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Global Markets Research

Midday Currency Outlook

USD/MYR



Source: Bloomberg, HLBB Global Markets Research

Intraday Thoughts – Slightly Bearish

USD/MYR opened 0.18% lower at 4.3562 and slid to 4.3385 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is slightly bearish given MYR strength today, while demand for the Dollar will likely remain lacklustre following the tumble in the Dallas Fed manufacturing index, not boding well for growth outlook for the US. That said, the pair is currently trading around its oversold position, thus likely capping losses for this pair at 4.3345 (S1) today, but a break below will likely lead the pair towards 4.2927 (S2). It will be data heavy on the US front, with the Conference Board's consumer confidence and JOLTS job opening prints in focus.

1-Month Outlook – USD/MYR Neutral

We prefer to stay neutral on USD/MYR, as we expect investors to tread cautiously given lingering uncertainty over Trump's tariff, consequently risk-on and risk-off mood, and on the economic front, a tug of war between nervousness over growth and concerns over rising press pressures from the recent slew of tariffs. At the point of writing, economic and labour market indicators have remained resilient, giving the central bank leeway to assess the impact from the tariffs and lending continuous support for the Dollar for the next month, but we do expect a pulling back in the later half of the year, in line with our expectations for three 25bps rate cuts this year, and a softer Dollar towards end-2025. On the domestic front, we expect the BNM to maintain its OPR rate to fully assess the development and impact from the new tariffs to the economy, as such, continuously lend some support MYR for the next month. However, any dovish shift at the May MPC meeting may have some knee-jerk repercussions on MYR movement.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/MYR	4.2927	4.3345	4.3385	4.3751	4.3861

USD/SGD

USD/SGD Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish

USD/SGD opened flat at 1.3085 before inching up to 1.3095 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bullish given the upper trajectory post opening, but expect gains to be firmly capped at 1.3140 (R1) given the sluggish US manufacturing print overnight and cautiousness ahead of key economic prints today and the rest of the week.



	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/SGD	1.3027	1.3056	1.3095	1.3140	1.3195

MYR Crosses

SGD/MYR

SGD/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish

SGD/MYR opened 0.34% higher at 3.3330 but erased all its losses to trade at 3.3129 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bearish on account of SGD weakness against regionals in early Asian trade. Losses will however be capped, with immediate support at 3.3100 (S1).

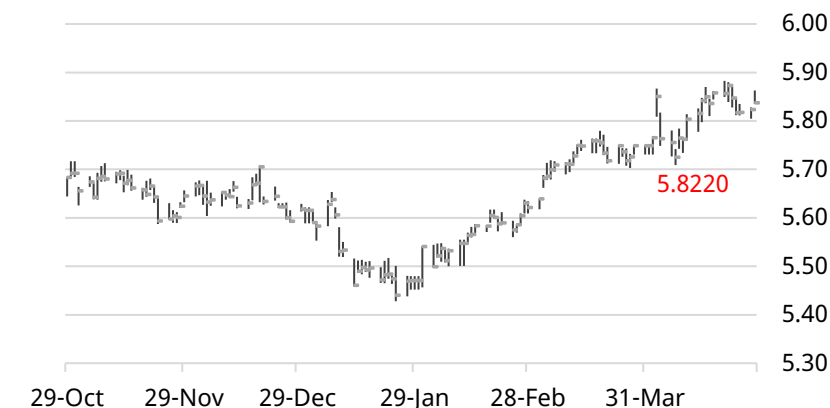


	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
SGD/MYR	3.2964	3.3100	3.3129	3.3295	3.3372

GBP/MYR

GBP/MYR Neutral

GBP/MYR opened 0.69% higher at 5.8630 but quickly lost most of its lustre to trade just above its flatline at 5.8220 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is thus neutral, eyeing trading range between 5.8092-5.8322 today. It will be an empty economic calendar for both economies today, but Lloyd's business confidence is up early tomorrow.



	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
GBP/MYR	5.7954	5.8092	5.8220	5.8322	5.8414

AUD/MYR



AUD/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish

AUD/MYR opened 0.49% higher at 2.8052 but quickly pared its gains to trade at 2.7898 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bearish given AUD weakness against regional currencies, while S&P's warning that Australia's AAA rating is at risk from the election pledge does not bode well for the AUD as well.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
AUD/MYR	2.7691	2.7803	2.7898	2.8010	2.8105

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