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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 0.07% lower at 4.2192 and slid further to 4.2125 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bearish amid broad USD weakness after the steady core-PCE prices prints last Friday left rate cut bets intact for now, while threats of a US government shutdown also does not bode well for the USD. There is plenty lined up for the coming week, with the ISMs and consumer confidence for September scheduled for release but more importantly, a slew of labour market releases (ADP, JOLTS and Challenger) ahead of the non-farm payroll on Friday will be closely watched. That said, a potential government shutdown could cause delay in the releases of some of these data which would keep the markets in a limbo.

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 USD 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	4.2018	4.2062	4.2125	4.2271	4.2320

USD/SGD



USD/SGD Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish

USD/SGD opened 0.02% higher at 1.2919 before sliding to 1.2895 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bearish today amid USD weakness, but losses likely capped at 1.2888 (S1) as appetite for SGD will likely be limited following the sharp pullback in its IPI prints and concerns over Trump's 100% tariff on Singapore's exports.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/SGD	1.2850	1.2888	1.2895	1.2951	1.2964

MYR Crosses

SGD/MYR



SGD/MYR Neutral

SGD/MYR opened 0.11% higher at 3.2686 before paring its gains from opening level to trade at 3.2666 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral, with the higher opening likely to narrow amid expectations of some SGD weakness. The week ahead sees the release of the S&P PMIs for both sides of the border, giving us a clearer picture of how the factory sector performed at the end of 3Q.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
SGD/MYR	3.2464	3.2557	3.2666	3.2714	3.2778

GBP/MYR

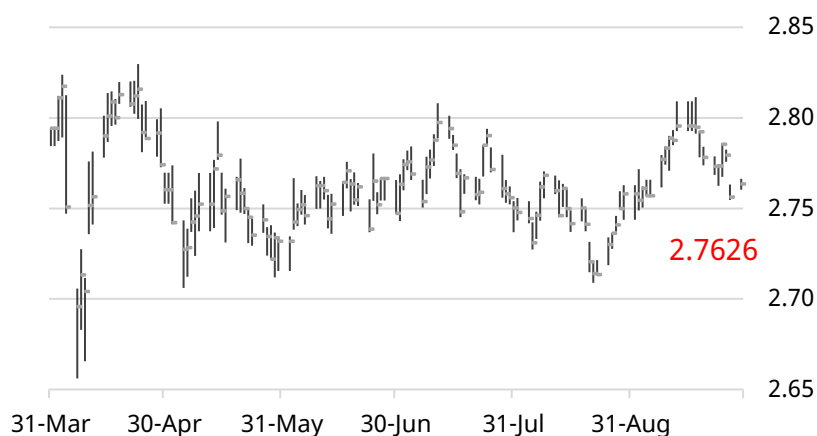


GBP/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish

GBP/MYR opened 0.40% higher at 5.6605 before paring its gains from opening level to trade at 5.6584 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral to slightly bullish given the higher opening and as GBP/USD gained ground above the 1.3430 handle. The week ahead features the release of mortgage approvals data today followed by the final 2Q GDP print.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
GBP/MYR	5.6227	5.6303	5.6584	5.6686	5.7017

AUD/MYR



AUD/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish

AUD/MYR opened 0.35% higher at 2.7657 before paring its gains from opening level to trade at 2.7626 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bullish with AUD/USD edging up to 0.6558 before RBA decision tomorrow, where a hold is expected while cautiousness over China's PMI could cap gains for this pair today.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
AUD/MYR	2.7495	2.7523	2.7626	2.7665	2.7750

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