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Global Markets Research

Midday Currency Outlook

USD/MYR



Source: Bloomberg, HLBB Global Markets Research

Intraday Thoughts – Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish

USD/MYR opened 0.08% higher at 4.2087 and strengthened to 4.2128 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bullish, with USD likely benefitting from the higher treasury yields overnight ahead of the inflation reports, as well as haven demand following heightened geopolitical tension in the Middle East. As it is, US PPI is on deck tonight, where expectations are that the headline will hold steady at 3.3% y/y in August, while core ease to 3.5% y/y from 3.7% y/y previously.

1-Month Outlook – USD/MYR Neutral

We prefer to stay neutral on USD/MYR as we expect some consolidation in the USD following the recent weakness. Fundamental wise, Fed Chair Powell has continued to strike a cautious note waiting for signs of permanence or transitory impact from the recent tariff hikes on domestic inflation, but has recently flagged downside risks to the employment market after the slew of weak labour prints. While the “shifting balance of risks” pushed up rate cut bets in the September FOMC meeting, this is still in line with our long-held view of a quarter point cut in the September FOMC meeting and as such, we maintain our neutral 1-month outlook for the pair. On the domestic front, BNM delivered a more neutral tone in its latest policy statement, removing the slight tinge of cautiousness that we saw previously, while highlighting numerous positive development and potential upsides. This should have wiped out expectations for any further easing in the near term, and reaffirmed our view for no further adjustment in the OPR for the rest of the year and probably into 2026.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/MYR	4.1940	4.1996	4.2128	4.2228	4.2372

USD/SGD



USD/SGD Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish

USD/SGD opened flat at 1.2828 before trending up to 1.2834 at the point of writing. For the same reason above, daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bullish, but we opine gains to be limited at 1.2865 (R1) given cautiousness amongst trader following the downward revisions in labour data overnight.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/SGD	1.2773	1.2802	1.2834	1.2865	1.2909

MYR Crosses

SGD/MYR



SGD/MYR Neutral

SGD/MYR opened 0.23% lower at 3.2773, but halved its losses to trade at 3.2826 at the point of writing. We prefer to stay neutral ahead of key inflation prints in the US as well as July's IPI data for Malaysia due for release tomorrow. As it is, consensus is expecting Malaysia's output growth to ease slightly to 2.8% y/y from 3.0% y/y previously.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
SGD/MYR	3.2666	3.2756	3.2826	3.2893	3.2936

GBP/MYR

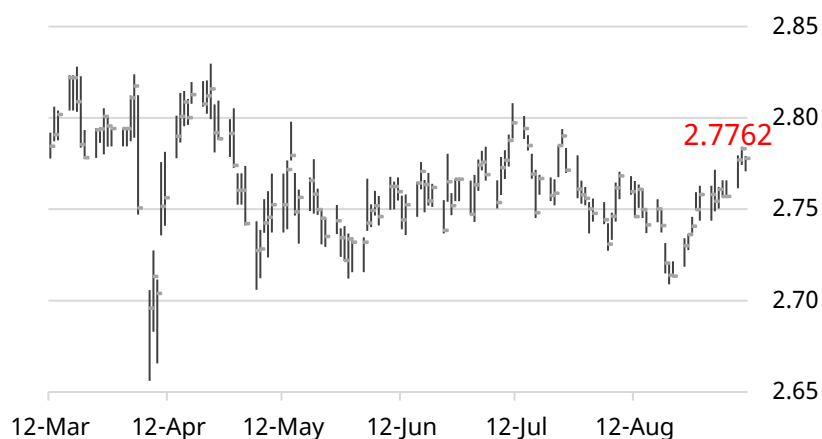


GBP/MYR Slightly Bearish

GBP/MYR opened 0.43% lower at 5.6895, but pared some of its losses to trade at 5.6962 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is slightly bearish with GBP/USD continues to trade in red below the 1.3530 handle this morning. Nothing on the economic calendar for UK today but trading will be cautious ahead of July's monthly GDP this Friday.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
GBP/MYR	5.6512	5.6837	5.6962	5.7196	5.7245

AUD/MYR



AUD/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish

AUD/MYR opened 0.43% lower at 2.7712 before paring some of its losses to trade at 2.7762 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bearish given the lower opening and weak inflation data from China, its largest trading partner, but expect losses to narrow amid broad AUD strength this morning, the latter seeing AUD/USD trading close to the 0.6600 handle.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
AUD/MYR	2.7603	2.7704	2.7762	2.7868	2.7906

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