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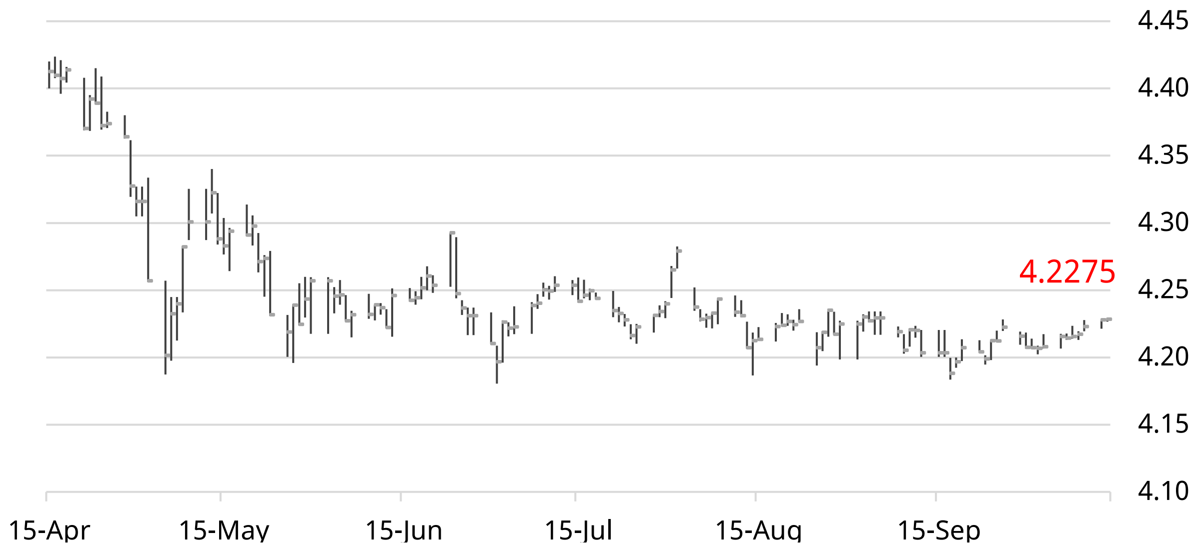
Midday Currency Outlook

USD/MYR



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Intraday Thoughts – Neutral

USD/MYR opened flat at 4.2277, strengthened to 4.2295 before paring its gains to trade just below its flatline at 4.2275 at the point of writing. Given that the pair is narrowly traded, daily outlook is neutral today, but likely with a bearish bias after positive remark by BNM Governor Dato' Sri Abdul Rasheed Ghaffour, who said that MYR has the potential to strengthen below RM4 against the greenback by the end of the year, according to a Bernama news report. Just days ago, Finance Minister II Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah Azizan commented that USDMYR could strengthen just below 4.00 in 12 months. Economic calendar remains on the quiet front with the US government still in shutdown but the NFIB small business optimism index is up on deck today and Fed Chair Jerome Powell is due to speak.

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 USD strength. Fundamental wise, the recent FOMC statement has flagged the shift in balance of risks, notably increased downside risks to employment, balanced against Fed Chair Jerome Powell continued cautiousness over signs of permanence/transitory impact from the recent tariff hikes and less than aggressive rate cut stance view by the Fed vis-à-vis market. With Powell describing the latest 25bps Fed rate cut as a "risk management cut," amid upgrades in the GDP, core-PCE and labour data (ironically), we thus opine that any policy easing going forward will remain gradual for now. As it is, while consensus and in-house are expecting a 50bps rate cut for the remaining of 2025 and another 50bps in 2026, the Fed dot plot signals a smaller quantum of 25bps by end-2026. 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	4.2190	4.2233	4.2275	4.2324	4.2391

USD/SGD

USD/SGD Neutral

USD/SGD opened flat at 1.2986, traded within 1.2982-1.2994 range before settling back at its opening level. Similar to the previous pair, daily outlook is neutral with a bearish bias after Singapore's 3Q GDP released this morning surprised on the upside and MAS maintained its policy stance unchanged.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/SGD	1.2944	1.2965	1.2986	1.3001	1.3016

MYR Crosses

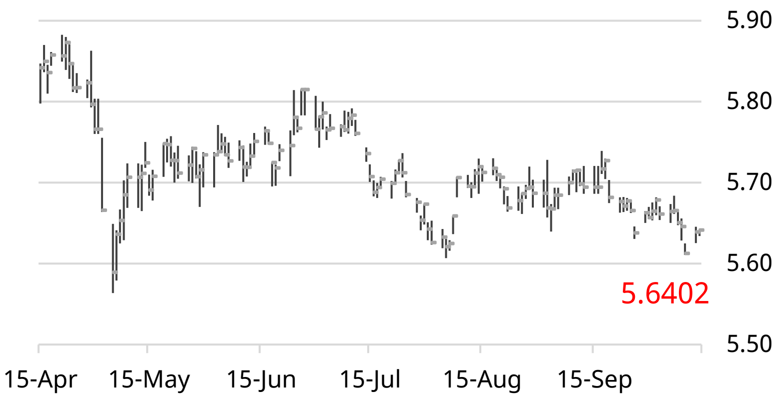
SGD/MYR

SGD/MYR Neutral

SGD/MYR opened 0.10% lower at 3.2541 before erasing some of its losses to trade at 3.2554 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral with losses from the lower opening likely to narrow amid anticipation that the SGD will be well supported by the better than expected Singapore 3Q GDP. Next hurdle for this pair will be the upcoming trade data on both sides of the border later in the week.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
SGD/MYR	3.2465	3.2520	3.2554	3.2620	3.2665

GBP/MYR

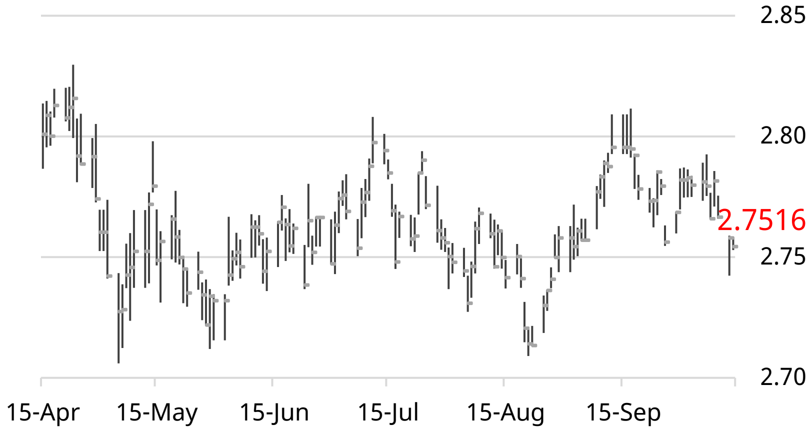


GBP/MYR Neutral

GBP/MYR opened 0.06% lower at 5.6354 before making a sharp rebound to 5.6402 at the point of writing. We prefer to stay neutral given the upcoming labour prints from the UK, where expectations are that weekly earnings and unemployment rate will hold steady but employment gains could decelerate sharply.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
GBP/MYR	5.6177	5.6277	5.6402	5.6478	5.6567

AUD/MYR



AUD/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish

AUD/MYR opened 0.17% lower at 2.7531 and pulled back further to 2.7516 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bearish amid broad AUD weakness, following the release of the RBA policy meeting minutes. Not much of a surprise with RBA policy makers judging that the policy rate remains slightly restrictive at this level and will remain cautious in its future cuts, if any, amid sticky inflation.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
AUD/MYR	2.7362	2.7471	2.7516	2.7639	2.7698

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