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Midday Currency Outlook

USD/MYR



Source: Bloomberg, HLBB Global Markets Research

Intraday Thoughts – Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish

USD/MYR opened 0.18% higher at 4.0800 but made a sharp dive to 4.0700 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral to slightly bearish with the Department of Justice’s probe on the Fed over the renovations of the Federal Reserve’s headquarter likely to weigh on the Dollar today. The DXY retreated to 98.89 at the point of writing. It will be an eventful week ahead, with key focus on the US CPI figures for December and the retail sales report for November, and on the domestic front, preliminary estimates of 2025 and 4Q 2025 GDP at the end of the week.

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

We are neutral-to-slightly bearish on this pair premising on softer labour market outlook and our expectations of a dovish upcoming new Fed Chair. This reaffirmed our house view and consensus call for easier monetary policy going forward, hence a weaker Dollar outlook in the first half of the year. In terms of inflation, there is limited pass through from tariffs to goods inflation at this juncture, but concerns over persistence inflationary pressure will likely keep hawkish FOMC members on their toes and the FOMC divided, capping losses for the pair on a more medium term. In the more immediate timeframe, the ever-shifting geopolitical risks will continue to boost demand for haven assets, lending some support for the greenback. On the domestic front, BNM continued to deliver a neutral note in its latest policy statement, with the overall tone largely unchanged with balanced risks on both the upside and downside in our view. This reaffirmed our view for an extended OPR pause going into 2026, as well as a narrowing interest rate differential between the Fed funds rate and the OPR.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/MYR	4.0591	4.0658	4.0700	4.0817	4.0930

USD/SGD

USD/SGD Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish

USD/SGD opened 0.12% lower at 1.2858 and slid to 1.2850 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bearish amid a softer USD outlook today, with losses likely capped given cautiousness over the upcoming US CPI and mixed labour print last Friday which saw traders dialling back Fed rate cut bets for 2026, limiting losses for the Dollar.



	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/SGD	1.2820	1.2850	1.2856	1.2890	1.2910

MYR Crosses

SGD/MYR

SGD/MYR Neutral

SGD/MYR opened 0.12% higher at 3.1693 but pared its gains to trade at 3.1662 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral eyeing trading range between 3.1611-3.1716 today. Nothing on deck on the Singapore front until Friday's NODX print, and so is the MYR where advanced 4Q GDP print is due on Friday.

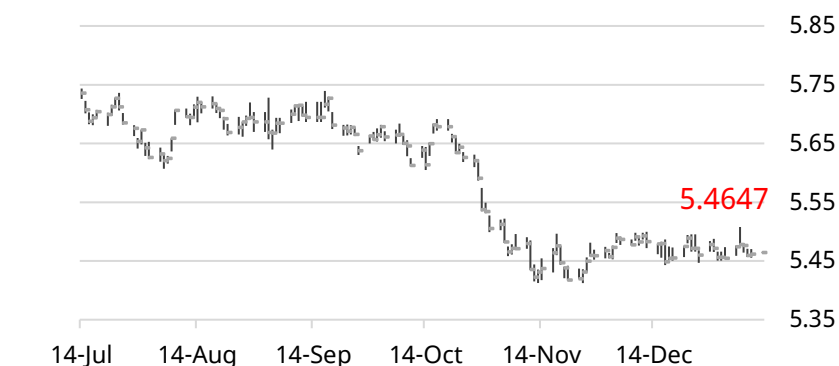


	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
SGD/MYR	3.1566	3.1611	3.1662	3.1716	3.1791

GBP/MYR

GBP/MYR Neutral

GBP/MYR opened 0.05% higher at 5.4645, strengthened to as high as 5.4736 before losing its lustre to trade at 5.4647 at the point of writing. Given limited gains for the sterling this morning and cautiousness over the upcoming UK GDP for November, daily outlook is neutral eyeing trading range between 5.4544-5.4695 today.



	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
GBP/MYR	5.4473	5.4544	5.4647	5.4695	5.4775

AUD/MYR



AUD/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish

AUD/MYR opened 0.25% higher at 2.7277 before making a slight retreat to 2.7262 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bullish given AUD strength today, well supported by the stronger than expected household spending data on the Aussie front this morning.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
AUD/MYR	2.7141	2.7174	2.7262	2.7375	2.7445

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