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Daily Currency Outlook

**USD/MYR**



Source: Bloomberg, HLBB Global Markets Research

**Intraday Thoughts – Bullish**

USD/MYR opened 0.30% higher at 4.4735 and strengthened to 4.5022 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is bullish amid broad USD strength, and as MYR, KRW, THB and TWD led regional currencies selloff on Trump tariffs. Trade war, notably retaliation from China and Mexico will take centre stage this week, while the ISM indices and a slew of labour market indicators prior to the non-farm payroll prints will take centre stage data wise.

**1-Month Outlook – USD/MYR Neutral**

The one-month outlook for USD/MYR is neutral in our view, largely reflecting some consolidation after the recent rally in greenback, which saw DXY hitting its 2-year high above the 109-handle. This comes after Trump’s election win, that saw traders pencilling in more business friendly and inflationary policies going forward, the latter including the higher tariffs imposed recently on Canada, Mexico and China. Coupled with solid economic environment, this saw traders pushing back the next rate cut to the September FOMC meeting. That said, the current Fed rate remains restrictive at this juncture, and as such, we opine that policy easing remains on track for the US. On the domestic front, BNM maintained the OPR at 3.00% as well as neutral policy stance in its latest monetary policy meeting. With no material changes in the policy statement, other than the mention of uncertainties and risks stemming from “more trade and investment restrictions,” this supports our view for an extended pause in the OPR in 2025, and in tandem with this, supportive of the MYR as well.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/MYR	4.3413	4.4007	4.5022	4.5197	4.6089

## USD/SGD



### USD/SGD Bullish

USD/SGD opened 0.24% higher at 1.3600 and strengthened to 1.3691 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is bullish again due to USD strength. Key risk data wise today will be the US' Manufacturing ISM and Singapore's PMI for January, the former expected to improve to 49.9 from 49.2 previously.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/SGD	1.3352	1.3460	1.3691	1.3706	1.3883

## MYR Crosses

### SGD/MYR



### SGD/MYR Neutral

SGD/MYR opened 0.37% lower at 3.2776, before erasing some of these loses to trade at 3.2878 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral in a tug of war between MYR and SGD strength, both weighed down by trade war concerns. While Singapore has a free trade agreement with the US, the latest tariffs on Canada has sparked concerns that this may be revoked. Weighing on SGD is also US' probe on DeepSeek and transshipments via Singapore.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
SGD/MYR	3.2261	3.2579	3.2878	3.3056	3.3215

### GBP/MYR



### GBP/MYR Bearish

GBP/MYR opened 0.54% lower at 5.5106 before paring some of these losses to trade at 5.5181 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is bearish given GBP weakness, which saw the GBP/USD trading in red at 1.2264 at the point of writing and weakening against most regionals. It will be data light on the UK front, but all eyes will be on the BOE's decision this week.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
GBP/MYR	5.4284	5.4843	5.5181	5.5685	5.5968

## AUD/MYR



## AUD/MYR Bearish

AUD/MYR opened 0.80% lower at 2.7537 and slid to 2.7434 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is, thus, bearish, with appetite for AUD weighed down by concerns over the impact from the trade war and weak data from Australia and China. Caixin Manufacturing PMI unexpectedly worsened to 50.1 in January, while Australia's retail sales remained contractionary at -0.1% m/m for December.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
AUD/MYR	2.7666	2.7135	2.7434	2.7916	2.8073

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