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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 4.4500 and strengthened to 4.4550 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bullish on USD strength against regionals this morning. Gains will nonetheless be capped given cautiousness ahead of the FOMC meeting this week, where a hawkish cut is expected, as well as ahead of a slew of 1<sup>st</sup> tier data due to be released, starting with the S&P Global US PMI tonight.

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

The USD/MYR outlook is neutral-to-slightly bearish in our view, largely reflecting some consolidation after the recent rally in greenback after Trump’s win, and as traders continue to trade cautiously in the USD on uncertainties over the pace of rate cuts in view of Trump’s potentially business friendly and inflationary policies going forward. While still healthy, labour data has inevitably cooled. Coupled with mixed economic data, there is no change in our view on easing monetary policy going forward, albeit at a slower than initially expected pace, narrowing the interest rate differentials between meeting next week given Trump’s potentially inflationary policies. the US and Malaysia. On the domestic front, favourable economic outlook and 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, supportive of the MYR and our neutral-to-slightly bearish outlook.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/MYR	4.4282	4.4389	4.4550	4.4586	4.4673

## USD/SGD



### USD/SGD Neutral

USD/SGD opened 0.01% higher at 1.3490, traded within 1.3475-1.3495 range before settling at 1.3485 at the point of writing. We prefer to stay neutral for this pair, with NODX the only key risk data wise on the Singapore front this week, and eyeing trading range between 1.3463-1.3506 today.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/SGD	1.3438	1.3463	1.3485	1.3506	1.3524

## MYR Crosses

### SGD/MYR



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

SGD/MYR opened 0.07% higher at 3.3014 before strengthening to 3.3021 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bullish as we expect a risk-off sentiment ahead of the FOMC meeting will likely benefit SGD, rather than MYR today. This pair nonetheless, faces resistance levels at 3.3061 (R1) and 3.3130 (R2) today.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
SGD/MYR	3.2872	3.2932	3.3021	3.3061	3.3130

### GBP/MYR



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

GBP/MYR opened 0.07% lower at 5.6201 but rebounded to above previous close at 5.6279 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bullish as GBP recovered some of its losses today and as GBP/USD trades in the positive at 1.2639 at the point of writing. However, the UK S&P PMI is on deck today and this could be a risk to our outlook.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
GBP/MYR	5.6051	5.6146	5.6279	5.6385	5.6529

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


AUD/MYR opened 0.04% higher at 2.8340 and strengthened to 2.8380 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bullish as AUD/USD trended up to 0.6372 despite sluggish PMI prints from Australia and mixed prints from China this morning.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
AUD/MYR	2.8203	2.8266	2.8380	2.8449	2.8572

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