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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 0.01% lower at 4.4180 and slid further to 4.4130 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bearish on account of USD weakness against regionals and G10, the latter seeing DXY trading down to around 106.30 at the point of writing, and on weakness in US economic prints like the existing home sales and Services PMIs last Friday. The week ahead sees the release of the second reading of 4Q GDP, latest consumer confidence index from the Conference Board, before the highly watched core PCE price index end week.

1-Month Outlook – USD/MYR Neutral

The one-month outlook for USD/MYR is neutral in our view, largely reflecting some consolidation after the recent rally in greenback, amid some push-backs in tariff US hikes and on some weakness in recent economic indicators, which saw traders bringing forward their expectations for the next rate cut to the July/Sept FOMC meeting again and the DXY retreating from its 109-handle levels recently. That said, inflation risks persist, inflation expectations have ticked up and thus, the Fed would have to balance this against a still restrictive monetary policy, keeping any further weakening in the US Dollar, likely in check. On the domestic front, BNM maintained the OPR at 3.00% as well as neutral policy stance in its latest monetary policy meeting. With no material changes in the policy statement, other than the mention of uncertainties and risks stemming from “more trade and investment restrictions,” this supports our view for an extended pause in the OPR in 2025, and in tandem with this, supportive of the MYR as well.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/MYR	4.3953	4.4078	4.4130	4.4255	4.4328

USD/SGD

USD/SGD Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish

USD/SGD opened 0.02% lower at 1.3363 before siding to 1.3339 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bearish given USD weakness, and the key risk today being Singapore's CPI, where expectations is that the core will ease to 1.5% y/y in January from 1.8% y/y previously.



	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/SGD	1.3255	1.3306	1.3339	1.3408	1.3459

MYR Crosses

SGD/MYR

SGD/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish

SGD/MYR opened 0.12% higher at 3.3074 before rising to 3.3084 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bullish given SGD strength against regionals, and key risk being Singapore's CPI today, followed by the industrial production numbers later in the week.

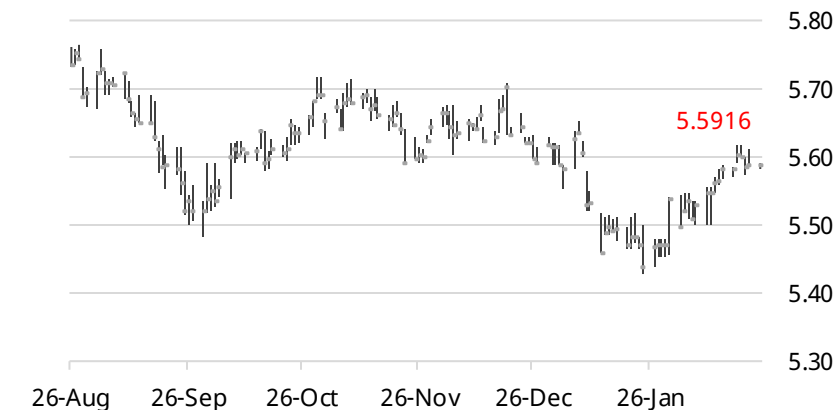


	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
SGD/MYR	3.2892	3.2964	3.3084	3.3162	3.3288

GBP/MYR

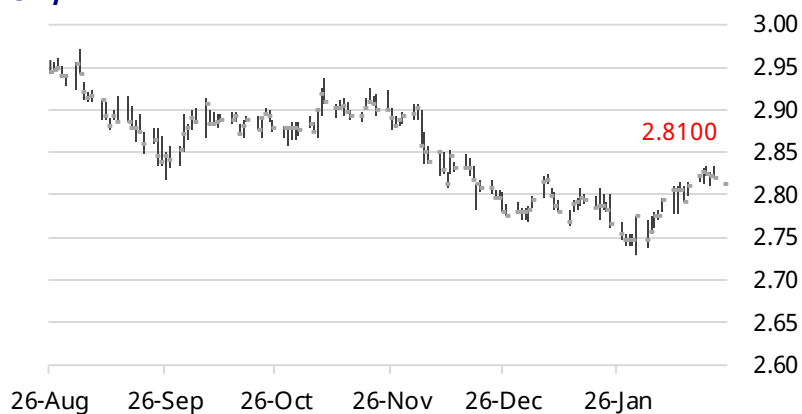
GBP/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish

GBP/MYR opened 0.02% lower at 5.5884 before rebounding to 5.5916 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bullish given GBP strength against regionals and as GBP/USD trades in the green at 1.2676 in early Asian trade, supported by the strong retail sales print last Friday.



	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
GBP/MYR	5.5680	5.5786	5.5916	5.6059	5.6226

AUD/MYR



AUD/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish

AUD/MYR opened 0.28% lower at 2.8138 before sliding to 2.8100 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bearish given the lower opening and downward trajectory subsequent to that, but losses likely capped given cautiousness ahead of the upcoming Australia's CPI and private capital expenditure numbers for 4Q due end-week.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
AUD/MYR	2.7926	2.8083	2.8100	2.8308	2.8397

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