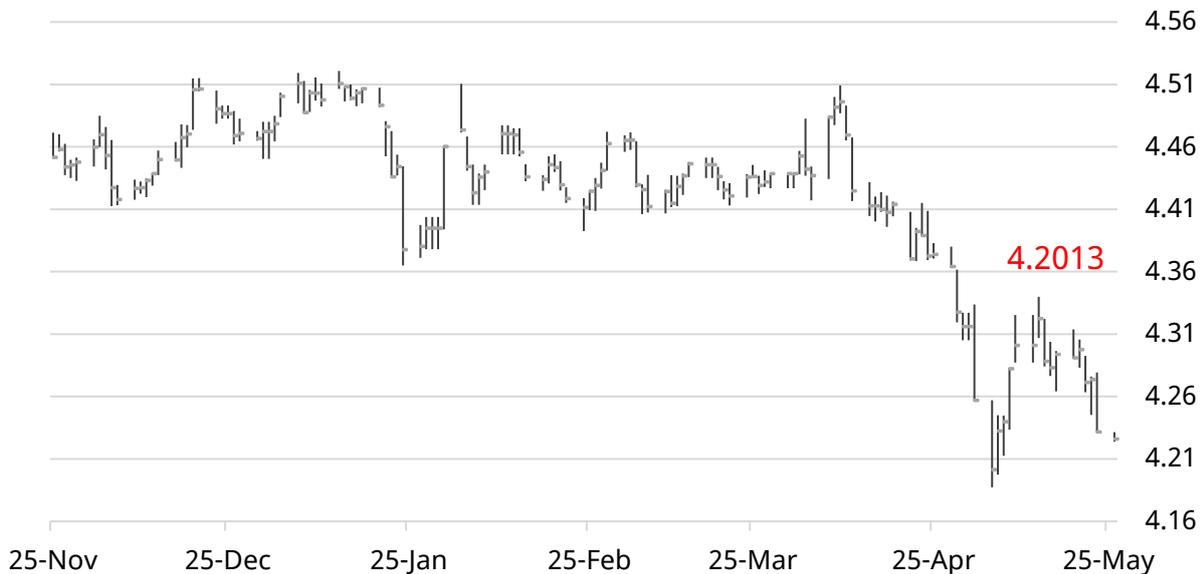


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Midday Currency Outlook

**USD/MYR**



Source: Bloomberg, HLBB Global Markets Research

**Intraday Thoughts –Slightly Bearish**

USD/MYR opened flat at 4.2315 but slid to 4.2013 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is slightly bearish on broad MYR strength, while sentiment for the USD was also dampened by the renewed tariff angst and concerns over the US economy. That said, the pair is currently flirting around its oversold position, thus unlikely to break to S1 level of 4.1987 today. We expect a relatively quiet trading day for the greenback with Wall Street closed for Memorial Day, and as investors likely to trade cautiously ahead of the release of the 07 May FOMC meeting minutes and April’s core-PCE prices later in the week.

**1-Month Outlook – USD/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish**

We prefer to stay neutral-to-slightly bearish on USD/MYR as we expect the recent Dollar weakness to have more legs to run, as recent Moody’s downgrade and tax cut bill intensify the spotlight on US’ debt sustainability and revives a mini “sell-America” sentiment. Lingering concerns over the outcome of the trade negotiations and its repercussions on US growth will also continue to weigh on appetite for the greenback but that said, divergence in the policy tones between the Fed and BNM recently, namely a wait-and-see hawkish stance for the Fed and a dovish tweak for BNM, suggests a possibility of widening interest rate differential for the two policy rates, likely to cap losses for this pair. As it is, US labour market indicators remain decent for now while inflation prints have softened, giving FOMC leeway to stay the course, and potentially pushing back rate cuts to the later part of this year, With this, we are pencilling in 2 quarter point cuts in 2H for the US, but on the domestic front, the dovish tweaks in policy tone suggests odd of a 25bps OPR cut in the 2H of 2025.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/MYR	4.1757	4.1987	4.2013	4.2636	4.2957

## USD/SGD



### USD/SGD Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish

USD/SGD opened 0.05% higher at 1.2855 before making a retreat to 1.2813 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bearish on USD weakness, but losses likely capped given the upcoming release of Singapore's IPI later today, which is expected to ease to +2.5% y/y in April, from +5.8% y/y in March.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/SGD	1.2676	1.2775	1.2813	1.2911	1.2973

## MYR Crosses

### SGD/MYR



### SGD/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish

SGD/MYR opened 0.06% higher at 3.2938 before losing its lustre to trade lower at 3.2816. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bearish with key risk being Singapore's IPI prints at noon, in an otherwise rather quiet week for both sides of the border. That said, we will be watching out for any developments/news at the ASEAN summit today and tomorrow.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
SGD/MYR	3.2492	3.2734	3.2816	3.3069	3.3218

### GBP/MYR

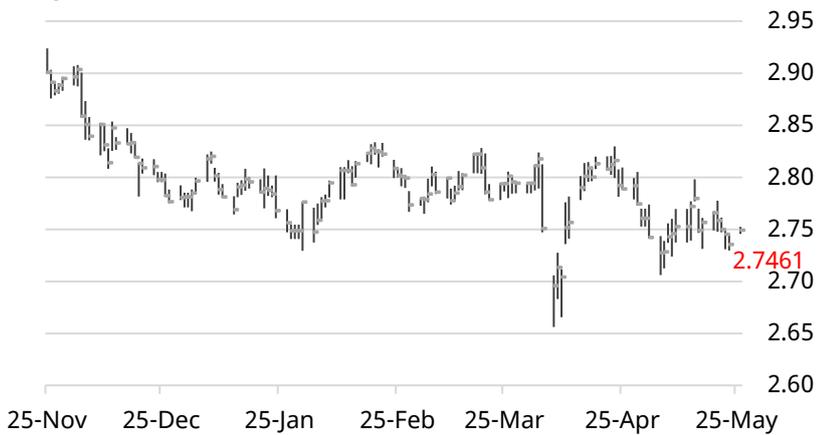


### GBP/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish

GBP/MYR opened 0.30% higher at 5.7286, before retreating to 5.7092 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bearish given MYR strength, but expect trading to be largely muted with UK markets closed for the spring bank holiday and absence of first tier data for the rest of the week for the UK.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
GBP/MYR	5.6797	5.6957	5.7092	5.7366	5.7615

## AUD/MYR



### AUD/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish

AUD/MYR opened 0.60% higher at 2.7515 before paring some of these gains to trade at 2.7461 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bullish given that the AUD/USD strengthened above the 0.6500 level at the point of writing and key risk on the Aussie front being its CPI and retail sales print due for release later in the week.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
AUD/MYR	2.7209	2.7279	2.7461	2.7523	2.7680

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