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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 flat at 4.4747 before trending down to 4.4663 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bearish on MYR strength today, with appetite for the currency largely boosted by Malaysia’s removal from the US Treasury’s currency manipulation watch list and following the liberalisation of foreign exchange policies for MDBs and qualified non-resident DFIs by BNM. 3Q GDP print released last week was also left unchanged at 5.3% y/y as per the flash estimate, suggesting that the economy remains firm and is on track to achieve the Government’s target of 4.8-5.3% for 2024, lending further support to the MYR today.

**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	4.4310	4.4545	4.4663	4.4881	4.5015

### USD/SGD



### USD/SGD Neutral

USD/SGD opened 0.04% higher at 1.3425, traded within a narrow range of 1.3398-1.3425 before settling at 1.3414 at the point of writing. As both currencies have traded on a weaker note in early Asian trade, SGD due to its unexpected dip in its NODX print, we have a neutral outlook for this pair today, eyeing trading band between 1.3387-1.3464.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/SGD	1.3353	1.3387	1.3414	1.3464	1.3507

### MYR Crosses

#### SGD/MYR

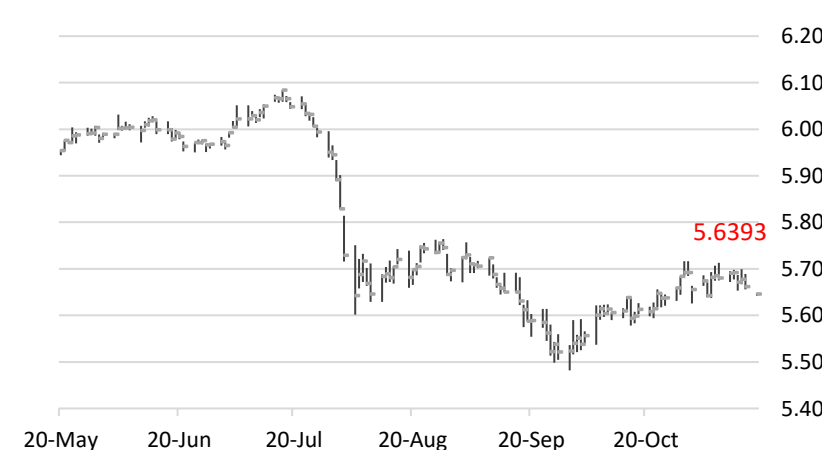


### SGD/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish

SGD/MYR opened 0.03% lower at 3.3351 and slid further to 3.3276 at the point of writing. We have a neutral-to-slightly bearish outlook for this pair today on MYR strength, with S1 and S2 seen at 3.3256 and 3.3168 respectively. It will be a data heavy week on both sides of the border this week, with the final 3Q GDP print up for Singapore and trade and CPI prints due for Malaysia.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
SGD/MYR	3.3168	3.3256	3.3276	3.3432	3/3520

#### GBP/MYR



### GBP/MYR Slightly Bearish

GBP/MYR opened 0.23% lower at 5.6484 and slid to 5.6393 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is slightly bearish as GBP/USD continues to trade near its multi-month low and below the mid-1.2600s in early morning trade following the weaker than expected 3Q GDP in the UK. Next key risk on the UK front is its inflation rate, retail sales and S&P PMIs due for this week.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
GBP/MYR	5.6032	5.6360	5.6393	5.6815	5.7016

**AUD/MYR**

**AUD/MYR Neutral**

AUD/MYR opened 0.02% higher at 2.8942 before retreating to 2.8910 at the point of writing. We prefer to stay neutral for this pair today with the minutes to the latest RBA policy meeting on deck tomorrow, eyeing trading range between 2.8875-2.9049. Just a recap, RBA speaks have largely been hawkish with officials largely not ruling anything in or out in terms of policy decision, which will likely keep AUD supported today.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
AUD/MYR	2.8813	2.8875	2.8910	2.9049	2.9167

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