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**Global Markets Research**

**Daily Currency Outlook**

**USD/MYR**



Source: Bloomberg, HLBB Global Markets Research

**Intraday Thoughts – Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish**

USD/MYR opened 0.01% higher at 4.4598 and strengthened to 4.4707 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bullish as regional currencies slumped after President-elect Donald Trump threatened to slap a 100% tariff on imports from the BRICs countries, and after the Biden Administration widened its trade restrictions on chip sales to China, moves that saw investor scaling back on risk and potentially sending inflationary pressures up, benefiting USD. Gains will nonetheless be capped given cautiousness ahead of the slew of labour prints, starting from JOLTs job openings today and ending with the non-farm payroll on Friday.

**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	4.4349	4.4472	4.4707	4.4783	4.4500

## USD/SGD

### USD/SGD Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish

USD/SGD opened flat at 1.3449 before trending up to 1.3477 at the point of writing. Again, we have a neutral-to-slightly bullish outlook for this pair today given USD strength and weakness amongst regionals, testing R1 and R2 at 1.3498 and 1.3548 today.



	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/SGD	1.3328	1.3388	1.3477	1.3498	1.3548

## MYR Crosses

### SGD/MYR

### SGD/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish

SGD/MYR opened 0.08% higher at 3.3161 and rose to 3.3169 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bullish given a stronger Singapore PMI as compared to Malaysia's PMI. A risk-off sentiment as well as widening trade restrictions on chip sales will likely benefit Singapore (given its neutral stance) compared to Malaysia, who has expressed interests to join BRICs.



	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
SGD/MYR	3.3036	3.3085	3.3169	3.3272	3.3390

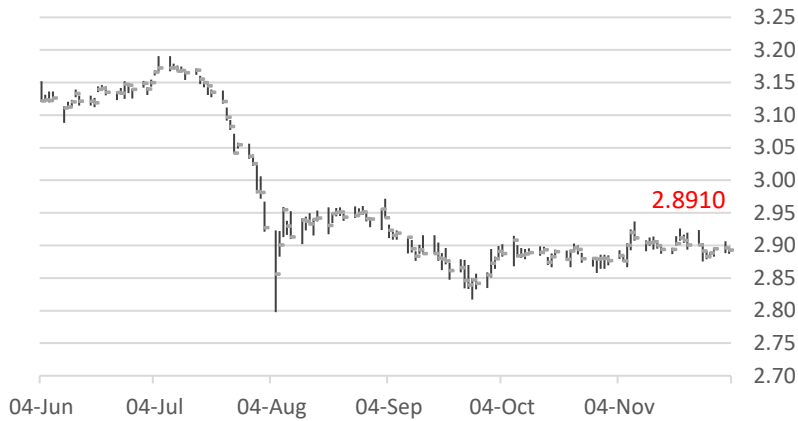
### GBP/MYR

### GBP/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish

GBP/MYR opened 0.29% lower at 5.6488 but pared some of these losses to trade at 5.6537 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bearish as the GBP/USD trades below the 1.2700 handle this morning after the downward revision in UK's PMI to its 9-month low.



	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
GBP/MYR	5.6297	5.6474	5.6537	5.6781	5.6911

**AUD/MYR**

**AUD/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish**

AUD/MYR opened 0.24% lower at 2.8893 but pared some of these losses to trade at 2.8910 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bearish as the AUD/USD trades at a negative note below 0.6500 this morning as market sentiment worsened with more trade restrictions slapped on Australia's key trading partner, China.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
AUD/MYR	2.8786	2.8874	2.8910	2.9057	2.9152

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