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Global Markets Research
Midday Currency Outlook

USD/MYR

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Intraday Thoughts – Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish

USD/MYR opened 0.05% lower at 4.0405 and tumbled to 4.0260 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bearish amid broad MYR strength this morning, while on the greenback front, the lower Treasury yields overnight and weaker than expected US consumer confidence and housing data will likely sap some appetite for the currency today. That said, the pair is slightly oversold, and given the upcoming key events, namely the release of US core-PCE print tonight followed by Fed chair Kevin Warsh's speech at the Jackson Hole Symposium this Friday, any losses will likely be limited at 4.0210 (S1) today.

1-Month Outlook – USD/MYR Neutral

We are neutral on this pair on expectations that investors will stay cautious with the current geopolitical space still fluid, and on the fundamental front, supported by expectations that the FOMC will maintain rates at this level in the near term with the labour market softening, and inflation risk easing, the latter in line with the broadly softer crude oil prices as compared to the beginning of the war in March. On the domestic front, there is also no change in our view that BNM will maintain the OPR at 2.75% in the foreseeable future, given BNM's firm expectations for continued resilient growth for 2026 and benign price outlook, and as the central bank maintained a neutral stance in its latest policy statement, albeit with some positive twists such as resilient global growth to stronger than expected exports performance for Malaysia. In our opinion, this should certainly eliminate expectations for rate cut but not enough to signal a near term rate hike in our view, keeping Ringgit well supported in the near term.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/MYR	4.0035	4.0210	4.0260	4.0463	4.0499

USD/SGD

USD/SGD Neutral

USD/SGD opened flat at 1.2694, traded within a narrow range of 1.2690-1.2710 before settling at 1.2691 at the point of writing. We prefer to stay neutral for this pair given the upcoming core-PCE print for the US and IPI data for Singapore, eyeing trading range between 1.2683-1.2711 today.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/SGD	1.2671	1.2683	1.2691	1.2711	1.2727

MYR Crosses

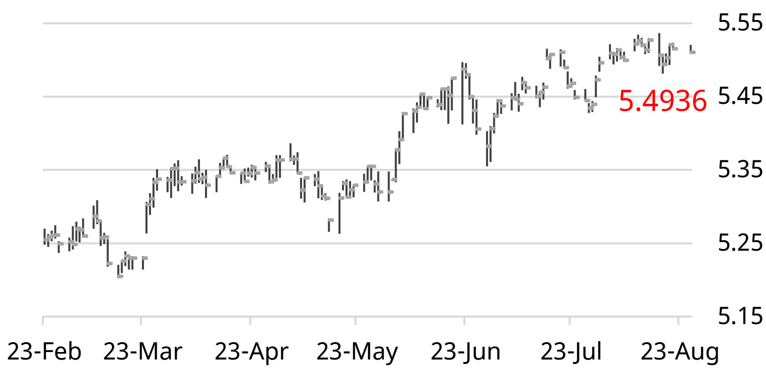
SGD/MYR

SGD/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish

SGD/MYR opened 0.10% higher at 3.1854 before retreating below its flatline at 3.1720 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bearish given MYR strength, but losses likely capped at 3.1677 (S1) at this juncture barring surprises from Singapore's IPI. As it is, consensus is expecting growth to decelerate slightly to 6.8% y/y in July from 7.2% y/y previously.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
SGD/MYR	3.1526	3.1677	3.1720	3.1846	3.1863

GBP/MYR

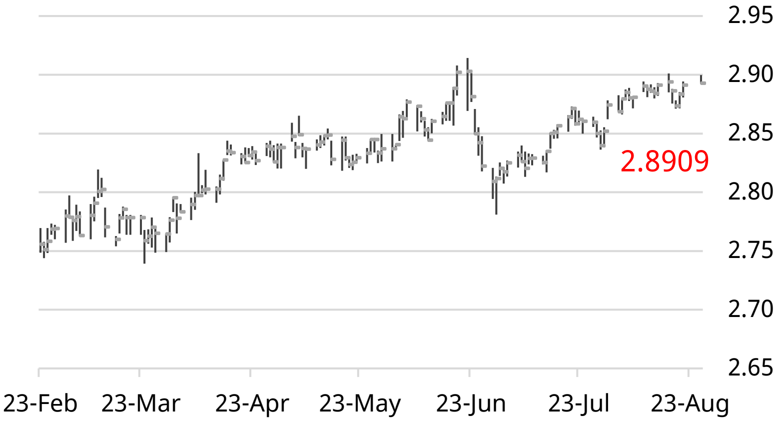


GBP/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish

GBP/MYR opened 0.09% higher at 5.5167 before retreating to 5.4936 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bearish given broad MYR strength, while on the sterling front, GBP/USD is also trading weaker at 1.3645 at the point of writing. Nothing on the economic calendar for the UK for the rest of the week.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
GBP/MYR	5.4551	5.4850	5.4936	5.5237	5.5333

AUD/MYR



AUD/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish

AUD/MYR opened 0.02% higher at 2.8966 before retreating to 2.8909 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bearish given MYR strength, but expect losses to be limited with AUD/USD equally strong at 0.7179 following the upward surprise to Australia's July's trimmed mean CPI (unchanged at 3.6%).

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
AUD/MYR	2.8830	2.8877	2.8909	2.8959	2.8994

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