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Global Markets Research

Daily Currency Outlook

USD/MYR



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Intraday Thoughts – Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish

USD/MYR opened 0.05% lower at 4.4453 but quickly rebounded to 4.4628 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bullish on USD strength this morning, and in anticipation that appetite for MYR will be dampened by the latest round of tariffs and threats from the US, as well as still weak PMI print this morning (49.2 vs 49.5). US ISM-manufacturing is on deck today and will pose the key risk for this pair today, with consensus expecting the index to tick up 0.1ppts m/m to 47.6 in November.

1-Month Outlook – USD/MYR Neutral

The USD/MYR outlook is neutral as traders continue to trade cautiously in the USD on uncertainties over the pace of rate cuts especially in view of Trump’s potentially inflationary policies going forward and softer, but still resilient labour data released recently. That said, we believe increasing odds of a slower pace of Fed rate cuts especially going into 2025, will limit downside in the USD going forward. On the domestic front, the delay in the implementation of RON95 subsidy retargeting to mid-2025 will further push back upside risks to inflation, reaffirming our view for an extended pause in the OPR probably through next year. The prospects of narrowing in rate differentials, favourable economic outlook and domestic reforms, ongoing initiatives to encourage flows, will continue to support the MYR, despite likelihood of near-term volatility in the midst of political and policy noises in the US.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/MYR	4.4252	4.4364	4.4628	4.4683	4.4891

USD/SGD



USD/SGD Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish

USD/SGD opened 0.01% lower at 1.3394 but pared this miniscule loss to trade at 1.3436 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bullish on USD strength this morning, facing resistance at 1.3463 today. On top of the US ISM manufacturing index, key risk for this pair today will be Singapore's PMI.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/SGD	1.3333	1.3364	1.3436	1.3463	1.3528

MYR Crosses

SGD/MYR



SGD/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish

SGD/MYR opened 0.07% lower at 3.3160 before paring all its losses and more to trade at 3.3211 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is, thus, neutral-to-slightly bullish, facing R1 and R2 at 3.3289 and 3.3341 respectively today.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
SGD/MYR	3.3025	3.3105	3.3211	3.3289	3.3341

GBP/MYR

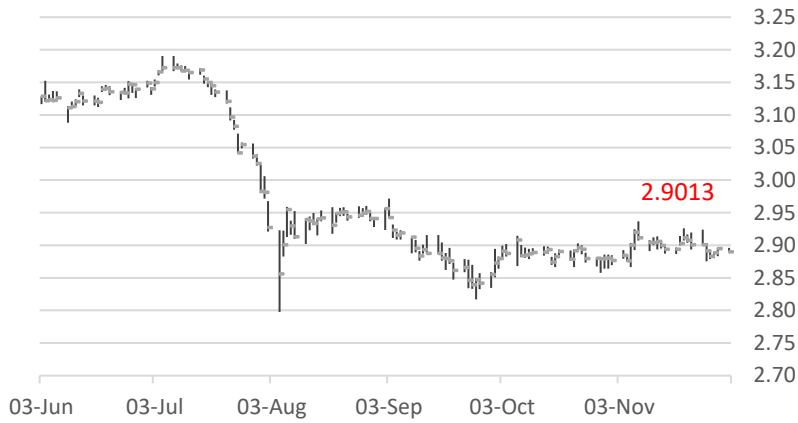


GBP/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish

GBP/MYR opened 0.08% higher at 5.6495 and strengthened to 5.6621 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bullish given the higher opening and upper trajectory post opening, but gains likely capped as the GBP/USD retreats below the 1.2700 handle at the point of writing. Data this morning showed that UK business sentiment remains optimistic, but we will be watching out for the final UK Manufacturing PMI and Nationwide House Price indices later today.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
GBP/MYR	5.6197	5.6324	5.6621	5.6693	5.6941

AUD/MYR



AUD/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish

AUD/MYR opened 0.11% lower at 2.8915 before making a U-turn to 2.9013 at the point of writing. We have a neutral-to-slightly bullish outlook for this pair today in anticipation of AUD strength, driven by favourable retail sales data from the Aussie land as well as better than expected Caixin Manufacturing PMI for China.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
AUD/MYR	2.8464	2.8780	2.9013	2.9048	2.9182

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