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Global Markets Research

Midday Currency Outlook

USD/MYR



Source: Bloomberg, HLBB Global Markets Research

Intraday Thoughts - Bearish

USD/MYR opened 0.42% lower at 3.9900 and plunged to 3.9710 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is bearish given the double whammy of broad USD weakness and MYR strength, the former seeing DXY trading in red at 97.12 at the point of writing, and the latter, supported by BNM's upbeat growth outlook for Malaysia in its latest policy statement. That said, the pair is deeply oversold and thus, could likely see a correction and narrowing losses for the rest of the day. Traders will also be trading on a cautious note given the upcoming FOMC meeting.

1-Month Outlook - USD/MYR Neutral

We are neutral on this pair given that the pair is oversold and thus anticipate a correction from the current level. Fundamental wise, there is no change in our view of a soft labour market outlook in the US and our expectations of a dovish upcoming new Fed Chair. This reaffirmed our house view 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. On the domestic front, BNM continued to deliver a neutral note in its latest policy statement, highlighting rather balanced risks on both the upside and downside in our opinion. This, coupled with our expectation for continued moderate growth expansion (2026: 4.0-4.5%) and benign price outlook (2026: 2.0%), reinforced our view for an extended OPR pause this year, as well as a narrowing interest rate differential between the Fed funds rate and the OPR.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/MYR	3.9341	3.9619	3.9710	4.0310	4.0560

USD/SGD



	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/SGD	1.2553	1.2653	1.2696	1.2790	1.2853

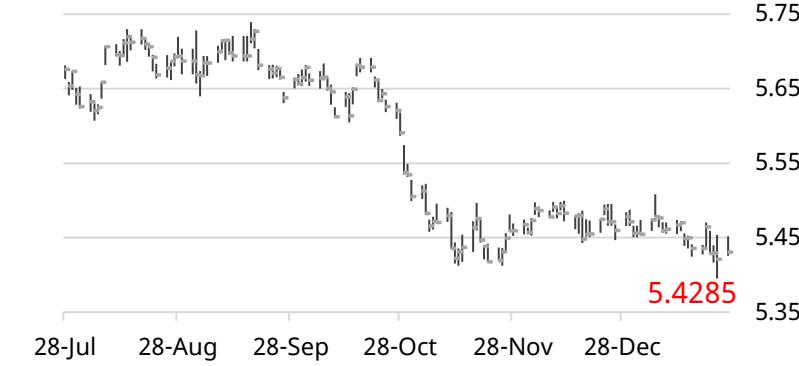
MYR Crosses

SGD/MYR



	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
SGD/MYR	3.1093	3.1205	3.1301	3.1488	3.1659

GBP/MYR



	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
GBP/MYR	5.3644	5.3926	5.4285	5.4513	5.4818

AUD/MYR

AUD/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish

AUD/MYR opened 0.64% higher at 2.7580 before narrowing its gains to trade at 2.7471 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bullish given the higher opening and extended broad AUD strength this morning. On the Aussie front, the upcoming CPI will be closely watched for any repercussion to policy decisions going forward.

AUD/MYR	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
	2.7205	2.7305	2.7471	2.7567	2.7729

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