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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 0.05% higher at 4.2145 and strengthened to 4.2163 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bullish on broad USD strength, well supported by the hefty jump in US new home sales overnight and a FOMC that is seen to be cautious in its easing cycle. That said, gains will likely be capped at 4.2217 (R1) with traders largely watching out for more weakness in the labour data, starting with the initial jobless claims today and concluding with the non-farm payroll next 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, 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	4.1933	4.2027	4.2170	4.2217	4.2359

USD/SGD



USD/SGD Neutral

USD/SGD opened flat at 1.2885 but trended down to 1.2877 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral, eyeing trading range between 1.2844-1.2909 in today in a tug of war between USD and SGD strength against regionals. As mentioned, all eyes will be on the US initial jobless claims data tonight, where expectations are that it will inch up slightly but stay low at 233k.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/SGD	1.2804	1.2844	1.2877	1.2909	1.2934

MYR Crosses

SGD/MYR

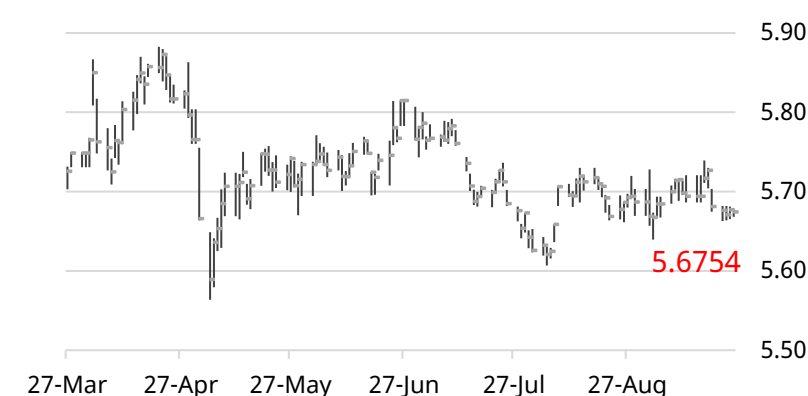


SGD/MYR Neutral

SGD/MYR opened 0.17% lower at 3.2710 but pared some of its losses to trade at 3.2745 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is thus neutral, eyeing trading range between 3.2708-3.2796 today. Nothing on the economic calendar for both sides of the border today but all eyes will be on the IPI data from Singapore tomorrow.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
SGD/MYR	3.2649	3.2708	3.2745	3.2796	3.2825

GBP/MYR

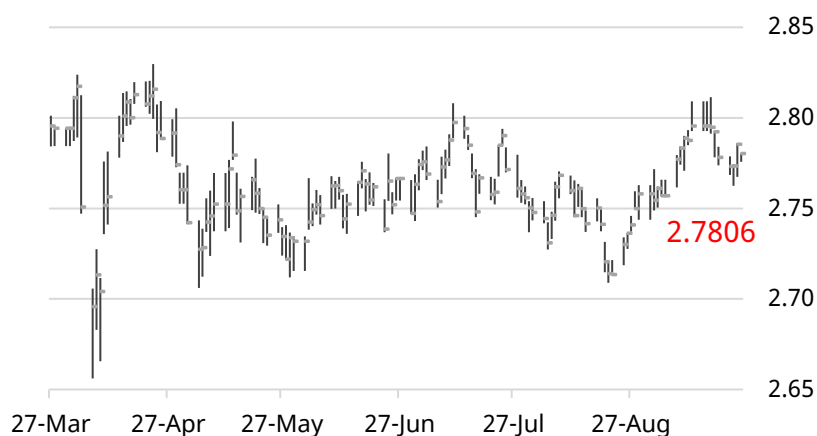


GBP/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish

GBP/MYR opened 0.16% lower at 5.6683 but pared its losses sharply to 5.6754 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bearish amid GBP weakness against regionals. BOE's Greene's comment overnight that the bulk of the disinflation has already come through and that the BOE was split over the rate cut could nonetheless keep a lid on the losses at S1 today.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
GBP/MYR	5.6588	5.6679	5.6754	5.6837	5.6904

AUD/MYR



AUD/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish

AUD/MYR opened 0.34% lower at 2.7758 before erasing its losses to trade at 2.7806 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bearish given the lower opening, but losses will likely be capped at 2.7725 (S1) with AUD/USD gaining ground at 0.6595 after the higher than expected CPI overnight.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
AUD/MYR	2.7599	2.7725	2.7806	2.7927	2.8003

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