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Global Markets Research

Midday Currency Outlook

USD/MYR



Source: Bloomberg, HLBB Global Markets Research

Intraday Thoughts – Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish

USD/MYR opened 0.10% lower at 4.2265 and slid to 4.2227 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bearish in anticipation of USD weakness, the latter seeing the DXY slipping as low as 98.00 at the point of writing. Weighing on appetite for the greenback was the tame inflation reading overnight which saw investors becoming more confident that the Fed will lower rates in September to support a softer labour market. It will be a relatively quiet day ahead with only the mortgage applications on deck on the US front, while domestically, all eyes will be on the upcoming final 2Q GDP due for release end-week.

1-Month Outlook – USD/MYR Neutral

We prefer to stay neutral on USD/MYR as we expect some consolidation in the USD after the recent strength. 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, the latter having seen some glimpses of it trickling down into goods inflation as soon as June. Retail sales and advanced 2Q GDP reading has surpassed expectations, but July's weaker than expected the non-farm payroll (NFP) and hefty downward revisions to previous months' jobs, suggested that the labour market may not be as resilient as anticipated earlier and saw traders upping their rate cut bets for September to around 90%. This is in line with our long-held view of a quarter point cut in the September FOMC meeting and as such, we maintain our neutral outlook for the pair this month. On the domestic front, BNM delivered a less dovish undertone in its latest policy statement, and remarked that the 25bps cut in July was a pre-emptive move to support a still steady economy and resilient domestic demand, implying likelihood of a status quo in the OPR for the rest of 2025.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/MYR	4.1779	4.2094	4.2227	4.2389	4.2469

USD/SGD

USD/SGD Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish

USD/SGD opened flat at 1.2837 and slipped to 1.2834 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bearish in anticipation of USD weakness as well as SGD strength, the latter following the upgrade to its official GDP growth forecast for 2025 to 1.5-2.5%.



	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/SGD	1.2726	1.2784	1.2834	1.2868	1.2900

MYR Crosses

SGD/MYR

SGD/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish

SGD/MYR opened 0.30% higher at 3.2975 before paring some of these gains to trade at 3.2903 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bullish in anticipation of greater SGD strength, but gains likely capped at 3.2944 (R1) given that MYR will benefit from the risk-on sentiment in the financial markets today.

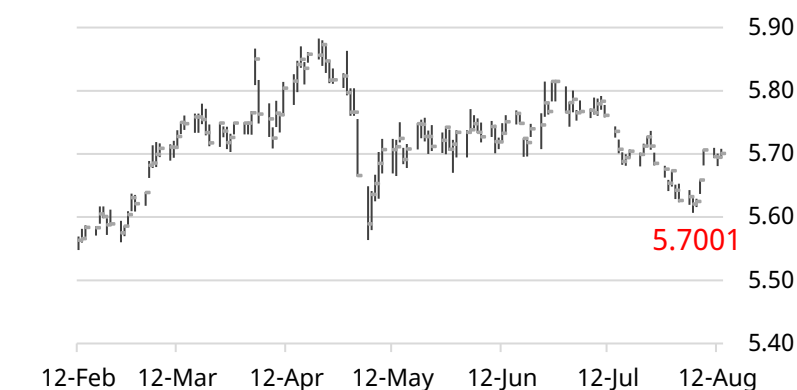


	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
SGD/MYR	3.2804	3.2841	3.2903	3.2944	3.3010

GBP/MYR

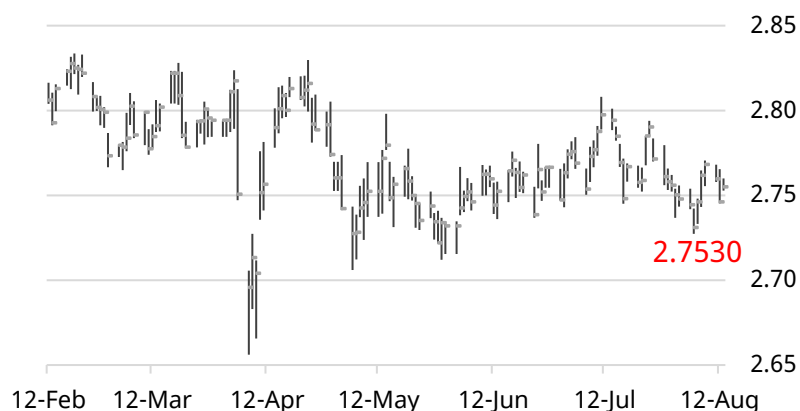
GBP/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish

GBP/MYR opened 0.23% higher at 5.7077 before paring some of these gains to trade at 5.7001 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bullish with GBP strengthening following its labour data beat and the GBP/USD trading firmly around the 1.3500 handle in early morning trade. That said, gains will likely be capped given cautiousness ahead of UK GDP print tomorrow.



	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
GBP/MYR	5.6715	5.6829	5.7001	5.7032	5.7121

AUD/MYR



AUD/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish

AUD/MYR opened 0.51% higher at 2.7599 before paring some of these gains to trade at 2.7530 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bullish given the higher opening and as wage growth data this morning came a shade higher than expected. That said, employment numbers are on deck tomorrow, and concerns of weakness could limit gains for this pair today.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
AUD/MYR	2.7319	2.7390	2.7530	2.7593	2.7725

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