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Global Markets Research

Daily Currency Outlook

USD/MYR

Source: Bloomberg, HLBB Global Markets Research

Intraday Thoughts - Neutral

USD/MYR opened flattish at 4.3623, traded within the 4.3608-4.3645 band before settling at 4.3628 at the point of writing. We prefer to stay neutral given that the pair has traded within a narrow range today and the DXY continued to circle around its flatline overnight, largely reflecting investors cautiousness ahead of the non-farm payroll print, slew of earnings reports from the mega-caps this week as well as the US presidential election next week. Meanwhile, up on deck today will be the Conference Board consumer confidence index, JOLTS job openings as well as home price indicators.

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	4.3595	4.3608	4.3628	4.3642	4.3662

USD/SGD

USD/SGD Neutral

USD/SGD opened 0.01% lower at 1.3226, and similarly, traded within a narrow range of 1.3210-1.3234 before settling just above the flatline at 1.3230 at the point of writing. Daily outlook, is thus neutral, eyeing trading range between 1.3214-1.3234 today. Next up on deck for Singapore will be its unemployment rate, where expectations is that it will ease to 1.9% in September from 2.0% previously.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/SGD	1.3202	1.3214	1.3228	1.3234	1.3242

MYR Crosses

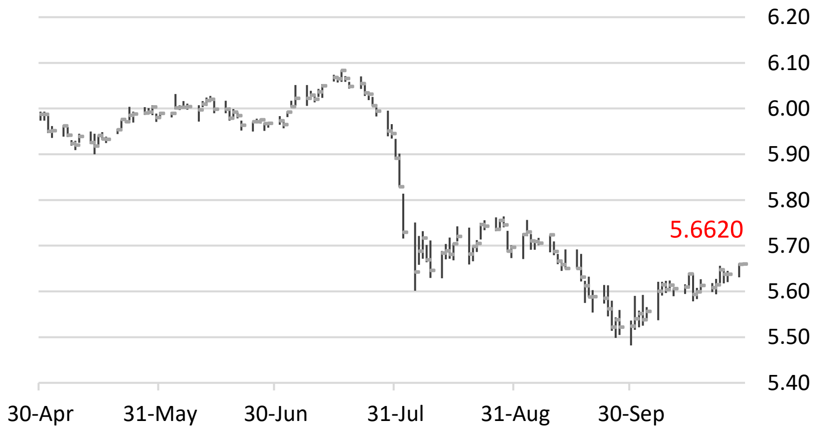
SGD/MYR

SGD/MYR Neutral

SGD/MYR opened 0.01% lower at 3.2987, continued to circle around 3.2963-3.2994 before settling at 3.2990 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral given the absence of drivers on both sides of the border, and in anticipation of no surprises on Singapore's labour data.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
SGD/MYR	3.2952	3.2971	3.2990	3.3001	3.3012

GBP/MYR

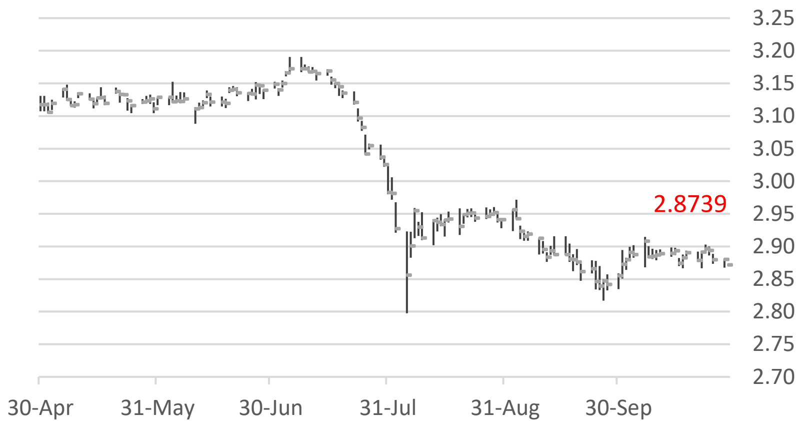


GBP/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish

GBP/MYR opened 0.01% higher at 5.6596 before trending up to 5.6620 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bullish as the GBP/USD pair trades with mild gains above the 1.2970 level at the point of writing, but gains likely capped as investors braced for the Autumn Budget.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
GBP/MYR	5.6539	5.6585	5.6620	5.6656	5.6679

AUD/MYR



AUD/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish

AUD/MYR opened 0.29% lower at 2.8715 before paring some of these losses to trade at 2.8739 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bearish given the lower opening, but losses likely capped given that the AUD/USD held firm around its previous close of 0.6583 ahead of the CPI print tomorrow.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
AUD/MYR	2.8642	2.8678	2.8739	2.8762	2.8789

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