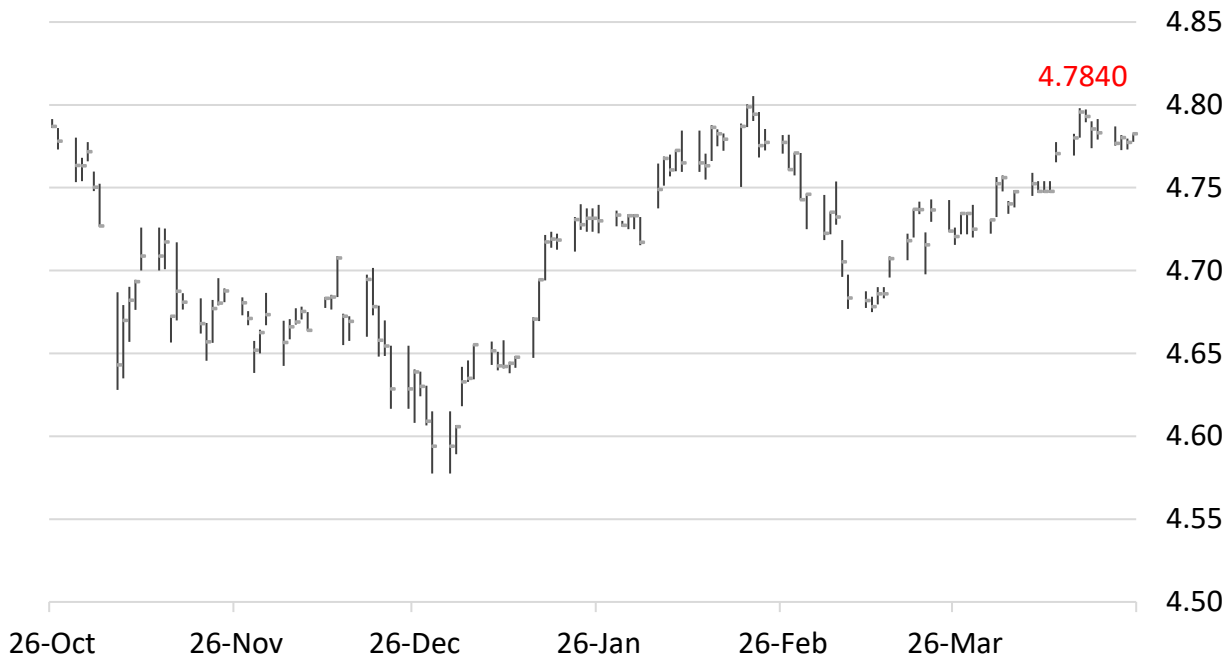


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Daily Currency Outlook

USD/MYR



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Intraday Thoughts – Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish

USD/MYR opened 0.08% higher at 4.7810 and strengthened to 4.7840 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bullish on MYR weakness while solid economic data from the US is expected to boost the greenback. Nonetheless, we expect investors to remain largely cautious and gains will likely be capped given the upcoming Malaysia’s CPI and US’ 1Q GDP data today. This pair will face resistance at 4.7877 (R1) and 4.7937 (R2) respectively.

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	4.7755	4.7794	4.7840	4.7877	4.7937

USD/SGD

USD/SGD Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish



USD/SGD opened flat at 1.3620 before retreating to 1.3612 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bearish given the downward trajectory post opening and SGD strength, with support levels seen at 1.3608 (S1) and 1.3599 (S2) respectively. As mentioned, key risk is US 1Q GDP where expectations is that it will moderate to +2.5% q/q from +3.5% q/q previously.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/SGD	1.3599	1.3608	1.3612	1.3627	1.3636

MYR Crosses

SGD/MYR

SGD/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish

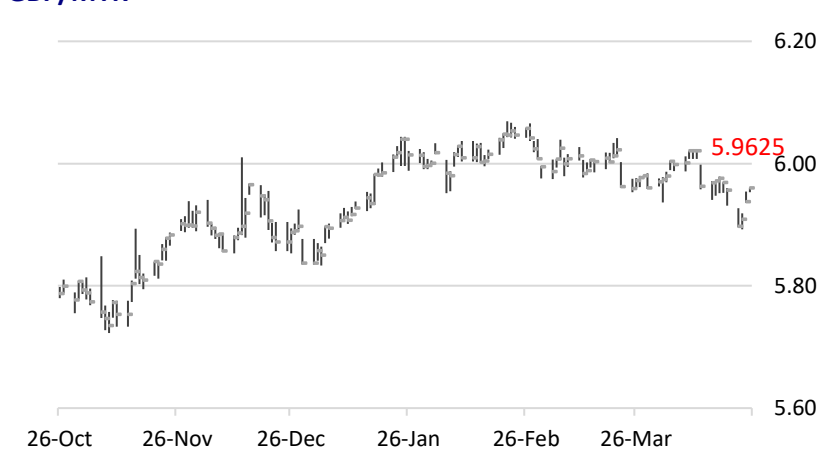


SGD/MYR opened 0.03% lower at 3.5087 but quickly rebounded to 3.5147 at the point of writing. We have a neutral-to-slightly bullish outlook for this pair, with key risk from Malaysia's inflation, if it picks up more than expected in March from +1.8% y/y previously. This pair will face R1 and R2 at 3.5179 and 3.5238 respectively.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
SGD/MYR	3.5002	3.5061	3.5147	3.5179	3.5238

GBP/MYR

GBP/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish



GBP/MYR opened 0.35% higher at 5.9580 and strengthened further to 5.9625 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bullish as GBP/USD is expected to enjoy support from higher gilt yields and Huw Pill's hawkish remarks, but gains seen capped after GBP/USD snapped its 2 days winning streak but stayed above 1.2450 handle.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
GBP/MYR	5.9497	5.9554	5.9625	5.9686	5.9779

AUD/MYR

AUD/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish

AUD/MYR opened 0.09% higher at 3.1072 and strengthened to 3.1118 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bullish on AUD strength, amidst noises that RBA's next move will be up (not our base case) after the CPI number boost. This pair will face resistance at 3.1144 (R1) and 3.1202 (R2) respectively in the near term, and any break will likely pave the way for the pair to move towards 3.15.

Cess	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
AUD/MYR	3.1028	3.1065	3.1118	3.1144	3.1202

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