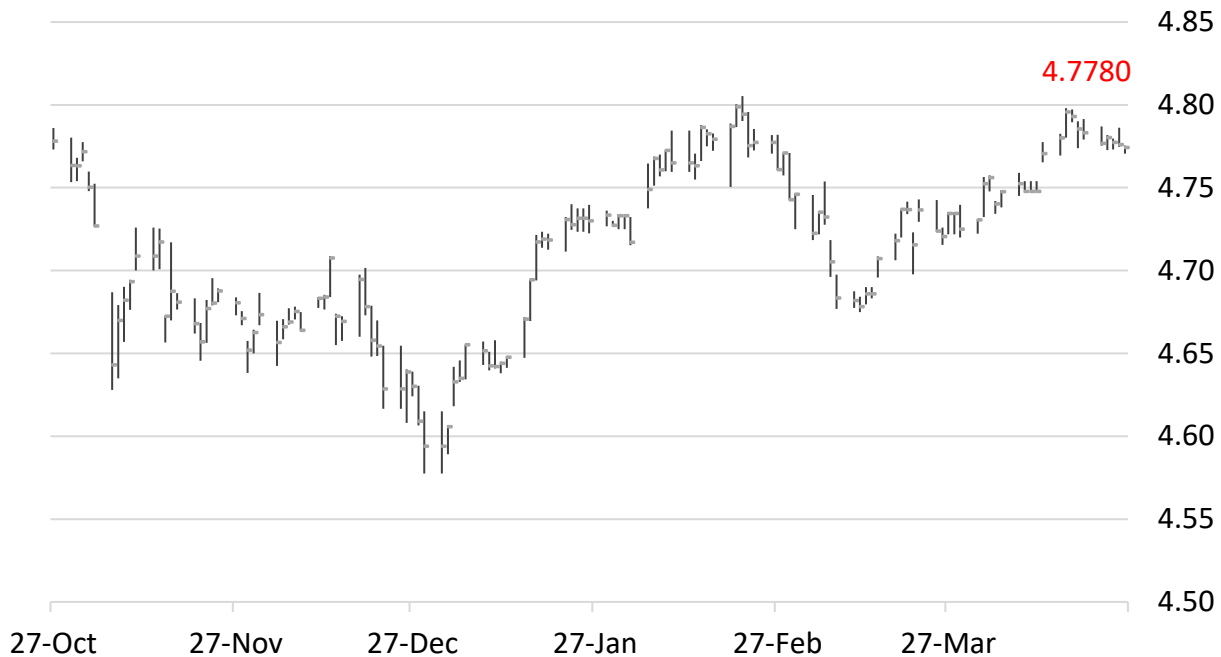


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Daily Currency Outlook

USD/MYR



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**Intraday Thoughts – Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish**

USD/MYR opened 0.12% lower at 4.7705 before rebounding above previous close at 4.7780 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bullish as most major Asian currencies weakened against the Dollar, albeit marginally. Overnight, we saw US’ 1Q GDP moderating more than expected to 1.6% q/q in 1Q, more than half the 3.4% growth pace in 4Q, but details suggest underlying strength in domestic demand and sticky inflationary pressures. As such, we will be watching out for any upward surprises on the core-PCE prices today, where consensus is expecting a moderation to +2.7% y/y. On top of that, we will be also looking out for the personal spending data for March, especially after the strong +0.8% m/m print in February.

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

The USD/MYR outlook is neutral-to-slightly bearish in our view as the pair hovers 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	4.7663	4.7727	4.7780	4.7832	4.7873

## USD/SGD



### USD/SGD Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish

USD/SGD opened 0.01% higher at 1.3591 and strengthened to 1.3598 at the point of writing. Similar to the USD/MYR, we have a neutral-to-slightly bullish view but gains will likely be capped at 1.3604 (R1) and 1.3619 (R2) as investors stay cautious ahead of US core-PCE prices data tonight. On the Singapore front, the IPI data due today is expected to turn in softer at +1.5% y/y and -8.8% m/m in March (Feb: +3.8% y/y and +14.2% m/m).

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/SGD	1.3560	1.3575	1.3598	1.3604	1.3619

## MYR Crosses

### SGD/MYR

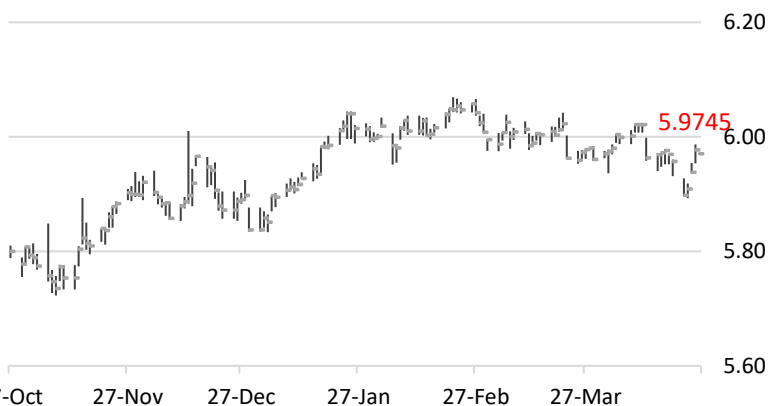


### SGD/MYR Neutral

SGD/MYR opened 0.02% higher at 3.5138 and inched marginally up to 3.5140 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral pending the release of Singapore's IPI print, eyeing trading range between 3.5122-3.5171.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
SGD/MYR	3.5094	3.5122	3.5140	3.5171	3.5241

### GBP/MYR



### GBP/MYR Neutral

GBP/MYR opened 0.09% lower at 5.9715 although it pared some of its losses to trade at 5.9745 at the point of writing. As both the GBP and MYR started the trading day on a weak note, we have a neutral outlook for this pair eyeing trading range between 5.9713-5.9779. It will be empty on the economic calendar today for both countries. US core PCE will be the key event risk.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
GBP/MYR	5.9660	5.9713	5.9745	5.9799	5.9833

**AUD/MYR**

**AUD/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish**

AUD/MYR opened 0.12% lower at 3.1139 before overturning all its losses to trade at 3.1208 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bullish on AUD strength. Echoing CPI prints recently, data this morning showed that producer prices (PPI) also accelerated to +4.3% y/y in 1Q (4Q: +4.1% y/y) although prices held steady at +0.9% q/q, further boosting higher for longer rate stance for the RBA.

Cess	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
AUD/MYR	3.1094	3.1152	3.1208	3.1264	3.1348

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