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## Global Markets Research

### Midday Currency Outlook

#### USD/MYR



Source: Bloomberg, HLBB Global Markets Research

#### Intraday Thoughts – Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish

USD/MYR opened 0.04% higher at 4.4130 and trended up to 4.4148 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bullish, with Trump's reaffirmation that tariffs to Canada and Mexico will proceed as planned likely keep expectations of inflation pressures and the DXY well supported today. In fact, we saw DXY strengthening to around the 106.75 level at the point of writing, but a weaker than expected US Conference Board consumer confidence print could put a dampener to USD strength today.

#### 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. 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 | 4.3811 | 4.3962 | 4.4148     | 4.4227 | 4.4341 |

## USD/SGD

### USD/SGD Neutral

USD/SGD opened 0.01% higher at 1.3388 but traded down to 1.3382 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral as the pair has largely traded within a narrow range, eyeing trading range between 1.3334-1.3418 today. After a sharp deceleration in its CPI, next key watch for the SGD will be its IPI print due tomorrow.



|         | S2     | S1     | Indicative | R1     | R2     |
|---------|--------|--------|------------|--------|--------|
| USD/SGD | 1.3281 | 1.3334 | 1.3382     | 1.3418 | 1.3449 |

## MYR Crosses

### SGD/MYR

### SGD/MYR Neutral

SGD/MYR opened 0.16% lower at 3.2924, before rebounding above its previous close to 3.2982 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral, with the lower opening offset by SGD strength today, eyeing trading range between 3.2874 and 3.3087. It will be an empty economic calendar domestically for the rest of the week, and as such, any sway in the pair will likely be sentiment or SGD driven.

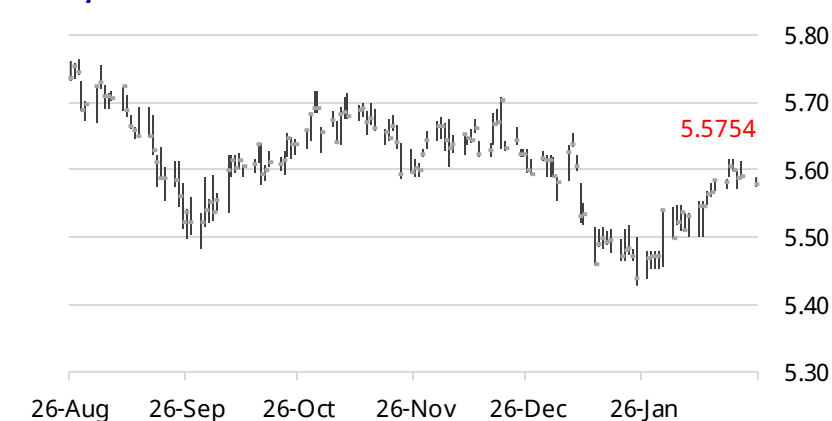


|         | S2     | S1     | Indicative | R1     | R2     |
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| SGD/MYR | 3.2771 | 3.2874 | 3.2982     | 3.3087 | 3.3197 |

### GBP/MYR

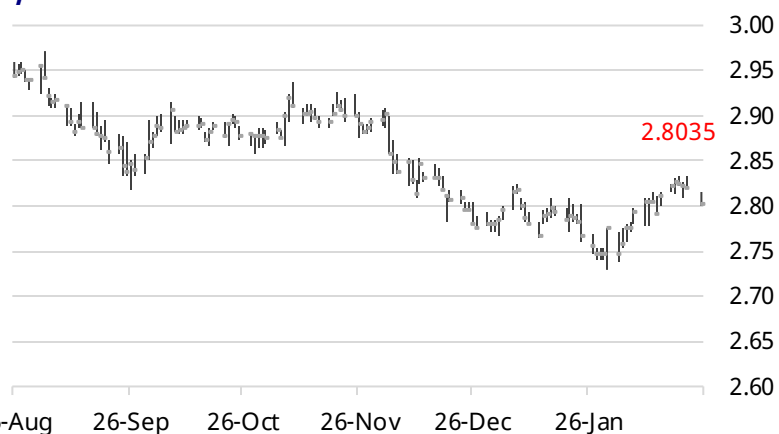
### GBP/MYR Neutral

GBP/MYR opened 0.02% lower at 5.5739, and has largely traded sideways before settling at 5.5754 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral, eyeing trading range between 5.5586-5.5929 today. UK will be filled with 2<sup>nd</sup> tier economic data for the rest of the week, but the CBI retailing reported sales and Nationwide house price indicators are expected to register marginal improvements, all unlikely to move the pair significantly.



|         | S2     | S1     | Indicative | R1     | R2     |
|---------|--------|--------|------------|--------|--------|
| GBP/MYR | 5.5421 | 5.5586 | 5.5754     | 5.5929 | 5.6107 |

## AUD/MYR



## AUD/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish

AUD/MYR opened 0.27% lower at 2.8003 before erasing some of these losses to trade at 2.8035 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bearish on AUD weakness, which saw AUD/USD trading below its flatline at the point of writing. That said, Australia's CPI inflation is on deck tomorrow and this will likely cap further losses for this pair today.

|         | S2     | S1     | Indicative | R1     | R2     |
|---------|--------|--------|------------|--------|--------|
| AUD/MYR | 2.7906 | 2.7993 | 2.8035     | 2.8167 | 2.8254 |

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