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**Global Markets Research**

**Daily Currency Outlook**

**USD/MYR**



Source: Bloomberg, HLBB Global Markets Research

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

USD/MYR opened 0.05% higher at 4.4517 but made a retreat to 4.4450 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bearish as the greenback largely traded on a weaker note this morning and saw the DXY trending down to 106.75 at the point of writing, after S&P PMIs came in mixed overnight. While the manufacturing sector underperformed and fell at a steeper pace at 48.3, the services PMI improved by more than anticipated to 58.5 from 56.1 previously.

**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	4.4380	4.4437	4.4450	4.4595	4.4696

### USD/SGD



#### USD/SGD Neutral

USD/SGD opened flat at 1.3498, traded within the 1.3486-1.3502 range before settling at 1.3492 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral given a slew of 1<sup>st</sup> tier data tonight including retail sales and IPI, with a bearish bias given Singapore's stronger than expected NODX print this morning.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/SGD	1.3453	1.3476	1.3492	1.3520	1.3541

### MYR Crosses

#### SGD/MYR

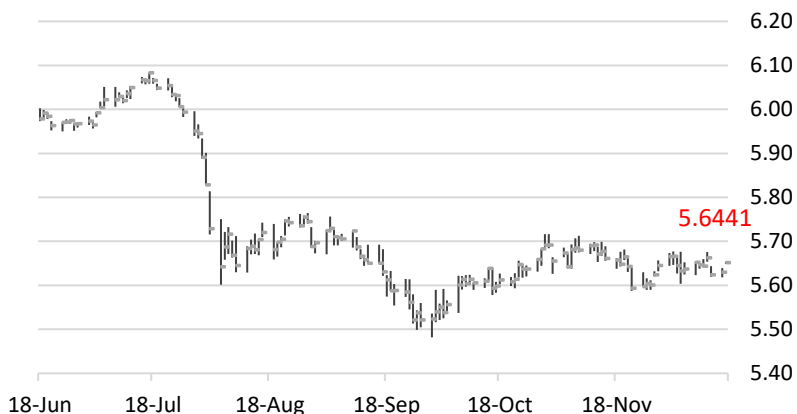


#### SGD/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish

SGD/MYR opened 0.04% higher at 3.3001 but retreated to 3.2940 at the point of writing. We have a neutral-to-slightly bearish outlook given that the pair has traded down despite the stronger than expected Singapore NODX print this morning.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
SGD/MYR	3.2793	3.2907	3.2940	3.3061	3.3135

#### GBP/MYR



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

GBP/MYR opened 0.35% higher at 5.6498 before paring some of these gains to trade at 5.6441 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bullish after GBP/USD snapped its losing streak to trade around the 1.2700 handle after traders trimmed BOE's rate cut bets slightly following the better than expected UK Services PMI.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
GBP/MYR	5.6060	5.6180	5.6441	5.6526	5.6759

**AUD/MYR**

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

AUD/MYR opened 0.25% higher at 2.8391 before trimming some of these gains to trade at 2.8335 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bullish as the AUD/USD pair held ground above the 0.6350 handle in early Asian trade despite the weak consumer sentiment data this morning.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
AUD/MYR	2.8212	2.8266	2.8335	2.8422	2.8524

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