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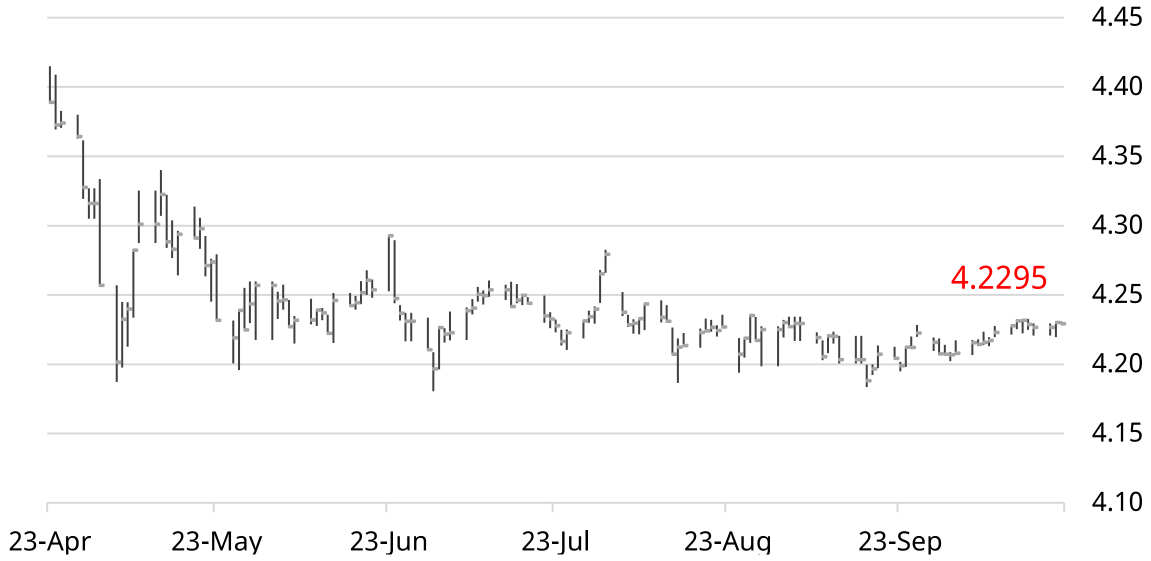
Midday Currency Outlook

USD/MYR



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Intraday Thoughts – Neutral

USD/MYR opened 0.02% lower at 4.2290 before paring its already miniscule losses to trade at 4.2295 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral with the pair largely trading sideways in early morning session, and amid cautiousness given the US government shutdown, ahead of the FOMC meeting and President Trump-Xi meeting next week but on a more immediate term, the upcoming CPI prints for both Malaysia and the US this week.

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 weakness. 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	4.2161	4.2229	4.2295	4.2332	4.2367

USD/SGD

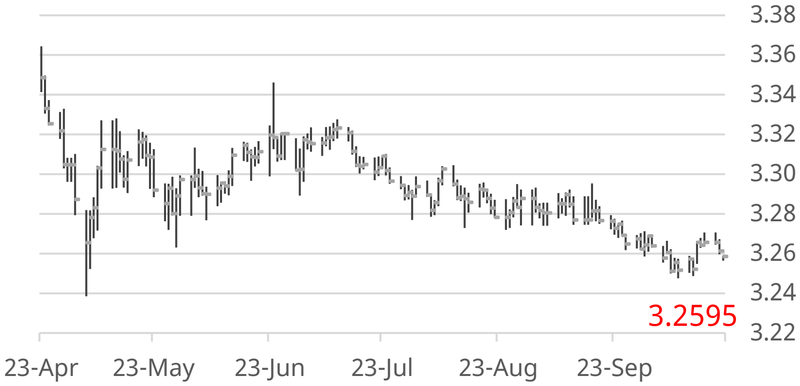
USD/SGD Neutral

USD/SGD opened flat at 1.2986 before sliding to 1.2975 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral given the muted trading today, and amid cautiousness ahead of Singapore's CPI and IPI prints later in the week, both due to pick up slightly to 0.6% y/y and rebound to 0.5% y/y respectively.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/SGD	1.2907	1.2946	1.2975	1.3006	1.3027

MYR Crosses

SGD/MYR

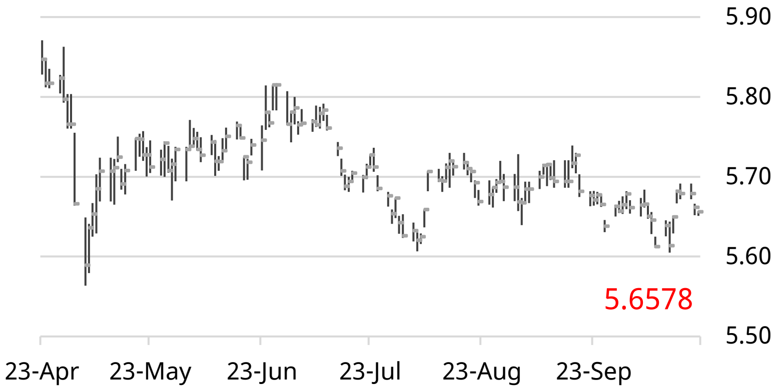


SGD/MYR Neutral

SGD/MYR opened 0.12% lower at 3.2573 before paring some of its losses to trade a 3.2595 at the point of writing. We are neutral on this pair with September inflation data due on both sides of the border, and signs of softening prices could spur dovish wagers for respective central banks.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
SGD/MYR	3.2465	3.2546	3.2595	3.2660	3.2708

GBP/MYR

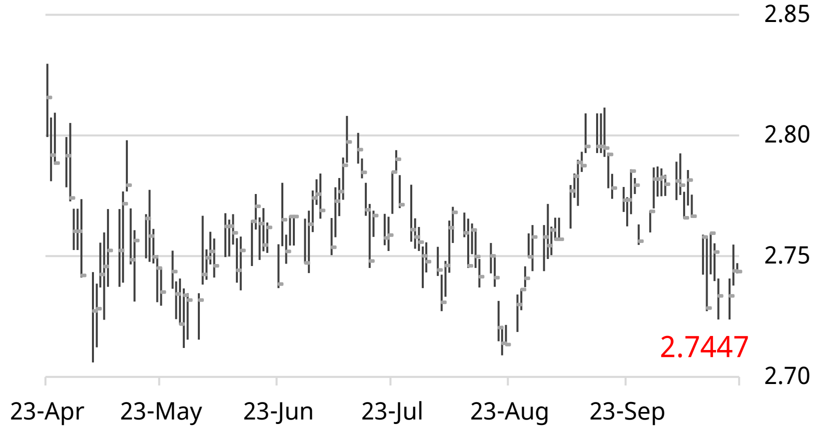


GBP/MYR Neutral

GBP/MYR opened 0.14% lower at 5.6537 before erasing some of its losses to trade at 5.6578 at the point of writing. We prefer to stay neutral for this pair given that both economies are set to release their inflation prints today but acknowledging a slight bearish bias given cautiousness ahead of UK's autumn budget.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
GBP/MYR	5.6308	5.6453	5.6578	5.6679	5.6743

AUD/MYR



AUD/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish

AUD/MYR opened 0.07% higher at 2.7457 but pared its gains to trade at 2.7447 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bullish amid AUD strength against regionals, as AUD/USD trades in green close to the 0.6500 handle and as risk sentiment for the Aussie likely well supported by the rare earth deal with the US.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
AUD/MYR	2.7286	2.7363	2.7447	2.7532	2.7624

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