17 September 2025

Global Markets Research

Midday Currency Outlook

USD/MYR

Source: Bloomberg, HLBB Global Markets Research

Intraday Thoughts – Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish

USD/MYR opened 0.12% lower at 4.1985 after the extended weekend, and slid further to 4.1912 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bearish on the weakness in the greenback over the past few sessions ahead of the key FOMC decision tonight. Expectations are that the Fed will resume its policy easing and deliver a 25bps reduction in the Funds Rate, but questions remain over how unanimous that decision will be and the amount of forward guidance and tone that will be adopted in the accompanying guidance, with the futures markets pricing in nearly three 25bps reductions for the year. Domestically, it will be an empty data calendar for the day, with the next key release being the August trade and export numbers due on Friday.

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	4.1750	4.1835	4.1912	4.1995	4.2090

USD/SGD

USD/SGD Neutral

USD/SGD opened flat at 1.2761 and traded within the 1.2751 - 1.2767 range in the early Asian session, settling at 1.2762 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral for the day as the USD weakness ahead of the FOMC meeting will likely be offset by the weak August export numbers out of Singapore this morning.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/SGD	1.2670	1.2725	1.2762	1.2795	1.2840

MYR Crosses

SGD/MYR

SGD/MYR Neutral

SGD/MYR opened 0.57% higher at 3.2952 before paring a large part of its gains to trade at 3.2843 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral as we expect a quiet session for the coming day ahead of the FOMC meet tonight, will the weak Singapore export numbers likely to exert some downward pressure on the cross.

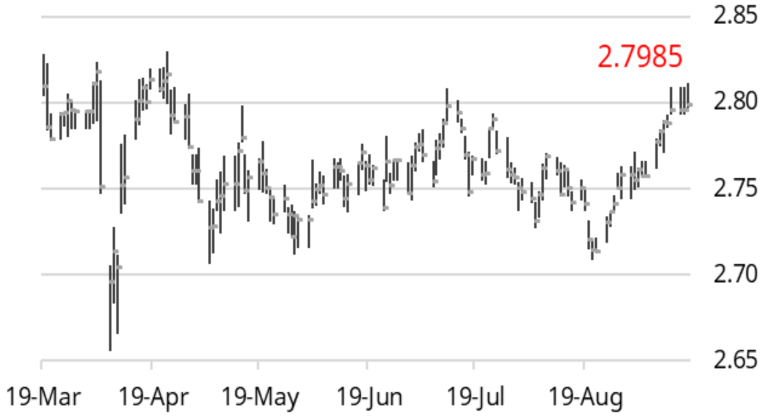
	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
SGD/MYR	3.2705	3.2770	3.2843	3.2905	3.2990

GBP/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish

GBP/MYR opened 0.79% higher at 5.7388 before paring some of its gains to trade at 5.7188 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bullish with the leap on the opening this morning expected to narrow during the day amidst the MYR playing catch up with the USD weakness seen elsewhere during the past 2 trading days, with UK CPI and RPI possibly adding to the volatility.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
GBP/MYR	5.6838	5.6910	5.7188	5.7220	5.7411

AUD/MYR



AUD/MYR Neutral

AUD/MYR opened 0.57% higher at 2.8113 before losing the bulk of its gains to trade at 2.7985 at the point of writing. Daily outlook for the cross is neutral with the nothing of note in either jurisdiction today, and is expected to trade within a range of 2.7910 – 2.8060 ahead of the key FOMC decision tonight.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
AUD/MYR	2.7825	2.7910	2.7985	2.8060	2.8145

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